

Dairy Trade Items.

Eleven hundred pounds of butter were shipped from the Manitou creamery recently for Vancouver. The output of the factory at present is about 200 pounds daily but this amount will be increased.

The Liverpool cheese cable on May 26 quoted finest white cheese 1s. lower at 53s.; do., colored, 53s.; ordinary new cheese 48s.

At Woodstock, Ont., on May 26, 2,674 boxes of cheese were offered and all sold at from 85-16 to 81-2c for white. The same week last year 1,250 boxes were offered with bids ranging from 61-2c to 65-8c.

At the Brockville weekly cheese market on May 27 prices were lower. About 6,000 boxes were put on sale. The grass in this section is now at its best and it is expected that the make in June, if the weather is at all warm, will fall off considerably. The buyers seemed anxious to get cheese at 81-2c to 89-16. The salesmen refused to accept these offers, but after adjournment nearly all sold at board prices with 89-16c ruling. A few choice lots brought 85-8c.

The cable on old cheese was unchanged on May 27 at 53s., but the price on new declined 1s., from 48s to 47s.

A dealer complains that there is no means of shipping butter in less than car lots from Manitoba points to Montreal or other eastern points. Between Port Arthur and the Pacific coast a good refrigerator car service is given by the Canadian Pacific railway for broken quantities, but for points in eastern Canada only car lot rates will be quoted. While some dealers do not complain of this rule, others claim that it is a detriment to small shippers. The Canadian Pacific railway people say no complaint has been made to them about the matter, and they intimate their willingness to establish the service if the business offered will warrant it.

The Lumber Trade.

The Assiniboine Lumber Company of Brandon, Man., has been enlarging its mill by an addition of ten feet to the building; the engine has been overhauled and considerable new small machinery has been put in; and the mill and boiler house has been covered with iron. The drive of logs which is now in the Assiniboine is the largest the company has yet handled. The logs will arrive early in June, when the mill will commence operations and run night and day.

A. W. Gillingham, saw mill, Pincher Creek, Alberta, has assigned.

The British Columbia Mills, Timber & Trading company, one of the large Pacific coast lumber concerns, with head office at Vancouver, and mills at Hazelton and New Westminster, have opened a branch office and lumber yard in Winnipeg. The yard is located at the corner of Princess street and Forster avenue, and is in charge of T. H. Sisson, who has been with the company in British Columbia for a number of years. F. Robinson, who acted as salesman for the company before the opening of the branch office, will continue in the same capacity. A full stock of British Columbia lumber, shingles, laths, etc., will be carried in Winnipeg, and in cheaper grades of rough lumber, which cannot be profitably brought from British Columbia on account of the railway haul, a stock of Man-

itoba spruce and pine will be carried. The company will therefore be in a position to do a general trade from their Winnipeg yards in every class of lumber, and it is their intention to do both a jobbing and retail trade here.

Grocery Trade Notes.

A Montreal report says of sugars: There has been no important change in the situation of the sugar market except that cable advices on the raw article have been somewhat firmer in tone, and note a slight advance in prices. The local market for the refined article continues exceedingly quiet and without any new feature. The demand is very slow, and refiners do not anticipate any improvement until the jobbers work off present supplies. Granulated is nominally quoted at 41-3c to 41-4c, and yellows at 33-8c to 37-8c as to quality, at the factory.

The Montreal Gazette says of teas: Advices have been received that some lots of new crop Japan would arrive here in a few days and are offering at 24c to 32c. Two car loads of old crop Japan tea were shipped this week to the States, one went to New York and the other to Burlington. The stock of teas held here is light, especially of desirable grades, and in consequence of which business is checked considerably.

A New York report says: Some little speculative interest is shown in prunes and several relatively important sales have been reported, including a lot of 1,500 25-lb boxes of 40s to 50s for export at 63-4c to 7c. The demand is chiefly for the large sizes, which are reported to be scarce.

Advices from Porto Rico to-day state that there is very little molasses there in first hands, and that the price is likely to advance considerably.

The Hardware Trade.

The Montreal Gazette says: In the paint and oil trade business continues active. The feeling in glass is about steady at the recent decline. White and red lead is firm with stocks of the latter light. Linseed oil is steady in sympathy with the firm advices from abroad, late cables quoting 15s. Some short sales of new seal oil to arrive have been made at 37 1-2c, but actual transactions within the last few days of 100 barrel lots were made at 39c to arrive. The feeling in Gaspe cod oil has been weak, and prices declined 1c to 2c per gallon with recent sales of fair sized lots at 30c to 31c, to arrive, while on spot in a jobbing way 32 1-2 is now the outside. A sharp decline in prices has also taken place in cod liver oil, which is due to the over-production and large offerings. Norwegian cod liver can be laid down here at 70c, and some sales of small lots of Newfoundland are reported at 80c. We quote: Choice brands white lead, government standard, 55s.; No. 1, \$4.62 1-2; No. 2, \$4.25; No. 3, \$3.87 1-2; dry white lead 41-2c; red lead, pure, 37-25; glass, \$1.25; first break; \$1.35 second break per 50 feet; \$2.80 for third break, per 100 feet; linseed oil round lots, raw, 42c to 43c; boiled 45c to 46c; cod oil, 30c to 32 1-2c; seal oil, 47c to 48c; castor oil, 9c to 9 1-2c; putty, in bulk, \$1.70; Paris green in barrels, 13 1-2c; drums, 14c; small lots, 15c.

Dry Goods Trade.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: The volume of business transacted clearly indicates a change for the better, and despite the fact that individual sales as a rule are smaller than in past seasons, yet they are far more numerous. Travellers are now out with full lines of fall samples, and considering the season are meeting with fair success. The recent amendments to the tariff has caused considerable uneasiness and a deputation of some of our leading merchants proceed to Ottawa this morning to state their grievances before the minister of customs.

Bradstreets says of the dry goods situation in the United States: Cotton fabrics sell hard and at low prices compared with the actual cost of manufacture, and it looks as though further curtailment in production would have to be made in order to bring the market on a profitable basis. The demand is very slow, and to sell in any lines and prices have to be accepted. Raw cotton holds quite firm, but this does not appear to affect the manufactured goods. The mills are quite well employed on previous orders taken at opening low prices, but at the present advance asked buyers are not disposed to operate.

A Manchester, England, report says: The general situation here continues very bad, with every little doing, and prices ruinous in all directions. Machinery will be stopped universally during the Whitsuntide holidays, which will be protracted as much as possible. It is hoped that eastern business will revive soon, in consequence of the exhaustion of stock on hand, but there is nothing cheerful to report in any branch of the industries which centre here.

Live Stock Items.

Lawrence & McNaughton, of Killarney, Man., shipped a consignment of fat cattle east recently.

The Stewart Rancho Co., of Southern Alberta, have sold out their entire herd of cattle and horses to P. Burn. It is supposed that the company have in the neighborhood of 2,000 head of cattle.

The Montreal Cattle Exporter and Butchers' Advocate says. The Winnipeg Commercial in an issue recently to hand, states that stockers are being bought freely in and around Winnipeg and Southern Manitoba for shipment to the United States. This something like shipping coals to Newcastle. To think of the vast grass plains of the Territories lying right at hand in readiness for countless lots of stock, and then shipping this same stock out to another country for other feeders to profit by seems almost too fanciful to believe, and it may well be asked—what are Canadian farmers and feeders thinking about?

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A party named Palmer, from Ontario, is erecting a store at Walsh station, with the intention of opening a general store business there.

Love & Raymond, Leland hotel, Qu'Appelle, have leased their house to F. Blackwell, of Gladstone, Man.