

PRODUCE MARKET Demand for Cheese and Butter Slow—Potatoes Remain Expensive, Arrivals Slow.

Although there was some strength shown in the country market yesterday afternoon, cheese prices, locally, showed a decided decline. The strength in the country is probably due to short supplies. Local exporters report that there is absolutely nothing doing in an export way. They say that they are sending over cables every day, but are receiving no answers. Dealers do not expect to see any changes in the local market this week. They also predict light shipments, as compared with last year.

RETAIL IMPROVEMENT BEING EXPERIENCED General Betterment in Retail Trade at Hand—Past Week's Business Has Been Satisfactory—Sales Brisk Trade

The warm weather of the past week tended to stimulate trade in summer dry goods in a retail way. Light cotton goods for which the demand has been heavy during the summer, such as voiles, crepes and sheer fabrics have had a better demand than ever this week, as also is the case with lines such as ducks, linens, etc. There has also been an increased trade in all lines of camping merchandise, and retailers have in many cases had to replenish their stocks, due to the fact that placing orders were small, with the subsequent shortness of stocks for any increased business that might be forthcoming. Men's wear has also been in good demand. Practically all the placing orders were small, with the subsequent shortness of stocks for any increased business that might be forthcoming. Men's wear has also been in good demand. Practically all the placing orders were small, with the subsequent shortness of stocks for any increased business that might be forthcoming.

MR. FRED. A. SCROGGIE Sales of Big Stores Are Increasing Rapidly, and Fully Come up to All Expectations. Policy Good.

Mr. Scroggie stated in an interview with the Journal of Commerce that business with the company shows a general increase over last year. He is optimistic as to the future. The first eight days of this month that during the entire month of July last year, was the statement made by Mr. F. A. Scroggie, President of Scroggie's Limited, to a representative of the Journal of Commerce this morning. "It is impossible to make a correct comparison between the business done in our new store this year and in the old store which we occupied last year and the year before," he said. "Since March each month's sales have shown a gain of from \$100,000 to \$125,000 over the corresponding months last year. We are finding trade conditions exceptional, and good and have no reason to complain. There is a general feeling of confidence throughout the country. Moreover, our mail order business has increased quite in keeping with the gains made in our general sales, and this is a good indication that general conditions throughout the country districts are in pretty fair shape at present."

GRAIN MARKETS (Special Staff Correspondence.) Winnipeg, July 17.—The provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan reported good beneficial rains during the last 24 hours, the heaviest being in Manitoba. At Battleford in the northwest to Broadview in the east rains are reported from 26 to 56. Authorities state that east from Saskatchewan to Watrous there can only be about half a crop, and Pottery Plains field will only be 15 to 18 bushels per acre.

At noon the market was overcast on sensational reports coming on black rust damage, and October wheat jumped from the low point, 83 1/2 to 83 3/4 split. The wheat market opened 1/2 higher on all months' support, and the cool, with a few scattered parts of rain, exporters buying the first hour, exporters buying the October options. Later, there was considerable easing off in prices on reports of heavy favorable weather in the American spring wheat States, the weather being cooler and rain in the Canadian wheat belt. The cash trade was fairly good, although offers were in light of all grains and strong under tone. Some good sales of old wheat were put through for export. For cash the demand was keen.

At P. R. 101 cars, C. N. 11, 42 cars, Oct. 83 1/2; Dec. 82 1/2; Oats, 28 1/2; Dec. 14 1/2; Nov. 14 1/2; Dec. 14 1/2. The total receipts on Thursday were 174 cars, against 216 last year, and in sight on Friday were 140 cars. Delivered through the clearing house to-day were 3,500 bushels; oats, 21,000; flax, 36,000; barley, 9,000 bushels. Forecast—Mostly fair and cool, with a few scattered showers. Cars inspected on Thursday, July 16—

Table with columns: Wheat, Oats, Flax, Barley, etc. and values.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET. (Special to the Journal of Commerce.) Chicago, July 17.—Wheat prices were lower to-day on realizing sales in the American northwest and bullish reports of rust damage were received from South Dakota and Minnesota, but recent losses decided to take profits in the face of yesterday's sharp advance. Corn was lower, and conditions under one-quarter to seven-eighths cents with the greatest ease in July delivery. Cables were higher on fears of poor quality of Plate arrivals, but news of a good rain in Illinois, Ontario and Kansas weakened prices further. Oats lost about one-half cent in sympathy with corn.

Chicago grain range— Wheat—Open, High, Low, Last. July, 79 1/2, 79 3/4, 79 1/2, 79 1/2. Sept., 79 1/2, 79 3/4, 78 3/4, 78 3/4. Corn—July, 70 1/2, 70 3/4, 69 3/4, 69 3/4. Sept., 66 1/2, 66 3/4, 65 3/4, 65 3/4. Oats—July, 37 1/2, 37 3/4, 37, 37. Sept., 35 1/2, 35 3/4, 34 3/4, 34 3/4.

TORONTO GRAIN MARKET. (Special Staff Correspondence.) Toronto, Ont., July 17.—Perennial reports of the rapid spread of black rust in the northwest States and heavy damage in Ontario and Quebec, added further strength to the wheat markets of Winnipeg and Chicago, causing prices here to seek a high level. No. 1 northern was quoted at 94 1/2 and No. 2 at 92 1/2. Conditions in the Canadian west on the whole were favorable, although it was again stated that the oats crop was likely to be below the average. Ontario wheat was sold at 96c, but this is a little higher than present conditions would warrant. Local trade in hard wheat flour was good at 5.60 for first patent. Ontario wheat flour was slow at \$2.60 to \$2.65 for ninety per cent. Patent bran \$25, shorts \$25, middlings \$25 to \$27.

FOREIGN GRAIN MARKETS. (Special Cable to the Journal of Commerce.) Liverpool, July 17.—Wheat was strong to-day on active covering by shorts on reports of rust damage in the American Northwest. Unfavorable Russian and Canadian advices and expectations of smaller world's shipments for the week outside of America. Corn was higher on large spot demand and fears of poor quality of Plate arrivals. Wheat closed 1/4 higher. Berlin—Wheat closed 1/4 higher.

THE COTTON MARKET (Special to Journal of Commerce.) Advanced York, July 17.—Cotton market advanced 1/2 to 1 1/2 points shortly after opening of Liverpool buying and local short covering. This demand was inspired by continued drought and high temperatures in western belt, as well as Miss Gilder's making conditions of crop 78.9 per cent, as compared with 79 at end of June.

The indicated deterioration tended to make the bears nervous, particularly in the case of the Texas and Oklahoma promises still further deteriorated. Against these crop factors, however, was the cable news that federation of master spinners had adopted a strike in consideration of their detour in a partial loss of early advance. New York cotton range follows— Open, High, Low, Close. July, 12 1/2, 12 3/4, 12 1/2, 12 1/2. Aug., 12 1/2, 12 1/2, 12 1/2, 12 1/2. Oct., 12 1/2, 12 1/2, 12 1/2, 12 1/2.

LIVERPOOL COTTON. (Special Cable to Journal of Commerce.) Liverpool, July 17.—Cotton futures closed steady to unaltered, but higher. Demand for spots was higher. Middlings 5 points lower at 7.34; sales 5,000 bales. Liverpool Open, High, Low, Close. July-Aug., 714 716 713 713. Aug.-Sept., 691 691 688 690. Oct.-Nov., 663 665 662 664 1/2.

THE EGYPTIAN COTTON CROP. The Alexandria General Produce Association reported their monthly crop report during the early part of the month. The temperature in the Northern Provinces was favorable, but towards the end of the month became somewhat cool and damp. On the other hand, the Southern Provinces enjoyed favorable temperatures throughout the month. The crop is almost as advanced as in 1913, while the Northern Provinces are 10 to 15 days later. Irrigation continues sufficient. Owing to a rise in food has taken place in the Egyptian Nile, the Egyptian Department has been able to reduce rotations by three days from the beginning of July. As regards cotton worms, eggs have been reported from everywhere, especially towards the last days of the month; the villagers have taken steps to destroy them. Upper Egypt and the Fayoum. The temperature has been in good condition though somewhat what late. Irrigation is sufficient. A few worms have made their appearance.

WILL ANNOUNCE PRICES. Carpet prices will be announced next week. Jobbers expect a general advance in all lines, due to the general increase in prices of raw material, and the cost of manufacturing.

FIRST AUTHORIZED DIVIDEND. (Special to Journal of Commerce.) Los Angeles, July 17.—Union Oil Company has declared a dividend of 2 per cent, calling for disbursement of \$600,000. This is the first dividend to be authorized this year.

YIELD UP TO LAST YEAR. (Special to Journal of Commerce.) Chicago, July 17.—Prominent Canadian crop authorities wired to-day that in spite of heavy sectional droughts the Canadian wheat crop promise equals last year's yield of two hundred million bushels.

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Jobbers Prepared for General Price Advance Despite Unwarranting Conditions SPECIALTIES QUIET Converters Fairly Busy and Are Buying Only to Fill Wants—Stocks Resisting. Prices are still being held back on all lines of cotton goods for next spring, although there are some lines on the market now. The Dominion Textile Company will announce prices on prints next week, but no definite information is obtainable as to what the outcome will be. An advance is expected, as the manufacturer is being hard pressed, and the slackness during the past few months, together with the high cost of raw material and labor, makes it imperative that an advance be made on most lines. Importers have received a number of lines of next spring, and prices have not been given out. Jobbers are preparing for a general advance in prices, in spite of the fact that general trade conditions do not warrant such activities. However, manufacturers are not inclined to make any statements this week. Improvement is Certain. The week's trade has been some better than last, and fair reports are still being received on summer lines, but this trade is about over. One of the Dominion Textile's mills was closed down last week for two months and short time is being worked in most of the others, but as this is usual slack season, too much capital need not be made of this fact. A general manager of one of the largest cotton concerns this week, remarks that have been received so far most up to normal, and placing orders so far for next spring indicate that conditions are sure to be better for the season now on hand, although the amount of caution on the part of the jobbing trade is still evident. Fine and specialty cottons have had another quiet week. Commission houses on these lines have felt that most cases the half year's business showed up unsatisfactorily. Jobbers are not prepared to stock up in these lines with trade as it is to-day, as they are larger than for previous seasons, and about the only business that has been done on a low price basis. Firmly Disposed. Of late, however, there has been a disposition on the part of agents and jobbers to hold firm and more confidence is expressed regarding the prospects for the coming season, although there is no sign of the trading business being hard to get. Jobbers reports for the week continue satisfactory. In fact, one leading dry goods man reports that an improvement in apparent each week orders than usual are being received, but they are mostly small, and that the total volume of business done is no larger than the average. They are also buying from hand to mouth, and are inclined to follow the price for some time yet, until they are sure of the crop, and the subsequent trade in summer goods, and will do much toward reducing stocks of all these lines.

NAVAL STORE MARKETS. (Special to the Journal of Commerce.) New York, July 17.—While the local markets for spirits of turpentine was quoted over a range of 48 1/2 to 50c, according to seller and quality, business was very dull and unsatisfactory. Rosins were nominally firm in sympathy with the southern markets, but they in turn are merely supported by the export trade, and would otherwise feel the depression of the domestic demand. Common to fine strained is in light supply on account of \$3.90 to \$4.00. Turpentine is quoted at 48c, sales, 394, receipts, 504. London—Turpentine firm at 48s. American strained, 39 1/2; and 14s 6d.

TEXTILE MILL CLOSED. The Moncton mill of the Dominion Textile Co. was closed down last week. Work will not be resumed for two months. According to a statement made by Mr. Daniels, the general manager, extensive improvements will in all probability be made during the summer.