

THE SUGAR TRADE.

The sugar refining industry of the Dominion appears to be in a very unsatisfactory condition. Although the Sugar Commission sitting in New York has allocated to Canada eighty per cent of its pre-war consumption of raw material, this quantity is not being delivered at the present time. Neither has the system of dividing the available supplies amongst the refineries been put upon a satisfactory basis. In the face of a strong demand, refineries are operating much below capacity, and though there is enough sugar in hand to satisfy immediate needs, no one can tell how long this state of affairs will continue. Refineries are doing their best to satisfy old customers, but are not seeking new business. Millions of tons of cane are known to be available, in Java and elsewhere, and any improvement in the situation depends upon the speeding up of transportation.

During the past month one large refinery has announced two increases, amounting to 50 cents per 100 lbs. on all grades of sugar; and another recently increased the price of their products by 25 cents per 100 lbs. Other refineries up to the present have made no statement as to their future line of action in this respect.

We give the latest quotations:

	Acadia.	Can.	Law.	Lan.
Extra Granulated, bags 100 lbs.	8.65	8.40	8.40	8.90
Do., Gunnies 5-20s	8.80	8.55	8.55	9.10
Do., Gunnies, 10-10s	8.85	8.60	8.60	9.20
Do., Cartons, 20-5s	8.90	8.65	8.65	9.30
Do., Cartons, 50-2s	8.70	8.70	9.30	
No. 1 Yellow, Bags 100 lbs.	8.25	8.00	8.00	8.50
No. 2 Yellow, Bags 100 lbs.	8.15	7.90	7.90	8.40
No. 3 Yellow, Bags 100 lbs.	8.05	7.80	7.80	8.30
Extra Ground, Barrels	8.85	8.60	8.60	9.10
Do., Boxes 50 lbs.	9.05	8.80	8.80	9.30
Do., Boxes 25 lbs.	9.25	9.00	9.00	9.50
Do., Cartons 50-1 lbs.	10.40			
Do., Cartons, 20-1 lbs.	10.65			
Powdered, Barrels	8.75	8.60	8.60	9.00
Do., Boxes 50 lbs.	8.95	8.70	8.70	9.20
Do., Boxes 25 lbs.	9.15	8.90	8.90	9.40
Do., Cartons 50-2 lbs.	9.90			
Do., Cartons 25-2 lbs.	10.15			

Cut Loaf, ¼ Bbls. and Boxes				
100 lbs.	9.35	9.10	9.10	....
Paris Lumps and Boxes, 50 lbs.	9.45	9.20	9.20	....
Crystal Diamonds, Boxes 50 lbs.	9.65	9.40	9.40	....
Crystal Diamonds, Cartons 20-5s.	9.65			....
Do., Half Cartons case, 40 pr cas	10.40			....
Paris Lumps, Cartons 20-5s	9.65			....
Do., Cartons 50-2s	10.40			....
Tea Blocks and Assorted Tea Cubes, ½ Bbls. and Boxes, 100 lbs.	9.25	9.00		....
Do., Boxes 50 lbs.	9.35	9.10		....
Do., Boxes, 25 lbs.	9.50	9.30		....
Do., Cartons 50-2s	9.65			....
Granulated in barrels, .05 more than in bags; in barrels, .20 cents more.				

THE U. S. SUGAR MARKET.

The United States Government has fixed the price of Blackstrap molasses at 18c. per gallon, f.o.b. point of origin. This material is used in the U. S. in the manufacture of foodstuffs to the extent of 1,700,000 tons.

The sugar crop of Mauritius for the season 1917-1918 is estimated to give a yield of 224,000 metric tons as against a yield of 209,669 metric tons from the crop of the preceding season.

The French sugar-beet crop in 1917 amounted to 2,108,500 tons, being an increase over the 1916 crop when 1,988,620 tons were produced, and the 1915 crop which gave a production of 1,148,070 tons.

FARM SPECIALISTS.

In our little town, oh, sad to tell,
 There is a merchant who doesn't know how to sell,
 A sawyer who doesn't know how to saw,
 A teacher who doesn't know how to teach,
 A preacher who doesn't know how to preach,
 A painter who can't paint very well,
 A printer who doesn't know how to spell,
 An odd-jobs man with never a job,
 A cobbler who doesn't know how to cob,
 A miller who doesn't know how to mill,
 A butcher who doesn't know how to kill,

\$2.50 PRICE OF U. S. WHEAT.

WASHINGTON, March 21.

The Agricultural Appropriation Bill, with the Gore amendment increasing the 1918 Government guaranteed wheat price to \$2.50 was passed late today by the Senate. It now goes to conference between the two Houses, where there will be another fight over the wheat price.

The wheat price amendment was adopted 49 to 18 after five days' discussion in which its advocates urged the necessity of stimulating production, and criticized Government price-fixing. The bill, carrying appropriations of \$28,000,000, was passed without a roll call, the principal fight being centred on the wheat provision.

Besides increasing the financial guarantee, the Gore amendment also provides that the guaranteed Northern wheat or its equivalent instead of the prices for the 1918 crop shall be based upon No. 2 No. 1 variety, as under existing law, and shall be payable at local elevators or railway markets instead of at the principal primary markets, as is done now. These provisions are designed to further increase the farmers' returns.

Another provision is that the guaranty shall not be dependent upon action of the President, but "is hereby made absolute and kindling until May 1, 1919."

ONLY A LITTLE, HOWEVER.

Why Mary had a little lamb
 We'll tell you in a trice,
 You see it wasn't meatless day
 And Mary had the price.

—Boston Transcript.

A racer who doesn't know how to race,
 A mason who doesn't know how to mace,
 A clocksmith who can not mend a clock,
 And a doctor who doesn't know how to doc;
 Ah, since none of these are busy men,
 You will find them again and yet again,
 Ever anon and a few times more,
 'Round the stove in Mendolsen's store,
 Each talking freely and through his hat,
 Doing the one thing they are expert at,
 Giving advice to farmers.

—The Prairie Farmer.

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