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## THE GROCERY TRADE.

## CURRENT SITUATION.

Regarding the new crop of currants in Greece a letter from Patras states: "The cutting of the fruit all over the country is nearly completed, but only small quantities have been brought on the market as yet, and these are mostly Calamata and provincial growths. The quality so far is poor, but it is intimated that the last cuttings have given better fruit." The finance minister has communicated to the delegates assembled in Athens on August 14 the official estimate of the new crop, which is given as 35,000 to 40,000 tons. The stocks of old crop in Greece are calculated at about 6,000 tons. The delegates, upon the suggestion of the finance minister, have unanimously agreed to fix the rate of the retention dues for the ensuing crop at 10 per cent. The finance minister has declared to the delegates that upon no pretext whatever will the government yield to the clamor of those who plead for putting the fruit held by the retention service on the market. This fruit, which the government gives as of about 20,000 tons, will be sold for distilling and manufacturing purposes, in accordance with the strict legislative prescriptions.

"As soon as the above official declarations were known, the retention certificates rose 50 dr. per 1,000 v. l. (2s 6d per cwt.), while some Calamata fruit that had just arrived by railway, was brought up at dr. 375, being an advance of 2s per cwt. on preceding transactions. Business is confined to retail transactions, growers and dealers being exceedingly reserved. The steamship Aleppo, for Liverpool, is in port, and is likely to be the first steamer sailing from Greece with new fruit. The steamships Wazzan, Naranja and Tudor are destined for London, with steamship Glengoll, for New York, due about August 25. The steamships Trieste and Venezia, for Hamburg, are to sail early in September. The steamship Escalona, for Montreal, is due here at the end of this month. The steamship Bluffeld, for Australia direct, is expected here early in September. For the Konigin Luise, also for Australia, shipments will take place in Patras on the 15th of September."

## GROCERY TRADE NOTES.

The crop of Brazil nuts this year is almost 80 per cent. below the average.

The crop of Valencia raisins this year will be a short one and as a result the market is very excited.

It is reported that the German government has asked for bids for the supply of 20,000 cases of canned salmon.

The Virginia peanut crop will be only about half a yield this year; the rains coming too late to do much good.

Advices from Arcola, Ill., state that owing to hot weather and rains about 300,000 worth of broom corn will be spoiled.

Advices from Smyrna indicate that this year's crop of figs is estimated to be about 25 per cent. larger than that of 1899.

The California raisin crop will not be as large as was expected but the quality will be better than it has been for years.

Advices from Mauritius state that the indications are that the sugar cane crop this year will be exceptionally large.

The crop of Sultana raisins in Smyrna is being greatly damaged by the peronosporas, and the yield will only be about half that of last year.

A cable from Greece reports some holders asking 34s 6d for new crop currants, grade not stated; 35s 6d for Amallas and 36s 6d for better grades.

The Chicago grocery jobbers have patched up their differences on the question of sugar prices and these are now restored to their legitimate level.

There appear to be a shortage everywhere of almonds. The crop of Taragonas now about to be gathered promises to be the lightest outturn on record, and as the last two seasons' crops were very short there is little old fruit available. Sicily shelled are held at extreme figures for shipment, and on this account Jordans and Valnecias are most sought after, and

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