

Produce and Provisions.

(From Saturday's Trade Review.)

Wheat—The total exports this week amounted to 265,889 qtls. from John's and the outports, as follows: From Outports—By schr. Ruby and Dorothy from Messrs. W. & T. Burtin to Oporto, 3,250 qtls.; by schr. Hamlet from The Nfld. Labor Export Co. to Pogo, 2,274 qtls. to Messrs. S. Tibbo & Sons, Grand Bank, 2,274 qtls. to Oporto; by schr. General from Messrs. Elliott & Co., Grand Banks, 4,100 qtls. to Gibraltar; by schr. General from Elliott & Co. to Cadiz; by schr. Allenby from Messrs. S. Tibbo & Sons, 4,706 qtls. to Oporto; by schr. Olive Evans from Messrs. S. Tibbo & Sons, 1,235 qtls. to Oporto; by schr. A. Moulton from Geo. M. Lee to Pernambuco; by Nancey Lee from The Monroe Export Co. to Pernambuco; by the s.s. Rosalind 2,972 qtls. to New York; mostly for transshipment to the West Indies; from Messrs. Job Bros. to Ltd. Harvey & Co. A. H. Murray & Shipman, and the Nfld. Coal

Flour—The imports this week were 10,810 barrels from Canada by the s.s. Maple Dawn and s.s. Sable I. The total imported to St. John's since January 1st is 275,619 barrels, as compared with 183,000 for same date last year. The wholesale quotation is today \$9.90 to \$10 for leading brands. As navigation is closing on the St. Lawrence this week, it will cause an advance in future freight, the price here will likely advance 25 cents a barrel in December. It is not likely



are likely to be better during the winter and spring.

Cod Oil—The export of common cod oil this week was the heaviest of any week for the season. The s.s. Rosalind took out to New York no less than 72,261 gallons. The shippers were the firms of Bowring Bros. Ltd., Job Bros. & Co. Ltd., A. H. Murray, Arthur Eshary, and Franklin Agencies, Ltd. The total gone out from St. John's since August 1st, is 3,203 tons as compared with about 700 tons for the corresponding period last year. There is no improvement in price.

Beef—The imports this week were 1,365 barrels—rather a larger total for one week than usual. This is due to the relative cheapness of Beef compared with Pork. The demand is principally confined to Boneless. The foreign market shows very little change, and it is expected present prices will be maintained for some time. The local quotations are, Special Family \$27.00, Bos. Flank \$26.00, Family \$21.00 and Boneless \$21.25. These prices for barreled beef, represent pre-war quotations, and it is gratifying to know that through the efforts of one of our Water Street business men, fresh beef has now reached a level on a parity with foreign prices. The high duty, of course, prevents us getting the full benefit of the market decline in values.

Sugar—The quotation for White American Granulated still stands in the local market at \$10.80 per 100

pounds, though large lots have been bought at \$10.70 in cash transactions. The excess duty of two and a half cents, which was believed to be only for a few months, still remains, on although the loss by the F.C.B. has been wiped out long ago. The present tax of over 200 per cent. is very hard on the consumers. Foreign market is easier, but no considerable local decline is looked for here unless this tax is remitted.

Melasses—Local stocks are held firmly at 90 cents a gallon in the puncheon for Fancy and the same rate for Choice in barrels. The total imports to St. John's to date are 6,540 puncheons, as against 7,170 this date last year. It is believed in trade circles that the price will advance in the local market in the New Year. Messrs. Harvey & Co., C. F. Bennett & Co., Monroe Export Co., imported 190 puncheons from Halifax this week.

Potatoes—Local dealers deserve a good word for their endeavours this fall to handle home-grown potatoes, instead of importing them. The Customs record is practically clean so far this season of imported potatoes. This is an encouraging condition of affairs and indicates greater possibilities in this direction to the great benefit of all Newfoundlanders. Prices are still \$2.50 to \$3.00, according to quality, but will likely stiffen up now that the winter has set in many cellars are closed down.

Apples—The price of Apples advanced 25 cents a barrel this week. The local quotations are now, \$7.75 per barrel for Kings and Wagners, Nos. 1 and 2, and \$6.00 for No. 3, Baldwins and Starks are \$7.50 Nos. 1 and 2 and \$6.00 Domestic \$6.50. The imports for the week were 2,689 barrels.

The next s.s. Rosalind will bring the last big shipment for the season. These will be winter-keeping "Starks." The prices will likely advance further after Christmas week.

Feeds—This week's importations were 2,100 sacks of meal, 250 sacks of corn, and 510 sacks of bran. The market is fairly well supplied and the late grazing for cattle this fall has kept down consumption. The s.s. Manos next trip will give the market enough till New Year. Bran is quoted at \$2.20 per sack, Corn at \$2.60, and Feed \$2.90 to \$3.00, wholesale.

Oats—The imports this week were 3,100 sacks by the s.s. Canadian Sealer from Montreal. The s.s. Manos, due on the 29th inst., will bring several additional consignments of oats and these will be the last direct from Montreal under the cheaper freight rates. Higher freight charges by the indirect route, railway and steamer, must necessarily advance the prices. The local quotations are still continuing at \$3.40 per sack (4-bushel) for Mixed, and \$3.30 for White.

Hay—The imports for the week amounted to 2,691 bales by the s.s. Canadian Sealer from Montreal. Local prices will hold at \$49.00 wholesale for No. 2 Timothy, \$50.00 in lots, and \$50.50 to \$51.00 by the single bale. As the navigation of the St. Lawrence closed this week, and the Manos, which left Montreal on the 23rd, is the last boat to come here down the Gulf, prices of hay are expected to advance.

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Approves Proposal.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir:—Would you kindly allow me space in your paper, to make a few remarks regarding wireless. I notice that Mr. F. L. Southgate of Halifax proposes to open a school of instruction, for the formation of classes, etc., and to give operators not already qualified, a chance to obtain their certificates. I feel sure that all of our Nfld. operators will welcome Mr. Southgate's proposal. It is extremely unfortunate that such a school as this, was not opened here in St. John's before Newfoundland operators could not procure a certificate of proficiency without going to Canada, which needless to say costs a considerable sum of money. The result was, that when the hard times came, a large portion of the staff was laid off. One of the chief reasons given us for this procedure, was the fact that we did not hold a certificate of proficiency. I may also state that considering the small number of wireless operators in this country, we do not get fair treatment. There is from twenty to thirty operators out of employment to-day, owing to the indifferent state of wireless telegraphy in Newfoundland. This is an unfortunate state of affairs, and I am afraid that the welfare of the wireless operators has been neglected. I would like at this point, to pay tribute to Mr. Collins the local superintendent of the Marconi Co., who always did his best to further the interests of the operators. But we all realize that he was up against very difficult circumstances. We are very thankful to him for the interest manifested, in closing I would like to wish Mr. Southgate much success in his venture. Thanking you for space Mr. Editor,

I am yours truly,
F. B. BOONE.
Nov. 26, 1921.

Two Giants of Courtesy.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir:—I would like space in your esteemed paper for a few words of commendation regarding two genial men at North Sydney, one, Mr. A. W. Shano, in the employ of the Civil Service Department of our Government; and Mr. W. Spracklin, in the employ of the Nfld. Newfoundland Railway Company. Mr. Shano is, as someone remarked, "a real father to all Newfoundlanders," who arrive at North Sydney, coming into Newfoundland or going out. He certainly is a great host, and represents his native land with such sincere pleasure and deep interest that you feel greatly repaid for having to wait a day for train or boat to take you to regions beyond. For this genuine service rendered by Mr. Shano for Newfoundland and its people there ought to be given a very liberal remuneration. Mr. Spracklin is in a class almost by himself in those days of brusqueness and incivility. Great esteem and honor is due to Mr. Spracklin for being so patient, gentle and obliging after serving in such a capacity for so many long strenuous years. A more gracious man and truer friend I have never met. He is one of nature's best type of a gentleman. Long may he live to make lighter the many burdens of the weary traveller.

Yours truly,
F. B. BOONE.
Port Union, Nov. 23, 1921.

The Vampires and Werewolves of Burma.

Burma is the land of evil spirits. When a Burman dies his soul is supposed to be so disappointed at leaving this life that it becomes a demon, lives in a tree and must constantly be given presents of food and drink if it is to be prevented from wrecking its evil will upon the peasants of the neighborhood.

Women who have died and left an infant behind them, are said to grow into a species of vampire, which they call *awmaw*, and should the child perish also, it is supposed to accompany the evil ghost in its hauntings. The spirits of dead children, too, are believed to inhabit the bodies of cats and dogs, writes Sirdar Ikbal Ali Shah, F.R.G.C., F.R.A.S., in "The Occult Law of Burma," in the Occult Review.

After a while the vampire is thought of as consisting merely of a head and organs, which float behind it like a ghastly flag. These horrible things haunt the woods and roads at nightfall, and may suddenly drop from the branches of a tree upon the shoulders of the "wayfarer," and fastening upon his throat, drink his life-blood.

A separate class known as the *wes* or necromancers, has arisen to act as intermediaries between the human race and the numerous spirits which swarm around them; and on the Chindwin River, in Lower Burma, is a village inhabited solely by wizards and necromancers where many pilgrims go to have the effects of bewitchment removed.

Wizards Invoke the Spirits. A terrible silence broods over the village by day. But the night is made hideous with the sound of gongs and the wild chanting of the wizards, invoking the spirits of the dead to appear.

Many animals, too, are regarded as wizards of evil spirits. Tigers are thought to be evil creatures, whose wailings are exceedingly poisonous. Elephants are looked upon almost as sacred, and monkeys are never des-

troys. Should a butterfly enter the house it is considered unlucky, as it may be a *leppya* or departed spirit, but the appearance of a grasshopper is hailed with delight as a good omen. War animals are also fairly common in Burma. These are usually malicious wizards who by the use of certain rites believe that they can transform themselves into wild animals.

One of these rites, strangely enough, consists in the swallowing of broken dishes, and is probably much more harmful to the werewolves than to their victims.

Women who have been rubbed with oil extracted by a wizard are said to lose their reason and to flee away into the woods. They retain their human shape for seven days, and if within that period a man shall submit himself to the same process of being anointed with the magic ointment, and shall follow the woman to the woods and strike her on the head with a heavy bar, she shall recover her reason and return home cured.

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