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### SELLING CANNED GOODS.

So far as an agreement could be raised in the two-day session of the Canadian Cannery Association, says the Toronto Globe, the members of that body have agreed to turn their entire output over to a syndicate, which will control it, and which will act as selling agents for the product of the factories. Who compose this syndicate the canners profess not to know; they simply say that the syndicate will take their output from them at a given figure, sell it where they can, and that ample proof has been given of the financial responsibility of this syndicate.

The position of affairs in respect to the canners appears to be this: A tentative agreement has been reached between the packing houses to limit their output for next season by 20 per cent., and also to turn their goods over to the selling syndicate, which proposes to control them. The negotiations with the syndicate are not yet completed, but they are far enough advanced to appear reasonable that they will be carried out. The output of the canners is to be fixed at an arranged figure, so that the packers will understand exactly what they are to obtain for their products when they purchase from the grower the raw material in the shape of vegetables next season. Limiting the output, with a large crop, they will be in a position to name the prices that they will pay to the growers. The syndicate promises, in dealing with wholesalers and exporters, to treat all upon equal terms, and the executive committee of the Cannery Association is instructed to see that the terms of the agreement are carried out. It is not expected that there will be any increase in prices at once as a result of the agreement, but they are not to be lowered. The syndicate will commence operations during June next, when the canning season commences. The agreement is to be a year only, but if it works satisfactorily may be the commencement of a movement to amalgamate all the canning establishments into a limited liability company. This would save some three years ago, but the difficulty then was to place a value upon the different properties, the canners all holding their factories at greatly high figures. If the present arrangement succeeds the factories could be valued on their earning capacity, and capitalised upon that basis. The canners finished their session last evening, and while not all of the signatories of the firms engaged in the business had been secured, endeavors are being made to get the others. The agreement entered into is on the understanding that everybody signs. A number of the smaller canners who had previously objected to signing were reasoned with at the meeting yesterday, and came in.

### FUR PRICES.

Prices realized at the January sale of the Hudson's Bay Company, as reported by the New York Fur Trade Review were as follows:

Beaver—Yorkfort, first string, first, large, 32.6; small, 15.1; seconds, large, 27; small, 14.3; third, large, 22; small, 11.3; cubs, 4.8 shillings. Mackenzie River—First, large, 28; small, 14.3; seconds, large, 25.6; small, 14; thirds, large, 22; small, 10; cubs, 4.6 shillings. Moose River and East Main—First, large, 30; small, 15; seconds, large, 26.7; small, 15.3; third, large, 22.6; small, 10.8; cubs, 6.3 shillings. Northwest—First, large, 31; small, 14.9; seconds, large, 26; small, 14.4; thirds, large, 23; small, 11.6; cubs, 6.8 shillings. Fort Garry—First, large, 32.8; small, 17; second, large, 27.9; small, 14.3; thirds, large, 23.6; small, 11.3; cubs, 6.6 shillings. Canada—First, large, 29; small, 15; seconds, large, 24.6; small, 14.6; third, large, 21; small, 10.1; cubs, 5.6 shillings. Esquimaux Bay—First, large, 31.6; small, 16.6; seconds, large, 22; small, 15; thirds, large, 21 shillings. Muskat—Yorkfort: First string, first, 74; second, 64; third, 54; fourth, 34; fourth, 3; fifth, 14 pence. Second string: first, 74; second, 5 pence. Third string: first, 74; first, small, 6; second, 6; third, 4; fourth, 34 pence. Mackenzie River—First, 54; first, small, 44; second, 44; third, 34; fourth, 24 pence. Northwest—First, 64; first, small, 5; second, 54; third, 44; fourth, 24 pence. East Main—First, 104; first, small, 74; second, 74; third, 6; fourth, 3; pence. Moose River—First, 74; first, small, 6; second, 64; third, 44; fourth, 34 pence. Canada—First, 84; first, small, 64; second, 74; third, 64; fourth, 54 pence.

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