Grocery Trade Notes.

The prospects are good for the Sicily lemon crop this year.

A good demand from the east is reported in potatoes and onions.

The market for Valencia raisins in Denis is reported somewhat higher.

The market for ginger is very firm according to latest advices from the east.

Montreal quotations for rolled oats are now $2.10 per barrel higher than a year ago.

Eggs advanced ½c in price on the Minneapolis market last week, selling at 20c per dozen.

A great demand is being experienced at present in Eastern Canada for spices and coffees.

United States market reports show an advance of 15c a box for laundry soap, with prospects of still further advances.

Oranges are reported easier on the Minneapolis market, California navels having dropped 25c a box, and Mexicans 50c a box.

The final report of the agricultural department at Washington states that the potato crop this year is only 54.2 per cent of an average crop.

The government of Jamaica has announced its intention of putting an export tax of 1c per package on oranges. The shipment of immature fruit will be prohibited.

Estimates for the next Santos coffee crop were reduced to 6,000,000 bags maximum and estimates for the growing Santos crop were placed at 4,500,000 bags.

Berlin, Ontario, has decided to bonus a beet sugar factory to the extent of 25,000. The township of Waterloo will vote on a similar proposition this week.

The price of Canadian bacon has advanced 4s per cwt. in London, England. The advices to this effect have checked the declining tendency of hog prices in Canada.

Prices of creamery and dairy butter advanced 2c per pound on the Minneapolis market last week; fresh extra creameries bringing 25½c and were held very firm at that figure.

Potatoes seem to have taken an upward turn in eastern markets and at date of last mail reports from Montreal were 10c per bag higher. In New York best varieties are selling now at 25c per bag higher.

The Nicaragua Steamship Company is commencing a campaign against the American banana trust. It will transport bananas from producing places to American ports and distribute them to all parts of this continent at prices in keeping with the cost of doing the business. The trust will have to meet this competition.

At a meeting of the Canners Association of Ontario, held in Toronto last week questions involving the organization of the entire industry were under discussion. The annual talk of a trust is again heard. It is understood that the agreement limiting the output and making certain restrictions regarding the sale of goods is not satisfactory to all the concerns.

Hardware Trade Notes.

Foreign advices report shellac very firm and advancing owing to shortage of materials.

Barb, plain twist and galvanized wire declined 5c per 100 pounds at Toronto last week.

Woodenware has been advanced 7½ per cent by Canadian makers. This is due to higher cost of raw material, especially hoop iron.

A dispatch from Sydney, Nova Scotia, on Monday, said: The Dominion Iron and Steel Company contemplates an invasion of U. S. markets. Manufacturers are pressed to supply the demands of the United States, and the Sydney company has opened an office in New York for the purpose of getting a share of the trade. The manufacture of steel in Sydney begins January 1st.

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

All grades of linoleum and floor oil cloth have been advanced as compared with last season, by a reduction in discount.

A good demand is reported in the east for cotton goods of Canadian manufacture as well as for British printed goods and values continue firm.

There will be a big demand for prints the coming season and better values will be given. The goods will be wider and the quality better than that offered last season.

Advices from Eastern Canada state that in spring dress goods styles cheviots are selling freely in navys, blacks, browns, castors, and bright blues particularly are good. Homespuns are in good demand, the leaders being a bright-faced cloth. Amazons, Venetians, satin cloths, soleils, French royals and figured armures are going out well and Cowdor crepe, a cloth very like a crepe de chene, but a shade heavier, is selling well, chiefly in black. Albatross and French voile, a light, thin fabric, and nun's cloths promise to be popular the coming season, chiefly in the lighter shades, such as vieux rose, pearl grey, resedas, browns, fawns and bluettes. Cashmeres are still going to be a feature of the trade, and will be sold in all the staple colors. Poplins promise to have a big run and are strong in various qualities.

THE IMPLEMENT TRADE.

IMPLEMENT MEN TO MEET.

Secretary Rugg, of The Western Retail Implement Dealers association, is sending out the following circular this week which explains itself:—

Winnipeg, November 19, 1901.

Dear Sir,—I beg to notify you that the annual meeting of The Western Retail Implement Dealers association will be held in the city of Winnipeg, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 18 to 20th, 1901, sessions each day, 9 to 11 a. m.; 4 to 6 p. m., and 8 to 11 p. m., in Unity hall, Main street, entrance from Lombard street, over Merchants Bank, opposite McIntyre block. Hotel accommodation has been arranged for as follows:— Hotel Leland $2 per day; Seymour House $1 to $1.50; Imperial Hotel (new) Maurice Noakes, $1 per day; Winnipeg Hotel $1 to $1.50; Clarendon Hotel $2 per day; Vendome Hotel $1 to $1.25, (above according to arrangement); Hotel Brunswick $1 per day.

The Canadian Pacific railway has arranged to give one fare for the round trip if the number in attendance is over 100 from all points on their lines, or one-and-one-third fare if the number is under 100. The Canadian Northern railway have also accorded the same privilege. On purchasing ticket at starting point full single fare must be paid and receipt obtained, return fare will then be granted at reducted rate.

It is desired to have in attendance not only every member of the association, but every implement dealer in Manitoba and the Territories, and a cordial welcome will be extended them. Every effort should be made to come in on Tuesday's trains as a large amount of business is to be transacted. The directors will meet on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in executive session.

The programme will embrace in addition to discussion of the local condition of the implement trade, talks on interesting topics by gentlemen well able to impart valuable knowledge on the subjects treated, which will be an education to every implement dealer. It is also expected that two addresses on association work will be given by prominent men.

The closing meeting of the series will partake of a social nature, and in order to have arrangements made to secure every comfort, will you please fill out the slip at bottom hereof and forward to the secretary, Edgar W. Rugg, Winnipeg. A programme will be forwarded to all who advise being present so that intelligent discussion may be had. By order of the executive, H. E. Anderson, President; R. McKenzie, Alex. Smith, I. P. Porter, I. C. Nelson, Alex. May, W. Williams; Edgar W. Rugg, Sec.-Treas.

IMPLEMENT TRADE NOTES.

Receipts of manila hemp at primary points in the Philippine islands are increasing and the total for this year is now 684,000 bales. This will cause a feeling of easiness in binder twine when the market for 1902 opens.

J. D. Williams, a High Bluff implement agent, has decamped owing to financial difficulties. Among other things he is charged with forging another man's name to a note for $75.

Shoe and Leather Trade Notes.

At a recent meeting of leather belting manufacturers at New York an advance of 20 per cent. in prices was agreed upon.

It is expected that vesting top shoes will be in as good demand next spring and summer as they were three years ago as some very fine samples are now being shown both in design and color combinations.

The polka dot or shirt waist shoe is one of the most recent "fads" in footwear. This has a colored calf upper with black dots, some as large as a ten cent piece, scattered over it. Each shoe has uniform dots which are put in with a brush.

It is rather strange that a general rise has not been made in the price of shoes as the market for leather is considerably higher than it was a year ago. It seems impossible for shoe manufacturers to turn out goods at the old prices, give the same value and make a living off the business. and it would be well for retailers to exercise care in buying and to deal only with reliable houses.

Lumber Trade Notes.

Hardwood lumber manufacturers in the United States regard their prospect for the business with considerable satisfaction. Already manufacturing concerns using these products in quantities are looking around for next year's supplies and the tone of the market is healthy.

Manufacturers of white pine lumber in the Northwestern States are closing down their mills for the winter. They report the past season to have been the most active in the history of their mills and most of them are entering upon the winter with greatly reduced stocks owing to their inability to keep up with the demand during the sawing season. Retail dealers are already buying for next season's trade under the impression that prices will be higher.

Live Stock Trade Notes.

Kobold & Company, retail butchers, Winnipeg, have purchased some of the Canadian sheep which were displayed at the Pan-American for their Christmas trade.

Last Saturday 400 head of stockers were shipped from Ontario to British Columbia, through the Dominion live stock commissioners, and an order has been received for 1,000 more head to be shipped before Dec. 1.

The shipments of live stock from Montreal from the 1st to the 16th of November were 4,438 cattle, 6,637 sheep, and 80 horses, as against 6,265 cattle, 3,292 sheep, and 66 horses for the same period last year. The total shipments for this season were 72,142 cattle, 48,052 sheep and 7,288 horses, as compared with 88,241 cattle, 32,703 sheep, and 6,527 horses in 1900.

Railway and Traffic Matters.

The Canadian Northern Railway company announces its intention of establishing shops in Winnipeg next spring, for the building of cars needed on its lines.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company is pushing the work of construction of the big bridge over the Columbia river at Robson, and expect to have it completed by the beginning of the new year.

The Canadian Pacific railway has established a heated car service between North Bay and points in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and British Columbia. Trains will leave North Bay every Wednesday.

Never in the history of America have railway freight cars been so much in demand as they are at present, and the supply in all parts of both Canada and the United States is not nearly equal to the demand.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company announces its intention of spending $400,000 in Fort William this winter and next year in the construction of a large grain cleaning elevator, the erection of a large coal dock, etc.

The town of Port Arthur will banquet Mackenzie and Mann, the Canadian Northern railway promoters, on the occasion of the driving of the last spike in the new line from Manitoba to that point. The date of the banquet is expected to be December 17 or 18. The heads of the government in the two provinces concerned and of the Dominion Government, will be invited to attend.

It is announced that the Canadian Northern railway will be built through to the Pacific coast with Victoria as the terminus. The line is to be diverted at Quesnelle and built southwest to Bute Inlet, where connection will be made by ferry with Vancouver Island at Seymour's Narrows, and the Esquimault and Nanaimo railway will be extended from Wellington to connect at Seymour's Narrows.

The British Yukon Railway Company, otherwise known as the White Pass Railway Company, has submitted a tariff of freight and passenger rates to the department of railways for approval. On ten classifications into which freight is placed the rate from Skagway to White Horse, a distance of ninety miles, ranges from $2.55 to $2.70 per hundred pounds. For lesser distances the rates are of course lower. For instance, for a distance of eight miles, 50 cents per hundred pounds is charged; for 25 miles, $1.50, etc. On mining machinery and on lumber the rates are a trifle lower, being on mining machinery $2.25 per hundred pounds. The passenger rates vary from 30c a mile for the shorter distances to 19 1-2c per mile for the entire journey. The company has been instructed to prepare a new by-law making substantial reductions, equal to one-half of the suggested rates and to submit it to the government for approval.

Coarse Grains Scarce.

Our market reports ever since the harvest have indicated great scarcity and high prices for barley and oats in this market. It was thought at first after that the wheat was threshed and farmers had time to turn their attention to the coarser grains, there would be a plentiful supply at moderate prices, but it seems that this is not to be the case, The oat crop especially has been a failure in the east and south and Manitoba is being drawn upon to make good what she can of the deficiency, with the result that most of our oats so far have gone east. The export demand is mostly for No. 2 white oats, which is about our best grade this year. Feed merchants in this city say they have difficulty in keeping up supplies for local feeding purposes, owing to this export demand. The oatmeal millers of the province have also been disappointed in the oat market and so far their mills have been living almost from hand to mouth. The result of the scarcity of milling oats is seen in the sharp advance which has taken place in rolled oatmeal within the past three weeks. This necessary article of diet has advanced 40c per sack since the first of this month. What has been said of oats is equally true of barley. Brewers have had a few cars in from country points since the harvest, but feed men have practically had none.

Real Estate.

In view of the upward tendency of land values in Manitoba the local government has decided to raise the price of all provincial lands 50 cents an acre.

The Manitoba properties and different securities on Manitoba lands, the property of the Western Loan & Trust Company in liquidation were sold by public auction in Winnipeg on Thursday.

The squatters on the lands on the park reserve at the foot of the Riding Mountain, Man., have received notice from the department of the interior to vacate them at once.

Last Saturday's reports from Chicago stated that No. 1 buff hides, 40 to 60 pounds, were worth from 9¾ to 9¼c per pound, a decline of about ¼c from previous figures.

A Winnipeg daily paper wrote up the poultry market at length this week to the effect that there is a great scarcity of supplies. Eastern reports of almost the same date all talked about a glut in the market and said that receipts included "every class of poultry in unprecedented quantities. As Manitoba's supply is mainly derived from the very places to which these reports had reference it is hard to understand why this Winnipeg paper should report poultry scarce.