

## Grocery Trade Notes.

Cable advices from London report a great demand for Valencia raisins at somewhat higher prices.

The price of apples has advanced \$25c to \$1.00 per barrel according to variety. In Minneapolis, the apple crop this season the price for canned apples will be considerably higher than last year.

The United States government are contemplating shipping frozen salmon from the Fraser river to the United States, in five points.

The American Sugar Refining company has advanced the prices of refined sugar grades Nos. 6 to 16, in cents, five points.

Low grade teas are reported as scarce in Eastern Canada, and as a result prices are advancing. Advice from Shanghai report black tea in strong demand at advancing prices.

There has been a strong demand for second Lincolns, which together with the short pack in Canada is giving considerable strength to the market and higher prices may be looked for.

Smryna advices report considerable damage to crops by heavy rains and a general feeling of uneasiness being observed. Prices are reported stronger in London in consequence of this.

It is estimated that the prune crop of the United States this year will amount to 90,000,000 pounds of the exported fruit, which with the 30,000,000 pounds carried over from last year should keep the price low.

Cable advices from London report a demand for red in raw cotton sugar with October closing at 74 3/4, and November at 74 1/2. The former feeling for the raw article is somewhat on the New York market a week ago has been fairly well maintained.

There was an advance of from 3 to 5c on No. 1 red potatoes, and 2c on No. 1 white stock on the Minneapolis market last week, the general feeling for No. 1 red stock, delivered in Minneapolis, per bushel, 55 to 57; and No. 1 white stock, 50 to 52c per bushel.

## Hardware Trade Notes.

The only weakness to be noted in the United States hardware markets is in nails, the price of these having advanced 1c per 100 pounds last week by independent mills.

A Glenboro correspondent of a city paper makes a specific charge to the effect that adulteration of coal oil is being systematically carried on in that town by one of the local hardware stores.

That building operations in the United States must be active is shown by the fact that the steel mills turning out structural material have orders booked for about three months ahead and are working steadily to their full capacity.

Bar iron advanced 5c per 100 pounds in Toronto jobbing circle last week, making the basic price now \$11.50 to \$2.00. This advance was made out of sympathy with a similar advance two weeks ago in the United States. As compared with a year ago bar iron is now worth 35 to 40c per 100 pounds more.

The steel rail mills of the United States are swamped with orders and it is probable that they will be looking for another order they have enough on hand to keep them going to full capacity for some time to come. Prices seem to be from \$2 to \$1 per ton higher than buyers think they ought to be, but they keep on buying just the same.

In the United States the market for window glass has lost none of the strength which has characterized it throughout this year. The annual statement of the glass trust has just been made by the United States, as markedly prosperous condition of affairs so far as that institution is concerned. It has required an investment of the year of about \$1,700,000. Of this sum \$300,000 had to be set aside to provide for depreciation of plant and \$1,000,000 added to working capital, the balance being divided up among the various divisions. Orders were expected to start up again Nov. 1.

## Dry Goods Trade Notes.

During the last few weeks fine Cape goods have been advanced in Eastern Canada markets 12 1/2 per cent. Cashmere goods are reported higher

in the old country and an advance in this country may be looked for.

Advices from manufacturing centres indicate a general demand for woolen goods of Canadian make for both women's and men's wear. Mill owners say that the increase in business in this particular line is simply marvellous. Good goods as friezes and homespun are much sought in their sale to the ability of the mills to turn them out. Cheviot breed suitings are being largely taken for fall and spring wear. In overcoating the demand is for grey, blue, and smooth finish. With regard to price, it is estimated that there has been an advance in some of the finer lines of Canadian made woolen cloths.

Plain bright colored goods promise to be in favor for next spring. A new cloth which promises to sell freely is what is called cloth of the Emble finish, a cloth with a bright plume finish, which gives it somewhat the appearance of satin. It is waterproof and warranted unsoilable. This patent finish is done on such cloths as satin cloth, Seolais, venetians, broadcloths and Amazon cloth. Armures in blacks and colors, and various other goods, are likely to be fashionable for the spring. A matting or canvas cloth effect is also likely to become popular. The prevailing colors for the spring are castor, fawns, browns, hussar blue, bright navy, cardinal, black and greys.

## Shoe and Leather Trade Notes.

Some manufacturers of harness leather are predicting further advances in prices.

Orders from salesmen now on the road show increased call for patent leather and enamel and less for colored shoes than last year; also a big demand for oxfords is noted.

The Boston market for sole leather is said to be extremely strong and active. Outcropping has advanced in some cases, and in others, 80c. Goods are cleared up and buyers have to wait for the stock to be made before they can secure the supplies.

Indications all point to a general advance in the price of leather, based on its scarcity and the advance in the price of hides. The market for New York. A director of the United States Leather Company says that never in his experience has the price of sole leather been so small as it has been to-day, and that the supply of heavy-weight harness and underwear sole leather has been sold far ahead.

## Lumber Trade Notes.

Lumber trade in the United States is suffering from railway shortages which seems to be a chronic state of affairs over there.

Mills cutting white pine lumber at northern points in the United States say that they are not able to keep up with orders and an advance in prices is talked of.

Sash and door trade here is quiet and wholesale business is about over. The market for sash and doors is still moving but the bulk of the business is now closed up.

Up to Oct. 28, 1905 building permits had been given for 20,000 pounds to be erected in Winnipeg, the aggregate cost amounting to \$1,577,600. The total at the same date last year was \$1,280,763.

John Hanbury, of Brandon, will soon send a large gang of men into his lumber limit in the Riding Mountain. He expects to get out at least 12,000,000 feet this year, which is about double the amount he took out last year.

The Heveltoke (H. C.) Mill contains a report that a saw mill has been erected at Arrowhead and another at Northport, the lumber for which will be brought from the Big Bend country north of Riverton and floated down the Columbia river to the Arrow lakes, where it will be sorted for the different mills.

## Live Stock Trade Notes.

Shipments of live stock from the port of Montreal to the old country for the week ending October 19th were: Cattle, 1,817; sheep, 100.

Agents for the British army are buying horses in Vancouver State, and during the last week the large number of horses have been shipped by the Canadian Pacific railway to Montreal.

## Implement Trade Notes.

Local dealers state that their wagon and plow trade is about over for this season. Farm and bush sleighs are being pushed out now in anticipation of winter. As regards stock, it may be said that fall lanes are well cleaned up. Farming machine sleighs are very busy and there may be some delay in filling orders.

A reversible moving machine has been invented for cutting and grading grain or grass. This has a double cutting bar, the two knives being back to back, and only one working at a time. The back end of the tongue is the centre point of a circle, which is being attacked by the lever, can be swung around by the horses in the opposite direction. One advantage claimed for this is that instead of cutting around a large field one side only need be cut.

Later fall demand for gasoline engines of all descriptions is active, and movement is good. The gasoline engine as a motive power for feed grinders, cutting machinery, and for the old job about the farm where a nominal horse power is required is filling a long felt want, and is gaining prestige each season. Demand throughout the country has been the most active on record and some difficulty is still being experienced by manufacturers in filling orders. As gasoline engines to fill their orders, Minneapolis Commercial Bulletin.

## Dairy Trade Notes.

The eastern cheese markets closed dull and unsatisfactory at the close of last week. Export demand had become duller.

Latest reports from old country markets state that Canadian creamery butter has been doing remarkably well and is being taken by some of the best people in the trade in preference to Danish cheese. The reason for this, of course, a factor in securing the market. The ruling price for best Canadian goods is 11 1/2 to 11 3/4 per cwt., while Danish is worth 13 1/2 to 13 3/4.

## Drug Trade Notes.

Menhad was recently the subject of a sharp advance in price. This was due to a shortage in supply, and subsequently the market quieted down a little and at date of last advices was firm at the international market. The movement for higher prices originated in Japan which is the leading primary market. According to a recent bulletin of the Japanese government on the subject the production last year was about 20,000 pounds, or low the previous year although as compared with the average for the past ten years it was about normal.

## Government Creameries.

Referring to the Dominion government creameries in the Territories. Prof. Robertson says: At Calgary, the headquarters for the creameries, a new mechanical refrigerator plant was installed this summer, which has been found to give splendid results. This summer, in order to let the Manitoba creameries get a good advance in their shipping to British Columbia markets the department of agriculture arranged for the export of butter from the government creameries in the Territories to the United Kingdom. By this means Manitoba was left free to supply the British Columbia markets. This year there has been sent to the United Kingdom from the Territories about 400 packages.

E. Nicholson, commission merchant, Winnipeg, is confined to his house with a mild attack of typhoid fever.

During a heavy gale on Monday a prairie fire started near Bergen, the first station on the C. P. R. west of Winnipeg, and in a very short time had covered a strip of country ten miles long and six wide, burning a large number of hay stacks. A shower of rain came up in time to prevent any more serious damage as the fire was just entering a well-seeded district.

As we come towards the Christmas holidays, large spaces in the magazine is given to fiction. The Cosmopolitan contains a tragic story of the Mexican foot-bills by Thomey. The January, a clever society story by Carolyn Wells, one of the Old French romances by Richard Le Gallienne, unusually interesting Indian narrative by H. T. George, and a weird story by S. R. Crockett.

## FINANCIAL

## WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Returns for the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending Thursday, show as follows:

Week ending Oct. 31, 1905: \$3,508,525  
Corresponding week last year: 2,444,417  
Following week, 1899: 3,193,408

The monthly totals are as follows:

Month	1905	1904	1903
Jan.	\$9,923,466	\$10,969,667	\$7,583,052
Feb.	7,148,210	6,702,446	6,256,471
Mar.	10,243,200	9,089,423	8,049,421
Apr.	7,043,294	7,001,419	6,919,481
May	8,801,941	8,042,416	7,412,786
June	8,041,588	9,032,984	8,211,716
July	12,413,186	11,041,419	10,600,666
Aug.	9,324,769	8,173,005	7,600,889
Sept.	10,144,359	12,020,141	8,251,138
Oct.	10,174,880	9,188,417	8,251,138
Nov.	11,045,589	11,446,219	11,045,589
Dec.	10,969,667	12,900,667	12,900,667
Totals	\$100,466,792	\$107,768,814	\$107,768,814

## THE MONEY MARKET.

Banks are finding plenty of employment to replace the bills in connection with the grain movement. The clearing house reports show a larger amount of business done than ever before in the history of this country. The current rate of interest ranges from 4 to 5 per cent., the former price being obtainable now only by first-class accounts.

## FINANCIAL NOTES.

The Montreal stock exchange is increasing its membership from forty to fifty seats. As these seats are worth about \$12,000 each, it is estimated that the increase will give the exchange enough money to build another building to replace the one lost by fire some time ago.

The official statement of the Canadian clearing banks for September shows conditions of the unprecedented expansion which has characterized every month of this year. Every month has shown larger results than its predecessor and similar months of previous years. Now circulation has increased during the month about \$1,000,000. Call loans payable in Canada increased from \$10,410,000 at the end of August to \$38,158,563 at the end of September, while those outside Canada increased from \$142,353,373 to \$141,329,826. Current loans in Canada increased from \$29,678,985 to \$29,678,985. Loans payable outside Canada maintained about the same figure throughout the month. Overdue debts decreased about \$100,000 during the month.

## Railway and Traffic Matters.

A new station is to be built by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company at Deloraine, Man.

The name of the West Seikirk branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway has been changed to Winnipeg Beach branch.

A standard box car for the railroads of the United States, Canada and Mexico has been adopted at the semi-annual meeting of the American Railway Association at St. Louis. The dimensions call for a car thirty-six feet long, thirty feet wide, and eight feet inside measurement.

It is announced that the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company, now operated by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, has arranged to add two new steamers to its fleet, one for Victoria-Vancouver service, capable of twenty knots an hour and with accommodation for 700 passengers; the other will be for the northern route to replace the wrecked Isadora.

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