

### Grocery Trade Notes.

Choices evaporated apples are quoted by Montreal jobbers at 7 to 7 1/2c.

Black and white pepper has advanced 1-4d in London and ginger is also higher.

The London, England, market is very strong on nutmegs and higher prices are expected.

There has been a better demand for canned peas at Montreal and some sales have been made at 85 to 90c per dozen. Tomatoes are firm at \$7 1/2 to 90c. Corn is in demand at \$1.05 to \$1.10.

A deputation of United States sugar men have approached the Ontario government for the purpose of securing a bounty on beet sugar, so that they may engage in the business of manufacturing refined sugar in that province. They want assistance for one year at a rate of one cent per pound and for another five at a gradually diminishing rate; the bounty to disappear by the end of the five years.

Although the stock of molasses on spot was probably never any smaller than it is at present, says the Montreal Gazette, yet the tone of the market is considerably easier than it was a month ago, and holders now show a disposition to shade prices owing to the fact that they do not want to have any such high price goods on hand when the new crop comes in. Holders of Antigua have reduced their prices 2c to 2 1/2c per gallon and are now offering the same at 32 1/2c to 33c. Barbadoes in round lots is still quoted at 40c, and one or two puncheons at 43c, and Porto Rico in round lots at 40c to 41c. On Wednesday a cable was received from Barbadoes by John Farr, of New York, which reported the market active at 19c first cost, including packages, but not charges.

### THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

#### MILLINERY OPENING.

The D. McCall Co., Winnipeg branch, are issuing invitations for their annual spring millinery opening, which takes place on March 6th. It is anticipated that there will be a larger attendance at the various millinery openings this spring than ever.

#### DRY GOODS TRADE NOTES.

The spring millinery openings at Montreal are dated for March 6, and at Toronto, February 26.

British manufacturers have withdrawn all quotations on linen goods to Canadian jobbing concerns, owing to the uncertain state of the markets. Prices are still advancing over there.

One of the big eastern Canadian cotton mills has scored another advance in prices by withdrawing from the practice of prepaying freights. This, it is said, will mean a difference of two or three per cent to the trade.

The annual meeting of the Montreal Cotton Company was held at Montreal last week. The report submitted was found most satisfactory. The following board of directors were unanimously re-elected, viz.: A. F. Gault, Charles Garth, Jacques Grenier, Hon. J. K. Ward, S. H. Ewing, Samuel Finley, R. R. Stevenson. At a subsequent meeting of the board, Mr. A. F. Gault was elected president, and Mr. Charles Garth was elected vice-president.

At the annual general meeting of the Merchants' Cotton Company of Canada,

which was held recently very satisfactory reports were presented. The mills now employ over 1,400 hands as compared with 300 in 1893. The number of looms in operation is 2,200. A new mill for the manufacture of yarns and duck cloths is now being built. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: A. A. Ayer, president; James Crathern, vice-president; Messrs. R. B. Angus, J. P. Claghorn, Jonathan Hodgson, Robert Mackay, W. G. Cheney, directors; Alfred Hawksworth, manager, and W. S. Barber, secretary.

### Hardware Trade Notes.

Fay fork pulleys advanced 33 1/3 to 50 per cent last week at factories.

Smokeless shells will be put on the Canadian market this year for sporting purposes.

Muslin preserving kettles advanced 12 1/2 to 15 per cent at eastern factories last week.

Orange mineral now sells at 8 to 8 1/2c in Toronto as a result of the 1-2c advance made last week.

Canadian manufacturers have advanced their list prices for stove bolts both flat and round head.

Petroleum prices have advanced 1-2 to 1 1/2c at Montreal making prices there now 18 1/2c for Acme; 17 1/2c for Silver Star; and 22 1/2c for Pratt's Astral.

Glue is dearer in eastern markets owing to the active demand from the United States for Canadian glue stock. The advance amounts to 2 to 2 1/2c per pound.

An advance in the price of garden syringes and spray pumps at factories was recorded by The Commercial last week. The amount of this advance is placed at 33 1/3 to 50 per cent over the figures of last year.

It is reported that a cut has been made on a large order for boiler plates, placed in Pittsburgh, to \$2.25. It is also said that a cut of \$8 per ton has been recorded on machinery steel, which is taken by some persons as indicating that the boom in metals has about reached high water mark.

Manufacturers of axle grease in the United States and Canada, have advanced their prices, and present figures to the retail trade in the east now range from \$5.50 to \$6 per gross, according to quality and size of package. The advance is due to increased cost of oils and other material which enter into the manufacture.

Turpentine advanced 3c per gallon at Montreal last week, and a net rise of 8c within three weeks is shown. The heavy British demand is said to be the leading cause of this advance. Latest advices from Savannah say that prices there are higher than they have been in many years. The February crop is expected to be larger than last year.

Chicago Iron and Steel—"A jump of from \$3 to \$5 per ton is the price of black sheets—\$3 by some mills, \$5 by others who were lower—and an advance of 5 per cent in the price of galvanized sheets were the features of the iron and steel markets this week. This sharp advance was the immediate effect of the formation at Pittsburgh on Wednesday of the American Steel Sheet Company, a combination of most of the sheet mills of the country. The new ownership of this combination is closely allied to the National Steel Company, the American Tin Plate company and the American Steel Hoop company."

### Kingston Twine Prices.

Following are the prices fixed by the government for twine from the Kingston penitentiary to farmers:

In lots of fifty tons and upwards—Manila, 12 1/2c; mixed, 9 1/2c; New Zealand, 8 1/2c.

In car lots, less than fifty tons—Manila 15, mixed, 10, New Zealand 9.

In lots of one ton up to a car load.—Manila 13 1/2c, mixed 10 1/2c, New Zealand 9 1/2c.

In lots of less than one ton.—Manila 14, mixed 11, New Zealand 10.

Terms in all cases, cash on delivery. Twine will be sold only to farmers and may be obtained by any farmer anywhere in the Dominion. Orders must be in by the first of March.

### Live Stock News.

Returns from 50,000 correspondents to the United States department of agriculture show that Jan. 1 there were on the farms of the United States 13,537,521 horses, 2,086,927 mules, 16,292,360 milch cows, 27,610,051 other cattle, and 41,883,056 sheep. A comparison with Jan. 1, 1899, shows a decrease of 127,783 horses, 18,186 mules, 381,171 of cattle other than milch cows, which increased 302,245, and an increase in sheep of 2,768,612.

### British Live Stock Market.

London Feb. 13.—A weaker feeling developed in the market for cattle, owing to increased supplies from the Argentine and milder weather and prices show a decline of 1-2c to 1c since this day week, States selling at 13 1/4c; Canadians, at 11 1/2c, and Argentines at 11 1/2c. The sheep trade was steady, Argentines and Canadians selling at 11 1/2 to 12c.

Liverpool, Feb. 10.—This market was also weaker for cattle and prices for American show a decline of 1-2c on the week, they selling at 12 1/2c; Canadians, at 11 1/2c, and sheep at 11 1/2c.

### Tenders.

Tenders will be received up to Thursday, March 1st, for the erection of a brick veneer church at Elgin. D. Irwin, Elgin.

Tenders are wanted for a large quantity of railway ties, saw logs, cedar culvert timber, piles and fence posts, by Seaman & Co., of Port Arthur, Ont.

At a meeting of the Winnipeg fire, water and light committee, held on Monday evening it was decided to call for tenders for 39 suits of summer uniforms for the fire department.

Tenders will be received up to March 3rd, for the several trades, except painting and glazing, required in the erection of a three storey, brick and stone building, on Donald street, Winnipeg. Peters, architect.

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Professor—Give me an illustration of latent heat.

Freshman—The hot time that can be developed from cold cash.