

The World's Fair authorities have appointed Wednesday, August 30th, as Grocers' Day.

The Bradshaw cheese factory, in Portland township, has been destroyed by fire. About 150 cheese, valued at \$900, were burned.

An unsuccessful attempt has been made by the Montreal wine and spirit merchants to form an association.

The S. S. "City of Kingston" arrived in Montreal from Jamaica, on the 3rd, and brought 12,500 bunches of bananas, which when sold at the ship's side, brought the following prices, according to size:—\$1 3-8; \$1 1-8; 80c. and 50c.

The lobster packers who conduct operations on the south coast of Prince Edward Island are complaining of the shortness of the season, and claim that if an extension of time be not allowed them, the season, so far as they are concerned, will be a disastrous failure.

Perkins, Ince & Co. have just received samples of new Monings, the quality of which is fully equal to, if not better than those of last year.

The Delhi Canning Company are putting in a new corn machine, which, says an exchange, cooks the corn, fills the can, which it caps, and counts it, by once going through, and will do away with at least half a dozen hands.

The total amount of bounty on sugar paid in United States during the fiscal year to June 15, 1893, has been as follows:

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| On cane sugar .....    | \$8,697,994 73 |
| On beet sugar .....    | 531,363 81     |
| On sorghum sugar ..... | 19,817 00      |
| On maple sugar .....   | 60,119 32      |

Total .....

Further reports as to the Chinese tea crops, says the *Grocers' Review*, are not of a very favorable character. In the Hunnan and Hupeh districts the quality is said to be above the average, but the quantity is only about half as much as usual owing to the severe weather experienced last winter. This fact has affected both native and foreign buyers. The number of Chinese buying houses is twenty less than last year, and very rarely fewer English and Russian tea tasters have hitherto put in appearance at Hankow.

At a recent meeting of the New Westminster Board of Trade an important letter was read from Mr. H. C. Beeton, Agent-General for British Columbia in London, with reference to a lately invented process by which fish offal may be economically made into guano, used as a fertilizer, and into oil, at a very large profit. The inventor of the process is a Mr. M. Zingler. It is to be hoped that his calculations are correct, for the process will be invaluable to the fish canning industry. The offal, at present, is not only without value, but the disposal of it is a most serious sanitary problem.

The Canadian Packing Company at London, Ont., have made their first shipment, which was consigned to London, Eng., and comprised five carloads of superior bacon.

The wholesale liquor store of R. E. Trumbell, at Virden, has been totally destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$18,000, with only partial insurance.

The great run of salmon in Miramichi Bay, New Brunswick, is unprecedented. Since the 20th June up to 4th July, no fewer than 853 boxes of iced salmon were shipped from Chatham railway station alone. These contained 13,648 fish. At an average of ten pounds each the weight would be over 68 tons.

The ship "John E. Sayre," Capt. Rouse, St. John, for Montreal, with 2,200 tons of

sugar, ran ashore on Newfoundland, some days ago, in a dense fog, and will be a total loss.

The steamer "Empress of China," which has just arrived at Vancouver, brings one of the largest cargoes ever taken to the Pacific coast, the greater part of which, it appears, was made up of 1,850,000 pounds (925 tons) of tea.

A Bristol cheese report says:—"The market for new Canadian and American cheese is easier, but the higher prices asked by the factorymen in Canada for the June make has stopped forward buying, buyers on this side not being disposed to follow the advance. The quotations now are:—Fancy pale, September, 58s.; finest do., 56s.; do. new Canadian, 48s.; do. States, 47s."

Letters from Delaware state that there has been no improvement latterly in the condition of the growing tomato crop. Maryland and Jersey accounts were also rather blue-tinted, and such as to indicate that the pack may fall short of early calculations.

A movement is on foot among large New York importers of bananas to introduce the auction system of selling fruit. The sales will be conducted on the dock where the steamer discharges, the selection of one's, two's and three's being made as is now usual, and the fruit sold by the truck load as soon as each one is completed.

Mr. R. Leze, professor of dairying at State School of Agriculture at Grignon, France, is expected in Quebec shortly to study the system of dairying followed in that province, of which he says he has heard most favorable reports.

Exports of dried apples from the United States during May were only 466,237 pounds, against 1,452,206 in the corresponding month last year. During the eleven months ending May 31st the exports were 7,557,019 pounds, against 24,691,987 pounds in the corresponding period last year.

The SS. "Ealing" has arrived in Montreal from Alexandria, Egypt, with a cargo of 23,202 bags of sugar for the St. Lawrence refinery. This is the first occasion on which sugar has been brought from that port, and in consequence the custom authorities are taking samples out of every ten bags.

Latest mail reports indicate that this season's crop of figs in California will be heavy and that some progressive packers will put goods up in Smyrna style.

European buyers are still taking new pack Canadian canned lobster quite freely and paying better prices than have been secured from American buyers thus far.

The sugar crops of the world for the year 1892-93, now drawing to a close, are estimated by Willett & Gray at 6,343,600 tons, showing a deficiency as compared with 1891-92, of 309,845 tons.

The cranberry crop is to some farmers in the Maritime Provinces a big thing. One man near Annapolis claims that he gets \$250 for an acre's production in his cranberry bog. Boston has hitherto been the main market for the berries, but this year Montreal, it is said, will be a big rival.

The first preserving of fish by the new English process, which we have previously mentioned, has been made by the Westminster and Port Haney Freezing Co. Something over 1,000 lbs. were preserved, and shipped from Westminster, B.C., to England. If the salmon arrive there in good condition, the success of the process will be proved.

Messrs. Dan Talmage's Sons & Co., New Orleans, telegraph Louisiana rice crop movement to date: Receipts, rough, 1,778,160 sacks; last year, 951,475 sacks. Sales cleaned (est) 420,393 bbls.; last year, 273,900 bbls. Market dull. Carolina rice crop movement to date: Receipts, cleaned, 65,330 bbls. Sales, 61,580 bbls. Market quiet—fair demand.

#### FOR DRY GOODS DEALERS.

A Peterboro firm has manufactured something unique in the canvas line for Mr. Smith woodranger. It is a "sleeping bag," and can be used by woodrangers for sleeping out of doors in all kinds of weather. It is made of waterproof covering and lined with rabbit skins. Sheets can be placed on the inside, and the whole body of the sleeper is covered except his head, and a large flap may be buttoned over this if necessary.

The *Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin* has the following to say of our exhibit of cotton fabrics at the World's Fair: "Canada makes an excellent display of cotton goods, as it does of almost everything else at the Fair. In two large cases, each 75 by 20, are the exhibits of the leading cotton manufacturers of the Dominion. They embrace sheetings, shirtings, prints, gingham, webbing, bindings, tickings, dairy cloths, flannels and nearly every kind of fabric made in this country or Great Britain. The Montreal Cotton Company, whose works are at Valleyfield, show as many kinds of goods as are produced in any establishment in this country or Great Britain, and to all appearance they are of excellent quality."

The Toronto Carpet Manufacturing Co. have their new looms running, and their office is now carpeted with a handsome specimen of the new goods, the first of the kind made in Canada.

Merchants in and around Richibucto, N.B., complain that the district is infested with pedlars. Measures should at once be taken to enforce the law, and each pedlar be required to pay the thirty dollars annual license fee that is required in such cases.

In the United States there are eighty factories engaged in the manufacture of ingrain carpets. Of these factories sixty-five are in Philadelphia, and the total output of these, for the year 1892, amounted to about thirty million square yards of carpeting, having a value of over twelve million dollars.

Pale gray gloves stitched with black are coming into favor. Biscuit shades, also with black points, may be worn when gray is not permissible.

A piece of alum the size of a hickory nut dissolved in every pint of starch helps to hold the elusive color of gingham and muslins.

Shot moire antique is used in Paris for dresses trimmed with jet and cream guipure, without which no costume is nowadays complete.

Glass curtains are something new in house furnishings. They consist of a series of little squares of colored glass, each set in a zinc frame, and fastened together by little hooks. The effect when the curtains are closed is like a stained-glass window.

The revival of white stockings is predicted, now that Princess May has included several pairs of white silk open work stockings in her trousseau. A London hosier says he has sold more white stockings during the past few weeks than in the same number of years.

Macdonald & Co. tell us under date of July