

Grocery Trade Notes.

Latest advices from Louisiana, and Texas are of improved outlook for the growing rice and cotton crops, estimated at 3,500,000 and 4,000,000 pockets.

The market for raw beet sugar has been easier of late and prices declined last week. Hops, which are closely in touch with the trade state that they are looking for improvement in the European market, owing to reduction in acreage.

The directors of the Raisin Growers' Association of California are endeavoring to carry out a plan to unite all the packing companies under a name to the association, in order that it may have a more effective control of the raisins until sales are made.

A letter from Malaga, Spain, states that on July 9, and 10 a terrific heat wave from Africa prevailed there, doing damage to the new crop of Valencia raisins. A conservative estimate places the extent of the damage at fully 400,000 boxes.

A cable from Smyrna quoted an advance of 1s per cwt. in the price of new crop figs. The advance, it is stated, is due to the news from the interior regarding the crop conditions. The advices state that the estimates of 40,000 camel loads lately made are rather over than under the present prospects.

Referring to figs a prominent New York dealer says: "The new crop is expected to be of excellent quality, but rather later than last season." It is doubtful if the first shipment will be before the first of September, however. While reports are conflicting regarding the size of the crop it is generally conceded that the estimates are rather than last season's, probably one-third."

Forty-four steamships, one of the largest fleets in the history of the sugar trade, are now either on their way to the Delaware or taking cargoes in Canada and within the next few weeks will land on the piers of the Atlantic coast refineries not less than 250,000 tons of the raw product. The cargoes will be distributed to the best advantage of the refineries in Philadelphia, New York and Boston. The refiners are making preparations to warehouse a portion of these big shipments, it being impossible to store it all at the refineries.

Private mail advices from Denia, under date of July 14th, say: "For the first few days we had extraordinary and intense heat, which has unfortunately occasioned very disastrous results in the raisin producing districts, by burning the grapes. In some places it is said that more than half their crop has been so destroyed, and in others it is very serious. In these first moments of alarm an exact estimate is impossible, but the actual amount of damage that has been caused, but although there are some that place it at more, there is an opinion that about some 100,000 cwt. have been destroyed and consequently lost."

Last year, says the Montreal Trade Bulletin, new western honey was received in this market in the second week in July; but this year the season is late, although it is said there will be a good crop in this province. There is some enquiry already in this market as the Messrs Howe McIntyre & Co., of this city, are advertising in the Trade Bulletin for 60,000 lbs. of new honey. We have just heard of one small lot of new white honey being received in comb which sold at more than this price, and of course, no criterion for values when the supplies diminish to come in.

DRY GOODS TRADE.

Fall Dry Goods.

Stocks of fall dress goods are now about complete, says the Toronto Globe. The trade in this department has not been good for the past few weeks, and a big sorting business is being looked forward to the coming season. Here, public clothes are still filling the great bulk of the orders coming to hand. Venetian, satin cloths and poplins have all been selling freely for the fall trade. Zibelines have been showing largely in the foreign markets, in Europe, as well as in the United States, and figures to some extent in the fall trade, but not regarded by the local jobbers as good as some of the lines mentioned. The local trade is looking

quite a large number of orders for matting cloths. They are taking a good deal of the demand, and promise to enjoy some popularity the coming season. Plaids are selling well, and the new cloths are printed dannels, Dresden stripes, printed velvets, etc., are also getting a fair share of the demand.

The stock of dress goods here were all well bought, the orders having been placed in the British and foreign markets prior to the advance in prices about the middle of June. Since these prices have been bought, the advances of 10 to 15 per cent. in the prices of British and continental fine wool goods, the demand in the price of fine wools is said to have made it necessary for the wool wholesalers' firms to ask more money when present stocks are exhausted later on. There are reports of another serious drought in Australia. A similar condition a few years ago had the effect of advancing the price of fine wool there 50 per cent.

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

New lines of woollen goods for next spring's wear show advanced prices in the United States.

Prices of Canadian prints for next spring and summer have been issued by the Canadian mills. The prices are the same as last year.

In eastern Canada, the wool centres there is a strong market for linen goods and prices are firmly maintained. Manufacturers are not in a depressed state, and there is no prospect of any break in prices in the near future. Scotch towings are lately been advanced 5 to 7½ per cent.

Printed fine yarn sheer goods and light finishes are selling well in New York. Fine grades of plain India linens, lawns, etc., are also in demand. The tone of the market is steady for these. In Canada, white linen and lace effects, Swisses and Madras fabrics have sold well. The Madras fabric is practically sold to the extent of production with leading houses, in both plain and fancy colored varieties, and the market rates firm.

From those who have just returned from the other side it is learned that in England, Germany and France during the last few weeks there has been an increased business, and manufacturers are not in the least concerned for the future. The opinion generally prevails that prices will advance, and that the demand will be in constant demand. The opinion generally prevails that prices will advance, and that the demand will be in constant demand. There is no disposition to give way in the matter of prices on the other side, and some are reported to be asking advances on re-orders. Sellers are firm, convinced that buyers holding off the market in anticipation of lower prices will find that they have lost by waiting. For a stable demand has been in evidence with second hands for plain fabrics. Venetians, broad-cloths, mohairs, etc., seem to be steadily increasing in favor, and are looked upon as good material for next season.

IMPLEM. TRADE.

The Twine Market.

Harvest is rapidly approaching completion in the middle west and the interest in twine lags. It will be several days before the orders have been gathered, but the farmers have generally provided for their twine requirements and orders for the remainder of the season will be few and far between. Stocks at the distributing centers have been exhausted, or practically so, and it is believed that the dealers have also disposed of their holdings. Because of their tangled condition oats in many fields will not be cut with a binder.

The principal activity is now confined to the northwestern where harvesting of barley has just commenced. It is expected that the wheat harvest will be completed by the latter part of August. The twine situation in the northwest shows no change, and the demand is not strong. Although there have been rumors of large stocks coming from the east the market is not affected. Some of the dealers still stubbornly refuse to buy and assert they will not until their customers are ready. Some of the buyers are taking orders on the basis of current wholesale prices. For the most part, however, dealers have now

made contracts for such twine as they expect to have sale for.

Prices remain unchanged. The schedule with which the middle west season is closing and which, with customary additions for freight, prevails in the north-west, is as follows:

Sisal13
Standard13
Manila (500-foot)14
Manila (600-foot)15
Pure manila17

—Chicago Farm Implementers' Assn.

Implement Trade Notes.

Tenders were received this week for excavating a foundation for the new warehouse which the Cocksitt Paving Company will erect on Princess street, Winnipeg.

A machine has recently been invented for weighing grain automatically as it comes from threshing machines. If this should prove to be a success it will prevent the occasional disputes which now arise between farmers and threshers as to the amount of grain turned out. The device will furnish cumulative records for each farm, and is said to be accurate.

Lumber Trade Notes.

The Ontario cabinet has passed an order-in-council placing hemlock logs in the same category as spruce logs: April 30 next, the end of the 9th season; that is, they must not be exported until the 1st of May. The trade in hemlock logs has sprung up, owing to the increasing value of this class of lumber. The prohibition is in line with the policy of the government of confining the manufacture of the products of the forests of Ontario within the confines of the province.

Hardware Trade Notes.

Canadian portland cement has gone up 15c per barrel.

Black tea kettles have been advanced 5c in price by Canadian makers.

Live Stock Trade's Notes.

A Texas company will ship 2,000 head of cattle to Western Canada for pasture next season.

A bad storm swept over the St. Catharines district of Ontario on Sunday, and destroyed the growing apple fruit crop. In some places the damage amounts to 50 per cent. of the crop.

The Winnipeg Machinery and Supply Company is well satisfied with the result of a sale of machinery which it recently made to the town of Grand Forks, B. C. The sale consisted of a small six horse power engine and a triplex pump for waterworks use. With this small plant the town is now providing itself with a water supply which is claimed to be ample for fire and domestic uses. The water is pumped into a reservoir, which is sufficiently elevated to furnish pressure enough for the whole town. One hundred and fifty gallons of water per minute can be supplied with this pumping plant if needed. The success of this experiment should encourage other municipalities to do likewise, and seems to be cheap enough and efficient enough to meet any town purposes.

M. Bartlett, secretary of the Western Horticultural Society, has received a letter from W. J. Brandt, secretary of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association, at Westminster, stating that that organization will exhibit five tons of fruit at the horticultural exhibition to be held in Winnipeg August 27, 28 and 29. This half carload of fruit will make the largest collection of fruit which has been in Manitoba, and when it is spread out in display form, probably the largest collection of fruit which has ever been seen in one place in the province. All varieties of fruit will be sent in, and the fruit will be held until the end of August, and every district in British Columbia which grows fruit will be represented. Accompanying this mammoth exhibit of fruit will be J. C. Metcalf, president of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association, and M. F. Palmer, inspector of fruit pests, who will be in charge of the exhibit.

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