

STEEL RAILS HAS IMPROVEMENT IN STATES

Wire to The Journal of Commerce, December 11.—The demand for steel rails has improved recently, and several companies are making specifications for delivery...

IMPROVEMENT IS EXPECTED IN STEEL CIRCLES

December 11.—Status of steel is related to tonnage figures of United States and pig iron statistics for November...

LOAN ASSOCIATION

December 11.—The Municipal Loan Association has received 290 applications, and in several cases the officials...

SMELTER RECEIPTS

Table with 2 columns: Smelter Name, Receipts. Includes Trail Smelter for week ending Dec 10 and from Oct 1, 1914.

S. S. RECEIPTS

December 11.—Receipts of United States Savings Bonds in 1913, the Census Bureau...

INTERN UNION CO.

Company has declared its regular dividend of 1 per cent, payable January 1, 1915.

Gift ONE. a gas range. Ideal Range.

fulness accommodation broiling, and plate warming. It has four to for boiling.

COMPANY STORE. 1850.

EMBARGO REMOVAL ON MERINOS IS IMPORTANT TO AMERICANS

Boston, December 11.—The most important single development in the wool market has been the announcement by the British government...

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PROGRESS IS SLOW AND NONE TOO EASY

Manchester Reports That it is There, However, Buyers Not Anxious to Put Down Orders

CLOTH TRADE BRISKER

Many Difficulties to Overcome Before Buyers and Sellers Can Come to Close Quarters—Yarns Not Particularly Active—Home Consumption Fairly Active.

Manchester, November 24.—(By mail.)—The general conditions prevailing in the market rather than to improve, but rapid progress is not easily accomplished...

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COL. LABELLE, Managing Director of the St. Lawrence Flour Mills.

THE PRODUCE MARKETS

The trade in butter shows no improvement, the demand being still somewhat limited from all sources for supplies, and the market in consequence is quiet with a steady undertone.

BUSINESS IN DRYGOODS GETTING DOWN TO A SOUND BASIS

Reductions Were Steep, but Business was Stimulated at the Lower Figure, and More Confidence was Expressed in Merchandise Bought for Spring.

(Exclusive Leased Wire to Journal of Commerce.) New York, December 11.—Business in the dry goods trade showed some improvement during the week...

In the West many lines of bleached and brown cottons were reduced, which according to the belief of merchants, will result in a substantial improvement...

Some of the largest eastern dress gingham mills are declining further business for delivery this side of March and April, not because of the scarcity of certain colors, but because recent orders received from the jobbing trade have brought about a solid-up condition on certain of the choice styles.

There continues to be considerable uncertainty regarding heavy colored goods because of the limited supplies of dyestuffs in sight. Interest in the men's wear trade now centers around the accuracy of the reports concerning the placing of orders for khaki for foreign use.

Raw silk at Yokohama is firmer in consequence of the reduction of reeling in Japan and the lighter offerings of raw silk in the primary markets.

The activity in pulled wools and other low grade wools available for foreign army business continues as one of the noteworthy features of the raw wool markets.

Prices are very high and very firm. Ultimately this condition is bound to be reflected in higher prices for domestic materials of wool.

New York, December 11.—Federal Sugar Company reduced the price of granulated 20 points and gives special trade discount of one per cent.

Arbuckle Company reduced the price 25 points, while other refiners continue to hold to basis of 5.10 cents.

Khaki Output Now Surpasses Records

High Pressure Continues; Suitable Yarn Still Difficult to Obtain; Government is Pressing Manufacturers to Extreme

OUTPUT STILL INSUFFICIENT

Rumors that Government was Contemplating Commanding All Woolen Factories in West Riding for Production of Khaki—This Would Relieve Situation at a Very Negligible Extent, Say Correspondents.

(Special to Journal of Commerce.) Huddersfield, (By Mail), November 24.—The output of khaki has already surpassed any previous record, but still machinery is being run at the highest pressure...

On the other hand, the position in regard to raw materials has not improved as big supplies are expected, and although prices remain at a high level, there is a good business on forward account.

The extra cost of finished articles, khaki being fully a shilling a yard more than it was a couple of months ago. Clothiers are busily employed in making up uniforms, and great coats for the soldiers, but like the manufacturers, they report that ordinary business is very slow.

Leeds, November 24, (By Mail). Army contracts have been more in evidence this week than ever, and that is saying a good deal. Government officials are pressing the manufacturers for immediate delivery, and the machinery is kept running at the highest pitch of pressure.

Still, the output is insufficient for Army clothing requirements, and during the week the report gained ground that the Government intended to commandeer all the woolen factories in the West Riding for the production of khaki.

Even if this drastic proposal were carried into effect the authorities would not be in any better position than they are at present, for the simple reason that practically all the machinery available is now engaged on the contracts for the one cause of delay is the scarcity of skilled labor.

This is becoming a serious matter. Manufacturers state that they are badly handicapped in production by the fact that many of their most skilled operatives have gone to the front, and a suggestion has been made in certain official circles that woolen workers must be exempted from recruiting until the present pressure of work is to some extent, at least, diminished.

The need of further supplies of clothing for the armies is great, and these supplies cannot be produced quickly if further skilled labor is withdrawn from the mills. Sir George Askeith has interviewed certain manufacturers in the West Riding during the week.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND FIELD CROP RETURNS SATISFACTORY

Grain Crops Generally Showed Up Well to Average—Wheat Was Good, While Oat Crop Was Heavy—Potato Crop Was a Good One—Horses Selling Cheap—Mixed Farming Increasing—Egg Circle Plain.

(Special Correspondence.) Charlottetown, P.E.I., December 11.—The crop report for November has just been issued by the Provincial Department of Agriculture. It states that hay was much more than an average crop, and grain the wheat, however, is general being excellent.

The wheat, however, is sold now, most of it being used for home consumption. In some districts farmers are preparing to sow a larger acreage than usual. Oats were a heavy crop, but the average was not so good as the wheat, and the yield above the average.

The potato crop over the whole island was up to the average, and in a number of districts well above it. The beetle did some damage, but for the most part the injury by insect pests was slight. A number of cases of rot are reported.

Turnips were not a heavy crop. This is due to the dry season. Quality is excellent, and will make good feed. Mangels are an average crop, and carrots and cabbages considerably above average.

General conditions of live stock shows a marked improvement over last year. There will be a plentiful supply of feed for winter use. Marketable stock has been in brisk demand at high prices, especially for beef and lamb. The result has been to stimulate more winter feeding of beef cattle. The number of marketable hogs is up to average. In the majority of sections, especially in the western part of the province, large numbers of horses have been offered for sale, and the prices are lower than usual.

The increasing prices for cattle and other stock for meat purposes has stimulated a movement towards a general improvement of all classes. The use of purebred sires is on the increase, and with the grading of stock, better feeding and more profits are usual conditions.

Efforts are being made towards an improvement of the dairy industry. High prices during the past season are sufficient justification. In some sections a change has been made from cheese to butter making. There has been a marked increase in poultry, especially in hens. The egg circle movement has added a marked impetus to the egg trade. Crates feeding is in more general use than formerly, and many new poultry houses have been built.

CALIFORNIA'S RAISIN GRAPE YIELD

The Department of Agriculture at Washington, D.C., has announced that the raisin grape yield in California is 7,300 pounds per acre, against 4,000 pounds last year, and the production is fixed at 91 per cent. of a full crop. The quality of the raisin grapes are set at 96 per cent. perfect.

week on this subject, and it is hoped that as a result some plan of retaining labor in the mills will be adopted. Operatives complain of the continuous overtime. It is not only with regard to khaki that the pressure on manufacturers is insistent. French Army contracts for blue-grey cloth are almost going begging and it is said that the French forces are very badly in want of clothing, as so many French mills are closed down. Under the circumstances little or no attention is being paid to private customers, whose wants are being supplied from stock only.

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