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Wholesale Grocers
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TRY IT OUT.

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BONELESS ANCHOVIES, bottles,
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Sold and delivered in one month. Repeat orders are numerous. Why not send us a trial order?

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Instantly dissolves and removes from the hands all kinds of Machine-grease and Grime, Paint, Printers' Ink, etc., etc.
A great Comfort and Time-saver to all who have to face the cleaning-up problem.
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Frequently imitated since its introduction in 1903 but never equalled for quality and satisfaction.

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 will bring you better profits BECAUSE-it grinds quickly and easily and eliminates lost time.
it grinds the coffee in just the grade
your customers require. your customens reqaire.

- the better service it enables you to give them will mean more customer sat-
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Why not investigate the merits of the Elgin? A posteard will bring you our free descriptive booklet No. 2 -C. Yon can order any Elgin National
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## IT IS IMPORTANT!

If you have something to dispose of in goods or service that as many buyers as possible get to know you and your product. This can be accomplished through

Canadian Grocer<br>143 University Avenue, Toronto

## Try a bottle of H.P. SAUCE on your own table

You will see why it's selling so freely-there's a "want-more" fascination about H.P. that is crowding the grocer's store all over the world, besides it shows a good profit.

Wouldn't it be worth your while to stock


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## Give Them the Best

## The Preserving Season is coming along

## St. Lawrence fanMor Granulated

## Is the best Sugar on the market

## It ensures good Jams, Jellies and Preserves, and avoids disappointments and trouble later on with the housekeeper



## Retailers of Saskatchewan Arnettize Your Siores!

What's that? Well, look here, you heard a lot at the R.M.A. Convention about fighting mail order houses. The best way to beat these fellows is to have the right goods in your store and to SHOW them right.
There's where you have the advantage. The mail order houses can only show their goods in a catalogue. You can display yours in an Arnett Silent Salesman or in an Arnett Grocery Counter. Thus you hold your old customers and attract new ones. Fixtures like these beautify your store, lessen labor, quicken service, and make it possible to fight the mail order houses effectively.

When you put an Arnett Grocery Counter in your store you will notice a difference in your cash account. That is why so many Merchants are installing them.

STICK UP FOR THE WEST

If you are not asleep and snoring you will write for a descriptive circular, which will be malled you without obligation.

Thomas Lewis Arnett
Builders of Hish Grade
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is the latest and handiest ever placed on the market
it produces a clear, bright, white light of 500 Candle Power for less than I-3 of a cent per hour.
Mr. Grocer, get this lamp now and have your store lighted as well as the best of city places. Can be installed by anyone.
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> Write Now and get an independent plant at cost.

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## The utmost in refrigeration satisfaction

The Aretic system gives the maximum amount of dry, cold circulating air for the quantity of ice used, whether in silent salesman or refrig-
 erator.
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Send a postcard for the "Aretic" Catalog.

## John Hillock \& Co., Limited TORONTO

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## QUALITY The First Consideration

The Red Rose Tea standard has always been a high one, for QUALITY has been the first consideration from the time our first package was put on the market. To-day, in the present unsettled condition of the tea market, we are, if anything, even more careful in maintaining the high standard of Red Rose Tea. The retail trade can sell Red Rose Tea with every confidence that this quality will be strictly maintained.


A condensed ad. in this paper will bring results from all parts of Canada : : : :


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 you proof of Eureka superiorityWe are refrigerator experts, and the
many new ideas we have embodied many new incas we have embodied of all others where real economy and absolute security are concerned. Don't depend any longer on that frigerator is the best investment frigerator make, and the "EURERKA" is withont Joubt the most dependable and the most satisfactory obtainable.
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for the sultry days of Summer.
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## Robinson's "Patent" Barley and <br> Robinson's <br> "Patent" <br> Groats

Your summer window and counter displays should always include these two world-famous foods.

The high-grade quality of these two leaders is well-known to your customers, making sales easy and repeat orders certain.

Stock Robinson's "Patent" Barley and Robinson's "Patent" Groats for bigger family business. Your wholesaler has them.

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# CANADIAN GROCER 

# Retailers Fight for Existence 

Most Successful Convention in History of Saskatchewan Retail Merchants' Association Held at Regina-New President Elected - Initiation Fee to be Increased After End of Year.

Reported by Geo. D. Davis, of editorial staff of MacLean Publishing Co.

THE merchants of Western Canada are to-dav putting up a strenuous fight for their very existence. This was clearly demonstrated at the third annual convention of the Saskatchewan provincial branch of the Retail Merehants' Association of Canada, held at Regina last week. It is freely admitted hy wholesalers and retailers in manv lines of business that certain large mai! order honses are to-day securing an almost unbelievable amount of business right under the noses of the wholesalers and retailers of the prairie provinces. Unless the gigantic operations of the mail order houses réceive a severe check in the very near future, it is not improbable that many retailers will be forced to close out their businesses. or exist on the scrapings which are left after the mail order houses have fine-toothedcombed the community and secured the cream of the business.

## Awakened to Serious Condition

Unfortunatelv for some mercantile firms in the West they have awakened to the seriousness of mail order competition about five years too late.
Despite the repeated warnings of the trade press, and of officials of retailers organizations the majority of the retailers were apathetic, and for a number of years allowed matters to drift, until they were actually foreed to take notice of the changed order of things.

To-day they are confronted on every hand with quotations from mail-order catalogues. They see distributing warehouses for mail-order houses being erected in their very midst. and in some cases the retailers are receiving letters from wholesalers who franklv admit that they are unable to supply certain lines to the retailer at a price as low as the mailorder house quotes to the consumer. The keen competition of the mail-order houses is heing felt by merchants in almost every line. It is not confined to any one line. It is felt by the dry goods


Victoria Square, Regina, Sask., city in which convention of Saskatchewan Retail Merchant's Association was held.
merchant, hardware merchant, men's wear merchant, grocery houses, harness shops, general store merchants and others.

## Merchants Hear How Others Suffer

All the aforementioned branches of trade were represented at the retailers' convention. Dry goods merchants were surprised to hear how hardware merchants were suffering from mail-order competition and vice versa.

Not a few of the delegates were amazed to find out that one of the largest and most modern buildings recently completed in the convention city is to be operated as a mail-order distributing warehouse for one of the largest -not the largest-mail-order houses in Canada.

## Saskatoon a Mail Order Centre

Still further surprise was evinced when the members were informed that Canada's largest mail-order house had within the past few months opened a
large mail-order distributing plant at Saskatoon, the city in which last year's convention was held. Thus in the short space of less than a year mail-order distributing plants have been established in the two cities in which the retailers have gathered to discuss mail-order competition and other problems affecting their interests. And it is not improbable that the mail-order houses will in the near future launch other methods of feeding the West in a manner which is at present untalked of, or possibly undreamt of among the retail or wholesale trade.

## Working by Well-Devised Plan

That the mail-order houses are working on a carefully thought-out and well defined plan is clearly evident to those who are making a close study of the operations of the mail-order houses. And when their plan of distribution is completed it will be a marvel of merchandising skill and ingenuity.

It is little wonder that the merchants of the West are looking for some relief that will assist them to combat the competition of the mail-order houses, whose numbers are increasing with marked rapidity.

## Moose Jaw To Get Next Convention

A great deal of time was taken up at the convention discussing affairs of the Canadian Supply Co., and the Merchants Consolidated. Representatives of both companies addressed the convention and endeavored to show how their respective organizations could help the retailer to buy goods at prices sufficiently low to successfully compete with mail order houses. At times the discussions on these subjects grew rather warm, but the meetings were kept well in hand by President Maybee, and the convention closed by all members singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds," and the National Anthem.
Splendid addresses were delivered by H. O. Roberts, Minneapolis, Minn., secretary Minnesota Retail Hardware Association. The subjects treated by Mr. Roberts were: "Co-operation for Credits and Cash, Community Interests." Reports of the addresses appear elsewhere in this issue.
It was decided to hold next year's convention at Moose Jaw, Sask.

## Over 300 Delegates Present

Over 300 delegates attended the convention. The membership is now over 1,500 , and there are 168 local branches.
Among other things the association decided to advance the initiation fee to $\$ 25$ after December 31. New members will be admitted at the present fee of $\$ 12$ until the end of the present year, when the new rate will go into effect. A report of the convention proceedings follows.

## The Opening Meeting

No time was lost at the opening meeting of the convention. Promptly at two o'elock on Tuesday afternoon the platform was occupied by the speakers for the occasion. After render ing the retailers' version of 0 Canada. and the National Anthem, President Maybee called on Mayor Cowan to address the delegates. On behalf of the citizens of Regina, Mayor Cowan extended a hearty welcome to all those present. He hoped and believed the delegates would benefit greatly by their three days' session, and that as a result of their deliberations they would themselves be of greater benefit to the community in which they lived. The mayor referred to the great power and influence of the retail merchants of the province. He stated that he doubted if anyone, not excluding bankers or wholesalers, knew better the financial conditions existing than the retail merchants-the men who
had their fingers direct on the pulse of the purchasing public, and who should be in a better position to advise and direct, than any other body of men.
His worship stated that there were two things the retail merchants could do, that would assist materially in improving financial conditions. They could in the first place, assist in restoring the confidence of the buying public. In the second place they could and should make a strenuous effort to place the business of the province on a cash basis. He believed that the improved methods of cultivation now being carried on would have a good effect on business generally, and that improved methods resulting in

H. D. MACPHERSON
of Regina, Sask., elected 1st Vice-President Saskatchewan Retail Merchants' Association.
greater production were going to restore the financial standing of business.

## Regina Going Ahead

W. G. Styles, president Board of Trade, in welcoming the delegates dealt with the financial situation in Regina. Mr. Styles stated that a number of new concerns are now establishing branches in Regina. He referred particularly to the new plant and equipment of the Imperial Oil Co., the building of which is now under way. The plant will cost in the neighborhood of $\$ 1,500,000$. Mr. Styles referred also to the value of cooperation between the retailers.

## Local President Speaks

J. J. Polson, president Regina branch R.M.A., was the next speaker. He was introduced by President Maybee as the man who had made arrangements which enabled the delegates to enjoy themselves while in the city. Mr. Polson pointed out that in many of the store windows in Regina were to be found show cards bearing the following: "We
are members of the Retail Merchants, Association." "Wherever you see that sign," said Mr. Polson, remember that you are welcome in the store and you will find that the merchants will be glad to give you any information you may desire regarding business problems or places in the city.

## Meeting With Wholesalers

President Maybee, announced that the association was now ready to talk to the wholesalers if any were present.
Henry Detchon, general manager Canadian Credit Men's Association, responded for the wholesalers. He was introduced by President Maybee as the man who originated and carried through successfully the Canadian Credit Men's Association.

Mr. Detehon after expressing his thanks for having been given an opportunity to be present, stated that he wanted to talk along lines which should have been taken up many years ago. In reviewing the subjects on the retailers' program Mr. Detehon referred to the similarity of these retailers' problems and those of the wholesalers. He believed that the interests of the wholesaler, retailer and farmer are almost identical. "I may not be able to convince you or that point, but it is my belief," said Mr. Detchon. "Farmers claim that the farm is the basis of all wealth. Canada is an agricultural country and if it were not for the farmer there would be no retailers or wholesalers. On page 12 of your program you say regarding the meeting of mail order and other competition: "closer co-operation between farmers and retailers. Cater to their demands. rather than oppose them. Your interests are identical. The community needs yon both. You believe the farmers and retailers' interests are identical. We believe, as I previously stated, that the interests of the farmer, retailer and wholesaler are identical."

Continuing, Mr. Detchon told of the recent formation at Winnipeg, of a joint committee of commerce and agriculture, composed of 20 representatives of the farmers, five from each of the four provinces. Also 20 representatives of the husiness interests composed of retailers, wholesalers, bankers, manufacturers, loan and mortgage companies, implement and railway companies and lumbermen. When we called a meeting at Winnipeg we found we all had grievances or thought we had. Many of them were petty in character and easily remedied when we got together and talked matters over. We recognized and were late in doing so that the basis of all wealth is the farm. In 1913 retailers, wholesalers and loan companies were doing 9 big business and making money easily. Business dropped in 1914. Wholesalers' business dropped nearly 50
per cent. and the retailers were not buying. We started to study the reason for the drop in business. It wasn't the war but it came. We called a meeting at Winnipeg and from that conference has grown what I believe will prove of benefit to all branches of trade in the West. Again let me say the interests of retailer and wholesaler are identical. If the retailers are prosperous we believe the wholesalers will share in the prosperity. The wholesalers must take an interest in the we'fare of the retailers and not allow the interests of the latter to become endangered.

I have watched with pleasure the growth of your retailers' association in strength and numbers. We formed our association to protect the wholesaler, but soon found out that the retailer must be protected because the former cannot exist without the support of the latter.

My object in being here to-day is to try and bring about more co-operation between wholesalers and retailers. We have opened in our paper, the Credit Men's Journal, a department in which we will publish communications from retailers, and we request them to write us regarding any criticism they may have to make regarding our work or association. Mail order competition is a big problem in this country to-day. If the retailers are forced out of business by the mail order houses what will happen to the wholesale houses? The mail order houses will not buy from the wholesalers.
Mr. Detehon also referred to the formation in Winnipeg not long ago of the Sales Managers' Association. Details regarding the association and its objects appeared in this paper some time ago.

The Canadian Credit Men's Association is aimed to help the retailer to place his business on a sounder basis. Our chief object is to eliminate the crook from business and thus help all classes of trade.

The Bulk Sales Act has met with some opposition, but it should not, because it simply means that a crook cannot sell his business, put the money in his pocket and decamp without paying his debts. In 90 per cent. of the sales that go through, the Bu.k Sales Act would never apply, nor do we want it to apply. We do not want to harass the honest merchant. We would like to discuss the Bulk Sales Act with the retailers and eliminate any portion that is unfair to the honest retailer.
The Bulk Sales Act in Ontario was at first opposed by the R. M. A. We went to them and explained matters and they gave us their support. The legislature turned us down by 32 to 27 but we hope to have the legislation put through at the next session without any trouble.


We are wasting time trying to do things individually which should be taken up collectively. Credit men, retailers and farmers should co-operate. Are you gentlemen willing to co-operate with the wholesaler?

Mr. Detchon in referring to the Retailers' Co-opeprative Fire Insurance Company, which proposes to give the retailers insurance at cost, warned the association to go very carefully into all details. This plan of insurance had been tried, by a number of co-operative bodies but they had made a failure of it.

President Maybee in replying stated that the association's insurance department had made much better progress than they had expected it would. "Results, he said, "have so far greatly exceeded my most sanguine expectations. We have accomplished a great deal for the first year. We are now carrying $\$ 250,000$ in insurance and our losses for eight months have been less than $\$ 1,000$. If it had been possible to take all that had been offered we could have $\$ 11$,000,000 insurance. We have covered the Government reserve, have covered losses
and have a good balance on hand. Just as soon as we have a reserve substantial enough to warrant a reduction, we shall be glad to reduce our rates. I be-


## J. L. S. HUTCHINSON

Saskatoon, Sask., re-elected to the position of Treasurer of the Saskatchewan Retail Merchants' Association.
lieve that if the retailers support our insurance department that it will be possible to give as good protection as you can get under the sun and at about half the cost. If we make it a success in this province, it will be followed in other provinces.

Already we have had a proposition put up to us by a party whom I believe is thoroughly responsible, whereby we could pool our insurance and secure a reduction of 25 per cent. from our present rates. We need the support of all, our members to make this department of our association a success. Give us the support we deserve and we will give you greatly reduced insurance rates.

## Non-Members Kept Out

At this juncture a vote was taken to see whether or not non-members and the newspapers should be permitted to remain for the other sessions. It was decided to close the meetings to all but members in good standing and the trade papers.

After non-members had returned the president's address was delivered.
The address is given in this issue.

# $\square:$ What Association Has Done 

Secretary Raymond Gives Account of Stewardship-Deals With Separate Western Board Proposal-Tells of Problems of the Westerri Retailer.

SECRETARY RAYMOND in delivering his address told of the progress made by the association since last year's convention. The membership is approximately 1,500 and the association has 148 branches. Dissatisfaction was expressed-with service rendered by the Dominion Board and it is suggested that a western board be appointed. The secretary's report follows:-

[^1]During the year there have been five execu tive meetings held, and three interviews witi) the Government, one with the Cabinet Minis ters, one with the Agricultural Committee, and one with the Private Bills Committee, the latter of which extended over two days. At all of these meetings the full executive was present, and the matters discussed were of the greatest importance, and, as has always heen the case, the best interests of retail merchants generally, was our first consideration.
At our ifrst executive meeting, held in Saskatoon on May 13, 1915, at which B. W. Zieman, Dominion President, was present, the unsatisfactory service rendered by the head office at Toronto was fully discussed, and Mr. Zieman was asked for an explanation. He stated that the Dominion Secretary was overworked, and that it was impossible to engage more help without money, which should be forthcoming from the different Provincial Boards, but speaking for Saskatchewan, we uld not feel inclined to send money to Torolito until suct time as we were shown that thes was be monld promptly remit oiy per capita tax we would promptly remit our per capita tax.
Unfortunately this service was not improved, although at the Dominion convention held in Toronto in July, at which J. L. S. Hutchinson and myself were present, representing Saskatchewan, a secretary was appointed who was to give his whole tre to Dominion work. our dirleulty in respect to service wod that our difficulty in respect to service would be overcome and we agreed ou behalf of the saskatchewan Board to remit each month vised of the arrangement and requested to do ilkewise. arrangement and requested to
ifkewise.
We did this for a time, but noticing no improvement, we have discontinued remitting. It is now proposed to form our own Western Roard representing the Association in Westhoped to place our work on an equal footing in all the four Western Provinces. This proposal will be latd before the Dominion convention to be held in Winnipeg in July.

First Westener on Board
At the last Dominion convention Mr. Hut biuson was appointed vice-president, and is the first Western man to hold office on that board. Having mentioned the last Dominion convention, I may as well state here that there were many matters discussed, including "Selling Adulterated Goods," "Abolltion of Conpons," "Abolition of Fees for Seale Inspection," "An amendment to the Absconding Debtor's Act," making it apply to retail mer chants accounts, as well as botels and boarding houses. These and many other matters were referred to the Dominion executive to in due course that a satisfactory has been obtained in some caser at least

Legislation
On June 17, 1915, at which time the Saskatchewan Government was in session, you. M'rovincial executive met with the Cabine Ministers to discuss with them the various matters of legislation we were anxious to mint to the small Debts' to the Haw ' Bellars, Aet and the to the Hawkers and Pedlars Act, and the Food and Suply Bill.
As you are already aware the Small Debts Act was amended, raising the limit from $\$ 50.00$ to $\$ 100.00$. with execution against lands for amounts of $\$ 50.00$ and up, and also making provision for garnishee proceedings.
The Provincial Hawkers and Pedlars Act was amended slightly, but not to our satisfaction, but the aifrerent Municipal Acts wert atnended so that now any city, town, fectively with hawkers and pedlars, but there is still room for an improvement which we have not lost sight of, and which we propose asking for at the next session. This will effect meat dealers more particularly. The Food and Supply Bill was Lald over from the 1915 session, as it was considered toc important a change to make without more consideratiou than they were able to give it at that time. This, however, was passed at the 1916 session, and you may now take a chattel mortgage or other incumbrance on a future or growing crop to the extent of $\$ 250.00$
on a one-quarter section, or $\$ 300,00$ on a halfsection or any greater amount of laud, to secure accounts for meat, groceries, flour, clathing, or binder twine.
Also at the 1916 session, we secured a charter for a Retail Merchants' Trust Company, to which there was much opposition by the other trust companies doing business in the Lrovince, but which ne sticcessfully overcame. Not being satisfied with opposing this Act
of incorporation, an amendment to the Asof incorporation, an amendment to the Assignments Act was introduced by which a
majority vote of the creditors would decide as to what trust company an assignment should be mude. If this amendment hat gone through you can readily see that about two trust companies would have held a monopoly of all the assignments in the Proviace, and our eharter would have been of no use to us. Needless to say this amendment was defeated, thanks to your executive.
Un the occasion of our visit to Regina in this connection, two full days were occupied. This means that the members of the executive were away from their own business at least that length of time, entirely without remuneration to themselves, a fact which should not be overlooked by any member of this Association. It simply goes to show the willingness that has at all times been displayed in looking after affairs of interest to every retall merchant is Saskatchewan.

## Mail Order Competition

During the past year the subject of mail orier competition has received a great deal of our attention. It has many times beell proposed that we endeavor to have a tax
levied on mail order houses for the business levied on mail order houses for the business
done outside of the municipality in which they done outside of the municipality in which they
are located, or on their catalogues. Your are located, or on their catalogues. Your executive has never considered that the case, position of such a tax would meet explained in the columns of our magazine, "The Retailer." It is considered that the only means by which this competition can be met is to fight mall order houses with their own weaponsthat is, improve our buying facilities and service to the public.
A plan has been developed by which this can be done, and which will be explained you during the course of this convention.

## Fire Insurance

As is now generally known the charter for a Retail Merchants' Mutual Fire Insurance Company was secured in August last, and this company has been writing business since the 1st of September, 1915 , with fairiy satisfactory results, although there are still a great many members of the Associat
not yet placed a policy with us.
The aim of the company is
give members of the Association insurance at give mest, in the meanwhile accumulating a surplus in order that the lines written may be iucreased from time to time as the reserve fund warrants. The first annual meeting of the company is to be held at 10.20 to-morrow morning, when a complete report will be submitted. Mr. J. W. Black, a thoroughly experienced insurance man, is in charge of this department, and in addition to issuing polleies he has done a great deal of good work in hecking the pollcles of other companies to see that they are properly worded and that our members are getting the protection for which they are paying. Every member of this Association is urged to take advantage of this service, which is free for the asking.

## Traffic Department

Since our last convention a Traffic Depart ment has been added to our service, which is in charge of Mr. F. E. Hamiliton, an expert in that ine of work. The object of this department is to check railway freight expense is charged on all refunds recovered; and folis charged on all refunds recovered; and 25 per lowing up delayed freight basis. In short. dealing with all mat-
cent. ber cent. in connection with rallway freight transportation. This service is greatly appreciated by those who have taken advantage of it.

## Advertising

A new departure in connection with our work is that of an adertising department in charge of Mr. W. R. Kell. This has been started as a result of enquiries made which go to show that a great deal of money is member is entitled to free suggestions re member is entitied to free suggestions renominal cost aavertising campaigns, and to
Both. Mr. Hamilton of the traffic department, who is an ex-railroad man, and Mr. ment, are taking special courses in their meat, are taking special courses in their T.S., with the sole object of placing thelr
knowletge of these subjects at the disposal of our members. This goes to show the
class of men we have in charge of the variclass of men we have in charge of the va
ous departments of the Provincial office.

## "The Retaller"

Our magazine, "The Retaller," has been issued regularly every month during the pas year, and we have reason to believe is becom ing more appreciated as time goes on, in fact this is looked upon as being of so much in portance to us in cur work that we purpose enlarging it, starting with this month's issue to standard trade paper size. This, of course Will allow for much additional matter of direct interest to the retaif trade, and as a conse queuce we reel justifed in raising our sul scription fee to one donar per annum. This sub-fee, together with such advertising as we
are able to obtain will, we hope, cover the cost of printing and postage.
Members could assit us greatly in securing advertising by giving preterence to adyertis ers, and by mentioning "The Retaller" when ordering goods. In addition to the many exciusive features now running, we shall be glad to recelve suggestions as to how the magazine might be still further improved and made of greater service. We might state that the classified ad. page is open to the free use of members.
The general service work of the office covers a very wide scope, including first aid in collections, reports on applicants for credit, reports on produce houses, sales and collection agencies, free legal advice, buying and selling, employing help, tracing lost debtors, and in fact everything and anything in which we can be of any possible assistance.
Since the start of our work in the Province We have never ceased urging upon members to make every possible use of us, and it is With much satisfaction that we note the ever increasing number of enquirles we receive for assistance and advice. The majority of members have come to look on the Provincial ofrice as a cent
their troubles.
One popular feature of this department particular district. Members cau covering any particular district. Members call assist us very
materially in the prevention of bad accounts materially in the prevention of bad accounts by using collection letters and turning the
stubs in to us, from which our records are stubs in to us, from which our records are
bulit up-or by furnishing us direct with a list of the poor-pays in their district-forms for this purpose will be sent upon request.

## Membership

We dow have lis branches, with a membership of approximately 1,000 in good standing. It is gratifying to note the increased ing. It is gratifying to note the increased in our work. There are; of course, a number of active branches throughout the Province, the members of which are deriving every pessible benefit from Association work, as they have employed a secretary to look after

F. E. RAYMOND

Saskatoon, Sask., again elected to the office of Secretary of the Saskatchewan Retail Merchants' Ass'n.
their interest locally while the Provinciai oirice is dolug the same thing in a general way.
It is unfortunate that all branches do not appreciate the importance of local work, and as a consequence the members of such oranches do not get as much out of the As sociation as they might. To these, however individual exteng every possible service in an individual way, but we wish to impress the fact that this individual service is open to each and every member of the Association decrease in membership, which is accounted for by the fact that many of our former men iers have discontinued business, and the number of new members we have secured ha not made up for the deficiency.
In summarizing the advantages to be gained i) $y$ membership in the Association, these may be classed under the different headings as follows:

A General Service Department.
A Traffic Department.
An insurance Department.
Retallers' Trust Company, and last but not least, the proposed scheme for enabling readvantage, which is their goods to better ant of all.

With the above departments of our work which cover every phase of retail trading we fail to see how any merchant can affori not to become a member of the Association and moreover as soon as these departments have been developed to such an extent as to make it possible, we have in mind to place qualified efficlency men on the road to educate our members up to better methods of floing business-practically all of the leading firms in the U.S. consider an efficiency expert one of their most avallable assets.
With the above prospect in view the SasAssociation of Canada of the Retail Merchants Association of Canada might easily become the ence, and commercial organization in existence, and it only requires the support-finchant throughout the Province to of mal mersuch, ind the actual rash ontlay to make it merchant would be insignificant from any one vice that could be renderedicant to the serIn conclusion I wish to
of the executive for the support thembers rendered most willingly at all times. the or ganizers for their untiring efforts in the or travels through the Province; and the their staff for their fatthfulness in the dische ofrice their duties, all of whom have freely olvell of their time and energy in furthering the cause of the Retail Merchants' Association for the benefit not only of its members. but of every retaii merchant engaged in business The whole respectfully submitted.
F. E. RAYMOND

## Secretary.

## ENTERTAINING THE LADIES

Special arrangements had been made for the entertainment of the visiting ladies. The ladies of Regina gave an "at home," to the lady visitors in the lounge room of the Canada Club on Wednesday afternoon. A splendid musical program was provided and the visitors were royally entertained.

## THE TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report, presented by J. L. S. Hutchinson, was favorably received by the convention. The condensed financial report is as follows:

## Revenue Account

Receipts from all sources . . $\$ 15,930.26$
Total expenditure . . . . . . . 14,208.35
Balance . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\$ 1,722.61$

## Capital Statement

Cash assets
\$1,824.32
Furniture and fixtures
654.57
\$2,478.8
Accounts and dues payable... 815.09 Surplus
$1,663.8$

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## SASKATCHEWAN RETAILERS MEET

ONE of the things emphasized at the convention of the Saskatchewan Retail Merchants' Association in Regina last week was the seriousness of mail order competition. To the merchants it seems like a fight for existence. Discussion took place there as to the best methods of meeting it.

One of the other important matters which came up was the proposal to establish a Western Board of the Dominion Retail Merchants' Association. The idea is to include Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. Resolutions were passed bearing on many important matters such as smuggling goods into Canada, lower freight rates, opposing the bulk sales act in its present form, approving the Retailers' Trust Company and endorsing the Bankers' and Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association.

Perusal of the complete report, which appears elsewhere in this issue, will be of value to Eastern retailers in order that they may know what the West is doing and thinking about.

## STRONG POSITION OF CANNED GOODS

"IT is doubtful if the old stocks of canned goods on hand in the country to-day will care for the requirements that will arise before the new pack comes in."

The speaker was one of the foremost authorities in the country on the canned goods line.

Stocks are depleted to such an extent that competition is eliminated, and the whole line is in a very strong position. This scarcity of stocks applies to both retailers, wholesalers, and stocks in first hands and advances are looked forward to until the new pack is ready for marketing.

With regard to new pack goods, conditions are uncertain, uniform only in their indications of a higher level of prices. There is such a scarcity of farm labor in Western Ontario that farmers are throwing up their contracts through sheer inability to get men to do the necessary work of preparing the crop and caring for it in its later stages. Further recruiting demands will intensify this phase of the matter.

The cost of all packing material has advanced tremendously, particularly in the case of tin, and all things point to further increases. The canners, as well as the farmers, will experience great difficulty in getting labor for the new pack.

All of these factors have ruled for some time past, but they are becoming more acute. Spot goods have advanced gradually and steadily since last August, so that at best the opening prices on the new pack are expected to be much above those ruling last year at the same time.

One large canner stated that it would not be surprising to see tomatoes at $\$ 1.25$ per doz. for 3 's shortly. The check in demand for canned goods that will arise as a result of new vegetables coming in next month is the principal feature of weakness in the market but relatively unimportant at that. The great firmness of the sugar market is influencing the whole line of fruits and jams in an upward direction.

Salmon stocks on the coast are practically exhausted and on good authority it is stated that large quantities of futures for 1916 pack have already been sold for export on a basis of $\$ 10.50$ per case of 8 doz . for $1 / 2 \mathrm{lb}$. flats, best sockeye and $\$ 6.50$ for

Cohoes halves, and $\$ 3.25$ for pink talls, which leads to the conclusion that all grades of salmon will open higher for next season.

## GROCERS AND ICE CREAM PARLORS

APPARENTLY the trend towards nation-wide prohibition has been remarked by the trade and has set a good many grocers thinking. Cases continue to come to our notice of grocers paying special attention to their soft drink department, if they have one. In cases where they have not, they are planning to incorporate some method of getting a share of the trade which, they are convinced, is bound to enter as bars are removed. Many grocers have decided to open ice cream parlors at the rear of their stores, evidently intending to utilize the opportunity. The fact that they have so decided shows that they are believers in preparedness. Several provinces are already dry. Ontario will be dry in September. An eastern Ontario dealer opened a department last week. He is getting in early. He recognizes that many grocers will surely endeavor to get a share of the "certainteed" extra business which will be done in soft drinks and the like after September in Ontario and he is going to get his foundation stone well and truly laid so that, when buying soft drinks at grocery stores becomes more popularized, his store will already be, in some sort, a rendezvous.

As far as several of the other provinces are concerned, prohibition is, of course, a fact this moment. The trade should seize the opportunity of getting in on the soft drink trade now. Instal a soda fountain; arrange a department with a few tables and chairs for a cafe trade, if your space permits; better still, build up a trade in case goods sold to the homes of your customers.

And above all, do it now.

## ORIGINAL DISPLAY OF EGGS

IN the provision department in this issue there is an article showing an attractive window display used by Kavanagh Provision Co., of Montreal. Grocers interested in displaying provisions, eggs, etc., should note the layout of this window and particularly how the window trimmer arranged the eggs.

Most window trimmers simply put the eggs in a basket or in a pile and let them take their chance on attracting customers. Not so with the Kavanagh Provision Co. The eggs in this particular case were arranged attractively in circular and diamondshaped forms and separated according to size and color. For instance, there was a row of brown eggs all the way along the front of the window. In the central arrangements rows of brown and white eggs were separated respectively, and the window floor was filled up with white eggs.

This is a point which window trimmers might keep in mind in displaying eggs. Of course, the hot season is coming on soon and one must be careful to
see that they are not displayed in the window where the sun can reach them or which is too warm. Some dealers have large provision refrigerators with glass fronts and in these this idea could be carried out throughout the summer season.

The point is that something original or out-of-the-ordinary, generally catches the eye of the passerby. Get out of the beaten-path; do things a little differently from anyone else and you are bound to get recognition.

## CLEAN UP WEEK IN MONTREAL

THE "Clean Up" campaign in Montreal is being urged with grater vigor than usual from May 14 to 20. Particular attention is paid in it to the care of children and the necessity of giving them pure food. The planting of seeds and the cultivation of gardens is also the subject of some advice. Thus the scope of this campaign is enlarged this year.

Montreal grocers are hooking up with this campaign in their advertising and thus forming a direct connection with the front page news for the pushing of seed selling and the emphasis in the purity of their goods. It is urged in the literature issued that " 50 per cent. of the newly born babies die before they are one year of age-Do something to stop these needless deaths. It is worse than murder to keep infants unclean-and to give them food that is worse than poison.
"The clean-up campaign two years ago saved the lives of 200 infants. Last year it saved 382 lives more than the preceding year. It may save yours this year."

For the distribution of prizes the scoring counts as follows:-

General appearance of back and front yards relative to cleanliness to score up to 30 per cent.

General exterior appearance to score up to 20 per cent.

Flower and vegetable planting to score up to 25 per cent.

General improvement to score up to 15 per cent.
General appearance to score up to 10 per cent.

## COOL WEATHER TRADE

ALATE Spring is not entirely unconnected with advantages. It creates as well as injures opportunities. It presents a splendid opportunity to country dealers to use as an argument for the sale of brans and shorts to farmers while the price of dairy produce is so high and the production of milk retarded by the lateness of the spring.

Equally great is the opportunity created by the variable weather for new sales in garden seeds in both town and country. Usually the seed sale is pretty well over at this time of year, but the recent changes in weather have made many people timid about their gardening operations so that they offer a good prospect for later business.

## A Western Fresh Fruit Window

Trim Shown Recently by the Hudson Bay Company, Edmonton - Good Summer Predicted for Fruit-A First Prize Display With Many Admirable Qualities.


An exceedingly attractive fruit and vegetable display shown recently in the grocery depart ment of the Hudson Bay Co., Edmonton, Alta.

NINETEEN-SIXTEEN is going to be a big fruit year. From all accounts the fruit crops in Canada will be good and as there is not likely to be so much exported as usual, the prospects are fruit will be reasonable in price. The retail trade should, therefore, plan to go after good big fruit business during the summer.

The accompanying window display was shown for the Easter season by the Hudson Bay Co., of Edmonton, Alta., and while it was dressed primarily for Easter it presents a number of splendid suggestions for a fruit window at any time during the summer season.

The fresh fruit shown in this window includes oranges, various kinds of apples, bananas, grape-fruit, strawberries and rhubarb and among the vegetables are celery, cucumbers and
asparagus. The glass showing dark in the centre of the illustration contains a large pineapple preserved in natural state. The tins and bottles contain preserved fruits, such as maraschino cherries, apricots, peaches, raspberries and pears. The goods shown at the back of the window are mounted on pedestals. The trimmings of the window are in purple.

A glance at this display shows it to be an exceedingly attractive one and one that is bound to sell the goods. Now that the summer season is practically on, the retailer should make every effort to boost his sales of fruit and no better salesman can be found than the window. This is a display, too, that should be kept on file for suggestions prior to Easter next year. It was trimmed by Walter Worsfold and won first prize in Canadian Grocer's Easter Display Contest for cities over 10,000 population.

## President Maybee Suggests Separate Board

Apart From Federal Legislation He Maintains That Problems of the West Are Different From Those in the East-No Definite Action Taken-Tells of Financial Standing of the Association.

"BUSINESS in the East is conducted differently to business in the West,' said President G. A. Maybee, of Moose Jaw, in what he termed a heart to heart talk to retailers at the convention. Mr. Maybee claimed that many of the systems in the East are not applicable to the West and viceversa.
The president also stated that the abolition of the liquor traffic had helped the retailers, and he hoped that the present dispensary system would also be wiped out. Other important matters pertaining to the association's welfare were also referred to by the president, who spoke to the retailers as follows:
Mr. Chairman :
I am glad to meet with you in this your fourth convention of the Retail Merchants' Association of the Province of saskatchewan. I believe our program is mistaken when it sayg that this is the third, because, if my
memory serves me right, the first convention memory serves me right, the first convention
was held in Regina, the second was held in was held in Regina, the second was held in Moose daw, the third in Saskatoon and now
this is the fourth, in Regina. Possibly the prograin is not wrong when it says the third, becatise the flirst one in all probability, might be taken as an organization meeting. You will remember that Mr. Bole was the frst president. Mr. Bole at that time was the managing director of the Regina Trading Company, and was engaged in the dry goods business. Mr. Bole rendered the Association a very good service indeed, but he has left us as a retail merchant from the iry goods goods business.
It is not my intention to dellver an address this afternoon. I was charged during the last convention with having made a speech, but I would much prefer to have with you this afternoon what I would term a heart to heart talk as one business man talks with another, on the different points of interest and on the levelopment of the same, in which we are engaged. I Always look upon a prepared speech of the stereotyped style, something the same as I do one of those anthems we hear in our fashionable churches to-day, I was asked one time to describe what an anthem really was and because 1 am not very much from the point of view as it appeared to me from the point of view as it appeared to me.
You know what I mean by an anthem, that is khow what I mean by an anthem, that man swings a baton high in the air but they do not start off all at the same time. During the rendering of the same there is wome sliging frontwards and some singing backwards and still some singing crosswards and sideways and cutting themselves generally, but the people tell me that one of these things take a long time to get ready so I have decided that an anthem is a piece of musie that it takes the choir three weeks to prepare, fifteen minutes to deliver, but it takes a congregation two weeks to get over it. I have always been amused when some and I would not wish to criticize it, and have no doubt there is a place for them, but I have generally been amused at the parson looking up from the pulpit, after one of these things have happened, looking the congregation over and after he found everything was all right he said "Brethren, let us pray."
stereotyped sreech has very much the same effect so I hope you will disabuse your mind that I have ever made any attempt to make a speech, but I want right in the beginning to have it understood that we are havtouching on some of the points that have been clation of the Province of Saskatchewan as
well as the Dominion Association of the Dominion of Canada, I want you to be perfectly free as I try and revtew the different items on our program, which are of vital interest to you. If it should be that anything comes up that you do not fully and completely understand, you may stop me at any time and I will only be too pleased to explain to you until you understand it thoroughly. hope you all have your notebooks with you because if you are representing any local
branch they will no doubt be anxious to have a report from you when you go home.
There are a great many things happening in this old world of ours since we met in convention twelve months ago. You will remember at that time we were under the shadow of a terrible gioom, practically the whole world most terrible, troubled condition. Our sons are most terrible, troubled condition. Op son sons are giving up their lives for the defence of our
freedom and liberty and our mothers are in freedom and liberty and our mothers are in
mourning. Our young sisters are becoming mourning. Oidows, and our sweethearts are beyoung widows, and our sweethearts are bephantasm and crazy ambition of one man to whom we attach the entire blame of thls whom we attach the enible calamity without any reserve, and who some day, sooner or later, will not only have to answer to his God for this wholesale slaughter and murder, but will have to answer at the point of the bayonet in the presence who are to-day so gallantly and so bravely wearing the khaki color.
If we were in a position to make settlement of this calamity on as easy a basis as our friends across the border, we would not settle it in the manner in which it will have to be settled and that for all time and eternity. I was amused the other day when the President of the United States was referred to in conversation with a couple of gentlemen, whom 1 know well and whom you know well, if I would care to mention their names, who are very fond of making settlements by getting long extensions on payments past due. For some time you could not get any real satisfaction from them; you could not get any real money from them, but they were willing to settle with you at any time by giving you a note and renewing the same riote as often as you wish. So while our woys have gone to the front, laid down their ifves and while some have gone, others are
still going, and we will continue to go untll still going, and we will continue to go until
our enemy the Kaiser bas been taught that our enemy the Kaiser has been taught that of the people, shall not be trampled from the of the people, shall not be trampled from the earth.
While I say we are laboring under a terrible gloom, we have in this country a great deal has given to is in the past twelve months has given to us in the past tweive montis. We have been blessed by the greatest harvest is fast becoming within the reach of every is fast becoming within the reach of every wan. And times are very much different commercially than they were a year ago, due to bank reserves having accumulated, trade and commerce developed and we are enjoying, at the present time a commercial condition far superior to the one in which we were in twelve months ago to-day. So at this convention this afternoon we have a great deal to be thankful for indeed.
We owe a great deal to the present Government of the Province of Saskatchewan for taking upon itself the responsibility of wiping from this province, and I belleve for all time to come, the liquor traffic as it was being conducted by the bar room system of the Province of Saskatchewan. I don't know of any commercial Institution that received as much direct benefit from the eliminating of this wholesale waste of money as the retall merchants of the Province of Saskatchewan. We are told, and quite rightly told, that this manner was brought about by the people. I heartily agree with every man, that there never was a plece of legislation worthy of the name of legislation in any Province but was placed there by the hands of the people thembe far off, and resolutions of that kind are very
acceptabie to this convention, when the present dispensary system as operated by our Government to-day shall be wiped out absolutely. I want to be fair in my comments. want to give honor to whom honor is due. indeed for wiping out the bar rooms in Saskatchewan, but upon my standing as a man, I hereby condemn and abhor the dispensary system as it is being conducted at the pres ent time, it grieves me, it hurts me from both sides and within, to see our people, our re tall merchants, taxed to the limit by levies of one kind and another in order that oply ooys in khaki may be fully and properly equipped for the task that is before them, and to see an institution pouring that accursed liquid of fire into our boys in khaki freely and fully in wholesale quantities. ask this convention in the first place to consider if it is not within our rights that we sbould ask this Gover if it is not an opporof Saskatchewan time to wipe out this dispensary system absolutely and altogether. It certainly must absolutely an they in the soldiers of the King the free will offerings of the boozeoriums.
I am glad to announce to you to-day in spite of all things that have happened during the iast twelve months, as I have said before, we a wonderful lot to be thankful for as an association. You were good enough at the last convention by unanimously voting to raise the fee from $\$ 10$ to $\$ 12$. We knew as soon as we left the convention hall that we were eyes front for the next few weeks, with possibly the hardest time Canada has ever seen since the days of the Pioneers. So hard have been the times and so stringent the financial situation that we find the churches have suffered. The fraternity throughout the West today have more arrears on their books for membership than they ever had in their existence. The social clubs and the commercial clubs who are absolutely independent on voluntary support, many have been forced to close their doors, and not one institution do I know of in Western Canada to-day that has showed any progress whatever, and in spite of all these things, we come before you to-day kaving to combat a raise in fee with a strong. increased membership, with our fability all paid, and with everything in irst-class work $\$ 1,700$ in the bank. without a dollar against it. This had been accomplished because the fact that we are such a united body. It has been my object, aim and desire that we must maintain through our Retail Mer chants' Association. the same executive as you practically re-eiect the with practically no cliange. ve come back to you now to make cliange. We come back to you now and 1 am a report as to our stewardsmen, that your glad to advise yon, gent this whole season without a murmur, without a halt, and we without a murmar, bou this year more united, more detesmined to press forward the rights of the retallers of the Province of Saskatchewan, than we have ever done before.
I should I suppose, as a matter of fact, review what the Retall Merchants' Association of the Province of Saskatchewan have done. I went into that very fully last year, and those of you who were not at the convention, if you had one of the May numbers, you can find that report there. You know we work under the charter of the Dominion Boaril. The Dominion Board is composed of an execu tive chiefly appointed in the Province of Ontario. Associated with these and acknowledged members of the Dominion Board by virtue of their office, are the different Provincial Presidents. The Idea of the Dominiou Board is to look after all matters of legislation by the Federal Government. There have been a few things that had to be dealt with before the Federal Government. but as a matter of fact conditions are so different that nearly all our legisiation be looked after throngh the Inces, has to be looked after through the
Provinclal Government. Provincial Government.
lelegate to the Dominion Convention, beld in

Hontreal, to have him sent back to us as Vice-President of the Retail Merchants' Asenthusiastic Treasurer, J. L. Hutchinson of Sutaustoon.
This Dominion Board situation 1 might say is not all that it should be. I am going to talk plain to you when I say it is not satisunon to pay into the treasury of this Associiation in Western Canada canne as an Assothing that we are receiving from them that is of any importance to us in the world, and we promised you last year that we would not invest a dollar of your money in anything. without your consent, where we could not show you that we wuald receive some direct
The requirements of the East are not fitted to the requirements of the West. Business is the West. Their system of business irom applicable to ours, and ours is not applicable to theirs. So you will be asked at this organizing a Western Branch of the Dominion Board, taking in the four Western Provinces wned, controlled, manned and managed oy ourselves. This will not interfere in any way with our strength as a Dominion Board. It will add to our strength, because if it is necessary to go to the fathers at Ottawa to
receive anything by way of legislation, the receive anything by way of legislation, the
Eastern and Western Boards could unite on the same, but there are some times many things to crop up. that are required in some of the Provinclal Parliaments of Western Canada, that we need the united support of every member of the whole Western Branch, to put them through. You can see the sense up in a certain Province, and matter comes up in a certain Province, and it is necessary
and fair and useful, it is our duty as a Westand fair and useful, it is our duty as a Western board to assist that province with all the through, because it had the doublefold effect if it is defeated in the four provinces.. If it is carried in the one province, it goes a ong way to carry it in the other provinces, retail merchants in this Province is not so much to seek legislation as it is to prevent legislation that is detrimental to our rights, so the idea of the western board is fust as much to prevent legislation as it is to seek legislation.
The preventive part is the brass buttons hat you see on the policeman on the street our police force are not as useful to us for they accomplish indirectly. People do not undertake sinything of a serious nature when they realize they are apt to go up against the brass buttons. We have had in this province the last year one of the wickedest province the last year one of the wickedest way of proposed legislation, and that was when the Credit Men's Association went to Regina and tried to have a measure passed by the Government that all assignees of every d over to the Credit Men's Assoclation the Province of Ssaskatchewan. We went to Regina when that possibility came up and we blocked it, and we stopped it. Of course they heard that we had in mind the idea of forming our own retail trust company, and with this idea in view they tried to slip across this legislation. You will be glad to know gentlemen, how this thing turned out. This proposition of theirs failed and the Retail Merchants Trust Company is to-day on the Statutory Board of the Province of Saskatche wan. The same will be referred to in due time and you will be asked to comment there-

Before we ever had a Retail Merchants' Association, there was no protection for the any swindler that came along. He was being swindled out of his money, right and left but I am glad there is a very great difference " the situation of the retallers to-day, and his has come about because of the effort of Retail Merchants' Associations of the different Provinces.
First of all you will remember our own Dominion Board, wiped out and forever elim will remember was anch a trade, and the patrons of industry and the reason of that is quite familiar to and the reason of that is quite familiar to you. We We are confronting the Grain Growers' Co operative Society, and your society took operative Society, and your society took a them, we encouraged them, we stood behind
them as far as we could. The Grain Growers to-day can never say truthfully, that
they received the slightest obstruction from they received the slightest obstruction from
the Retailers Association of Saskatehewan. the Retailers Association of Saskatchewan.
We encouraged them, we let them go into the retail business if they wished to go into the retail business if they wished to go into it, because we knew that as farmers they should know more about agriculture than we of this Province we were only too industry that this Board receive all the protection that this Board receive all the protection the best interests of agriculture. I say we lent them our support, in every measure, but when they advised us they wanted to go into the mercantile business in spite of the fact that it was in opposition to us, we never raised our hands. Because why? There were two reasons: One was we had no fears in the world as to the ultimate result of that venture, but we did have fears that the worthy objects of Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Green might suffer, and we wanted the Grain Growers' situation to improve, but we knew perfectly well that there would only be one result to their business, and while I understand there is still just a little of that in their intentions, I think I am quite safe in saying that as far as the mercantile end of the Grain Growers' Association is concerned, while I would not say it is dead, I am perfectly safe in saying that the pall-bearers for the department are already appointed. And we thought right fing to kill eheir purpose we would leave it alone and let them do their own hanging

There are many things we have to deal with and I will touch them as quickly as I possibly can. We regret indeed that we have not become equipped enough yet, nor yet well enough educated to gather foresight enough, to face business calamities. We have not developed far enough yet to have foresight enough to prevent some of the merchants becoming bankrupt. I believe the idea of the Retail Trust Company will go a long way to eliminate that evil, but if bankrupt stocks are to be put on the market, we have beeu assmred this companies, and that is, when a bankrupt stock is in your town, that we have the op

After the assignees receive the highest bid they can get, they had agreed to give the
merchants of that town the option of buying the stock, at that price.
Your small debt court. we were successful as you will remember in having legislation passed, whereby all sums up to $\$ 50.00$ may be collected, before your police magistrate, and a judgment granted thereon without cost to you. This has been raised to $\$ 100.00$. With this additional that any amount, over and
above $\$ 00$ when judgment has been signed, if there is no other way of collecting it, it may be registered against the land. We are not through with the Small Debt Court yet, as we think it is only right that it should be raised to $\$ 200$, and 1 do hope when we ac complish that, it will be large enough ood cover your customers' liabilities. Our food lars Act. Our successful oprosition to several Items of legislation detrimental to retailers' interests that would otherwise have become law. The formation of the Retailers' Trust
Company and its object. Our fire insurance.

## What we are still after

(a) Alphabetical arrangement of property wners in the Registry Office.
(b) Enforcement of debtors to return and settle their accounts.
(c) The life of an execution as it is in Alberta.
(d) Modification of exemptions to $\mathbf{\$ 5 , 1 0 0}$.
(e) Our attitude to the wholesale trade and Credit Men's Association.
(f) Your opportunities at the head office, free for the asking. general service department.
(g) Our credit reporting department for exchange of ratings on applicants for crecit and ilrst aid in collections.
(h) A traffic department for the purpose of auditing freight expense bills and in delayed claims and dealing with railway freight transportation.
(i) A pubilcity department for the purpose of keeping you wise as to the financial stand ing of ail parties, companies, organizations
that you have to deal with, and giving first hath information of their reliability

Co-operative Buy'ng:
How can we improve our buylng powers? Am I in favor of co-operative buying gentleme. I don't give one snap whether vou stane with me or got but I do hope the ou agree never come, that 1 may be misunderstood Co-operative buying certainly, how can do it? Through the Merchants Consoliduted through the Canadian Supply Company not know, but there is one thing that i want to make plain here, and I want it to be heard in all corners of this building, that the Re tail Merchants Association of the Province never has, and personally I hope will never be, attached in any shape or form with any nerchandising insitution of any kind. If understand the Retail Merchants' Association ightly, we are a protective institution, $u$ tave tried to harmonize merchants, we have tried to enact laws that will give equal rights to anl and special privileges to none. We believe that legislation that is good for the merchant in Saskatoon is equally good for the merchant in Swift Current, and the legislation good equally are antion and we as the special privilege part of and as long as the special privilege part of it is struck things that have broken up families thee laige separated man from his wife, they they divided partnerships, they have eliminated friendships, they have busted confidence, and these three-things are religion, commercial ization and politics. We have eliminated everything of a political nature. You helped me kill that last year so nobly, I will never forget it. If any organizer representing the Retail Merchants' Association is ever found talking polities with you, or identifying him self while on duty with any political party instead of tending to his own business, we as you, to take the bull by the horns, pack him in a box, ship him by express to saskatoon and the Retall Merchants' Association at Sas katoon will treat you to canned sardines at the next coavention.
I love Christianity. I owe my life to the iittle I have of it, but I hate religion. The world is chuek full of religion of every kind stimulated by mighty iittle of the Calvary kind of Christanity, People will fight just as quities.

Trading too often breeds jealousy. Part nerships are the fathers and mothers of law suits, especially when you get mixed up with a dirty, disloyal bunch. Trading needs finaucing. Financing means differences of opin ion and too often breeds contempt. But fraternity means holy communion, means brotherly love, means confience, and as long as this Retail Merchants Association is an As sociation, I pray God may help us to elimin ate any of the three great dangers that I have mentioned before.

Let us never allow or Association to become commercialized. Let us keep it distinct and maintain the honor and dignity we hold so dear.

Regarding the Merchants' Consolldated and the Canadian Supply Company, we have no quarrel with elther one but keep them sep arate.

Many of these things I will have to deal with as they come up during the convention but right in the beginning I want you to
carefully consider who you are going to earefully consider who you are going to
have for your new officers for next year. I do not wish to be personal, but you have from now until next thursday afternoon to think as to whom are the most it and proper And I am on the inner circle: I know the innermost secrets of this organization, and I know this much: That your officers will he named, nominated, elected, by a wide open meeting consisting of yourseives. in this conmeeting consisting of yourseives, in will be that question has never been mentioned by any member of this executive; we haven't any imaginary Ifea whom they will be: we don't uant to know: but I do hope this much, and I am not speaking on behaif of myseif, that just as persevering as the executive which now retires, not forgetting to express to you our sincere thanks for the confidence you bave placed in us. And if it should be that you see fit the next year to increase their salary a hundredfold, it will not affect your treasury one particle, because the entire aalnry of Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Me-
Pherson and myself, can be pald upon the price of a nostage stamp, and you Will have price of a postage stamp, and
two cents change left in return.

# Resolutions Adopted by Convention 



Views showing scenes in the city of Regina, Sask., where the convention of the Saskatchewan Retail Merchants was held May 9 to 11. The first is a view of Eleventh Avenue in that city, one of the main business streets, while the second is a view of the wholesale district, Dewdney street.

FORTY-TWO resolutions were drafted by the resolutions committee, and the task of handling them was started just before noon on Thursday. The chairman of the committee complained about the short space of time which remained to handle this important feature of the convention program.

## Smuggling Into Canada

It is the opinion of a large number of delegates that a great deal of smuggling is going on in Saskatchewan through border towns between Canada and the United States. It was claimed that the practice is very extensive and that large quantities of goods are being brought in free to the detriment of the retail trade who are often unable to meet the lower prices prevailing on the other side of the border. The executive will take the matter up with the federal government; as a result of a resolution drafted at the meeting.

## Lower Freight Rates

In another resolution which passed, it was proposed to ask the commission of conservation to request the proper department at Ottawa to use its influence to secure lower freight rates on waste paper, which at the present time is being collected in large quantities at the request of the Conservation Commission and Department of Agriculture.

## To Increase Fees

A resolution which went through after considerable discussion provides for an increase in the initiation fee after December 31. At present the fee is $\$ 12$. After December 31 the fee will be $\$ 25$ for new members for the first year, and \$12 per year for succeeding years. It
was decided that all non-members in the province should be notified of the impending increase in order to give them an opportunity of joining at present rates.

## Bulk Sales Act

A resolution which met with favor after a thorough discussion, follows:"That this convention is of the opinion that the Bulk Sales Act in its present form is a reflection on the retailers of the province, and should be amended to the extent that it will not apply when the merchant is only selling a minor portion of his business not exceeding one-third.

## Retailers' Trust Company

A resolution concerning the formation and operation of the Retailers' Trust Co., was left in the hands of the executive. The charter for the company was received at the last session of the provincial legislature and gives the company wide powers.

## Endorse Bankers and Credit Men

The meeting endorsed the effort of the Bankers, and Canadian Credit Men's Associations to secure legislation enabling them to prosecute persons who issue N . S. F. cheques.

## Other Resolutions

A resolution providing for a nominating committee of sixteen carried.
A resolution carried approving of the daylight saving scheme now in effect in several Western Canada towns and eities.
No action was taken regarding a resolution concerning an alleged fruit combine.

A resolution regarding wholesalers selling to blacksmiths was dropped.

A resolution regarding Bank Act Reform was withdrawn.
A resolution complaining of a charge of 25 c on each letter in answer to inquiries from the sheriff was dropped.

No action was taken regarding soldiers taking advantage of the moratorium to avoid payment of accounts contracted.

A resolution regarding seed houses selling direct to the consumer, was passed on to the executive.

## Certificate of Membership

A resolution carried providing for a certificate of membership to be given to every merchant joining the association. The certificate can be framed and displayed in the store if desired.

## Increase Subscription to "Retailer"

A resolution providing for an increase in the size of the "Retailer," the association's organ, to regular magazine size, and also for an increase in the subscription price from 50 c to $\$ 1$ brought forth some questions from the retailers before it carried.

One member wanted to know if it was on a self-sustaining basis, and was assured that it is. It was pointed out that efforts would be made to enlarge the paper both from an editorial and advertising standpoint, and also to increase the circulation in order to secure certain desirable postal privileges.

One member wanted to know if it was the intention to run market reports such as appear in Hardware and Metal, and the Canadian Grocer. The chairman replied that the "Retailer" was a monthly paper but would probably be develop-
ed along somewhat similar lines. The resolation carried.

## Referred to Executive

The following were referred to the executive: - Resolution respecting the appointment of a public conciliator. Resolution providing for the establishment of an advertising department at the head office to assist retailers in solving their advertising problem, to criticize ads., ete.

A resolution aiming to make federal government employees liable for debts contracted, not allowing them to be exempt from garnishment as at present. was referred to the western branch of the board.

## To Adopt Monagram

A resolution carried, providing for a trade mark, symbol or monagram for use on the stationery of members of the association. Members were also requested
to make use of the mark and have their stationery marked "Members of the R. M. A. ${ }^{\prime}$

## So-Called Wholesalers

A resolution aiming at legislation to prevent so-called wholesalers selling consumers under improper misrepresentation was carried unanimously.

- $\Rightarrow$ Another resolution referred to the executive was for the purpose of trying to secure legislation to prevent debtors against whom judgments have been registerè , leasing land at a nominal rental to avoid payment of debts.

A resolution that carried unanimonsly requested legislation which would make a husband and wife jointly responsible for debts contracted in purehasing the necessities of life.

A resolution was presented advising members to forward their freight bills to the head office of the association to be checked up:

## Next Convention at Moose Jaw

New President of Association is A. A. Evans, Retailer for 28 Years-Several Places Wanted Next Convention-G. A. Maybee Made Honorary President.

THE election of officers and task of selecting a meeting place for next year's convention took place at 4 o'elock Thursday afternoon.

In the early stages of the convention President Maybee told the members that he would not be available for president next year. In saying this he did not want to infer that they had even thought of having him for president next year. He simply wanted to let them know well in advance in order that they would have plenty of time to consider who the next president would be.
W. W. Cooper, Swift Current, 1st vice-president, also intimated that although he would continue to be one of the association's most faithful workers and members, he would be unavailable next year, owing to pressure of other business matters which had developed.

Many members expressed their sincere regret at losing these two men from the list of officers.

All efforts to induce Messrs. Maybee and Cooper to remain in office were unavailing and a nomination committee of sixteen was appointed to bring in a report.

## The New Officers

The nominees of the committee were elected as follows-:President, A. A. Evans, Outlook, Sask.; first vice-president, H. D. MacPherson, Regina, Sask.; second vice-president, F. W. Smith, Weyburn, Sask.; seeretary, F. E. Raymond, Saskatoon; treasurer, J. L. S. Hutchinson, Saskatoon, Sask.; or-
ganizers, J. M. Brayley and G. W. Anderson.
A. A. Evans, the new president, is a member of the firm of Evans \& Lougheed, Outlook, Sask., and has always taken a deep interest in the work of the association. He has been a retailer for 28 years. He started in business with $\$ 317$ in eash and as he says himself, has

H. O. ROBERTS
of Minneapolis, Minn., who led the discussion on the question, "Would the elimination of the retail merchant kill the town?"
held his own ever since. Mr. Evans thanked the members for the honor conferred upon him and assured them that his best efforts would be used to further the interests of the association. Mr. Evans eulogized the work of the retiring president, Mr. Maybee, and referred to the splendid progress which had been made during the latter's term as president.

Subsequently by a unanimous vote Mr . Maybee was elected honorary president of the association.

## Moose Jaw Next Meeting Place

A number of places were anxious to secure the next convention, and invitations were extended by representatives from Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, Weyburn, Swift Current.
One member cansed considerable merriment, when in a neat and witty speech he extended a hearty invitation to the members to hold their next convention at Willow Bunch, a place 35 miles from a railroad station.
In the voting which followed, Swift Current and Saskatoon were almost a tie, the latter cify having a majority of only one. The final vote showed a large majority in favor of Moose Jaw, the home of Past President G. A. Maybee.
The convention will be during the second week in May on dates to be selected by the executive of the association.

Towards the close of the meeting a member, again hrought up matters regarding one of the companies referred to elsewhere in this issue. What promised to be a rather warm discussion over matters which had previously been taken up, was nipped in the bud by the new president amid applause from most of the members present.

## CONVENTION NOTES

President Rannard of the Manitoba Retail Merchants' Association, extended a hearty invitation to all to be present aṭ the Manitoba convention in June.

The trade papers were represented at the convention by C. D. Lang, The Commercial, Winniper; G. D. Davis, and E. J. Dodd, of the MacLean trade papers, Toronto.

A meeting will be held in the near future of representatives from the Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta associations with a view to forming a Western Board of the R. M. A.

The delegates were received with open arms by the citizens of Regina. An ideal place for holding meetings was afforded in the anditorium of the city hall and additional room was placed at the disposal of the various committees.


## CURRENT NEWS OF WEEK

CANADIAN GROCER WILL APPRECIATE ITEMS OF NEWS FROM READERS FOR THIS PAGE.

## Western Canada

C. F. MeGhie, of St. James, Man., grocer, is succeeded by Wm. Dawes.
May 8 was Arbor Day, and a public holiday in Manitoba.
Senior Bookhalter, Pangman, Sask., was a visitor in Winnipeg last week.
Thomas Mallard succeeds Edith Schweid in Norwood, Man., in the grocery business.
Olive Burgoyne succeeds Thomas McFarlane in his grocery business in Winnipeg, Man.
Westbourne Trading Co., of Westbourne, Man., have moved to Lanigan where they continue as Panitz \& Co.
W. O. Randolph, western manager of the Harper-Presnail Cigar Co.. Hamilton, Ont., who suffered severe injuries in a strect car accident on Feb. 18, is still under specialists' care at the Winnipeg General hospital.
W. W. Hutehinson, of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., was in Winnipeg last week. The object of Mr. Hutehison's visit to the West is in connection with the rebuilding of the firm's mill at Medicine Hat, which was destroyed by fire recently.
A. A. Menely \& Co., of Maple Creek, Sask., announce that on May 17, they are handing over their stores to the ladies of the Imnerial Order Daughters of the Empire. These ladies will be in charge of all departments. Ten per cent. of the day's sales will be turned over to them for patriotic purposes.

## Ontario

David Johnston, of 413 Jones avenue, Toronto, grocer, has sold to F. Sullivan.
W. H. Perrin, grain merchants, of Clinton, passed away last week.
D. A. Hewgill, grocer, Milton, Ont. has installed a new display counter.
Sam Zehr has opened an ice cream parlor in the rear of his grocery store in Perth, Ont.
J. F. Pedlar has sold his grocery and bakery business in Creemore, Ont., to Jámes Finlay, of Georgetown, Ont.
Chapleau, Ont. merchants will close Wednesday afternoon after May 24 and continue till middle of September.

Arthur Norrington has sold his grocery and ice cream business in Streetsville, Ont., to W. A. Campbell, and has bought a confectionery and ice cream parlor at 413 Parliament street, Toronto.
All stores in Guelph, Ont., are to be closed on Thursday afternoons during

July and August. At a meeting of the Retail Merchants' Association held recently this course was decided on.
Tackaberry \& Tackaberry, Lion's Head, Ont., sustained a fire loss recently. They have purchased a site and will proceed at once to erect a new store about $33 \times 48$ feet in dimension and 22 feet high.
Frederick Wells Avery, a director of the C. H. Catelli Co. and the Riordon Paper and Pulp Co., vice-president of the Canadian Lumberman's Association, and a partner in several lumber companies, passed away on May 11 at his residence in Ottawa.
Breaking the glass panels in the front doors, two thieves entered the store of the Whyte Packing Co., in Stratford, Ont., about midnight one night and carried off a quantity of tobacco, gum and other articles. This is the second or third burglary which has taken place at this store.
An nnusual case was brought to light in Windsor recently. Cross-questioning by the police brought a confession from Nourd Nassir, a 9 -year-old Syrian girl, that she had stolen $\$ 100$ from the store of Frank Hadra, a grocer. She showed the officers where $\$ 60$ of the money was hidden beneath the steps of her parents' home, but was unable to account for the balance.
The death occurred recently at Toronto, of Wm. J. McCormack, a former grocer but lately grand treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Ontario. of the Independent Order of Oddfellows. after an illness extending over several months. Mr. MeCormack was born in Canada in September, 1835. After spending his earlier years as a boy on the farm the late Mr. McCormack entered the building trade, and then the grocery business on Yonge street, north of Bloor.

## Quebec and Maritime Provinces

Napoleon Quintin, of Iberville, Que., has sold to John MeGibbon.
C. Beaudry, grocer and restaurateur, of Montreal, Que., has suffered loss by fire.
J. D. Hutchins, president of the John Duncan Co., of Montreal, is a visitor to New York this week.
Alexandre Collette, a Montreal city traveller for Hudon Hebert \& Cie, was married on May 15.

The National Coffee and Spice Co., at 254-262 St. Paul W., Montreal, have enlarged their quarters.
W. R. Spooner, wholesale fish merchant, has moved his Montreal office to 119 Place d'Youville.
Edward McGowan, of McGowan, James \& Sons, general store, butter and cheese factory, of St. Martine, Que., is dead.

The friends of I. Tenet, eity sales manager of Hudon Hebert \& Cie, of Montreal, are congratulating him on the arrival of a $12-\mathrm{lb}$. boy.
Albert Cawthorne, of the travelling staff of D. Hatton \& Co., Montreal, has started on his annual trip into Northern Ontario.
The Pure Food Supply Co., of Montreal, is the latest co-operative store to go out of business under the Winding-up Act. W. D. Ayling \& Co., of 212 Mc Gill Street, are the liquidators.
Baird \& Peters, G. W. Hodge, Kitchen Bros., and A. F. Randolph \& Sons, of Frederickton, N.B., have announced their intention to close at 1 p.m. on Saturdays, from May 6 to September 30, this year.

The Reed Company, wholesale grocers, of Moncton, N.B., suffered loss by fire to the extent of $\$ 2,200$ this week. The fire caught their business place from the I. C. R. shops which suffered the biggest blaze in years in the Maritimes.
B. J. Preston died at Yarmouth, N.S. He was 90 years old and was born in Dewsbury, Yorkshire, England. He came to this country almost half a century ago, and had been in mercantile business for many years.
The Sackville, N.B., branch of the Retail Merchants' Association have the following board of officers for 1916:President, G. E. Ford; first vice-president, C. M. Cahill; second vice-president, G. T. Estabrooks; treasurer, H. H. Woodworth; secretary, E. P. Smith.
Victor Simard, a partner in J. A. Simard \& Cie, tea, coffee and spice merchants, of Montreal, was married May 16 to Miss Delte Corinne Daignault. Mr. and Mrs. Simard left on a three weeks' trip to Albany, Atlantic City, and Newport.
Sir Robert Borden and Minister Hazen, of the Fisheries Department, were in Montreal on Monday in connection with the opening by the Harbor Commissioners of the new grain elevator, the largest on record, and the launching by the Canadian Vickers of the new Government ice-breaker.

# Canned GoodsStrengthening; Sugar Stands Still 

## Prospects Are Not Good for Large Pack of Vegetables and Fruits This Year-Shortage of Labor and High Sugar Are Handicaps-Shortage Still Exists in Molasses-Ginger <br> Prices Higher-Interesting Dried Fruit Situation - Condensed <br> Milk Higher.

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FEATURE of the markets this week is an advance of 20 c per barrel in flour. The chief reason for this, apparently, is that we are likely to see a considerable drop this year in the production of wheat throughout the world. As everyone knows, last year was a phenomenal one from the standpoint of wheat production and particularly on the North American continent. Canada reaped its best crop in history; so did the United States. However, from all appearances, there will be a different tale to tell at the end of 1916. The cause is the considerably lower acreage throughout the Canadian West, partly due to labor shortage and to fact that the weather is from three weeks to a month late. This has hindered work of seeding. In view of these circumstances millers are looking forward to a comparative shortage of wheat and already the demand is being enlarged. This accounts for the firming up of the flour market which, while it may not advance abruptly, is likely to tend gradually upwards throughout the year.

For a wonder we did not have any advance in sugar during the past week. Up to time of going to press sugar maintained its former price and while the market is still firm, situation does not appear to be quite so acute. At the price retailers in Eastern Canada are paying for sugar, they should be retailing it close on to the ten-dollar per cwt. mark in order to make a net profit above cost and operating expenses.

The situation in eggs, contrary to former years, continues quite firm. Prediction was made in this paper some weeks ago that we would not see much less, if any, than 20c paid for eggs in the country. This prediction has been borne out by fact. Eggs costing around 20 to 22c for packing purposes are going to sell rather high during the coming winter.

The situation in imported lines continues firm. Such articles as imported pickles, jams, marmalade, etc., are considerably higher than a year ago and there seems to be no outlook for lower figures in the near future. Freights are still high and when extra risks are added, it will be unreasonable to expect prices to be same as they were prior to the war.

## Quebec Markets

Montreal, May 18.-A backward season and a week of unusually cold weather have aided in making past week a rather quiet one in grocery circles except in lines that have been affected by price changes as in case of flour which has been active.

Navigation is in full swing and has caused development of usual down river and Maritime trade of this time of year. Strike is technically off but some slight inconveniences are still noted on part of shippers. Indications are favorable for large fruit crop and high price of sugar is only factor mentioned as unfavorable for a good preserving season.

Vegetables and fruit continue to feel effect of cool weather the most of any lines. Many products show firmness and advances; eheese is firmer and flour and rolled oats have developed strength and in the case of the former a very active demand as a result of the 20 c advance.

Feeling of strength in sugar market is less acute than for some time past although firmness still rules. Molasses importers continue to look forward to specially arranged shipment to relieve market and in mean time manufacturers of corn syrup are doing an unusually large business. There has been an advance on shelled walnuts during week following advices from France of exhaustion of crop. Canned goods are quiet but are firmly held at prevailing prices. Usual numbers of advances continue to occur especially in imported

## MARKETS IN BRIEF

QUEBEC MARKETS.
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
Apples firmer.
Tomatoes scarce and firmer.
Cabbage firmer and lower.
PRODUCE AND PROVISIONSLard up $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.
Hams 2e higher and scarce.
FISH AND OYSTERS -
Lake fish coming forward freely. Haddock scarce.
Lobsters low and firmer.
FLOUR AND FEED-
Flour up 20c, and good demand. Cereals up 20 c .
GENERAL MARKETS
Dates and shelled walnuts firmer.
Sugar firm, but less acute.
scarcity still exists in molasses.

## ONTARIO MARKETS.

FLOUR AND CERDALS
Flour up 20c.
Several cereals change.
Rolled oats firm.
Barley In demand.
FISH AND OYSTERS-
Lake fish late.
Halibut goling down.
Decline in lobster prices.
PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS
Butter steady ; make heavy.
New laids slightly up.
Demand for poultry.
Cheese firm and high.
All meats up.
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES -
Decline in lettuce.
Parsley prices down.
Radishes a drug.
Cherries cheaper.
GENERAL GROCERIES
Teas high in London.
Big exports in sugar.
lieans very strong.

## MANITOBA MARKETS.

FLOUR AND CEREALSBig advance in rolled oats. Oat market very strong. Package oats unchanged.
Demand for bran and shicts. Cornmeal tends upward.
PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS-
Hogs remain at \$11.
Advance in cooked hams. Advance in egg quotations. Cold weather upsets market. Decline in creamery butter.
FISH AND POULTRY-
Fresh salmon declines.
Fresh lake trout at 12c.
Poultry still scarce.
Fresh hallbut now 12 e lb.
GENERAL GROCERIES-
Sugar still tending up.
Advance in corn syrups. Evaporated apples are down. Washing soda price doubled Further advance on pickle
All California frults firm. All California fruits firm. Package teas higher.
goods. Condensed milk has been advanced from 15 c to 20 c a case by large manufacturers. Drugs that are handled by grocers continue to advance and senna leaves have doubled in value and are now 60c a lb. Norwegian sardines are up 50 c . Candies 1 c a lb . on account of sugar prices. Ginger, pecans and dates have all advanced. Package currants are a trifle easier and with exception of some fruits and vegetables constitute the only decline of the week. Advances have occurred in tinned meats including corned, roast and boiled beef, pork and beans in several sizes and chili sauce.

SUGAR.-Market remains unchanged in price and ruling factors with firmness maintained but less evident. An inactive trade is reported and business marking time with no sign of any weakness however. Sellers are holding firm and buyers are holding off so that concessions are not being made either way and market is still in a fluid state, with a break threatened one way or the other as present condition is unusual for any length of time. Raw cubas are reported passing in New York at $51 / 2$ for immediate and $55 / 8$ as the lowest for future delivery. Cane crop is reported to have been pretty well finished for season with only 89 "Centrals" grinding in Cuba now as against almost double the number a year ago. Retail prices are running firm with purchases based on requirements of moment only otherwise no considerable check of consumption has occurred although indications point to curtailment of buying for preserving purposes during coming sugar months if prices hold up.


MOLASSES AND SYRUP. - There are no developments of importance to report on local market which remains unchanged in price, and in scarcity of supplies of which the market is practically bare. The Royal Mail Steam Packet Co., is allowing an equal amount of space for molasses, carrying on one of their boats in exchange for the Govt. sugar boat which was to have carried molasses to Montreal. This mail boat will carry 2800 puncheons and further reports are that she will be soon taking
on cargo. Large supplies are held on the Islands awaiting shipment.

Corn and cane syrup remains unchanged in price and demand. Corn syrup is moving freely and additional interest being shown in starch products of all kinds.
 have advanced 1c for 1 lb . packages which are now sold at 10 c ; Hallowee are now $91 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ for loose and 9 c a lb . in packages. Other prices remain unchanged and demand in general is inactive with exception of seedless raisins which are in normal and all year round demand. Prune and currant stocks on hand continue to be low. Strengthening reports from California are lacking this week and less firmness is noted in feeling here for American fruits.


SPICES.-Ginger has advanced recently 6 c and is now offered at 28c a lb. Other prices remain unchanged with steady market in which firmness is well maintained in spite of an inactive demand that reflects dullness of New York market which is result of recent heavy buying and present condition of market is said to be natural reaction of same.



RICE AND TAPIOCA.-These lines are unchanged in price and ruling factors with firmness well maintained by an active demand. Outside advices are to effect that quality of Rangoons this year is excellent and is superior to last year. A large crop is reported but freight shortage continues to rule so that feeling of market has not been adversely affected. Tapiocas continue to be scarce and prices maintained by holders of small stocks available.
 firmly held although no direct advances have occurred following the stronger feeling which has ruled in market of late, and a fair amount of business continues to pass. Peas remain unchanged in prices and inactive demand.


TEA.-A strong feeling continues to rule undertone of market based on difficulties of securing prices here in keeping with primary costs. An active demand is reported and inquiries are coming forward from outside points as well as fairly active demand among wholesale houses here. Cable advances just received state Japan market opened on the 11th, with good quality and prices of the earliest tea, $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ to 1 c lower than last year. Importers here have received by the first ineoming steamer the "first runners," or early shoots of tea which are naturally best grade of crop.

COFFEE MARKET.-Is unchanged, quiet and steady with firmness well
maintained in all lines. Delivery is hard to get from primary points and freights unchanged but supplies are coming forward for local demand in ample quantity to care for requirements.

## Coffee, Roasted- Bogotas, b.

## Bogotas, 1 lb Jamaica, lb. <br> Java, lb. <br> Mexican, lb. <br> Mexican, Mocha . <br> Rio, 1 b . <br> Rantos, 1 lb . <br> Chicory, 1b.



NUTS.-Orders have been coming in freely during past week following advances in pecans of le which are now from $19 c$ to $20 c$ and a sudden advance of le to wholesale trade for shelled walnuts on report from France which indicates that supplies are exhausted. This has resulted in great firmness in whole lines and good demand. Filberts are also up 3 e a lb., Brazil, almonds and walnuts continue unchanged in price to retailers but firmness rules.
Almonds, Tara, new
Grenobles
Marbots
Shelled walnuts, new. per ib
Shelled almonds, $28-\mathrm{lb}$. bexes, per ib
Sicily filberts.
Filberts, shelle
Fiberts, shelle
Pecans, large
Pecans, large
anuts, American, roasted


CANNED GOODS.-There are no price changes to report but considerable variation occurs in those offered, owing to differences in state of varions wholesale stocks. Prices on tomatoes range from $\$ 1.10$ to $\$ 1.20$ and market is in fluid state so that some retailers are paying less for supplies than some wholesalers. Market in general has settled down following recent activity buyers have practically covered their requirements as far as possible.

Firmness continues to rule in salmon and fish lines in general and Norwegian sardines have adranced 50 c and are now $\$ 13.00$ a ease.

## Ontario Markets

Toronto, May 18.-That the trade is having a good year so far, is the opinion of most wholesalers. One man put it forcefully and shortly. "If this keeps up I shall be 50 per cent. ahead in 1916," he said; "my first four months have been crackerjacks." No doubt some retailers, and wholesalers, too, are inclined to think that perhaps the fact of so many men leaving the country is hitting the trade a bad blow. Most, however, take the view that this is not so. Undoubtedly there are not only many thousands of men who have left the country during this last year and a half, but also many thousands of women and children since there has been quite a large exodus of these latter, so that they may be near their men folk in England. Undoubtedly the absence of this aggregate of people
has been felt. Neverthe'ess the trade is better off, even at that.

Why? The reason is obvious. The country is undergoing a wave of prosperity. For six months and longer business the country over has been good, and steadily getting better. This has meant much more money in circulation. This in its turn has meant more money for the woman customer to spend. Retailers corroborate the opinion that their customers are spending more money at the stores than at any time since the palmy days of 1911 and 1912. They have this extra to spend. The public is buying luxuries to-day, where a year ago they would only buy necessities, and those in as small quantities as barely needful. There is a spirit of commercial prosperity abroad, and men and women are spending. Thus, while considerable has been lost by the big exodus of troops and womenfolk appertaining thereto, it has been more than made up by the increased size of the orders of the great majority who remain. Grocers-that is the agoressive dealers-are in a sound and healthy condition financially. This year, if it keeps up as it started out, and there is no reason to surmise that it won't. should write it off on December 31st as the best yet!

Attention of readers is directed to the increase in prices of all hog products again this week. Lard, cooked and dry salt neeats, hacons and backs, have all advanced, and are quoted very firm. This is again the result of the enhanced value and strength of hogs. These are slightly higher, and a firm feeling prevails.

Apropos the subject of hogs, it is interesting to observe that here is a case where one market interdepends upon another, each affecting the other. The unprecedented strength in hogs is responsible for farmers going into raising hogs. and concentrating on this work. An increasing number of farmers are so doing these days. Consequently the feed men benefit. Farmers feeding more hogs must needs buy more feed, and thus another market-i.e., the feed market, is affected.

SUGAR.-For once a week has passed without any noticeable upward movement, and while sugars are firm, they have not advanced locally. The New York situation is generally easier, too. According to an authority, a maximum Cuban crop of $3,000,000$ tons is by no means improbable. Sixty-nine mills have now finished grinding their crop and their out-turn is about 6 per cent. more than the same mills last year. If this increase is maintained and the other mills come up to scrateh, this estimate (Mr. Himely's) will be reached.
Refiners point out that Cuban shipments to Europe now total 353,000 tons, as against 151,000 a year ago. This puts in a terse way the export situation. No wonder sugar is high in price!

A spell of dry weather, it is forecast, will follow the present heavy rains.


SYRUPS AND MOLASSES.-Molasses shows no change at all. The market is firm and generally regarded as an advancing one. A few odd lots, small in bulk, get to Canadian ports, but they do not ease the market tone appreciably, as they are all spoken for long before they reach here. It is said that about end of May we may expect hetter arrivals when demand will be appeased and prices weakened. There is nothing definite yet. however, as to dates of arrival.

Corn syrup is in good demand, and corn market, in this connection, is worth noting. It is very firm. Already this year there has been an advance in corn syrups following the strength in the corn market, and were it to happen again it would surprise no one.


TEA.-Cables from London report situation at the auctions there as exceedingly firm, and tending higherwards all the time. Consumption grows, and this seems to be the fundamental condition governing the market. Thus teas are actually higher of themselves, as the weeks and months pass. Extraneous influence, such as a tightening freight situation and scarcity of labor, play an important part. All these things, and such incidentals as extra war risk and insurance, help to put prices up for the importers here, and tea men, at present prices, cannot be wallowing in money !

Locally, demand and supply have no new feature. Quality is said to be extra good just now, a condition corroborated by London.
DRIED FRUITS.-All fruits locally pursue the even tenor of their way, and show little feature. This is, of course, the slack season of the year. Fresh fruit daily becomes more abundant, and demand for dried stuff slaekens in consequence.

Situation in future prunes, however, is worth remarking. At the Coast they are advancing. It is figured that old stocks will be disposed of by the time new stuff arrives, and as the erop is short, packers generally are holding for high prices. There is, of course, another side to the question of prune prices. For, though crop is short, export demand has practically ceased to exist, and 110,000 ,000 pounds, say the bears, is sufficient for domestic needs. They argue for lower levels, therefore. There are the two sides to the question of future prunes.

Firm spot on this market is peels. Stocks are light and the basic reason for strength is that since 'way before Christmas stocks have never been anything else than light. Peels have been consistently firm in price for six months. There will be no new stocks till September either. It is thought that prices, when and if they move, will go up-not down.

Apricots are firm and tightly held. Stoeks are low and demand bas suddenly brisked up quite a bit. Buyers and sellers at the Coast appear to be at daggers drawn, and are certainly holding up business.
 er, and sell around 35 e to 37 c . Nobody much is buying nuts of any kind, and shelled stuff apparently is slow. Almonds are slow sellers, too, just now, and sell anywhere from 40 c to 43 c . The shell lines have the average demand for this time of year; that is very little. Nuts in May are not a seasonable line.
bEANS.-Choice prunes are firm at $\$ 4.50$. Here and there they are slightly higher. Supplies are still difficult to get. and demand is fair to middling. In or-
dinary years such a demand as exists at present would result only in an easy market. But it is supply, rather than demand, which rules this year.
There is no change in split peas except that they are noticeably easy. There was a decline last week, and an easier feeling still prevails.


CANNED GOODS.-A markedly good demand exists for prints, trade evidently being fully aware of the fact that housewives as a rule will not bother with their own fruit this year. All fruits have received a stimulus. Reports of the Holding Company taking over fruits have helped, of course.
Demand for vegetables continues to be excellent. All lines rule firm, and tend to advance.

## Manitoba Markets

WINNIPEG, May 18.-It seems that, almost without exception, every line of imported goods is going up, and that what a Winnipeg jobber stated a few months ago was true, viz. that it would pay buyers to anticipate their requirements on all imported goods, as, owing to the freight situation, the price would be a secondary consideration before long, the difficulty being to get the goods. The truth of this is seen in the case of sugar to-day; the question seems to be not whether sugar is safe at present prices, but how high it will go. Local men are certainly looking for much higher prices.

One of the few lines that has registered a decline is evaporated appples, which have dropped to a basis of $81 / 2 \mathrm{C}$ for choice 50 's in Winnipeg. This is a decline of about 3 c in the last two months, and is due to large quantities being thrown back on the market when the British embargo came into effect. It was expected that the price would be 30 per cent, higher than it is to-day.

The greatest difficulty is being experienced both by the wholesale and the retail trade is securing sickles and similar lines. A Winnipeg manufacturer advanced his quotations again this week, bringing his figures up $25 \%$ higher than they were a year ago. He has been compelled to do this he says, because of the increase in cost of sweetening matter, chiefly sugar, and because of advance in glass. Another feature entering into the case is advance in vinegar, to say nothing of the labor problem, which is assuming serious aspects. All pickle manufacturers are finding diffienlty meeting an unprecedented demand. Pickles are said to be good value at to-
day's prices if properly bought. Vinegar is steady at present figures, but future is uncertain.

Washing soda has doubled in price. It used to be quoted at 45 e for 50 lb . sacks; it is now 90 c. This means that all soaps and washing compounds will advance. Lye will also go up, Gillett's having already advanced 20 per cent., and is quoted $\$ 4.60$ per case.
A notable feature of market this week is an advance in Blue Ribbon Tea. This has been expected for a long time, as it was known that, with a rising market, it would not be possible to continue sale of package teas at old figures. The advance amounts to a cent per lb.
SUGAR.-The market jumped twice last week, eventually landing at $\$ 8.80$, as already announced in this column. This brings 10c sugar on the market as far as the consumer is concerned. It is still believed that the retailer will be paying 10 e before long. A jobber here stated this week, "In New York it is not a question of whether present prices are safe, as how high they will go. I certainly look for much higher prices unless something unforeseen happens, such as peace. It appears that there is much less raw sugar coming out of Cuba than is required." An Eastern refiner, in his report to local wholesalers, states that Cuba figures are very bullish. On the week ending May 8, receipts in New York were 95,000 tons, this being a falling off of 35,000 tons since the previous week, and 22,000 tons less than the same week year ago. The crop is being wound up, and only 123 centrals grinding against 167 same time last year. About 65 centrals have finished their crop. Refiners advise buyers to anticipate their requirements and state that they may have to limit the quantity sold at present prices before the advance.


SYRIPS.-With the heavy demand for all kinds of syrups, and the high prices prevailing for cane syrup on account of the high sugar market, it is not surprising to learn that corn syrups have jumped another 15 c per case. New quotations are:-2's, 2.88; 5's. 3.23
$10^{\prime} \mathrm{s}, 3.11 ; 20$ 's, 3.12 , and half lb . barrels by the lb .4 .65 .

## Corn Syrup-



DRIED FRUITS.-Prunes, peaches, apricots all firm at present prices. Raisins can also be included in the list, and, in fact, all California fruits. The retail trade will have difficulty securing Fard dates, as wholesalers state that they are unable to get them at any price. There are very few $30-40$ prunes available. Currants continue to advance, and purchases by jobbers on the basis of today's New York prices, would mean that they will be compelled to sell at considerably over to-day's prices. Evaporated apples have declined again, and are being quoted here at $81 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ for choice 50 's, and $83 / 4$ e choice 25 's. They are considered good value at these figures. The decline was made necessary on account of falling off in export demand. New York State is a heavy exporter of evaporated apples, and when the British embargo was placed, it meant that large quantities came back on the market, with a fall in prices. The Canadian market declined in sympathy. It was expected that prices of evaporated apples would be 30 per cent. higher than they are to-day. Quotations on currants to the retail trade are: Filiatras, fresh cleaned, 13c; Amalias 1 lb . pkgs., 13e; uncleaned Filiatras are hard to procure. Dried Fruite-


Dates
Hall Hallowee, loose, per lb.
Hallowee, 12-oz, pkgs.
Raisins, Californis-
16 oz. fancy, seeded
16 oz. choice, seeded
12 or. fancy, seeded
16 oz. fancy, seeded
16 oz. choice, seeded
12 oz. fance, seeded
12 oz. choice, seeded
Raisins, Muscatels-
3 crown, loose, 2 's
3 crown, loose, 25 's
3 crown, loose, $50^{\circ}$ 's


$25-\mathrm{Hb}$, boxes
$50-\mathrm{lb}$, boxes
Prunes.
90 to
80 to
70 to
60 to
50 to
40 to
Peelo
40 to $50,25 \mathrm{~s}$
eelo-
Orange, lb .
Timmon, lb ,
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RICE-Conditions are same as have existed for some time. Rice, tapioca and sago are all firm on account of diffi-
culty in securing freights at reasonable rates.

SPICES.-Local jobbers raised their prices on peppers this week and quotations now on ground black in 10 lb . boxes are 27 c , ditto white 31c.
Allspice, ground
t assia. ground

Cloves, whole
Cloves, ground
Ginger, Jamaica,
Nntmegs, ground ground ound Gropict

Ground, black, $10-\mathrm{-b}$. boxes Ground white, $10-\mathrm{lb}$. boxess
Whole, white
COFFEE.-The market is firm and advancing all the time. It is stated that green coffee would cost the jobbers more to-day than they are selling at to the retailer. Indications are that we shall see higher prices on cheaper grades of Rio.

## Coffee-



TEA - Like all imported lines firm, and there is an advancing maket. Blue Ribbon tea was put up 1c per lb. to the retailer last week, prices to the consumer being unchanged. The new quotation on last seller is now $35 \mathrm{e}, 1 \mathrm{lb}$. pkgs., and 36 e per lb. $1 / 2 \mathrm{lb}$. pkgs.
CANNED GOODS.-Prices of both fruit and vegetables are holding up, and still show an upward tendency. There is a good demand. Fair stocks of all lines are held in Winnipeg, but tomatoes are almost cleaned up in the East, according to reports. If Winnipeg jobbers bought to-day it would cost them 10c per case more than the jobbers are selling for; in other words, jobbers are selling at $\$ 2.45$ per case, whereas it would cost them $\$ 2.54$ to bring them in. Quotations on a few lines of canned goods are as follows: Peas, first quality standard, $\$ 2$; peas, sweet wrinkled, $\$ 2.30-2.35$; corn, $\$ 2$; strawberries, $\$ 4.25$. Strawberries are scarce. but they have been selling at this price in Winnipeg right along.

## ALBERTA MARKETS (EDMONTON)

 By WireEdmonton, May 18.-Local jobbers, closely in touch with Japan bean situation, report that all Kotenashi and Otenashi beans in Orient are cleaned up. Few small lots of California beans have arrived during past two weeks and prices are high. Condensed milk has advanced 15c per case. Rolled oats increased 20c bail. Several lines of package teas have advanced a cent per pound. Sugar is now nine thirty. Evaporated peaches show firm tendency, owing to fact of peach association in

California, controlling eighty per cent. of the 1916 crop having bearing value.

Dairy butter is scarce and there is practically none on the market. Eggs are twenty-two cents dozen. Molasses are up to 77 c gal. Rolled oats, bail are $\$ 3.00$ and eighties $\$ 2.60$. Rice is three ninety and sago ten cents. Potatoes fifty-five to sixty. Shelled walnuts are 38 c and broken 28c. This is a decline. Lard, threes, is $\$ 10.35$ case. Canned tomatoes are up to $\$ 3.10$, and apples $\$ 1.95$. Salmon, Sockeye, is now $\$ 9.65$ and pinks $\$ 4.25$. Currants are $131 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ and evaporated apples 12c. Prunes are $71 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ lb. for 90-100.


## ALBERTA MARKETS (CALGARY)

By Wire
Calgary, May 18. - Arkansas strawberries, twenty-four quarts, are selling at $\$ 5.00$, and California pints at $\$ 3.25$. Rhubarb is now $\$ 1.00$. Sugar took a small advance of five cents Tuesday. Rolled oats are up 20 cents. Certain sizes of matches are up ten to fifteen cents case. Condensed wilk is up fifteer. cents and certain brands of tea up : cent per pound. Bacon bellies are now quoted at 26 c generally. This is an advance of $2 c$. New laid eggs have taken a sharp advance and are now $\$ 7.25$. There is a much smaller quantity of eggs in storage now than year ago and prices are much higher.
General-




Tomatoes, Florida, 6-basket crate Dried Fruits-

Apricots, per 1 b
Apricots, per per 1 b .
Citron peel,
Citron peel, lb.
Lemon peel, 1 b .

## NEW BRUNSWICK MARKET

## By Wire

St. John, May 18.-Trade conditions generally are satisfactory. Market changes this week continue to reflect upward tendency. Beef (corned) is now $\$ 2.90$ to $\$ 3.00$. American pork is $\$ 31$ to $\$ 32.50$. Manitoba flour has advanced to $\$ 7.50$ per bbl. Paris lumps show only change in sugar situation now $\$ 9.25$ to $\$ 9.50$. Pork and beans are firmer at $\$ 3.20$ to $\$ 3.40$.

## SASKATCHEWAN MARKETS By Wire

Regina, May 18.-Biseuits and many lines of confectionery are advancing. Sal soda advanced 18 cents per hundred lbs. Lard is higher. New prices are: 3 's, $\$ 10.50 ; 5$ 's, $\$ 10.45 ; 10$ 's, $\$ 10.35$ and $20 ' s, \$ 13.60$. Lower prices on salmon are being quoted. Brooms are higher. Tapioca and sago are up to $101 / 2 \mathrm{c} \mathrm{lb}$. Rio coffee is higher. Imported sardines are practically unobtainable. Canned meats have advanced from 15 to 20 per cent. Jams and marmalades are higher. Pineapples, Porto Rico are $\$ 5.50$ case. Oranges are $\$ 3.75$ to $\$ 4.50$ and lemons $\$ 4.50$. Alberta and B.C. potatoes are lower at 90 e . Garlic is 20 clb . Florida tomatoes are easier at $\$ 4,75$; cueumbers $\$ 2.35$ dozen; rhubarb $\$ 1.50$ and celery 9 c lb .


| Produce and Provisions- |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bacon, breakfast, per lb. ............ | 022 | 023 |
| Bacon, roll, per $1 \mathrm{lb}_{2} \ldots \ldots . . . . . . .$. |  | 017 |
| Beef, corned, 1's ............... | ${ }^{2} 90$ | 300 |
| Pork, American clear, per bbl. | ${ }^{31} 00$ | 3250 |
| Butter, dairs, per lo. | 027 | 030 |
| Butter, ereamery, per lb. | 032 | 034 |
| Eggs, new laid, per doa. | 022 | 023 |
| Lard, pure, lb. |  | 018 |
| Lard, compound, per lb. |  | 0 141/4 |
| Cheese | 0 191/2 | 0 201/2 |
| Flour and Cereals- |  |  |
| Cornmeal, gran. |  | 635 |
| Cornmeal, ordinary |  | 190 |
| Flour, Manitoba, per bbl. |  | 755 |
| Flour, Ontario |  | 705 |
| Flour, buckwheat, western, 58-lb. bag |  | 350 |
| Rolled oats, per bbl. |  | 62 |
| Fresh Fruits and Vegetables- |  |  |
| Apples, bbl, ........... | 400 | 60 |
| Lemons, Messina, bo | 350 | 00 |
| Lemons, Cal., box | 50 | 80 |
| Oranges, Cal., case | 400 | 450 |
| Oranges, Florida, case | 325 | 450 |
| Potatoes, bbls. |  | 350 |
| Sugar- |  |  |
| Standard granulated | 8 \% | 830 |
| United Empire | 815 | 820 |
| Bright yellow | 805 | 810 |
| No. 1 yellow | 785 | 790 |
| Paris lumps | 925 | 930 |
| Beans, white, per bush. .................. $400{ }_{4} 50$ |  |  |
| Oanned pork and beans, per case ....... 00 \% 0 |  |  |
| Molasses, Barbadoes, gal. | 060 | 0 65 |
| Oream of tartar, per 1b., buik ............ of 51 |  |  |
| Currants ................................... 0 123/2 01314 |  |  |
| Pork and beans, case ...................... 320 3 40 |  |  |
| Rice, per cwt. ...... | 575 | 800 |

## LEVER BROS. CONTEST WINNERS

Winners in the Lever Bros. window dressing contest are announced this week. The competition was divided into six divisions, namely, Montreal, Ottawa, Belleville, Toronto, Hamilton and London. The judges were J. J. Gibbons (president of the J. J. Gibbons Advertising Ageney), W. J. Bryans (Retail Grocer), and B. T. Huston (Canadian Grocer), the judging being done strictly by numbered photograph, so that names of contestants were unknown until the winners had been chosen.
Following were the Grand Prize winners in each division, except Montreal, which will be announced later:
Grand First Prize, $\$ 35$ in cash-W. T. Ackland, 250 Bank Street, Ottawa, Ont.

Grand Second Prize, $\$ 20$ in cashBryson, Graham (grocery department), Ottawa.

Grand Third Prize, $\$ 10$ in cash-Wilson \& Greenwood. Sudbury, Ont.
Grand First Prize, $\$ 35$ in cash-W. O. Webster, Trenton, Ont.
Grand Second Prize, $\$ 20$ in cashGeo. Puekett, Oshawa, Ont.
Grand Third Prize, $\$ 10$ in eash-Clair Barnett, Tweed, Ont.

Grand ${ }^{9}$ First Prize, $\$ 35$ in cash-J. Wilson, 151 Brock Avenue, Toronto.
Grand Second Prize, $\$ 20$ in cash-E. Monk, Simeoe Street, Toronto.

Grand Third Prize, $\$ 10$ in cash-Haffey \& Co., 459 Bloor Street W., Toronto.

Grand First Prize, $\$ 35$ in cashPebbles, Hobson \& Co., Hamilton.

Grand Second Prize, $\$ 20$ in cash-D. M. Brown, Herkimer and Caroline Streets, Hamilton.

Grand Third Prize, $\$ 10$ in cash-W. Hi'ton, 41 Quebec Street, Guelph.

Grand First Prize, $\$ 35$ in cash-Wm. MeDougall, Ingersoll, Ont.
Grand Second Prize, $\$ 20$ in cash-W. J. Hogarth, Ingersoll, Ont.

Grand Third Prize, $\$ 10$ in cash-J. MeCorvie \& Son, 142 King Street, Chatham.

Winners of the various $\$ 5$ prizes were as follows:

Ottawa Division-Noel Clarke, 295 Bronson Avenue, Ottawa; F. W. Robertson, Almonte, Ont.; A. S. Moreland, Bank and Havre Streets, Ottawa.
Belleville Division-A. J. McCrodan, 295 Front Street, Belleville; Ed. A. Kellaway, 20 W . Bridge Street, Belleville; J. F. Holloway, Lindsay, Ont.; J. Wilson, elo A. E. O 'Connor, Kingston ; Piper \& Young, Oshawa, Ont.

Toronto Division-Geo. T. Apperley, 2020 Queen Street E.; A. J. Buteher, 142 Sackville Street; P. Bone, 195 Avenue Road; W. Black, 1960 Queen Street E.; W. F. Hopkins, Islington, Ont.

Hamilton Division-J. Knox. Ray and Peter Streets; A. Norrington, Streetsville, Ont.; S. B. Hamilton, 154 Saudford Avenue, N. Hamilton; C. A. Pothier, elo M. Cummings, Barton and James Streets. Hamilton; J. P. Robertson, Grimsby, Ont.
London Division-J. A. Armond, Owen Sound. Ont.; W. E. Palmer, Sarnia, Ont.; L. Jackson, 1006 Dundas Street, London: D. N. Duncan, Owen Sound. Ont.: R. W. Jones, 46-48 Blackfriars Street, London.

## PAINT CASE TO BE TAKEN INTO COURT

At a meeting on Monday night, the Toronto branch of the Retail Merchants' Association decided to carry to the courts the case of the T. Eaton Co. in regard to selling of paint at 33 e per quart. The analysis of this paint was gone into fully in a recent issue of Canadian Grocer. and readers are familiar with the details. It will be interesting to follow the results.

## TO INTERVIEW EGG EXPORTERS

H. W. Horrocks, of Geo. Little, Manchester, Eng., is at present on a visit to Canada with the object of interviewing exporters of eggs and other products.


## FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

## New Potatoes Lower: Radishes a Drug

Prices for Radishes a Matter of a Man's Conscience--Larger Stocks of All Fruits and Vegetables Send Prices Down Generally-Tomatoes, Parsley and Lettuce Decline -Fresh Clierries Down

## MONTREAL

FRUIT.-Market is quiet, steady and unchanged in ruling factors and with few price changes to record. An inactive demand that has been added to by a backward season and continued cool weather is chief feature of market. Ben Davis apples are up 50 c and No. 1's are now $\$ 4.50$ and 2 's $\$ 3.75$, as a result of low state of spot stocks which generally tend to stronger market at this time of year. Spys remain in best demand and Baldwins the only other variety in market in any quantity. Bananas advanced during week but went back to former level. Quart strawberries are easier and are now 18 c to 20 c each.

Limes are unchanged and with demand restricted by cool weather.


VEGETABLES.-Usual number of price changes have occurred during week but general factors ruling market remain unchanged with a backward season and cold weather chief cause of quiet condition of market. Green beans have declined slightly to $\$ 4.50$ per basket, owing to larger supplies coming forward. New cabbage is up from $\$ 4.50$ to $\$ 4.75$ a dozen and old stocks have made a sharp advance in sympathy and are now selling at $\$ 3$ a dozen owing to the increased demand that has sprung up for them. Boston head lettuce has declined and is now selling at $\$ 3$ a box and the first Mtl. head lettuce at the same price. The first car of Texas Bermuda onions is on the market at $\$ 2.25$ per crate and the first car of Egyptian onions is arriving and is quoted at $\$ 5$ a 100 lb . bag. Fancy Boston cueumbers have declined and are now selling at
from $\$ 1.50$ to $\$ 1.75$ per doz., owing to arrival of cucumbers at lower prices in baskets. New potatoes have declined and are $\$ 9.50$ per barrel, but old stocks have remained firm and unchanged in price and continue to dominate market. Rhubarb is very plentiful and is down to 75 e per doz. bunches. Tomatoes are up 50 c and selling at $\$ 3.75$ to $\$ 4.25$ a crate. They are scarce and firmness rules as crop reports from coast points are unfavorable.


## TORONTO

FRUIT.-Apples are cleaning $n n$ a good deal, and such as remain are firm, and in some cases higher. Ben Davis are up to $\$ 3.50$, for instance. California cherries are now arriving more freely and $\$ 3-\$ 3.25$ is now quoted. Bananas have stiffened again, upon state of meagre supplies recurring and quotation is as high as $\$ 2.75$. Cuban grapefruit sells freely at $\$ 3.50$ : Florida stuff, of
very fine quality, is rather higher. Just now Cuban is getting a lot of trade. Oranges have firmed up all-round. Trade is buying heavily and both navels and late Valencias are higher, at $\$ 4.25$ and $\$ 4$ respectively. Strawberries are worth 14-18c. These are chiefly Carolinas. Louisiana stuff sells a little under that. Pineapples, though in good demand, are now more plentiful and we quote $\$ 3.5$ ) to $\$ 3.75$. Trade is good for all lines. Market undertone is easy. More stocks are coming as weather further opens and prices are grading down accordingly.


VEGETABLES.-Radishes are a drus on the market. Loads are coming: more than the trade can take care of. Price is more a matter of a man's conscience than anything else. Quotation is 20 c , but less or more may be asked, and gotten. Head lettuce is coming down in price, and $\$ 4$ is asked, with $\$ 3.75$ as a lower possibility. Bermuda onions are down slightly to $\$ 2.25$. A couple of cars came in and stocks are fuller than last week. Parsley is lower, and is worth about a dollar a dozen. This is down 35 cents from last week. Hothouse cucumbers are more plentiful than last week, though price at writing is not reduced at all. They are still on the scarce side, compared with demand. Tomatoes are coming down in price as stocks become heavier. Potatoes remain easy at last week's lower levels, and it is thought they may be lower yet. Rhubarb is worth about 65 cents a dozen. Rest of list shows no quotable change, but the tone is generally easier and lower. Same
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# Declines in Many Fish Prices 

Scarcity of Eastern But Plethora of Western-Gaspe Salmon at High Levels-Whitefish, Halibut and Haddock Lower-Lake Fish Still Somewhat Slow

## MONTREAL

FISH.-Market is unchanged, and quiet with normal amount of trade passing for this time of year and slight improvement in some lines although sup. plies in general are not coming terward very freely. High price of meat continues to be ruling factor in maintenance of demand. Fresh fish such as western halibut are more plentiful, although eastern fish of all kinds are inclined to be scarce. Haddoek is hard to get but a few Gaspe salmon have been available for the last few days at prohibitive prices and some good British Columbia salmon has been arriving more freely lately and sold at comparatively low prices. Lake fish are coming forward more freely and fairly good sized shipments of lake trout and white iish have changed hands at very good prices. Trout is coming forward in normal quantities but continued cold weather is curtailing supplies somewhat. Lobsters have dropped to what is said to be bottom level of prices and a firmer feeling rules for the future in this line. Smoked, cured and piekled lines and bulk and shell oysters are quiet with inactive demand. Weakness occurs in advices from St. Johns, owing to Pertugese Government fixing of maximum price which is expected to affect a large export trade from this country and possibly react on other lines.

## TORONTO

FISH AND OYSTERS.-There is a noticeable gain in business done this last week in all lines of fish. Dealers pit it down very largely to prevailiug high levels of buteher's meat and also to the fact that all cooked meats are higher than usual. Public is certainly buyin:s more fish. Hotel and restaurant trade also increases larger orders as well as more frequent being placed.

Stocks of fresh fish are now normal for the time of the year. Supplies of halibut are particularly large, and prien bas dropped from 15 to 13 cents. Here and there 14 e is charged, but 13 c is average price. Lake fish is slow in evaing in.

Lake Erie sends nice quality whitefish down, but in small quantities, considering that this is the middle of May. It is worth 27 cents, which is a decrease of about 3 cents from recent levels. Hadduek is more abundant. There is a biry demand for it, however, and prica of 7 e is quite firm. Bad fishing weatiry continues in Canadian grounds, and supplies are being supplement. $i$ by United States products. Some trout is arriving, bat deliveries are slow for time of year. There is more interest displayed in loi;ste: a $\varepsilon$ price shows decrease. Qrotation is now 40 to 45 c .


DRIED AND PREPARED FISH.


## WINNIPEG

FISH AND POULTRY.-Fish is more plentiful than it has been for a long time, and there were two important declines in fresh fish, viz., fresh salmon, now 18e, and fresh halibut, 12e. Bot! these lines are arriving more freely. Fresh Lake Superior trout is coming in at 12c. Haddies, which have been scarce, are still bringing 12e. Poultry, both live and dressed, continues to be scarce, and high quotations are current.



# Flour and Rolled Oats Higher 

Manitobas Up 20c, Though This is Unusual For Time of Year-Export Demand and World<br>Condition the Reason-Oats Very Firm: Tending Upwards-Barley Being Bought By Military Authorities

## MONTREAL

FLOUR.-Spring wheat flour has advanced 20 c a barrel and first patents are now $\$ 6.80$ and others in proportion following recently developed strength on wheat market. Advance of prices has stimulated buying for local and country consumption and export trade continues good with some millers sold up well ahead and mills previously closed are now starting up again. Stocks all over are reported low.

Winter wheat is steadier in sympathy with spring lines and an advance of 10 c has been noted in some quarters, but is far from general. Stocks are heavy for this time of year. Orders are coming in more frequently from down river points more particularly since recent advance which has stimulated buying in both spring and winter lines.
 up 20 e in all lines but new prices are not strictly adhered to. Advance occurred following that in raw oats market and demand continues to be inactive in keeping with season of year. Firmness rules undertone on basis of continued disparity between raw and rolled oats prices. The former are now $475 / 8$ an advance of 4 e or a difference of 40 c in rolled oats. Export business continues to be chief factor of market. Prices continue to be erratic in corn meal.


FEEDS.-Market remains firm and nnehanged in price with a demand stimulated by advances in flour market. Firmness is well maintained particularly in shorts. Owing to approach of end
of season stocks are being cleared out as rapidly as possible while conditions are favorable.


## TORONTO

FLOUR.-Manitoba flour is up 20 c this week, and first patents are worth $\$ 6.70$. This will probably be a surprise to the trade. This season of the year is not usually one when advances take place. No doubt the fact that No. 1 Northern, track bay ports is up a couple of cents from last week to $\$ 1.28$ has something to do with it. The wheat market shows signs of firmness, and of course flour follows suit, in addition to having considerable strength on its own account. It is interesting to observe that flour is a dollar or more below last year's level at this time. Last year's good crop, of course, has been largely responsible for low levels being maintained even thus far. Export orders, however, are now coming thick and fast. Domestic demand has brisked up some too. There is, indeed, a stronger feeling all round.

Readers are directed to the long article on another page on the future of flour prices.

| Manitoba Wheat Flour- |  |  |
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| Strong bakers $\qquad$ ................. 630 580 |  |  |
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|  |  |  | changes in prices recorded this week. Barley is particularly important. Military requirements are demanding both pearl and pot, and some strength is derived from that direction. Domestic dedemand is fair to middling. Rolled oats are higher again on aetive demand coupled with bare stocks. We quote $\$ 2.65$. Whole wheat flour, sympathetic alike to wheat and flour, is up to $\$ 3$, and strong at that. Split peas are find-

ing some demand. We quote $\$ 4.85$. Wheatlets are easier at $\$ 3.30$.


FEEDS.-There is no quotable change in feeds, though all values are well supported. There is a good firm demand for all lines, noticeably shorts and middlings. Farmers are feeding more and more stock: it is profitable with hogs quoted as high as they are at present. Ontario oats remain very firm and active. They show no sign of easing at all, and we quote 45 c to $461 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.


## WINNIPEG

FLOUR AND CEREALS.-Domestic business still quiet largely owing to fact that farmers are busy seeding, and that practically no business going on in country towns. Export business is quiet owing to lack of bottoms. British Government orders which were placed with mills are moving forward slowly, as the Government is unable to provide bottoms for their movement. Wheat market is fairly firm, and during the week fluctuated between $\$ 1.18$ and $\$ 1.20$. A featire of the market is an advance in rolled oats, which have jumped to $\$ 2.25$ 2.30 . This was caused by an advance in the oat market, which is strong, and has every indication of going higher for good milling oats. Quotations on packages are unchanged. The feed market is strong, and all mills are pretty well sold ahead, the biggest demand being for bran and shorts, both East and West. The tendency of the corn market is upward, and there has been a slight ad-
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# Bread, Buns and Rolls 

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## Meats Higher: Butter Steady: Eggs Firm

Firmness in Hogs Again With Strengthening Effect on Products-Lard Up $1 \not 12$ to a Full Cent -Cheese Firm and Likely to Advance--Demand for Live Poultry

## MONTREAL

PROVISIONS.-Lard has advanced $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ and firmness noted for last few weeks is still well maintained; 350 lb . tierces are now selling at 17 e and other sizes in proportion. Supplies are scarce and demand good. Prices continue to be well maintained for hogs. Live stock is selling at $121 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ and dressed abattoir killed at $163 / 4$ c. A fair trade is passing in both. Boiled hams are scarce and higher and are now 34 e. All smoked and cured lines are fairly active for local and country account in addition to export trade and firmness rules in undertone of market in all lines.

vanced from $3 / 4$ e to Cowansville level. Production is increasing and receipts for last week amounted to 7,694 packages as against 6,293 for the week previous, but with a decrease in amounts received as compared to same period for last year.

## Butter-


forward freely but prices are unchanged owing to good demand from packers for export purposes later on. Market in country is steady with general trade to stores a shade higher than last week with 22 e as present top price. Storing is general throughont country so there is no surplus in market. Receipts for week were 24,047 against 21,103 for the previous week.

CHEESE.-Recent firmness has culminated in advance so that 1916 make is offered at from 20 to 21c, and 1915 at 21e to 22 c , and Sti'ton at 24 c and a very firm feeling continues to rule owing to shortage in all markets as no surplus is expected here until June as export trade will continue to absorb arrivals which show a decrease of over 10,000 boxes since May 1st as compared with same period last year. Although receipts for last week were double that of week before. Local demand for stocks also continues good. Cable advances for finest Canadian white and colored cheese have advanced 1 shilling making it 110 shil!ings per ewt.. the highest recorded price in Liverpoo!.

> 1915 make
1916 make

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| 30 | 6921 |

POULTRY.-Market for live large fowls shows firmness and they are now offered at from 23e to 24 e owing to curtailment of supplies coming forward as very few live fowls of any kind are arriving. Frozen stocks are rapidly being cleaned up on market, and frozen fowls have entirely disappeared so that fresh stocks will soon be only source of supply. There is a good call for all lines
which with the lack of supplies continue to make a general firmness in market.

## Pooltry- Foren Turkers



HONEY.-Market is quiet, steady and unchanged with firmness fully maintaned although demand is again normal and stocks ample for requirements.

## Honey-



MAPLE SYRUP-Prices changed with no increase of supp'ies coming forward from countrv. Firmness rules and feeling locally has been strengthened by presence of U.S. buyers on market owing to shortage of Vermont crops.


## TORONTO

PROVISIONS.-Last week's slight easing in the hog market was a temporary condition onlv, apparently. Hogs are quite firm again, and, if anything. are tending upwards. All bacons, hams, cooked and dry salt meats are higher. variously half a cent to a cent. Readers will please note that if anvthing prices following are a trifle high. There is some discrepancy among different houses and the low quotation in cases following is often the most common, though the higher is charged in some quarters. All pure lard prices are up a full cent.



BUTTER.-Creamery is steady, with no fluctuation either one way or the other. Make continues good, and demand keeps on absorbing it. Price in country is about 27e. Dairy butter is now accumulating, but quality is not good enough for storing, so that demand is the normal trade one only. Make of dairy should keep on increasing from now on for a while: cows go out usually after the 10th of May or thereabouts. No other new feature presents itself, and prices remain steady but quotably unchanged.


CHEESE.- "Very firm" sums up the cheese market. Export needs continues to grow and enquiries turn into orders in almost every case. Opening of navigation spurred the market up considerably. Domestic demand rules heavy, and cheese boards are unusually firm at $191 / 2$ to $3 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. Prices to the trade are therefore on a firm basis, and liable to advance.


EGGS.-There is a markedly stronger feeling in this market. Delivery has slacked somewhat, and in any event, for the season has not been up to last year, by a long margin. As was contended last week, it looks as if we shall have highpriced egrs later on this year. Storage is being conducted at what are undoubtedly high levels.

Prices just now are prone to advance. There are only about a couple more weeks of good eggs, because the weather will then likely be hot. This fact causes a big storage demand right now, and prices are up a cent this week.
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POULTRY.-There are several notable changes in price. Spring broilerswhich must be $11 / 2 \mathrm{lbs}$. or over - are worth 45 to 50 c live, and dressed, 10 c hisher. There is a good demand, though deliveries are fairly heavy. Old fowl,
both live and dressed are lower. Hens are beginning to cackle now, and are promptly shipped to market; 18 e to 20 c is price for live. The big call is for live stuff, not dressed, though latter gets some ca!! Poultry-
Spring broilers (11/2 hes. and over). 0 \& $5-5.50$ Ond fowl, lb. Milk-fed.

HONE no quatable change. Demand and supplies dovetail in a normal manner.


## WINNIPEG

PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS.-The hog market remained practically stationary during past week, and was firm at $\$ 11$. Receipts were light the first half of week, but more liberal the latter half. There were no radical changes in the provision market, the on'y one worth noting being an advance in cooked hams, which are now 31e.

The egg market is causing some concern to packers, which has been abnormally firm all week. The cool weather held back country deliveries, and an advance took place to the dealer of 1 c per doz., bringing quotations to $22-221 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. It is not expected that these prices will be maintained, as heavier receipts are anticipated. However, it is not expected that eggs will go much lower, i.e., country eggs. Hot weather eggs in July, of course, will take the usual slump. Prices to-day are about 4 c higher than they were this time last year. There has been an exceptional outside demand, and local wholesale houses sold heavily anticipating warmer weather and plenty of eggs, but were caught short. This accounts for the high level prevailing today. The weather is blamed for this, being a month late all oyer the world.

New-made butter is arriving in fairly liberal quantities. quality being fairlv good. The market is easier, No. 1 stock being quoted at 33 c and No. 2 31c. There is no change in cheese.



## FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

## (Continued from page 36.)

cause affects regetables as fruits. De:iveries are getting heavier all the time, as weather opens, and roads to city get better.


## PERCENTAGE AND PROSPERITY

## By ,W. M. Flanders.

A note of warning should be sounded to the retail trade in general regarding the danger of cutting their percentages of profit during the present reigning period of high prices. Many grocers have been heard to exclaim when a certain article had advanced" in price, "But I can't get any more," an admission which is not only a confession of weakness, but bad from the standpoint of sensible business judgment.
With the higher market for many articles which before the advance paid handsomely and even at the higher figure pay fairly well, yet the "handsome" profit was necessary to offset certain lines from which there never is margin enough.

It will be time well spent, indeed, it is imperative that retailers take the initiative and closely compare what certain classes of goods are costing to-day with what has been paid for them in normal times; for costs creep up so stealthily and insidiously that their presence is many times unperceived.

If $\$ 2.25$ per dozen has been paid for a 25 c article and the price advances to $\$ 2.50$, with the price still maintained at 25 e , unless this 25 e per dozen is placed upon some other article to still keep up the average percentage of profit, success is being trifled with. This example is only one of dozens which might be cited.

When told you are obliged to ask more for this or that article, it occasions no surprise. But weak knees won't do it: neither will simple guess work secure to you that which is your due.

# This Window Brought Fifteen New Accounts 

Montreal Dealer Demonstrates Importance of Showing Meats, Butter and Eggs in the Window -One Display Brought Increased Business of \$250-Eggs Arranged According to Size and Color-Best Quality Butter Only Backed Up

From an interview by Canadian Grocer with T. J. Kavanagh, Montreal.


This illustration shows tasty provision window of Kavanagh Bros., Montreal, dressed by J. G. Murphy. It got 13 new customers for the store.

THE window shown in the accompanying illustration was meant primarily to be one of contrasts. so as to present a rich and variegated picture that would arrest attention by its sheer attractiveness. Also that it sell goods later by the profusion of price tags on the offerings.
It is impossible for a photograph to reproduce the exactness of detail that was present in this window. For instance, the eggs were all sorted by sizes as well as color, and the design worked out in contrasting rows of colors and sizes. Apples, oranges and eggs form the basis of the design. This combination offers great possibilities in building diamonds, stars, crescents and other fancy designs. Carefully-selected sprigs of parsley were used to enhance the snowy whiteness of the lard as well as the darker color of the blocks of butter.
$\$ 250$ Sales and 15 New Accounts
The direct results of this window consisted of an increase of $\$ 250$ in sales of the lines displayed and the opening of fifteen new accounts in the ten days immediately following. Five new accounts were opened in one day, and all of the fifteen were of a highly desirable class of trade. Further proof of the direct
effect of the window on sales was the fact that lard, butter and bacon were sold to people who had never bought them of us before, although they were buying other lines here before; also the number of passersby who stopped to look at the window, testified to its pulling power, and the number of times it was mentioned by' buying customers indicated its influience on regular trade.

We specialize on the best brands of the most widely advertised goods, especially in such lines as butter, in which any inferior quality is so easily detected by the purchaser. We only break this rule in response to a direct request for an inferior brand, and then are careful to sell it as such. If encouraged to do so, people will buy the better quality nine times out of ten.
Cleanliness is a feature of this window. and greatly enhances its appearance, as it does the flavor of the goods. One small wrinkle of inestimable advantage to us is the constant use of parchment paner for the wrapping of ham and bacon before wrapping them up in brown paper. Newspapers, every one knows to be injurious for this purpose, but it is not generally known that brown paper carries injurious matter that is easily
sweated on to any food matter. This applies to fish, all smoked meats and other similar products.

We devote considerable study to our 'phone business. For this reason we only allow the 'phone to be answered by the most competent clerks who have prices at their finger tips, and will not require to keep a customer waiting whilst they look up prices, ete. To assist in this highly-desirable state of efficiency, we look up invoice on each fresh shipment of goods as it arrives and issue new prices to clerks, so that they may quote promptly on all occasions.

## FLOUR AND OEREALS

(Continned from page 38.)
vance by Southern mills on cornmeal, but this has not affected local prices.


# Firm Prospects for Future Flour Prices 

## Why an Advance Took Place This Week-Facts and Fancies Anent Crops for This Year-1916 A Reversal of 1915-Probability of High Prices for Flour-Farming World Short <br> About 20,000,000 Men

Written from interview with flour autho rities.

READERS of Canadian Grocer will find in the market report appertaining to flour that this week there has been an advance of 20 c in Manitoba flour. This is an unusual thing for this time of year. It is an infrequent happening that flour should go up at this season.

The fact of the matter is that it is not so much an outcome of local conditions as an indirect result of world conditions. This brings us to a study of flour prices and their probable trend during this year of 1916.
This advance seems a direct indication of future values. It was made because flour men generally are taking a wide and international view of world conditions with regard to wheat and flour rather than a national and narrow. A year ago at this time we were nearing the end of a normal crop, and we had an abnormal demand for wheat and flour. If anything, the crop on which we were living was below normal at this time last year. And if anything, too, the demand was abnormal. Therefore, prices were about $\$ 1$ to $\$ 1.50$ higher at corresponding time last year than they are right now. We were, however, running in May, 1915, into a new crop period of good prospects; acreage was good, seeding was duly and truly performed at its proper time; and there was every indication, not only in Canada, but also throughout the States in the spring wheat section and in the winter wheat section, that the United States and Canada together would have excellent crops. These excellent crops materialized, and grocers are aware of the splendid crops which Canada and the United States both produced last year.

## A Complete Reversal

This year we see a complete reversal of those conditions. Whereas last year's crop was a normal one, this year's erop will likely be smaller than normal. Whereas last year at this time we were coming to the end of a normal crop and had an abnormal demand, this year we are coming to the end of an abnormal crop, and are having a normal demand, more or less. Last year whereas we were running at this time into a new crop period of good prospects, indeed of excellent prospects, this year we are running into a crop period of at best normal prospects, and in all probability prospects not even as attractive and satisfaetory as that.

## What Are Indications?

What are the indications, so far as one may observe, at this early date for crops this year? As far as the United States is concerned, the Southern States are distinetly gloomy. Kansas reports bad weather conditions and decreased acreage. It is the same with some of the other Southern States. As far as the spring wheat section in the North-West is concerned, there has been very bad weather for seeding and a decreased acreage is reported, so that the United States will probably be below normal in production of crop.
The state of affairs existing in Canada is virtually the same. Seeding in Canada is late. The weather has been extraordinarily wet, and farmers are unable to get on the land. Add to that the fact that in most sections a decreased acreage is reported which will amount at least to 15 per cent.-this is a conserva-

HOLIDA YS FOR THE YEAR
During the remainder of the year, the following holidays, feast days, anniversaries, etc., will be held:-

May 24-Victoria Day.
May 26-Qu e en Mary's Birthday.
May 28-Rogation Sunday.
June 1-Ascension Day.
June 3-King George V.'s birthday.
June 11-Whit Sunday.
June 18-Trinity Sunday.
June 22-Corpus Christi.
June 23-Prince of Wale's birthday.
June 24-ŚSt. John Baptist.
July 1-Dominion Day.
Sept. 4-Labor Day.
Sept. 29-Michaelmas.
Nov. 1-All Saints.
Nov. 30-St. Andrew.
Dec. 1-Queen Alexandra's birthday.
Dec. ${ }^{3-1} 1$ st Sunday in Advent.
Dec. 8-Conception.
Dec. 21-St. Thomas.
Dec. 25-Christmas.
This list will assist the dealer in arranging his summer and fall campaign and should be kept on file.
tive estimate and also the fact of bad growing conditions, on account of the lateness of seeding, and prospects do not look hopeful for a crop this year which will equal by any means the crop we had last year.

## Affects Present Conditions

But how, the reader naturally queries, does this affect present conditions, and how does it explain an advance in flour at the present time? The question is natural. It is true that we have abundant stocks of wheat on hand at present. Nevertheless wheat is being exported at this time to Europe to something like the tune of $10,000,000$ bushels a week. At this rate our surplus, large as it is, cannot last indefinitely. We are, therefore, living, as stated in the opening paragraphs of this article, upon the end of an abnormal crop. This abnormal crop. coming to an end, will flicker out if demand continues to be made upon it to the tune of $10,000,000$ bushels of wheat a week, and we are coming not to an abnormal crop again this year, but to a normal one at best.
Here is another fact worth while consideration. The farming world generally is short something like $20,000,000$ men, who would otherwise have been employed in the field and on the land, who are under arms, and are, therefore, not giving their time to the land this year. That means that, generally speaking, European crops will be slight. This basic fact has been at the bottom, of course, of such firmness and strength which have existed on the market to this time. It will continue to be a factor, and it will become a growingly important factor. Twenty million men away from the farm lands of the world are bound to make a difference in farm returns. Therefore, export business in Canada as well as the States, instead of growing less will get heavier. That means less for domestic consumption. and this taken into conjunction with the fact of a smaller crop this year than last will naturally infer higher prices. Prices on flour at present are considered low. Compared with a year ago thev are lower by about $\$ 1.50$ per barrel. Wheat prices are commensurately low. We cannot expect, if conditions materialize as they have been mapped out in the foregoing. that wheat and consequently flour towards the tail end of this year will be cheap. They will in all probability be dear.

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4 lbs.
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8 oz. Ting, $\begin{array}{r}4 \\ \text { weight } 35 \\ \text { lbs. } \\ \text { doz. to case, }\end{array}$ weight $\mathbf{2}$. Tins, 4 doz. to case, weight 48 lbs.
16 oz. Tins, 4 doz to case, weight 65 lbs. ............. 3 lb . Tins, 2 doz. to case,
5 lb. Tins. 1 doz. to case, weight 75 lbs. ............ 9
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Plain or with Sauce, 4
1's Baked Beans, Plain, ${ }^{4}$
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Sauce, 4 doz. to case.. 070
1's Baked Beans, Chill 0 Sauce, ${ }^{4}$ doz. to ease.. ${ }^{0} 70$
2's Baked Beans, Plain, tall,
${ }^{2}{ }^{2}$ doz, to case $\cdot \cdots \cdots \cdots 10$
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Family, Plain, $\$ 1.20$ doz.; Family Tomato Sauce, \$1.30 doz. : Fam ily, Chili Sauce, $\$ 1.30$ doz; $3^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$ Plain, Flats, Aylmer only, $\$ 1.40$ doz.; $3 \cdot \mathrm{~s}$, Tomato Nauce, Flats, Aylmer only, $\$ 1.50$ doz.; 3 's Chili Sauce, Flats, Aylmer only \$1.50 foz.: $21 / 2$ 's, Plain, \$1.45 doz.: $3^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$, Plain. Tall, $\$ 1.60$ doz. 3's, Tomato Sauce, $\$ 1.7 \mathrm{~F}$ doz 3's, Chill Sauce, \$1.75 dos. The above 2 doz, to case. 10 's, $1 / 2$ doz. per case. for hotel and restaurant nee (gals.), $\$ 5.25$ doz.

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doz. per case, per doz...
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2's Glass, Vacuum Top, per
doz. ........................
2'g Tin, 2 doz. per case, per
4's Tin, 12 pails in crate.

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Supreme chocolate, $1 / 2$ 's, 12 1b. boxes, per lb, …... $0^{37}$ Perfection chocolate, 20 c
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| Arrow root, 4 oz. tins, 85 c |  |
| Cayenne ......... 0 | 090 |
| Celery salt |  |
| Celery pepper |  |
| Cinnamon ........ 045 | 090 |
| pkgs., window <br> front, 45゙c ....... |  |
| Cloves . . . . . . . . . 045 | 090 |
| Cloves, whole, 5 c . pkgs., wind.ow front, 45c ...... |  |
| Curry powder |  |
| Ginger ........... 0 㐌 | 090 |
| Mace . . . . . . . . . . . 125 |  |
| Nutmegs . . . . . . . 0 0 45 | 090 |


Nutmegs, whole, 5e pkgs., window front, 45 c .

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40 lbs., Benson's Enamei
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"Kindly send me your cook book, I think I deserve one. I've been on this blessed old homestead nine years now, batching, and during the whole of that time, I've only had one and a half sacks of flour which were not FIVE ROSES. The first was either XXX or else $X X X X$, anyway it would have killed a dog. I didn't understand either flour or cooking and bought it on the advice of a so-called friend. I think he must have wanted my land; anyway I survived and cheated him. The last 100 lb . sack of FIVE ROSES I got a few months ago was pretty bum, and I could make nothing decent at all with it, but I must say in all honesty it's the only bad sack I ve ever had. So I think you owe me a cook book. Anyway I've no stamps handy, but please yourselves."

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