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THE GROCERY TRADE.

THE FILBERT CROP.

Referring to the situation on filberts the Hills Brothers Co., report as follows: "This has been considered the most staple in price of all nuts, and for many years the price in Sicily fluctuated between 31s and 40s per bag, averaging about 30s. During last crop, prices were much higher than usual, opening at about 45s and closing at around 68s, the outturn being considerably below an average one. This season, with the crop estimated at from 10 to 25 per cent. larger than last year's, it was hoped that prices would return to a normal level. Figures asked last March were about 48s, but considered too high to induce purchasers from this market, but later prices advanced during the early summer to about 54s, which was resisted by dealers; but, in spite of any support from this market, the Sicilians gradually advanced their figure to about 60s for October shipment, at which price buyers were willing to take small quantities, but a little effort to buy from here was sufficient to drive up that market to some 63s or 64s, figures which rule there at present. It appears probable that the cause of these extraordinary advances in price to a level which has not been seen in twenty-five years is the shortage of other nuts in Europe. A large business was done in other years in Germany and Northern Russia, in Brazil nuts, which are drawn from the English market, but this season that market being entirely bare of this article, and almonds held at prohibitive figures, the German and Russian demand for filberts has been larger than usual, which is probably the reason for the advance in the market in Sicily without any support from American buyers. On spot, stocks are not considered sufficient to last until new goods can reach here, and price continues in favor of holders."

GROCERY TRADE NOTES.

Silver salmon are expected to make a good run in Washington territory.

Tarragona almonds have advanced equal to about $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb. in the primary market.

Valencia raisins are still advancing in primary markets. Prices are now $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 2¢ higher than they were a year ago.

Cable advices report that England has bought and is buying new currants freely at a price equivalent to 13¢ in New York.

Scotch kippered herrings are 14¢ per dozen higher than a year ago on account of smaller catch. The Canadian pack is also light.

The tea market holds firm. Attempts to buy Japans at lower prices recently have failed. Buyers are not operating very freely at present high levels.

Cable advices from Spain report the market on new crop Valencia layer raisins as being higher, and that quotations are now on the basis of 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ laid down in New York.

The raw sugar market was quieter last week both on this continent and abroad. September option weakened perceptibly in foreign markets. The decline amounted to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ at London.

The following prices are now being quoted by the Toronto jobbing trade to retailers for Santa Clara Valley prunes, in 50 lb. boxes: 90-100's, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; 80-90's, 6¢; 70-80's, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; 60-70's, 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢; 50-60's, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; and 40-50's, 11¢.

The total shipments of California deciduous fruits for the season number 4,388 carloads, compared with 4,729 carloads for the corresponding period last year. The total shipments of California citrus fruits for the season to date aggregate 17,430 carloads, against 10,234 carloads for the same period last year and 14,831 carloads in 1933.

It was reported in advices from the Pacific coast that the proportion of large sizes in the new crop of prunes has been underestimated. The letter states: "One of the packers with an allotment of 15 carloads has 1 carload of 30's to 40's, 7 carloads of 40's to 50's and 7 carloads of 50's to 60's. This does not look as though the proportions given out by the association are exactly correct, and it appears to me that buyers, in spite of the early predictions, will be able to secure a fair share of the large sizes. Several of the packers on the coast are offering 40's at $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ under the figures