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SCARCITY OF BINDER TWINE.

A threatened famine of binder twine, reported just as harvest is approaching, will cause uneasiness among farmers who have not already arranged for their season's supply. The time is opportune for giving out such an impression if it were merely done by manufacturers and dealers with the object of disposing of their stocks at exorbitant prices. It is clear, however, that there is no such purpose in view, and that there is at present a great probability of a serious shortage of an article which has now come to be so important an essential in the expeditions handling of the grain crops.

The situation is that a majority of the principal agents for binder twine concerns have within the last few days received notices from their head offices telling them to accept no more orders until further notice. The Toronto Star says: "If the crops all over Canada and the States, especially the North-west, turn out to be as bountiful as they promise to-day, there is little doubt but there will be a twine famine. If, on the other hand, something happens to make the crop of straw lighter, and if the season continues backward so that the harvest will be late, then the supply may hang out; but it will be a tight pinch at best. A late harvest is the most likely relief to the situation, because it will give the factories more time to turn out a supply, and it is going to be a hand to mouth process from this on." It may be said that throughout Western Ontario it looks now as if the harvest would be ten days or two weeks later than last year.

With the present promise of a splendid harvest in practically all sections of Canada, and a largely increased area in the North-west under crop, the outlook is for a greater demand than ever this year for binder twine. Along with this increased demand there is a largely diminished output of the product due to prevailing high prices for shal and manila, the raw materials of which twine is made. The scarcity is accounted for by the protracted war in the Philippines, where the manila, which is used in all the high grade product, is grown.

Half a cent per lb. has been added to the prices of all high grade twine during the past week, and two other similar advances have been made in the past six or seven weeks. The present sale of wholesale prices is as follows, manila quotations being practically nominal:

Sisal.....12 1-2c.
Standard.....12 1-2c.
Manila (500 foot).....13 3-4c.
Manila (600 foot).....15c.
Pure Manila.....16 1-2c.

The farmer pays retail prices, which are from 1 1-2c to 2c above the foregoing.

"These prices," said a Toronto dealer to the Star, "are just about double the normal price." Recently the supply of manila has been practically nil. Its place has been gradually usurped, as the war dragged on, by sisal, a fibre produced in Yucatan, Central America. This fibre is not up to the mark, but the sisal growers have been making money hand over fist. Before the war, raw sisal could be bought for 3 or 4 cents per lb., now buyers think themselves lucky to get it at 9 or 10 cents. In the meantime twine manufacturers have been hoping earnestly for the end of the war and the return of the Philippines to the work of their fields, for just as soon as the manila crops are grown again down will go the prices. Accordingly, the manufacturers, especially the smaller ones, this year have been playing a waiting game, manufacturing as little as possible out of the high-priced fibre, in the hope that the cheap fibre would be in before the end of the season. This hope cannot now be realized, but the manufacturers are still going cannily, because every pound of twine they manufacture now

Humors

They take possession of the body, and are Lords of Misrule. They are attended by pimples, boils, the itching tetter, salt rheum, and other cutaneous eruptions; by feelings of weakness, languor, general debility and what not. They cause more suffering than anything else.

Health, Strength, Peace and Pleasure require their expulsion, and this is positively effected, according to thousands of grateful testimonials, by

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Which radically and permanently drives them out and builds up the whole system.

and carry over to the next year will mean a loss, as it is reasonably certain that there will be cheap fibre and cheap twine next year.

Only a third to a half of the binder twine used in Canada is made in the Dominion. The rest is made in the United States, and prices are controlled there. These are practically the same in both countries, as binder twine is one of the articles placed on the free list by the Laurier government. The three principal American manufacturers doing business here are the McCormacks and Deering's, of Chicago, and the Plymouth Company of Massachusetts. The most important Canadian concern is the Consumers' Company, of Montreal.

Twine is made at the Kingston Penitentiary and the Central Prison, and there are factories at Chatham, Brantford, Walkerton and Peterboro, but these are chiefly co-operative concerns, supplying only a local demand, and are consequently no factor in general price-making. The United States companies at least are out of the market altogether for the present, and one of their agents in Toronto, who was asked what the Canadian companies could do to meet the deficiency, said that some time ago he was informed the Chatham company had 40 tons, Kingston about 70, and Walkerton 80. A rough estimate places the amount used in Canada at 10,000 tons. Of course a great many farmers have already arranged for a sufficient supply.

WHY ROSS SHOULD RESIGN.

Liberal journals affect to ridicule the contention that Ross should resign, points out the Guelph Herald. The same journals admit that the verdict of the people recorded at the general elections has placed the Government in such a position that it cannot carry on the affairs of the Province. Their only hope lies in their ability to concentrate the machine on individual constituencies in the bye-elections and repeat the outrages perpetrated in West Elgin, North Waterloo and North Grey.

The Government has made its appeal and received its answer. By 7,000 of a majority the people have said: "We have no confidence in you." Four ballots spoiled by its agents enable the Government to count one of a majority for the time being, although it is actually in a minority.

Defeated and discredited by the people, holding its majority of one by fraud, the Government's only proper and constitutional course would be to resign. That it is not disposed to resign, does not indicate that it fails to appreciate the fact that it has lost the confidence of the people. It only reveals a determination to hang on by hook or by crook.

GOOD BOY, FRED.
Belleville Intelligencer.

Fred. Cook, mayor of Ottawa, has presented that city with a brand new Union Jack, and has ordered that it shall fly from the city hall every day in the year hereafter. Good boy, Fred!

PARASITE FIGHTS PARASITE.

London Daily Mail.

Great alarm has been caused in the province of Foggia, one of the most important wine producing centers in Italy, by the appearance of an insect—the otiorhynchus—which destroys the leaves and shoots of the vines. Over 200 acres of valuable vineyards have already been destroyed by this pest. Fortunately another insect, the collemus, which feeds on the former, has providentially appeared on the scene in vast numbers, writes our Rome correspondent. Curiously enough the Prefect of Foggia is called Bacchus.

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FIRST



Summer Necessities.

We have just the goods you want for summer, and we are sure the prices will give you comfortable temper. We plan for your pleasure and don't want any of our friends to be disappointed. Here's the stock that satisfies.

Skeleton Suits, two pcs., sizes 34 to 44, stripes and plain, \$5.00 to \$10.00. White, and black and white stripe pants, 50c a leg. Black and colored Lustre Coats, \$1 to \$2.50. Men's and boys' belts, 15c to 75c. Boys' Mesh Shirts, white and cream, 30c.

We have the best suspenders in Chatham for 125c.

Yes, we will sell straw hats in the leading styles, 50c to \$1.50.

See Them

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The Up-to-date Clothier

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THE NORTHWAY CO., Limited

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EVERY MAN and WOMAN

Within Forty Miles Should Come

ers will note carefully our daily announcements, and take advantage of the many money saving chances that are daily placed in their way here.

And share in the benefits this Great Moving Sale offers to cash buyers. The factination of low prices for the choicest and most seasonable goods is proving an attraction that few people can resist. The stock must be reduced by many thousands of dollars in the next three weeks. Thrifty buyers of the many money saving chances that are daily placed in their way here.

6 Pieces Tweed Suits, for men or boys' wear, neat dark checks and mixtures, in desirable colorings, fine wool, regular 50c to 65c a yard; sale price 35c.

10 Doz. Men's Merino Sox, fine, soft finish quality, seamless feet, elastic tops, in mixed grey colors; sale price 12 1-2c.

Dress Goods—25 pieces up-to-date materials, in black and colors, plain and fancy weaves, regular price up to 75c a yard; sale price 25c.

Men's 50c and 65c Shirts at 38c. Each—10 Doz. Men's Madras Oxford and Drill Shirts, neat patterns, in light and dark colors, fast dyes, soft finish, attached collars, sizes 14-12 to 16-12, regular 50c to 65c each; sale price 38c.

Ladies' outing hats at 38c each—6 dozen latest styles American outing hats, fancy music straw, regular 75c to \$1.00 each, sale price 38c.

60c straw sailors at 19c each—10 dozen fine imported straw sailors, plain and rustic, black and white, silk and satin bands, latest shapes, regular price up to 60c each, sale price 19c.

Children's muslin hats, bonnets and tams—Lovely styles for little folks, clearing at sale price.

Trimmed hats—Latest styles for summer wear, styles to suit everybody, clearing at sale price 75c, 98c, \$1.25, \$1.48, \$1.89 and \$2.48.

Muslin dresses ready-to-wear for about what the bare material alone would cost you—Handsome muslin dresses in pretty patterns and colorings, made in latest style, clearing at sale price \$3.89, \$2.98, \$2.48 and \$1.89.

Ladies' linen suits, beautiful styles, handsomely trimmed, clearing at sale price \$1.98, 2.48 and \$3.69.

Boy's wash suits—Splendid range of styles and patterns, prettily trimmed, sizes 3 to 10 years, regular \$1.25 each, clearing at sale price 98c.

Two yards wide twill sheeting at 16c yard—Splendid quality twill sheeting, full 2 yards wide, regular 20c yard, sale price 16c.

White waists, lovely styles, trimmed with fine insertion and tucks, India lawn, regular \$1.25 each. Sale price 98c.

7c Shaker Flannel, at 4 1-2c yard—1,600 yards fine soft finish Shaker Flannel, wide width in splendid range of patterns, in pink, blue, and grey stripes, warranted colors, sold everywhere at 7c yard. Sale price 4 1-2c.

\$1.00 a yard Satin at 49c yard—Beautiful, rich, heavy quality, 27 inches wide, in colors navy, electric, cerise, purple, and butternut. Regular price, \$1.00 a yard. Sale price 49c.

800 yards choice dress muslin—Splendid range of patterns and colorings. Regular 15c to 20c a yard. Sale price 10c.

35c White P. K's, at 19c a yard, sale price 19c.

Ladies' Half Sleeve Vests, at 5c each—25 doz. fine elastic knit vests finished yokes, half sleeves, regular 8c each, sale price 5c.

The Northway Company, Limited,

THE BUSY CASH STORE

We Save You Money

When you buy your Spring Suit from us, because being the manufacturers we are able to sell our goods CHEAPER than other tailors, and for the same reason we can show the LATEST SHADES AND PATTERNS six months before the other people get them.

FOR THE LADIES

We have a full range of the best Homespuns, Venetians, Boxcloths, etc. Our own make of Ready-made Clothing at from \$6.00 to \$8.00 a suit cannot be beat. As we employ nothing but the best skilled workmen, we guarantee the fit or money refunded.

THE T. H. TAYLOR CO. Limited,

Flour and Woolen Mills

Advice is usually given to people who don't heed it.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

A hobby is an idea that goes around with a crank.

"DRINK GRANO, CEREAL COFFEE."

It takes a long time to make up a small mind.

"DRINK GRANO, CEREAL COFFEE."

Even a fool says a wise word sometimes.

"DRINK GRANO, CEREAL COFFEE."

Conversion is more wonderful than creation.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

Nothing can be hostile to religion which is agreeable to justice.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

The nearer our relation to God the greater our obligation.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

Notice is hereby given that I have prepared a list of lands for sale for arrears of taxes, copies of which can be had in my office, and that the said list is being published in the Ontario Gazette in four consecutive issues thereof, the first insertion bearing date July 20th, 1902, and that in the default of payment I shall proceed to sell by public auction on 20th day of August, 1902, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the City Council Chambers, all lands published in said list, upon which the arrears have not been paid.

R. G. FLEMING,
Treasurer City of Chatham.

Meet Me at Somerville's

For a Glass of Ice Cream and Soda Water

Known as the Best in Town.

Pure, rich Ice Cream, made by the most perfect apparatus in absolutely clean rooms.

Refreshing, foaming Soda Water with exquisite Fruit Flavors.