

## THE GROCERY TRADE.

## The Sugar Market.

In its weekly review of the sugar market, the Montreal Gazette says: "Although the market has not actual prices for refined sugar, there is a feeling that the foreign market is generally, and according to advice from primary sources the prospects are not very bright. The high range of values in the near future, owing to the fact that the demand both here and in the United States has been accordingly good; consequently, an unusually large volume of business has been transacted, and the American refiners are largely overvalued of most grades. This, coupled with the fact that the fruit crop in this country is generally understood to be unusually large, both in Canada and the United States, and as they are claimed to be late in some of the country, the present active demand for sugar will likely be carried later into the fall season than usual. The requirements for the canning season are now being met, which is tending to strengthen the situation. In addition to the above, a rumor feeling has developed in the New York market for the raw article, and the London market, from the lowest point, under a good demand, and the prospects are very favorable, but all having the influence on refined. In regard to raw sugar, there is but little business, but, however, that prices of cane sugar are on a parity with beet, there is some demand from American refiners for it, as whenever this appears the rivalry between the two is very favorable, particularly in the beet on prices, especially in view of the large stocks in Europe and continued natural desire to lighten them over their new crop commences. The reports of the beet crops have been very favorable, particularly from Germany and France, although from the latter the statements are somewhat conflicting, but in spite of this the offerings are not large. Local unrefined sugar is selling at \$3.55 to \$3.60, and at \$3.40 per 100 lbs. to quality, at the factory."

## Grocery Trade Notes.

Private cable advice from Brazil says: "Agricultural Bureau estimated 100,000 coffee trees were killed by the recent frost." "Cable advice from the east says Florida will export 10,000,000 to 17,000,000 bales to the United States in the present season. The eastern market was reported as holding firm. New pack canned salmon is still very scarce at the Pacific coast. River herring is being quoted at \$4.40 and Fraser River \$4.85 per case, E.O.b. cost. The fruit from the Mediterranean was expected to reach Toronto between November 20 and September 25. Valuable fruit is very scarce. The amount of other fruit available has not been ascertained.

Private cable advice from Greece indicates an unsettled market for currants of the new crop. Some dealers are offering currants at 15¢ per lb. for Patras, but others are willing to accept lower figures than these.

Private cable advice from Smyrna reports that there is no flag at any time in the recent advance. Prime natural raisins offer at 50¢ fine, 5½¢ extra, and 6½¢ per lb. in bulk. They are being shipped by steamship shipping from Smyrna.

It is understood the owners of salmon canneries on Puget Sound will approach those of the Fraser River with a view to securing the cooperation in the erection of hatcheries. The Puget Sound canners were badly let down by the race for fish this year, and they are very desirous now of helping to increase the supply.

It is expected with the outlook for the winter will be at least one short of that of last year. But cold weather in the early spring would bring the blossoms to fall and reduce the crop. The opening prices are looked for before the beginning of October, when nuts will be ready for shipment. The prospects are that this will be high."

In regard to sardines, English advice from the Bristol school is being sent in good Portuguese for the home market, and the market shows a firmer tone. The prospects are that the results of the reports of fishing in the results of the fishing in France

are, it is stated, of a very meagre character, and for the new French fish available, enhanced price are being obtained. The fishing in Portugal is also only moderate, and the season for the best fish is now drawing to a close.

In the market in Spain for choice brands of Valencia raisins offered very strong this season at an advance in the foreign market. The past figures for 1901, but within the past three or four weeks they have declined to the point of the market. Above, however, a large business has been done for shipment by the first of the month. On account of the account, the demand being principally from local houses. The market is active, and the demand is reported to be one firm aggregating over 20,000 boxes at 2½¢ for off-stalk; 2½¢ for fine off-stalk; 2½¢ for selected, and 30¢ for top. Above these prices up to the first of the month. A cable was received yesterday stating that the first vessel, the Escalona, was expected to sail on the 12th or 13th inst. but it was doubtful if she would have to act in commodation for all the orders booked for shipment by her. Montreal Gazette.

## Dry Goods Trade Notes.

Black suits of certain makes have advanced 4½¢ per yard. So far as has been learned up to the present time spring lines of dress goods are selling higher prices.

Staple linens and muslins are firm in price in United States markets and advances are looked for by some.

Canadian cotton mills report business very good. The attention of order books show enough business secured to keep them going for some time. Values hold firm.

The retail milliners of Winnipeg have been busy this week with their fall orders. The attention of customers has been very large and reports indicate that sales were quite satisfactory.

Canadian made venetians, homespun, and friezes are in good demand for fall and winter wear, much better than last year although was a particularly bright one. Some traders claim that trade will be as good as ever for both men's and women's wear and greys are also selling well.

The wholesale dry goods trade of Toronto is considering the possibility of securing a concession from the rail road companies whose lines lead into that city from Ontario county points, which would enable country stores to visit the city of the officer for the purpose of selecting goods. It is believed that in the business could be secured thereby.

## Lumber Trade Notes.

The big Hettiger sawmill, at Prescott, Mich., which cuts 200,000 feet of pine in one day, is to be removed to the Canadian side, in the Georgian Bay country, as the timber in its present location is nearly exhausted.

## Implement Trade Notes.

Makers of corn harvesting machinery in the United States find business good and they are pleased with the outlook.

Manufacturers of wagons in the United States find demand so large that they are unable to keep up with the supply.

The Champion division of the new International Harvester Company has already opened business books for next year to keep its factories busy until next July.

Operations have commenced in the grass twine factory at Superior, Wis., and as there is plenty of grass on hand it is expected that the factory will enjoy an uninterrupted run. Three hundred hands are employed.

## Hardware Trade Notes.

The wholesale trade of Montreal has advanced prices for heavy T and strap hinges as follows: 4-inch, 4½¢ per lb.; 6-inch, 6¢; 8-inch, 6½¢; 10-inch, 7½¢.

A number of the smallest pig iron furnaces in the United States have been obliged to bank their fires for want of fuel. Others are doing much below their capacity for the same reason. The scarcity of coke amounts to a famine, and it is expected to continue until the an-

thrastite miners' strike is settled. As high as \$16 per ton has been sold in some instances.

The McClary Mfg. Co. has found its business at Vancouver expanding to such extent that in addition to its warehouse was considered necessary and two more have been added.

Drake in charge of the Pacific coast business of this house. The branch opened last year at St. John, N.B., has also been an unexpected large trade, and double the storage capacity hitherto employed has been provided.

Lengthy negotiations were recently concluded for the formation of a British steel association comprising all the British manufacturers of steel rails. The title of the new organization is the British Railways Association. It has no registered office or public existence, and is concerned only with rails. Its aim is an offensive and defensive alliance to control prices and regulate the output. There are thirty steel works in the association and they comprise the combination. The combination recently raised the price of steel rails from 15 shillings to 15 shillings per ton.

## Live Stock Trade Notes.

Within the past fortnight the price of beef to Kansas City has advanced to 10¢, and 3¢ cents a pound. That rate is not in coincidence with the price in receipts of cattle to the Kansas City stock yards from 12,000 a day to 15,000 a day.

During the week ended Sept. 6, there were shipped from Montreal to British Columbia head of cattle, 1,567 sheep and 30 head of cattle. During the month of August the total shipments of cattle from that port to British Columbia numbered 12,808 head as against 12,407 head in August, 1901. For the season to date 43,000 head of cattle have been shipped, as against 45,225 last year, 56,493 two years ago, 50,240 three years ago, and 50,580 four years ago.

## THE BOOT AND SHOE TRADE.

## Tan Shoes.

There is a feeling that tan shoes will be popular again next season. Notwithstanding that they were overshadowed by Dame Fashion this season, many of them were noticed on the streets from well dressed men, and those who profess to know say there will be a better demand next spring. It seems that the tan shoe is the most sensible the only sensible shoe for summer wear, and wearers of pants are perhaps looking to the tan shoe for its cool and comfortable fall. The difficulty in confining the limit of colors to two or three, as in the case of the manufacturer endeavored to have a color distinct from a product put on the market by the rival manufacturer, and the result was such a multiplication of shades that the dealer or the general public could not tell which to consider correct. Owing to so many shades retailers were left with unsold goods, and it is only natural that they should be disgusted with that portion of the trade. It is unfortunate that the tan shoe could not be more judiciously handled, for it means practically that much extra trade. The average wearer of tan shoes bought them in addition to what they would have worn, so no tan goods had been on the market. There are good prospects in tan goods next year, displacement of can considerable bulk of the trade in pants.

Country hides sold at Chicago at 94¢ for best and 84¢ for No. 2 stock. Tanners are refusing to sell this price in many instances and the market is easier.

Toronto coal dealers have advanced the price of Pennsylvania anthracite coal \$1 per ton, making the price to consumers \$12 per ton for nut, stove and eggsize, with pea coal at \$5.50 and \$7. Some of the dealers have no coal to sell.

A new book on agriculture, lately authorized by the advisory board of the Department of the Interior, is in the hands of the booksellers in a short time. It bears the name of C. C. Jones, M.A., and is the work of the minister of agriculture for Ontario, and has been revised to suit Manitoba schools by A. McIntyre, of the normal school. Mr. McIntyre has also added some chapters upon "Science in the common schools, and upon forestry, and has introduced a chapter upon "Noxious Weeds," dealing directly with those commonly found in this province.

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