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## DROPS FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

GRAPPLE with a duty, even if in the doing of it you appear to come out second best. It is better to be thrown by duty than to be conquered by cowardice.

Man makes character and character makes reputation.
Leaks in the store will sink a business as well as a ship.
The goodness of profits is not always relative to their size.
Advertisements cost money. So do the goods in your store.
Recklessness in youth usually produces wreckage in old age.
Be square in your dealings if you would have your career round up well.

Wed yourself to your business and success will be the product of the union.

Business without system, like an engine without governing palls, goes all awry.

Business may be a lottery, but if you are trained and go in to win, you'll win.

A good reputation can be easily lost, but the wealth of a Croesus cannot purchase one.

Generosity is a good quality in a merchant, but generosity in excess is recklessness.

Sacrifice of dignity is not entailed in being courteous and obliging to your customers.

Cutting prices no more builds up business than does pulling out your hair obviate baldness.

Without book-keeping the merchant cannot tell whether he is in the woods or out of them. $\qquad$
It is brains that rule the world in spite of the credit that money sometimes gets of being king. $\qquad$
Forgetfulness is often the fruit of idleness. Think twice and you are not likely to forget once.

The merchant who wants his own way in everything cannot make much headway in business.

Clerks who, having time on hands during business hours, would devote that time to improving the arrangement of the stock or to dis-
cussing ways and means of developing trade, would make both themselves and the business more valuable to their employer.

Fame is not the fruit of fake methods. It is the resultant of push, perseverance and ability combined.

Persistency is the diamond drill which pushes its way through all obstacles until it obtains the desired result.

Study how to get your customers to keep their eyes on your store, as well as how to keep your eye upon them.

It is well that a merchant should " take stock " of himself as well as his business. And the oftener the better.

Clerks who keep their eyes open for their own interests only are not likely to ever have any great interests to look after.

The merchant who allows the discreditable to play upon his sympathy soon gets discreditable in the eyes of his creditors.

A changeable mind is not good, but he is a wise man who changes his mind when by so doing he shifts from wrong to right.

It is not every man who can be rich in gold ; but every man can be rich in character. And character is more precious than diamonds.

If you understand your business stick to it. There is no mucilage strong enough tomake stick to you what you were not intended to adhere to.

Money as well as morality is essential to business building. Business may be the briqks, but morality is the mortar which holds them together.

As long as it lives the note you have endorsed for a friend is a serpent in the bosom, which may at any unexpected moment stick its fangs into you.

Statements regularly rendered remind debtors that you have not forgotten their indebtedness to you, whatever they may have done in this respect.

Hard-working young men may lose drops of perspiration, but the approval they win and the success they attain unto are well worth the labor that is the cause of them.

He who fails to gather common sense as well as money as he advances in life becomes rich in that which he cannot take with him and poor in that which he can take with him when he departs this life.

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AND
THE SUN PASTE STOVE POLISH


NEW ECONOMICAL CONDITIONS. , $k$ whatever else it may be remembered, the three-ycar period of 1893 -96 will be known to history for the phenomenally low prices which obtained therein. The future may see a still lower range of values. Indeed it is quite possible that it will. The tendency is certainly in that rather than in the opposite direction. But whatsoever may be in the lap of futurity in this respect, it does not alter the fact that the past three years will be known, to this generation at least, for the unprecedentedly low prices of which they have been so characteristic.
L.ow prices are ustually associated with trade depression : the former as the product of the latter. And to advance the same association in the present instance is clearly justifiable. The commercial interests of the country have been depressed for half a dozen year- or more. It began with the Baring failure, and subsequent unwise silver legislation, war-scare presidential edicts, and unsound currency agitation in the I nited States accentuated it

But all the responsibility for the low range of values now obtaining does not lie on the shoulders of hard times. Indeed it seems to me that for the chief cause we must look elsewhere. And where eloe can we look than to the inventive genius and enterprise of man ?
During the past decade so fruitful has been this inventive genius and so marked this enterprise that one might almost be excused in wondering whether they had not in these later days of the 1 gth century reached their climax : In the factory, in the field, machinery has superseded man ; places far distant have been brought near at hand by rapid transit and the convenient telephone. With this modern machinery in the hands of one man, whether in the factory or in the field, he can with ease perform that which demanded the energy of six, twelve or even more of his fellows. This meant cheapened cost of production. And , the compensating force, competition, saw to it that all the benefits derived from decreased cost of production were not monopolized by the capitalist. The consumer benefited by it: and the facts to-day show that he has benefited to the full. This is particularly true with regard to the products of the farm. But it is the introduction of labor-saving machinery which has made more possible successful farming in the great Northwest wheat fields of the Dominion, where the grain must be quickly harvested on account of the shortness of the season. In fact, the same may be said of other countries of extensive grain-growing areas. Combinations, in many instances; have enabled manufacturers to artificially maintain prices above the ratio of other products which have not had the same means of being maintained. It has

enabled, and is enabling, coal barons to do the same. But inflate prices can no more be maintained in perpetuity than can a balloon Natural laws may be suspended through the acts of legislatures by associated effort on the part of man. But suspension is n . obliteration

It must, therefore, be evident to any man who has given the subject thought that while periods of depression undoubtedly have had much influence in determining prices, so also has evolution in the methods of production. Indeed, it may with equal confidence be asserted that evolution in the methods of production deleteriously affects trade for the time being at least.

Clay, before it becomes a comely vessel, must be pulled and twisted ; marble, before it becomes the graceful statue, must be hammered and cut. And trade, in conforming itself to the chang ing conditions, must necessarily receive a wrench here and a pull there. It would hardly be fair to term these effects, of which the changing conditions are the cause, hard times. Yet this undoubt edly is what a great many are doing.

Hard times are the product of crop failures or a continuance of unsound business methods. Sometimes it is the one, sometimethe other, and not infrequently the combined influence of both. any case, therefore, evil is at the bottom of hard times.

The evolution in the methods of production, and the consequent changes that are being wrought in the economical conditions of the advanced civilized nations, are in line with the progress of the age. which, in turn, is genius being realized. All those labor-saving devices, all those inventions for bringing distant places nigh to each other, are not evils. They are blessings. They are for man' good. Consequently they cannot be bad. Their bringing forth may cause the transformation of economical conditions, and, conse quently, pain. But it is a source of satisfaction to know that it $i$ progressive, not retrogressive. And then the birth of all thing produces pain.

We are entering upon a new economical era. There is no question about that. New ways of doing business, new methods of living, are entailed upon us. To array ourselves against it will be futile. To conform ourselves to it is wisdom.

THE MELON DOWN THE WELL.
The "old oaken lucket " hangs there by the well.
With the areen moss around it, 1 know
But the he art in my breast still delighteth the best
In the melon that's cooling below.
In the melon that's seen
With a circle of green
In the depth of the waters below:
1 know the tired mules have come home from the field,
The farm hand's forsaken the hoe :
But naught in the picture such pleasur
But naught in the picture such pleasure can yield
As the melon that's cooling below.
As the melon that s seen
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In the glory of green
In the depth of the cool well be'os:
Has no equal. Does not stick to the iron,
or blister the linen. Requires no cooking.
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THE ART OF WINDOW DRESSING.

## By W. L. E.



INDOW dressing as an art is of modern recognition. There are men to-day in middle life who can well remember when an attractive window was the exception and an unattractive one the rule. People put goods in their windows then as they do now, but the difference was in how they put them in. The merchant who twenty years ago realized there was art in the dressing of a window as well as in the painting of a picture was a unique character. In those what might be termed unregenerate days most people put goods in their window because there was a space to be filled, just as some people try to enumerate in an advertisement all the lines of goods they carry in stock.

Window dressing is an art, and the more it is studied the more evident does this become. And the more it is studied and practised the more evident is it that it is a paying art. There are scores of other arts which the more the merchant studies them the more money will he be out of pocket. But the opposite is the case with window dressing.

A window is either a help or a hindrance to a merchant. \& It can scarcely be otherwise. If it does not attract it must detpact. A dirty window is certain to detract. And a merchant who is deserving of the name will see to it that his window, as well as his person, is kept clean. There is nothing a merchant should be more concerned about in his business. There may be some people whom a dirty window in a grocery store may no more affect than nails an ostrich's digestive organs. But even these unconcerned people it will not attract, let alone the average housewife.

Then there is the slovenly window. It is half-brother to the diny window. A slovenly window may not affect the stomach, for it does not always follow that where there is slovenliness there is dirt ; but it excites prejudice. And prejudice will keep a man out of your store just about as quickly as the peculiarities of his stomach. Slovenliness in the store is the reflection of laziness in the merchant. And where laziness abounds a multitude of businesspoisoning fruits are sure to develop.

A window display should not be allowed to become stale, fresh and original as it might have been at first. Stale windows, like stale tarts, do not court trade.

Every man cannot be an expert window dresser any more than can every man paint a picture that will earn applause. But every man who has brains enough to be a merchant ought to have brains enough to learn to be at least a passable artist in this respect. Win-dow-dressing demands thought, and it is only a fool that cannot think. Reading will help a man a great deal to master the art of window dressing ; but observation, together with a little prospecting into the recesses of one's own mind, will do still more towards securing the desideratum. He therefore, who does not dress his window is either a fool or a lazy man. And such an one can hardly remain long in business in these days.

In spite of the enlarged attention that is being given to window dressing, the art is yet little more than in its infancy. A walk along either city or village streets demonstrates that. Quite an impetus would be given to the art were every merchant throughout the Dominion to inspire his clerks with the desire to excel as window dressers. Let each clerk in turn arrange the window, and the rivalry that would be the result would be conducive both to the advantage of the merchant and the clerks.

Business is a warfare ; and one of the factors tor waging it is the
window display. The oftener the window is dressed the more effective therefore will it naturally be. A fresh window display every day could hardly be expected. But twice a week would not be unreasonable, and once a week every merchant should see that his window is rearranged.

A window display to have utility must have the power of attrac-tion-must be striking enough to demand attention from passers by. It is in the uniqueness of the display, and not in the quantity of it, that lies the secret of its attractive properties. This fact is tor often overlooked.

But a window can be attractive and yet have but little utility. Window dressing is a means to an end, and that end is the sale of goods. If this end is not kept in view, the display will scarcely be worth the time that is spent in designing it, no matter how many people may pause while passing to look at it. Make your window sell goods.

Window displays should also be timely. As each season and each holiday comes around try and make the window display in some unique way represent it. Apply the same principle to circumstances and conditions of local interest. When a certain line of goods have either risen or fallen in price make a display of goods that will indicate these conditions.

In country towns most farmers and their wives do their buying on Saturday. For that day every country merchant should make it a rule to have his window freshly dressed. There is no class of people in whom uniqueness excites greater interest than the farmers.

Use placards liberally, but judiciously ; and above all, advertise in the local papers. Make these advertisements, like your window displays, bright and attractive. Study to advertise. When you have an especially good window display it may, sometimes at least, be the best thing to advertise that display only.

The art of window dressing is as interesting as it is intricate, as profitable as it is exacting in demanding attention. Study it.

A window display is only taking when it takes customers into your store.

The window is not a mirror, but it reflects what manner of merchant there is in the store.

A slouchy window betokens a slouchy merchant.
Ideas work their way out through the shop window, just as thoughts are launched through the mouth by the tongue.

A naked window is a disgrace to a business community, just as a naked man is to civilized society.

A shabbily dressed man is often excusable, but a shabbily dressed window never.

A well-dressed window, like a right bower, can be depended upon to take a trick.

You may as well bury yourself as bury your window, for the merchant who has not ambition enough to keep his window it evidence can scarcely escape being buried by adverse circumstances.

A sure business-builder is a well-dressed window.
A well-dressed window is as a sample-room wherein samples of goods in stock are displayed to excite the desire of the public for them.


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O-DAY cash is king. No one thinks of disputing this or of even suggesting the substitution of any other form of payment for this very satistactory and economical method. And this is in spite of a certain growth of credit-giving stores of various kinds, which hold a lien on all goods sold until actually and completely paid for. Several other new ideas are constantly being evolved regarding businesses and methods of conducting them, but, be they cash or credit, or a proper combination of both, no one dreams of doing without books, and the more successful the business becomes, it will be found that just so much care has been taken with its books. That failure follows from ill-kept and badlyarranged otfice helps as often, if not indeed more often, than from any other cause, is a well-known fact in statistical circles, just as well known, indeed, as is the truth that successful men have clean journals and elaborate systems of checking the work of each department of their business.

This series of papers is designed not to give lessons in bookkeeping. but rather to suggest handy, methodical ideas in books which may be found applicable to the businesses of our readers. We propose to take into consideration in this first paper the reception of goods and their proper recording in proper journals, so that in our next paper they may be ready for sale. As we desire to preserve some definite order in our work, we will treat of these books in the same way as we would the goods themselves. Thus, our first will be termed the "Order Book," ruled as follows, and the specimen entries submitted will be carried throughout for the purpose of economical comparison

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The active storekeeper will not need much explanation with this simple affair, which need not necessarily be entered up in ink, as it partakes solely of the character of a memo. Busy men need reminders of their acts, no matter how good their memory may be, and it will be found extremely handy at times to have your buyings and attendant particulars before you when invoices and shipping slips are being checked over. Nor need expense be heavy in following out any of our ideas in these suggestions. Rule them yourself in good blank books, and the trial of any notion will prove of very small expense and possibly be of great benefit. This book should be of pass-book size, so as to be portable and handy in the store-coat pocket.

Wur next consideration is the " Receiving Book," also more or less of the nature of a scrap book, and so not necessarily expensive. This should be kept at your shipping-door, in a convenient position for constant use, and nothing should be taken into the warehouse by anyone, without being entered into this book. It would be ruled as follows :


Of course, if it is possible for you to have a shipper whose business it is solely to look after these things, you will be pleased with the use
of this book by him alone. Failing this official, you will still find the above contrivance handy and correct in showing you at a glance just what goods have come into your warehouse, and also if any shortage has occurred. Very often wholesale houses ship only part of your order, leaving the balance for another shipment, sending meanwhile invoice for whole order. In such case above book is an excellent medium for proving correct receipts, also for checking weights. It is also found to be of great use in training clerks to be correct in checking, entering, and proving the actual existence of stock.

We have now reached the point in the progress of our purchases into our possession where we have, first, a memo of our bargains, and, second, a memo of our receipts. Next day, along comes our invoice, charging us with certain items, and requiring careful examination to prove correatness of the same. We look into our memo of buyings to check price and terms, and go to the " Receiving Book " to check receipt and quantity. Having done this, a proper register of the invoice is surely itcressary, although very frequently, after amount is checked the invoice has no further charms for many of our store-keepmg fraternity, especially after the monthly statement is to hand, ank the invoices are checked off. This is a mistake, although notaltogether wrong in principle. We commend an " Invoice Book" ruled as follows, which if you adopt you will find to more than repay you for all trouble in connection therewith .

Now, many of our readers have perhaps ere this given up in disgust. So much work, which is not called for by old-time standards is surely not profitable, some may say, and yet how slight is the trouble caused in ruling this or any book some dull January day. The entering up afterwards will grow to be a positive pleasure, provided always that it is done as each invoice comes to hand. lour estimation of the many uses to which the tabulated information may be put will be very high before a year has passed, and many useful references will be made to it. Nor is it necessary to enter up in detail many smaller items, as, for instance, biscuits. An invoice with a dozen items might very well be summarized by entering only total quantity and amount of invoice. So, with many other instances which will occur. Everyone will have the way best suited to his time in vogue, and will be satisfied therein.

Just two points in favor of the "Invoice Book" to close this paper

1st. Did you ever want to buy a full line of a certain article, but did not have a clear idea of how much you would sell if business kept on as usual? This book would tell you at a glance : say you want tomatoes-turn to canned goods (have pages indexed). add up total tomatoes bought last month, three months, or year, as desired, and you are posted. As before suggested, small goods need no such sorting out, but regular lines need careful attention as to whether trade in them has increased or decreased, and this book shows you.

2nd. Do you take any interest in the development of your tea and coffee trade? If you do, by reference to these pages you will easily see in which direction public taste is tending, and so be able to govern your business accordingly.

So we might go on expatiating on many points of vantage in these business ways and means. Enough, however, has been said to prove to the energetic storekeeper that more care taken means greater satisfaction at stock-taking, and consequently greater success in commercial life. glance , if any ly part iending: $k$ is an recking is to be ence of

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# Our Goods wsuperion Quality 

Manufactured expressly for HIGH-CASS trade.

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Special inducements to retail merchants and consumers during next six months. Write for particulars.

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The only Cut Tobacco that suits everybody. Put up in $1 / 9$ ths and $1 / 2-\mathrm{lb}$. Cans. These brands are for sale by principal wholesale dealers throughout Canada. Order sample package each. Satisfaction guaranteed.

## A STOREKEEPER OF THIRTY-THREE YEARS.



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AGENERATION in business is an experience which few men have: and that generation spent in one and the same building, under the same landlord, is still more rare. Yet that is the experience of Mr. Henry Swan, the senior partner of the firm of Swan Bros., the well-known family grocers, $162-164$ King street east, Toronto. I learned this one day a few weeks ago, while standing in the store of the firm, when I 1. ard the honored head of the firm remark: "I am very busy just now. We are getting ready to take stock. On October th we will be in business thirty-three years." I should explain that it was a few days before that date that I heard the remark quoted.

There are older men in the retail grocery trade of Toronto than Mr. Henry Swan, but he is the oldest grocer in Toronto. And yet he is by no means an old man, in spite of his long years in the grocery trade.

It was in 1841, fifty-five years ago, that he first saw the light of day ; and Eedinburgh, Scotland, was the place of his birth. " I was born, " jocularly remarked Mr. Swan, when I began plying him with questions, somewhat against his will, "the same year as Wilfrid Laurier, and the birth of the Prince of Wales took place eleven days before I came into the world. I sometimes tell my friends," he added, as he turned toward me with a laugh, " that the world could not stand three great men being born on the same day, so we were all born within a few days of each other.

Whatever our political tenets may be, we must all acknowledge that Hon. Wilfrid Laurier has become eminent in politics. The Prince of Wales, we all hope, will become eminent in the station to which it has pleased the Constitution to call him. He promises well, at any rate. Mr. Henry Swan ; I do not know but what he has been as eminent in his particular sphere as has any other one of the triumvirate that came into the world within a few days of each other in the year 1841. At any rate, he is one of the most successful grocers in the "Queen City " to-day.

When a lad of eleven years he crossed the Atlantic with his parents. His first dwelling place on this side was in the village of Churchville, Ont., near Streetsville. That was in 1853. Although only there a few months the lad Henry Swan formed acquaintanceships that to-day, forty-three years afterwards, are still intact. In ${ }_{1853} \mathrm{Mr}$. Swan came to Toronto and found employment in the grocery store of Robert Taylor, Yonge and Albert streets.

- In the whole distance from Albert to Queen street," explained Mr. Swan, " there were then but two hotels, four one-storey frame buildings, and three two-storey frame buildings.'

After a year spent with Mr. Taylor, the subject of our sketch went once more to reside under the parental roof. His father at this time was farming in Scarboro' township. There young Henry Swan spent four years helping to cultivate the farm and attending the near-by public school. One of his teachers during that time was Mr. Alex. Muir, the author of Canada's national anthem, " The Maple Leaf.'

At the end of the four years referred to, Mr. Swan returned to Toronto to finish his apprenticeship at the grocery trade. For this purpose he entered the employ of Dodgson, Shields \& Morton, one of the largest stores in the city at that time.

- I was with them four years, one-and-a-half years of which was
as journeyman," explained Mr. Swan. "It was an apprenticeship, I can tell you. It was after the manner of the English apprenticeships; I had to grind pepper and all the different spices, except nutmegs and ginger. These we could not. I had to clean fruit, grind sugar out of the hogsheads, and make bags. For a month before Christmas we had to stay in the store every night cleaning fruit and making bays. I was brought up in the faith, no mistake."

The lot of the apprentice and journeyman is quite different now," I ventured.
"It is," rejoined Mr. Swan with a quiet nod of the head. " Now nearly everything is done by machinery, while clerks have more pay, shorter hours, and less work. Employers are also more considerate."
" In your apprenticeship days the hours were long, were they not ?
-. They were. At Dodgson, Shields \& Morton's, the business hours were shorter than in any other grocery store in the city, but they were long compared with what they are in the stores of to-day, We closed at eight o' clock, except two nights in the week, when ten o' clock was the hour. Our time for opening was daylight in the winter and between six and seven o'clock in the summer. These were considered short hours."

Just about the time Mr. Swan had put in four years with Dodgson, Shields \& Morton, Mr. Robt. Lawson, now one of the officials at Osgoode Hall, then a retail grocer at 162 King street east, accepted the position of manager of that firm's business. His own business he offered for sale, and Mr. Henry Swan became the purchaser. That was thirty-three years ago, and he is still doing business at the same stand, only it is much enlarged. Mr. Swan was then only about twenty-two years of age. About six months afterwards he was joined by his brother Robert, and the style of the firm became what it is known as to-day-Swan Bros.

Family trade has always been one of the firm's specialties. And its family trade is to-day one of the largest in Toronto. It has also done a great deal of jobbing, although not as much attention is paid to that branch as in former years.

The business premises of Swan Bros, is within a stone's throw of the St. Lawrence Market. In the days when that firm launched forth, the neighborhood of the market was a greater business centre than it is to-day, and there were a great many more grocers there than there are now.

- When 1 started into business," said Mr. Swan to me, " among the retail grocers around here were Robert Reford, now of Montreal ; James Stock, James Burns, Richard Dunbar, Jas. Beswick, William Reford, Ald. W. Strachan, (and known as Little Willie Strachan) and Arch. Milligan. Of all these, ours is the only firm left. Peters \& Donald began business about seven months after we did.
- Let me give you an idea of the enormously large busineśs that was done in this neighborhood in those days. The time I speak of was before we had any railways, except the Northern. Farmers drove into the city with their produce from a hundred miles around. Of the wholesale firms in business at that time there is only one left. That is Perkins, Ince \& Co."

But while so many of the confreres of Swan Bros. of 30 years or more have gone out of business, they have not only remained in business, but they have expanded, and no store exhibits more activity than does theirs. The original store at 162 King street east has, since Mr. Henry Swan first entered it, doubled in length, and lengthened as far as it can be, while the adjoining store was many years ago pressed into service and connected with the original business place by archways.

It will, doubtless, be a surprise to a good many young men in the trade to know that the grocers of thirty or forty years ago doing



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business in Toronto no more thought of calling on customers than they did of flying.

- We would have thought it beneath our dignity in those days to have called upon a private customer for an order," said Mr. swan, when I questioned him on this point. " Such a thing was not known. We kept back as long as we could. You see, people in those early days used to live close around here. When they went'away we had to follow them in order to keep their custom. But we thought it was a most undignified thing. People nowadays can have no idea the feeling there was among the grocers of that day when they had to come down to calling upon their customers. Now, you see it is the proper thing, and we think nothing about it. We now keep two city travelers out. They are the best men we have in the store, and they call regularly upon private families.

Referring, during the conversation, to Mr. Swan's long term of years in the grocery trade, he replied
$\because$ Well, do you know I was never very fond of the business. But I always believed in ' doing with my might whatsoever my hand findeth me to do.
-. That is the secret, then, of your success?
" Yes," he said, " and this," he added in a serious air, as he took a pencil from his pocket and scribbled some words on a piece of paper, "has been my motto." Then he shoved the piece of paper toward me, with the remark: " Any young man who starts oat in life wanting in either of those conditions is handicapped. The motto which Mr. Swan had scribbled on the paper read

- Nost slothful in business ; fervent in spirit.

Mr. Swan has not only seen service in business, but he has done service for both his municipality and his countiy. In the former respect it was as a member of the P'ublic Schoo! Board, and in the latter as a member of the Oucen's Own Ritles and a participant with that regiment in the Ridgeway skirmish during the Fenian raid of 1866.

## ATTRACTIVE BUSINESS PLACES.

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${ }^{(1)}()$ muth attention cannot be devoted to making a store or place of business attractive. It pays. It depends upon the circumstances how it should be done and how much the man can afford to spend upon it. It is a form of aḍertising and should be charged to the adventising account. Some firms spend a great deal too much money in making their place attractive. They are extravagant. They fit up premises in a 1,000 population town that would do for a large chy. Sometimes they are forced to do so by their neighbors, but this is not often the case. The aim should be to make the place so neat and attractive that people would be enticed to enter. The work should be substantial rather than of a tinsel nature-work that would look well for years.

Often the expenditure of making a place attractive is soon repaid by increased business. We know a case that occurred a few weeks ago in Toronto. A wholesale tea house fitted up a bright, airy and attractive sample room. Instead of the dusty, dirty packages of tea they had tins sperially made and decorated for their shelves. Larger panes were put in the windows and they were kept clean. New linoleum was put down. The best kind of sample cups and saucers were purchased. Everything about the place had a deliciously sweet air. The manager told The Grocer a few days ago, mentioning the name of a well-known reader of this paper, that they had never been able to sell him goods until one day he stepped into their sample room for the first time, enticed there by the improved appearance of things. He got an order from him, the profit on which paid the small amount expended in the improved surroundings,

THE SANDWICHMAN UP TO DATE.

THERE lately appeared in Montreal a very unsophisticated rustic who spent his time in frantic efforts to reach John Allan's. He made no pretensions in the way of dress. His hat was the ordinary straw affair used in the fields. His coat was something after the style of a barber's white coat, and appeared to have suffered some contraction in the wash. As regards pants, he was more pretentious. He had several pairs which he wore in rotation. One pair was a "high-water" pair of brown derry. A large handkerchief, red of course, was stuffed into one of the pockets. A huge watch and corresponding chain added to the charms of his person. A pair of blue and white socks, together with tan shoes, completed his outfit. In one hand he carried a satchel, and in the other an "abbreviated" umbrella. On the satchel were several phrases pointing out the value of John Allan's as a place for purchasing hats. An inscription on his back read " If I get lost take me to Allan's." To complete the description of his personal appearance it is necessary to mention his spectacles, and a considerable growth of red whiskers.

Some of the mishaps that befell our country friend are worth noting. While making a thorough examination of John Allan's store he got in the wav of a car, but paid no attention to it. When the gong sounded, however, his attention was attracted to the car, and like a true countryman proceeded to make a minute inspection. The wheels and bottom of the car were intently examined. The motorman also came in for a share of his attention. By this time a small army was following him. He entered The Witness office to buy a paper and duly paid for the same from a long stocking in which he kept his wealth.

Wherever he went he created a sensation. Among other thing $>$ he would take a notion to get his shoes shined and then leave with onily one done. Occasionally he would eat fruit on the street. In the intervals he amused himself with a very well meant attempt to whistle " Yankee Doodle ". or some other such sublime melody.

Whether or not we agree as to this being a profitable mode of advertising, all who saw " Norman the Rube," agree as to this being the best thing of the kind seen in Montreal.

Regarding the advertising value of such a scheme opinions differ. One difficulty is that the expense is considerable. It is easy enough to get a man to walk the streets for a dollar or a dollar and a half per day. But to get one who can act the part assumed is not so easy. Mr. Allan says he is perfectly satisfied with the results of his outlay, which was $\$ 25$ for five days work of four hours per day, two in the forenoon and two in the afternoon.

Norman Herstfield, or Norman the Rube, as he is called, has been in this line of business for three years, and has had almost steady employment. This goes to show that a good many people believe in this as a good means of advertising. Before this he took a similar part on the stage, so that he has had some training, and is in a position to act the part with some degree of success. He says his usual rates are from $\$ 7$ to $\$ 10$ a day, or, if engaged by the week, from $\$ 30$ to $\$ 40$ a week. He has made a contract with $\$$ Davis \& Sons to " do " most of the towns of importance in Ontario and Quebec. The contract is for one month.

He has several other roles, the principal being that of a tramp, in which capacity he rides out of a second storey window on a bicycle down a ladder to the street. A political role is also on his book. In St. Louis he created somewhat of a sensation by or ganizing a rube band and meeting McKinley at the station when he arrived for the convention. Up town, too, he had the pleasure of shaking hands with Mr. McKinley, and the crowd below had some interesting mottoes displayed to view, advising them to buy some body's \$10 suits.

He works only four hours per day, finding that to keep up good acting longer is beyond human powers. In this way he has trav eled all over the States and will likely see a large portion of Can ada this winter.



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ONDITIONS, whether in business or otherwise, are all subject to that immutable law of transition, governing matters terrestial. Perhaps no line is a more conspicious example of this fact than the tea trade.
The difference between the methods now' governing the handling and sale of this great grocery staple, and those in vogue in our grandfathers' day, is as great as chalk from cheese, or any other illustration equally forcible

It cannot be held either that the changes as a whole have been of a beneficial character. In the first place, the average consumer is satisfied to-day with a much inferior tea to that in use 20 years or so ago. There was no 25 c. tea in those days, but to-day that is the ruling cost at the retail counter of the great bulk of the tea that goes into consumption in Canada. No buyer thinks of asking for a "First Young Hyson" nowadays.

In the golden days of the trade this grade cost the wholesaler or jobber about $871 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. per pound. It is quite unnecessary to state that it has practically gone out of use in Canada With a multitude of teas available at $j 0 c$. or thereabouts, and the public taste educated to a desire for a harsher, cheaper tea, there is no chance to sell in this country such a high-priced, delicate-flavored grade as the one named in Canada.

There is not the same spice of adventure or picturesqueness to the trade either as in the days of yore. The big auction sales at Montreal, at regular intervals, with their congregation of buyers from all parts of the country, and their many peculiarly attractive associations, are gone never to return. The average importer or buyer can now get his teas as he wants them.

The most entrancing feature about these big sales was, no doubt, the opportunity for speculation that they offered. Fiven at this day, eyes of veteran tea operators will glisten when reminded of successful coups that they brought off in the Sixties or early Seventies. Thousands of pounds were frequently won or lost on a single turn at these big auction sales. In one case a leading firm of operators in Montreal lost $\mathcal{L} 22,000$ or $\$ 120,000$ on a single lot. This was perhaps the heaviest loss ever made on one turn, in the history of the sales.

The Torrances of Montreal, and the Rosses of Quebec, were the men who financed and put through these enormous quantities of tea. A sale usually lasted two or three days and the offerings generally comprised four kinds of stock, such for instance as "Twanky," " Young Hyson," " Imperial" and " Gunpowder." Each of these was again subdivided into four qualities.

The lots put up for auction were technically classed as a "chop." A "chop" of tea comprised all the above teas in varying qualities, and were sold without regard to such. If a buyer was successful in getting a good "chop" he made money, if not, the reverse. It frequently happened also that competition sent a poor "chop" higher than one which averaged a much better quality. This element of chance contributed not a little to the interest of the sales.

The next operation after purchasing the tea was to blend it to suit the popular taste. This is an art which has disappeared in Canada. A grey-haired veteran here and there in the trade possesses the faculty, but they are passing away. Few retailers in the old days too were without their own special blend; but they also are passing away. The packet tea and other methods of the kind have caught the public favor, and their usefulness is gone. A big retailer here and there in the larger cities who has a high-class custom
blends his own teas, but with the great rank and file it is a case packet tea, or simply scooping the goods out of the package which comes from the wholesaler.

There is little individuality or art now required to sell tea. For merly individual customers had to have their own taste suited. For instance, the weekly purchase of one would be, say, a blend of quarter pound of Souchong and three-quarters of Young Hyson and Gunpowder, or, again, half and half, composed as above Nowadays it is simply a request "give me a pound of tea at $\mathbf{j o c}$ or otherwise, as the case may be.

It is not proposed to enter here into the respective merits of packet tea, or goods mixed here from the original packages. It is indubitable, however, that traders who desire to do their own blend ing are not as advantageously situated as they were in the old day-. Then the big sales offered a large selection to blend from, and it two did not give the desired result then three or even four were available, until it was secured. Now, if a trader has two or three grades at the outside he is lucky. The case is different in London where a blender has possibly one hundred samples to work with. For this reason, teas blended at that great centre, and, of course, the English packet teas of well-known marks, give a more uniform article than goods blended on this side. These remarks, of course, do not apply to Japan teas, but to China, Ceylons, and Indias.

The relatively higher cost of the average tea in the old days, was not due altogether to its superior quality. There was a high duty on tea in those days, $1 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. per pound and 15 per cent. advalorem on blacks, and $3 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. per pound and 15 per cent. ad valorem on greens. Then, too, the Mexican dollar, which is still the unit of purchase in China and Japan, has not the same purchasing power as in days of yore. Exchange is against it. It is within the recollection of many of the older members of the trade when the Torrances or the Rosses gathered up all the Mexican dollars they could lay their hands on, packed them in axe boxes and shipped them round the Horn to buy their tea for the big auction sales. Possibly eighteen months after they had their investment returned to them or not, according as how the sales turned out. So that even with its attractive features, the old system had great disadvantages.

There may be, and are, defects in the present methods. At the same time, business is done on a sounder basis, inasmuch as the spirit of speculation does not enter into it to the same extent. Physically and hygienically it mav be wrong to encourage the present taste for cheaper teas, but business is business. In any event, there is not, to use a popular expression, "a string " on these cheap teas. Traders can handle, and judiciously encourage, a better grade if they care to do so.


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HI intelligent way, the right way, of determining whether the departmental store is anfevil or not is by considering what its net results are to the great mass of the people.
We cannot well term the departmental store an evil because it is driving merchants from business. Machinery has supplanted many thousand hands, and although those driven from their employment considered the supplanter an evil, yet we all are ready to acknowledge that the net results of the inauguration of machinery have been beneficial to mankind.

The daily papers, particularly in Toronto, have been pleased to consider the advent of the departmental store and the machinery age as parallel cases, the one as well as the other being a development of economic conditions which, in their influence, are beneficial to humanity

Goods can at times be certainly purchased cheaper at the departmental store than at the ordinary store. And it is undoubtedly convenient to deal at a store where can be purchased any article from an anchor to a needle, and where both stomach and teeth can be filled if need be. These can at least be classed as conveniences, and what is a convenience is usually a benefit.

But this is only one side of the question. And in order to arrive at an intelligent appreciation of the net results we must look at the other side.

The first to feel deleteriously the influence of the departmental store is the retail merchant. His big competitor may not take his customers away from him wholly, but it does partially. There is no doubt about it. Pull from a bird enough feathers and it will not be able to fly. And draw enough trade away from a merchant and he will cease to exist as a business man. Trade is being drawn from merchants and they are ceasing to exist as business men after their capital has become exhausted, and they have been pushed out into the world to begin life over again, not onlthout money, but in many cases without the energy of youth.

The natural result of a decrease in the number of merchants through departmental-store competition is an increase in the number of vacant stores. And the concomitant of that is depreciation in property, depletion of incomes, and decrease in value of tax producing sources.

The decidedly worst feature of the departmental store is the weakness of its commercial morality. Any business that is not developed on sound business lines is not in a commercial sense morally sound. There is a law for business as well as for the individual and aggregation of individuals. In the breaking of it immorality is entailed.

The departmental store breaks the business law in its methods of competition. Competition is either fair or unfair. If it is unfair it is wrong. And the competition of the departmental store is unfair. In order to get a customer into his store the departmental man does not rely on the quality of his goods, the attractiveness of his store, or the courteous and gentlemanly manner of his clerks. He relies on the bait he throws out in the shape of goods which he professes to sell, and frequently does sell, below cost. Those who have studied the matter have become convinced that one cannot deal regularly with the department store and save money by so doing. It follows that when a departmental store sells ore article below cost the loss thereby entailed must be made up on another. The departmental store is not a charitable institution. It is run to put money
in the pockets of the foreign capitalists whose money has bet invested in it. Let anyone essay to purchase an article which not advertised in the bargain list, and nine times out of ten he w. pay more for it than he would have had he made the purchase fro. a regular dealer. There are a good many people among consume who do not realize this, and innocently they are led to the slaught. To them the departmental store is synonymous with bargains a continuously they return to be plucked. The fact that they do n realize that they are being plucked, does not alter the fact that th. are being plucked. Barnum is credited with saying that peop like being humbugged. Provided they do, that does not make right. Wrong is wrong, no matter by what means the eyes of victims have become holden that they cannot see.

Aside from its moral aspect, these are the evil effects of the d. partmental store on the economical conditions of the communit Every time the price of an article is cut there is naturally a desi on the part of all dealers who sell this particular article to get it ... a figure that will enable them to compete with the departmentil store. By-and-bye the manufacturer is forced to comply, with the result that he in turn is compelled to ask his employes to sell him their labor at a lower price. As to-day this departmental store carries in stock everything that is needed in the way of wearing apparel; everything that is required to furnish a dwellins. everything in the way of physics whose office is to kill and cure, everything that is needed in the way of foods, everything that is needed in the way of dentistry, and even music for the entertainment and photography for the preservation of the features, whether they be homely or comely, it is obvious that its effects on the economical conditions must be far-reaching indeed. Already iteffect is only too apparent.

The retailer is not the only description of business man that is suffering from the effects of these big stores: The wholesaler is suffering as well, for his territory is being cut into. Here is an example: A country retailer, while in Toronto one day a short time ago, purchased a certain line of dry goods from a leading wholesale house. From there he went to one of the departmental stores, where he was shown a line identically the same as that which he had purchased, but at a much lower price. He bought it. It was afterwards ascertained that the departmental store had purchased these goods from the same wholesaler as the retailer had and sold them to the latter at one-and-half cents per yard below the price originally paid to the wholesaler.

To any logical mind it must therefore appear that while the de partment store is occasionally a bestower of bargains and a medium of convenience, the net results are bad, injury without ample compensation being wrought to the storekeeper, the wage - worker and the municipality.

The remedy for this state of affairs has so far been sought for is vain. The departmental store cannot well be closed up. A law that would essay to do that would be termed an interference y yiti the freedom of trade, and, therefore, ultra vires. The same fat would await any measure that would aim to restrict. The munici pality could protect itself by levying a special tax. It is the legiti mate merchant who is in the worst fix. The workingmen cal combine to keep up the rate of their wages, at least to some extent but merchants could not, by combining, prevent people from buying at the departmental stores. The only thing, within my ken, tha the merchants can do is to be as up to date as the sun is on time

A man, to be up to date, must have capital. Not necessarily large capital, but a moderate one, and one that will place him i the position where he can save his discounts and take advantage any bargains that may be utilized as leaders. Thus fortified, the nearer he can come to the cash basis of selling his goods as wel as buying them, the nearer will he be in a position to compete witl the evil born of the departmental store.
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## SAVED IN THE NICK OF TIME

CRIMINAL.S are not born : they are made. A child may be born in a nest of crime ; but that does not constitute him a criminal. I was born in an honored home, butBut 1 must not anticipate my story.

My name is Isaac Mainwaring. My mother would insist upon my being called Isaac, because I was born to her when she was well up in years, and because in her mother's heart she thought I promised so much. I was the only child, too. She used to call me her Child-of Promise. When I look back it seems to me her love for me was even deeper than that of most mothers for their offspring. She did not worship, though. She was what we would now term an old-time Methodist. Rather than that I should have grown up morally crooked she would have preferred to have seen me buried. And I have sundry recollections as to how, by the aid of the rod, she endeavored to keep, me straight.

That was something like three-score years ago. But, likea great many other boys, when I left home and lost the parental support, I began to lean to the side that "leadeth to destruction." And de stroyed I believe I would have been but for the intervention of a kind Providence.

I was always ambitious. My father was a general merchant in the village of Clerkville. I wanted to be a merchant, too, and was trained up with that end in view. But it was not long before my ambition expanded beyond the ken of a country merchant. It was a city merchant I wanted to be. At first my parents protested. My mother was particularly set in her opposition.
"You'll find the reality is not as pretty as the picture," she philosophically remarked one evening after the store had been closed.

That he will," added $m$ ? father, as he paused and peered over his spectacles and paper.

At last I obtained their consent. - I eee he will never be satistied here until he has at least tasted what city business and city life are like.

My father secured a situation for me in the wholesale house of Bedlington \& Co., Toronto. And so, one morning early in June, just after I had passed my eighteenth birthday, my trunk and I were driven to the nearest railway station.

Now baar. my boy, remember that industry and honesty are the price of success," called out my mother as the vehicle drove away.

As the train hearing me citywards sped past fields, through forest opening or skirted winding streams what aspirations awoke in my breast, what pirtures my imagination painted: Nature was clothed luxuriously in verdure of many hues and flowers of many tints so peculiar to the month of June. But nothing was brighter to me than the success which my imagination had conjured up. crow perched on a gaunt pine which towered above the other trees of the forest flapped its wings and cawed as if with derision, but 1 only smiled with disdain.

There are some boys, and men, too, who gather friends around them wherever they go. I was one of them. In our village society
people said I was the most popular of young men, and in the city soon had a coterie of jolly fellows around me.

A man or boy who has those qualities which bring him popular ity should also possess a will power, whose strength is at least in proportion to the measure of his popularity. I am sorry to confes that I had not, and the consequence was that my friends induced me to sometimes seek pleasure in places where neither my moral nor mental nature was benefited. But I always religiously attended to my duties. And about five years after I had entered the em ploy of Bedlington \& Co. was advanced to a responsible position which brought with it an increase in salary.

Unfortunately for me, with this increase in salary came the idea. that I was then in a position to be more liberal in my expenditure. I had become associated with men who had a good deal of mone: to spend, and who took advantage of their position to the fuli Naturally, I desired to cut as good a figure in this respect as the: did. Most people do. And herein, allow me to add, is one of the most dangerous of pitfalls that threaten young men who essay to shine in society.

About three years after I came to Toronto I began to play cardoccasionally for money and to take a little wine. "Just a little now and then won't hurt you, Ike," my companions said when I demurred at first. But these apparently little things eventually be came vires. And a year or two after I had been appointed to the more responsible position referred to I suddenly realized that my expenditure was exceeding my receipts.

Instead of, like a wise man, cutting myself adrift from the com pany that was leading me to ruin, and curtailing my expenses, did the very opposite. Fiventually my indebtedness had beromu so great that exposure was threatened me ly one of my creditorunless within a certain time 1 paid him.

Almost frantic with the thought of the disgrace and ruin that stared me in the face, I went straight to my room without takin. dininer. Throwing myself upon my bed I began to desperately cast about for some way of esrape from the dilemma which my un wise manner of life of late years had brought me into.

- Why not take a couple of hundred dollars from the firm. someone seemed to whisper to me. "That will meet your prew ing necessities. Vou can pay it back again before you are foumid out. You won't be stealing it. There are three hundred dollar which you put in the vault to-night. Cio and get it.'

It seemed to me the easiest way out of the difficulty, and I de cided to accept the suggestion. Taking a deep draught from the flask of liquor which I had lately been in the habit of keeping in. my room, I threw myself upon the bed to collect my thoughts be fore going to the warchouse to borrow the money.

The night seemed chilly as I crept, like a criminal, down the back streets to the warchouse. A key which I carried gave me entrance and 1 soon had the two hundred dollars. There was not a soul in sight as I tremulously locked the door. Next morning oi my way to the office I called in and settled my indebtedness witl
the two of my creditors - a tailor and a wine merchant-who had been most pressing in their demands upon me.

When I reached the warehouse Mr. Bedlington, for a wonder, was there before me.

Isaac," he said, as he met me in the hall, " I am glad you have come. I received a telegram last night summoning me to Sew York on important business. I will need to take more money than usual with me. You told me last night that you had had the unusual experience of taking in three hundred dollars after banking hours. I wish you would let me have a couple of hundred.'
$H$ is request staggered me. I turned pale and gasped as if for ineath.
'Why, what's the matter with you?" sympathetically asked Mr. Bedlington. "Are you not well ?"
" 0 , nothing: : just a little faintness," 1 gaped as 1 taggereed toward the vault as if to get the money. My knees knocked toether, and I fumbled with the key as if afficited with the palsy. With as much unconcern as I could muster, I took out the cash hion, carried it to my deek and openeed it. Taking out the bills 1 cunnted them.
. My God, sir." I gjaculated, with what I thought well-feigneal vurprise. "The amount is two hundred dollars short
Mr. Bedlington eyed me clusely for what seemed to be an age.
". Mr. Mainwaring, come into my room," he said, somewhat tirmly.
Once inside the doorr he shut and lowked it. Seatings himself in his shair he swong himself around toward me, exclaiming as he did so, keeping his eyes upon me: "You know something atout
that missing money:

I could not look him in the face
tiecly ignorant of its whercabouts.
 pleaded with him for mercy. money, but I only borrowed it:

Biut I protetered that I waseenThis only seemed to incense him. And springing to his feet he exclaimed rehement 1y, ' Isaac Mainwaring, you have stolen that two hun-
dred. I am positive about it. Your very manner stamps you guilty.

The more I protested the more vehement be became in his charges.

I'Il call in the prolice. I'll make an example of you. Sou in whom I had placed every confidence. fou, whom I have treated as a son and promoted at every opportunity:

Then I broke down and "Borrowed it," he sarcastically remarked. " We'll let the law tie ide that point. Isaac Mainwaring," he added, as he frowned down upon me, " I was told some time ago that you were beginning t.. iead a wild life. But I had such contidence in you that I dismised it without second thought. Sir, you are a villain, an unacious villain, the worst kind of a villain.
Mr. Bedlington was naturally a kind man, but if anyone prostithed that kindness of his, he was unforgiving. As he uttered the 1.at words he turned upon his heel, hurriedly scratched a note, sumthoned the message boy and handed it to him with instructions to " quick about it."
It was a detective he had summoned, and in less than half an huru I orcupied a cell at the police station. An hour later I was
arraigned at the Police court and committed for trial. A week afterwards I stood in the dock at the Assize Court charged with having robbed my employer of the sum of $\$ 200$. I was as one dazed, with my eyes rivetted on the floor. Ohe or two of my boon companions who had not forsaken me in my trouble retained counsel for me. But he could not rouse me from the stupor into which I had lapsed. The witnesses were few and the trial short. The prosecuting attorney described my actions as an indication of my guilt, let alone my own confession of having borrowed the money which I was charged with stealing. The judge's charge was against me; and so was the jury's verdict. The judge, in sentencing me, said he felt inclined, to deal leniently with me, but he urged he had a duty to perform. Cases of this kind were getting too common. Teople whowere drifting in a similar direction required to be warned, and I, the prisoner. must be taught a lesson. " Irisoner at the bar," he added, in solemn tones, " you are sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. You have yet youth on your side. I admonish you to take adrantage of it."

Just then I heard a piercing shriek, followed by the word : . My son, my son, you have killed me :

Aroused now from my stupor, I raised my eyes just as my mother rushed toward me, throwing her arms around my nerk only to die in my arms.

Isaac, !saac, wahe up. What are you groaning of much atrout? Are you ill?" These were the words I heard as someone gravped my shoulder and shook it. Dazed and bewildered 1 rubs. bed my eyes and looked ahout me. I was in my own room. In fact, I had never left it. My horrible experience was all a dream. The hand that shook my shoulder was my mother' s she and father had come to the city to visit me, and had heen shown to my room. It is needless to say I did not " berrow " that $\$ 200$. Neither did I any more tread in the path that $\because$ leadeth to destruction." Ind that is why 1 am to-day a re-pertable old man and a successful retired merrhant. I was raised in a honored nest, but I always believe that horrid dream of mine saved me from turning out a criminal, and perhaps a full-fledged one.

## IMPORTANCE OF PROMPT SERVICE.

TH1\&Kl are various waysof doing thingsim a sore, whether it is large or small. The proprietor is master and can , hoose whi h he wishes. If he prefers, for instance, th have hiscustomers statul around waiting to be served, he is perfertly at liferty so to dhe. He must stand the consequent derrease in customers. If he serves his customers promptly, increased patronage must fullow. In this, as in everything else, have a rule, have a system. More than that. tive up to it. A splendid example of prompt service of customers is to be found in a Montreal house, one of the largest and best appointed wholesale howses in the Dominion. Entering the ware house to see a member of the tirm, I found all were husy, the gentleman I wished to see being engaged. I stood a moment till he was disengaged. A bell soumded. I clerk came forward immediately. In a few minutes, the gentleman being still engaged, the writer started to leave. The bell again sonuded. Again a derk came forward. No danger of losing customers in that house. Reduce things to a system, so that no customer, no item of business but will be attended to promptly. good system in business has two good qualition to reoommend it. It saves trouble and it makes mones

Advertiong is a tremendous waterfall, says an exchange. But it won' $\mathrm{I}^{\prime}$ turn the wheels unless you turn it into the right chanach, and unless you have the water wheelsos that they can be turned when the great power strikes them.


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## HOW A DRUMMER TAUGHT A LESSON.



## By. Pin.

I is good to treat commercial travelers well. Justice as well as financial consideration demands it. The traveler is not the fifth wheel in a coach. He is one of the wheels necessary to the progress of the commercial vehicle. There may be a . Kinight of the Cirip" here and there who is not a desirable man. But such an one is an exception. And it is these exceptions, not the great body of the travelers, that merchants should keep, themselves apart from.

Arrogance towards tra velers is an unpardonable sin. Travelers have rights to be respected as well as goods to sell. Arrogant is the man who refuses to recognize this. There may not always be a necessity for travelers. We know not what science may in the future develop as a substitute. The merchant can now whisper his order into the ear of the wholesaler a day's journey distant. And no one can safely venture to say to what degree the telephone will develop or how quickly the goods the merchant orders may be shot into his store. In the meantime the commercial traveler is a factor in commerce, and even from a dollars-and-cents point of view, it is well that the merchant should do unto him as he (the merchant) would have those to whom he sells goods do unto him.

There is doing business in a Western Ontario town a merchant of the arrogant type who received a lesson lately that he should profit by. He has made a little money, and his bump of self-importance has become much larger than his bump of common sense. One day he conceived the idea that, metaphorically, the place for travelers was beneath his feet.

I will print me a placard and establish me rules that will make these travelers bow to my footstool," he ruminated. And so he had a placard printed in big letters and set up over the cashier's desk, where it would greet the traveler's eye when he entered the store. Its superscription was as follows:


One day a traveler came into the store who had some particularly attractive lines to offer. His eye caught the placard.
"Hum," he muttered as he turned to the young lady in the cashier's wicket, " And when is after business hours?

After 6 p.m.," came the reply
Where is Mr. Blank?" ventured the traveler.
1 p stairs.
ts he engaged:
No, I think not.
Up stairs trod the traveler, where he found the merchant amusing himself with one of his children, which was, of course, quite proper.

- Mr. Blank," said the traveler, " 1 see you do not allow yourself to be interviewed by travelers until after business hours. I have a line of goods here which I am sure you would like to have. But I must take the six o clock train out. Can I -
" I see no travelers, sir, till after six o'clock," interrupted the merchant with a dignified air, as he turned to resume his play with his offspring.

The traveler possessed dignity as well as ambition to sell goods, and with an "All right, I think you'll be sorry, sir," quietly re-
tired. He immediately went across the street to a competitor of Mr. Blank's, related his experience, and sold him the line of goods.

When the traveler's principals heard of the affair they wrote Mr. Blank, regretting exceedingly that he was unable to see their representative, as the line of goods intended particularly for him had been sold to Mr. Smith, one of his keenest competitors.

A week or so later Mr. Smith was making these particular goods a leader, which was drawing trade like a molasses barrel does tlies. And when Mr. Blank had learned it was the goods he had refused with so much dignity to see, he gnashed his teeth. He didn't tear his hair, because he hadn't any. The pocket is always a vulnerable place to strike a mean man.

## DER DRUMMER.

Who puts oup at der pest hotel,
Ind dakes his oysders on der schell, Und mit der frauleins cuts a schwell? Der Drummer
Who vash it gomes indo mine schtore, Drows down his pundles on der vloor, Ind nefer schtops to shut der door? Der Drummer
Who dakes me py der handt und say, Hans Pleiffer, how you vas to-day? Und goes for peesness righdt avay Der Drummer.
Who shpreads his zamples in a trice Und dells me " look, und see how nice Und says I gets ' der bottom price?

> Der Drummer.

Who says der tings vas eggstra vine-
Vrom Scharmany, ubon der Rhine "-
Und sheats me den dimes oudt of nine?
Der Drummer.
Who dells how sheap der goots vas bought, Mooch less as vot I gould imbort, But let dem go, as he vas " short

> Der Drummer.

Who varrants all der goots to suit Der gustomers ubon his route, Und ven dey gomes dey vas no good? Der Drummer.
Who gomes aroundt ien I been out. Drinks oup mine bier, and eats mine kraut, Ind kiss Katrina in der mout
Der Drummer.

Who ven he gomes again dis vay
Vill hear vat Pleifier has to say,
Und mit a pla:k eye goes avay?
Der Drummer.

## BROOMS AND WHISKS.

CANADIAN housewives are proverbially cleanly. Throughout the breadth of the land, their wants are supplied by the general storekeeper. One of their chief and frequent wants is a new broom. Moral: no general store should be without a supply of good brooms. When they are in want of this staple line they would do well not to forget Porter. Teskey \& Co., St. James street. Montreal. This firm make a specialty of brooms, and control for the Province of Quebec and the Maritime Provinces the goods of a well-known firm in Ontario. The brooms, brushes, whisks, etc. turned out by the concern in question are known from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Porter, Teskey \& Co., will attend promptly to any request for quotations on these, and also on soaps and perfumery In the two latter brands, their goods are of the fast selling descrip tion, suitable to the demand met with by the average country general storekeeper.


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HANDLING PROVISIONS AND FRESH FRUITS.

Nsubjert in the retail trade causes the dealer more anxiet than the various articles that constitute provisions and fresh fruits. The prese and lowes are indefinite. only in care in beysing and in having the proper favilitie- for handling the abose goods can a mer hant make a streso of it. The following are the best iteas, in my mind, of handing the alove goods.
bit thak In buying, see all the milk is worked thoroughly out of it. and the salt is mixed through it and not in chumks. It should h.se goond color, be fiee from any taint whatever, and be full weight. Keep all butter in a clean, cool room, not over 50 Fahewheit, and colder if possible. Butter will take a taint from almost everytiong that is placed beside it, and no quantity more than is required for immediate sale should be exposed to the air. If in ralls, place in a strong brine and keep air-tight. All butter in tubs or crow $k$ - should have a stong brine, with but little salpetre in it plared on it. After standing for some time, take the brine off and put a thick coat of salt on the top of the butter. All store butter hould be selected and parked esery morning and the best of care taken of it to get the best results.

Brewn Buy the best and sweetest that can be obtained in your town, and keep it in a clean glass case from tlies and dust, in a conspic uous place, and buy enough for a day's supply
CIIt:- Some like colored, some uncolored cheese. Ciet the color to suit your trade. Buy cheese that is rich and of fine flavor. Atter buying new theese, turn it over every day for two or three week. Keep in a cool dry room, away from tlies. Do not cut before they are a month old. Before cutting clean off all the old cheeseloth, and never put more than half of a cheese in your case at onfe
1., in In buying egino see they have not a glosoy appearance, nor lowk as themgh they had been washed, but buy the best, deanest and lareses. Sion can keep in a cool place, and not too many in one bachet for any length of time. The tirst week in September selet the beet and frestiest egens for parking for the winter use. for keeping small guantities pack in clean, dry salt, and keep in (woil, dry room. Fiesh cesso can be kept ery well by placing them in exat carriers, and keeping cool.
Hive isw Bacos only bay in quantitics that will suit your trate, and the best yon can obtain. Keep in coolp place and free from thes, and never keep a large quantity exposed to the heat.

Hosis Buy the dear white clover honey in sections, and also in small jars, and not a large quantity at a time, and keep it where people will see it. best alwas, and keep in a dark, dry, coot from.

Ponston The Barliank and the febron are the best to buy at present, and will keep the best. To obtain the best results, petatoes should loe kept at $35^{\circ}$ Fah. in a dark, dry room or cellar In buying see there is no rot and full weight.

Apros- In buying summer apples the one that catches the eye and is ripe is the best. Never buy with blemishes on, and buy in quantitics to suit your trade : keep in a cool place. Fall and winter varicties should be selected with great care and carefully packed in clean barrels. The Northern Spy, Greening and Golden Russet are the best for winter, being the best keepers, while they retain their
flavor longer. They should be kept in a cold room, 35 to to Fah. Golden Russets can be frozen solid, and if kept frozen till sprins: and let thaw out at their pleasure, will keep good till the middle o end of May. Other varieties will rot if this experiment is tried, bu all apples should be repacked about the latter part of January ann the wasty ones sold first

Basaxas The difficult task is in buying to be able to tell the number at a glance. The best way to tell the number, or near it is to make a given point and count a dozen to the right and the) down, continuing the same all around the bunch. Another way i to multiply the length of inches by the number of inches aroun. the bunch and diside the amount by 12 , and the dividend by 71 . 12 according to the sire, and you will get near the number of dorens in the bunch. Bananas should be kept in a cool place unti ready to use. The top ones should be sold for less money than the bottom. A merchant should have three prices, and let those that want the best pay for them. To do a banana trade a merchan wants at least three or four bunches on hand at once, and do no be afraid to give one to your customers once and a while. If you see you are likely to lose some, sell for anything at all and ze them cleaned out. Wo not be afraid of the banana trade. If ow do not make much out of them, you will not lose by having them

Cikata -Buy grapes in $10-\mathrm{lb}$. baskets, as it pays better 1 . handle them in that sire, as many take the whole basket. gara and Rogers (Nos, 4 and 9 ) are the best to handle. Concon and I Slaware have their drawbacks. (irapes will keep for a con siderable time if kept cool, and are not a "wasty" fruit to handle but will do your business good.

Huckta:kriss Are delicate to handle, and should not in bought in large quantities unless they are cheap. They should be kept cold and tirm. The berries are spoiled in weighing out, ans the dealer should be careful in this matter ; try to avoid breakin; the berries.
I.fuon- The best fruit the merchant handles, and give the lest results, as there is a large demand and they are easily of, tained. The lemon of 300 count with smooth skin and not bitte is the lemon to handle. lemons should be kept cool. Kemone all bad and partly wasted lemons and damp paper from your bo and have only a few out to view at a time, and your loss will la very small. Buy in small quantities, except when there is a likeli hood of being a sharp advance.
Orinor:- The most desirable fruit we have : and we are blesser with the best qualities. The orange that is most desired is the Florida, and mo wonder, for it contains all the qualities neressar for a good orange. The best time to buy in large quantities is the tirst of the jear, and if kept cool there is little waste and they wil keep for two or three months. The best sizes are 200 and 126 The other varietics are very good when the Flonidas are off the mat ket. Oranges should not be exposed to the light or air more than neressary, and with a little care are not a hard fruit to handle.

The great secret in handling produce and fresh fruits is in the buying. Many merchants are tempted to buy in large quantities, in fact, larger than they can handle, and the result is that the protit are all thrown out. We should buy according to the demand, ans see they are cleaned well up before buying again. Neglent is the great cause of many losses - by mot watching what we hat and seeing it is not spoiling nor commencing to spoil, and it is, to sell for what we can get. The maxim in business should b "to watch the end" as well as the commencement of all things.

- Green tea or black tea, miss?" inquired the shopman in sort of a medico, bedside manner.
" I don't think it matters," said the girl, "missis is colo blind. "-Fort Worth Gazette.

BUYING AND SELLING TEAS.
By h. E. Whton, Sprinafield, ost.

:A being the most important feature in connection with the retail grocery trade, it is necessary that the greatest caution be used in purchasing nothing but a first-class article. In order to do this, one must never rely on the statement of any traveler, but prove for himself the quality of the lines he is about to buy. This can be done in various ways.

A small gasoline or coal oil stove can be used to a good advantage by having in connection therewith a tea steeper ; and before placing your order give the different samples before you a drawing. In this way you at once get a fair idea of their respective value. And, to go still farther, I have before now called in one or two of my best tea customers, and by giving them a taste of the drawn teas, secured also their opinion in regard to the quality. Taking into consideration the fact that your customers are the ones who most use your teas, I consider it a big advantage in having their favorable opinion, and once you have secured in this or other ways a good quality of tea, stick to that line just as long as it can be obtained.
do money in largie profits.
There is no money in selling teas on a large profit. My experience his, shown me that it pays to handle nothing in that line except the best qualities in their class, even though you may be obliged to pay a few cents more per lb . for them. For example : I had been selling in a certain space of time 100 lbs . of 25 c . tea for which I paid $13 c . ;$ I decided to try something better, and paid as high as 18 c . for a 25 c . line, the result being that I sold 500 lbs . where I had before sold only 100 lbs . The same rule will apply also to the higher priced teas.

## the next thing; necessars.

Hwins used extra caution in selecting the best quality of tea, the next thing necessary is to let the public know that you have such goods in stock. There are various ways in which this can be done. First, an advertisement of the fact should be placed conspicuously in your local paper, followed by the sending out among your customers and others of free sample packages. I have before now sent out two pounds of tea put up in sample packages, and sold $5^{\circ} \mathrm{lbs}$. immediately after as a direct result of the samples. In doing this a good plan is to have printed envelopes, stating price, quality, etc., of tea enclosed, with your name printed thereon. This plan is found to be a success if you handle a first-class article.

## another plan.

Another plan in connection with advertising tea is this: Go to at least four of the most reliable and responsible men or ladies in town and present them with, say, a $1 / 4 \mathrm{lb}$. sample package of some special line of tea which you are making a specialty. After they have given it a fair trial, secure a good recommend from them, and with their permission have the same published. This plan I have worked and it was also a success. In short, it is necessary that you keep constantly advertising your teas in some way. It never pays to put forth special efforts in this line for one week and then remain quiet for a month.
use welil. The window.
Your window can also be used to good advantage. For example : Some time ago 1 put out an advertisement in regard to teas, and just at the bottom of the circular 1 had printed the following : " Don't fail to see our novelty tea window Saturday evening next." On the occasion referred to I had the window neatly arranged with
fancy tea boxes, tea samples with price tickets in each. To complete the whole affair, I had in the centre of the window a small table neatly arranged with tea pot, cups and saucers, spoons, etc., and sitting at each end of the table, on a low stool, I had a boy about 15 years old. Each had his face blackened, and dressed in laughable appearing costume, both pouring out and drinking hot steaming tea, that we were steeping in the store for them. Above their heads I had such mottoes as the following: " Kum in and git a drink" ; " free samples inside" ; "dis am de best tea I eber drank " ; "just think, only 25 c . per pound." A large number came to see the novelty tea window, and nearly all came in and sampled it, after which they would purchase a supply, some getting one pound, others two pounds, and some as high as five pounds. All this from the effects of the previous advertisement, and the novelty window. In this particular case new customers were secured who had never before been in the store, and who are now and have since been steady and profitable traders.

## tea packages.

Foil or light lead sacks should be used for doing up teas. such a package as this they will retain both flavor and strength for a long time, and this is all a point in the merchant's favor. No teas should be allowed to stand either in caddies or boxes uncovered, as in such a shape they lose strength and attract bad flavor.

## QUality the line

It is foolish to attempt building up a tea trade on quantity. It must be done on the line of quality, together with fair living profits, and once a merchant has the established confidence of the public in this respect, he is sure of a good tea trade. But he cannot stop here. Once this confidence is established, it means work to hold it. The successful tea or grocery merchant never finds idle time on his hands. Some new plan can always be developed, and something new to inspire fresh confidence is always at hand for the merchant who trys to make business a success.

## eschew prizes.

Never offer prizes of any kind with teas. Prize teas are a humbug and the public know it. Good goods sold on their merits is the only successful road to follow.

## Where mert succeaded.

A customer called a short time ago and desired to know how many pounds of 25 c . tea we could give for $\$ 1$. I told him four pounds. " Well," said he, " I can get five pounds at such a place," mentioning the name of another merchant. We tried to convince him that the difference in price was made up by the extra quality of our tea, but all to no parpose. We gave him a free sample of our tea and away he went. He purchased five pounds at the other store for \$1, and in less than two weeks he called in and took four pounds of our tea at $\$ 1$. He had tried the sample we gave him, tried a drawing of the cheaper line he had bought, and he was at once convinced that we had stated the truth. He is now one of our regular tea customers, and has every confidence in our teas. Good goods and honest dealing are leading factors in a successful business. Just as soon as you begin to cut and slash the prices of teas, you have dealt a death blow to your better trade in that line and lose the best thing you ever had, namely, the confidence of the public in regard to the quality of your goods.
demonstrating purity to faulit finders.
Sometimes it so happens that with the very best quality of tea some customer will find fault and say it is no good. Here is where you have a chance to do some important work. Whatever you do, never allow such a customer to remain under such an impression, as he or she, as the case may be, may do your trade considerable injury by telling friends about it. In the first place, when such a complaint is made, ascertain the manner in which the tea has been

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SOLE AGENTS FOR CANADA
28 St. John St., Montreal
drawn, what quantity used, and all particulars in regard to her fault with it. Then go to some customer who has used the tea successfully, and who you know to be a good tea steeper, and learn her mode of using it. Giive these directions to your dissatisfied customer, together with a free $1+-\mathrm{lb}$. package, and in nine cases out of ten the result will be successful. This means a lot of trouble, but what of that : You have succeeded in pleasing your customer, increasing her confidence in you and in your goods. These little affairs all go to try the merchant patience, and he will sometimes feel like saying something real bad. But don't do it. Remember that you are in business to make money, and you cannot do it if you incur the ill will of your customers. Besides this, the people have a perfect right in demanding satisfaction in good goods, and it is your duty to see that they get it. You should consider it a privilege in having a chance to set yourself and your goods right before any dissatisfied customer

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fiood teas are sometimes injured by allowing them to remain exposed to the air. If you have no regular tea caddies, leave the tea in its original package, never allowing it to remain uncovered or exposed in any way

SElliNG; TO NEW CtSTOMERS.

In selling tea to a new customer it is sometimes a good idea to state that Mrs. or Mr. So-and-So are using the same brand and find it very fine. Of course, one must not use any name in this way except you know such statement to be true.

RE WINDOW DRESSING,
Attractive window signs are a good thing if properly arranged, and in no case should they have a cheap appearance. A barn door without hinges generally denotes a poor farmer. The same rule applies to a merchant. If your tea signs are cheaply and roughly made, it denotes carelessness on the part of the merchant, and such a person is usually a poor buyer-at least, the public will think so. Straws show which way the wind blows. Glass signs neatly painted, or nicely printed cards, which any printing office can produce for you, are a profitable investment, the following words being appropriate: " Try Our Famous joc. Japan Tea
"Our Special Brand 25 c. Tea is a Dandy : " . We Lead in First class Teas, both in Guality and I'rice " ; Teas-New Crop-Large Consignment Just Arrived. Come in and Get a Free Sample. These, and different other display cards, bearing such mottoes as above and placed conspicuously in your windows, will be of value to any merchont.

HINTS ON STEEPING:
As before stated, many people spoil a good tea in steeping it. In many cases teapots are not properly cleaned, and again it in sometimes injured by the use of a poor steeper, which may be a rusty tin one. These faults can be overcome to a great extent by the following plan: Write up, in as short a form as possible, the general and most proper rules for steeping and serving the different brands of tea. (io to your printer and have him print for you a quantity of these directions with your advertisement also placed prominently at the bottom of the card, and give these to your customers. Don't mix up an advertisement for any other class of groods on this card except tea. The greatest value in any adver tising is in confining each advertisement to one article only. The simple act of putting out printed directions leads your customers and others to think that you know a great deal about teas, and if you can establish this idea you are certain of a good trade in that line, not forgetting, of course, to impress it firmly on their minds that your prices are also right. If you use plenty of printers' ink, and do it truthfully, you will find it of great value.

What to do and not to do.
Never keep a poor tea because cheap. Such brands as " tea dust," which is sometimes found in country stores, should not be
tolerated, even if you got them for nothing. I believe firmly in the principle of quality in establishing a profitable tea trade, and not quantity. Follow this plan and once your business is established it has a solid foundation. Buy nothing but the best. Sell for cash. study the wants of your customers and satisfy those demands, m. matter how much trouble it puts you to. Give full weight. Be pleasant. Use special tea scales, and keep them bright. Use all spare moments for the development of new business schemes. Giir your clerks a prize for best written tea advertisements. Pay you printer once a month, and don't forget that a little pinched-up. advertising space is dear at any price. Use lots of space, even though you have only a little to say. Hustle every day. Make tea a specialty. Have one price for all. Advertise.

## A FINE PICKle.

PRHAPS no other article sold by the grocer of to-day hamade more rapid strides or assumed more varied forms of manufacture than have pickles. The product made in the home has almost passed into oblivion, and to suit the requirements of nineteenth century consumers, special and peculiar properties are essential to assure success, but when superior merit is once estab lished the public is not usually slow in its appreciation.

No more striking instance of advancement in this line is known than that achieved by Gillard \& Co., of London, Eng., who for over a quarter of a century have manufactured their " New Pickle " and "New Sauce," which have an enormous sale in Great Britain and on the Continent, and are conceded by all connoisseurs to be most delicious relishes. The firm has succeeded in giving to the public a pickle, the liquor of which is a happy blending of piquanc) sweetness and acidity, forming a well balanced and delicious appe tizer, while the vegetables are the choicest English and Eastern productions. Considering the size of the bottle and the superior quality of its contents, the makers claim that the " New Pickle " is the cheapest high-class pickle offered. At the great Royal Agricul tural Show, held at Leicester, England, in June, 1896, both the " New lickle" and "New Sauce" were on all the luncheon tables. Those who find it difficult to properly digest the ordinary pickle are delighted by the valuable aid afforded by the " New lickle " in the process of digestion. Dr. W. G. Grace, the champion cricketer of England, highly recommends their use and will have no other.

The "New sauce" is compounded from the purest and most appetizing ingredients, and possesses plenty of body, imparting a delicious flavor to soups, gravies, etc. To emphasize the high es teem in which these relishes are held in England, we may state that over five thousand of the leading hotels and restaurants are regularly supplied by the makers.

Arrangements have recently been completed by Gillard \& Co. whereby the trade in Canada can secure these pickles and sauce from all wholesale grocers, and at prices which enable the retailer to work up a steady and remunerative business.

## HE UNDERSTANDS COCOANUTS.

Mr. Mclean, the proprietor and manager of the Canadian Cocoanut Co., has had a long experience in this line. He was for several years in New York, and has had experience with the very best firms. New machinery has recently been put in, and the com bination of experience with good machinery should give good re sults.

It is a good plan to have some article predominate in each window display. Make this article the centre of attraction, like the largest stone in a ring, while the other articles, artistically grouped about it, serve as an appropriate setting.-School of Window Dressing.
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# TOMATOES 

Are our
 Specialty

$W^{\mathrm{E}}$E FIRMLY believe that the Kent brand of tomatoes is the best on the Canadian market to-day. We have good reasons for believing this. Every detail in growing and canning has been carefully studied and the goods that we turn out are the result of long experience and watchful preparation. The tomatoes we use are perfectly sound and fully ripe-nothing doubtful passes our examiners. Every department of our factory is kept as clean as the cleanest private kitchen.

Our Cans being made by a new process Have No Solder on the Inside.

In this way we protect consumers from the inconvenience and dangers arising from solder drops. There is no risk about swelled cans, as we test every can before it leaves the factory. The "Kent" brand is sold to you at about the same rate as inferior brands of tomatoes, and you make just as much profit. You will find your customers use five times as much canned tomatoes, when you sell "Kent" brand, as they did when you sold a poor article, and your profits on this line will consequently be increased five fold.

## THE KENT CANNING COMPANY



## TALK WITH A MAN FROM CHINA.

|HAD an interesting chat not long since with a gentleman who was passing through Canada en route to England from China. He had for three years been a resident of the Celestial Empire, and had traveled over a goodly portion of Japan as well as that country. As a result of that conversation I am open to confess that my opinion of the Chinese is rather more favorably inclined towards them than it was. The gentleman in question, I might say, is a tea merchant, but as I have not permission, I do not feel free to use his name.

Like other Europeans traveling from China with whom I have conversed, he declared that there were still people in some parts of the country who had not yet heard of the war with Japan.
"While there are others," he sard, "who, while they have heard of the war, firmly believe that the Japanese were the vanquished and not the victors. The fact that the Japanese army withdrew from the country is an evidence to them that they were driven out. They cannot understand why a victorious army should not have marched on to Pekin and invaded the rest of the country.'

- What opinions have you formed of the relative natural merits of the Chinese and Japanese soldiers ?
- O, physically the Chinese is the much better man. And as far as bravery is concerned he has plenty of that.'
" He did not display much of it in the late war," I ventured.
I grant you he did not. But you must remember that he was badly armed, badly officered, and badly trained. It has been proved that under good officers they make good soldiers.'
" What about the domestic life of the Chinese ?
- Well, a Chinaman thinks a great deal of his wife and family. It is amusing to see his proud and lofty carriage and the happy look he has on his face when he takes his family for a day's outing.

The Chinese are very clannish, are they not ?

- Rather. Iust let our Chinese office boy hear that we want an employe of some kind, and forthwith he will be on hand with some relative.
- What about the alleged crookedness of the Chinese ?
"It is not true that the Chinese as a class are dishonest," he rejoined, with some warmth. "A Chinaman's word is as good as his bond. In our dealings with the Chinese merchants we have every confidence. If they make a contract with you, rest assired they will carry it out, if it is at all possible for them to do so. It is considered a terrible disgrace for a Chinaman to be discovered in a dishonest action. He who is so discovered 'loses face,' '" added my informant, as he swept his hand over his own face. ' ' ' Losing face, I should explain, really means that he has lost his good name and is disgraced. And you can almost depend that the man who 'loses face ' will go out and drown himself."

Our conversation eventually turned on the antiquated methods of transportation in China. "There is only one line of railway in China, and that is a short one," remarked the gentleman I was interviewing, " while, as for wheeled vehicles, why, in a city the size of Hänkow, there are only two. One of those belongs to a broker and the other to a doctor.'

Haven't they got good roads ?

## I asked.

- The roads are ggod enough ; but coolie labor is so cheap that t doesn't "pay to use wheeled carts. When we are loading the ships
with tea we do not send the packages to the ship's side in vehicles; coolies carry them. A coolie places a pole over his shoulder, with a chest of tea suspended from either end. Then he starts off for the ship's side on a sort of dog trot, singing in a monotonous air as he runs. A peculiar thing about this coolie carrier is, that should he only have one package of tea to carry, he will fasten a substance of equal weight to the other end of the pole. He wouldn't think of carrying one parcel. A Chinaman will do this work for the extraordinary small sum of eighteen pence per week."

China he declared to be a beautiful country, rich in natural resources, while the Chinese farmers he pronounced to be the best farmers in the world. But, tell it not in Gath, he declared it would pay Canada to utilize coolie labor more than she does.

## TWO SUCCESSFUL BRANDS OF CURRANTS.

THE success of the "Paradise" and "Haycastle" brands of currants handled by W. H. Gillard \& Co. last year has induced this firm to buy even more largely than they have done in previous years, and they have upwards of twenty carloads of these particular brands in store and arriving, and all bought before the advances in the market took place. It therefore affords this firm pleasure to announce to the trade through the advertising columns of The Grocer that they are in a position to supply "Paradise ' brand at as low a price as that at which ordinary Provincials or Filiatras are being sold. This firm purchased largely in raisins and figs early in the season, and in consequence of this are in an excellent position to give good values to their customers. They have always adopted the principle of buying the best brands packed, without exception, believing that in following this course it not only enables them to do business to better satisfaction with their good friends, but the handling of such goods has been an important factor in increasing the reputation which this house now holds for carrying high-grade Mediterranean fruits.

Recently W. H. Gillard \& Co. have been in receipt of a very large shipment of Young Hyson teas, which show extraordinary values, and they are finding a brisk sale for them at the prices offered at. The trade for this firm's bulk blended teas is steadily increasing, notwithstanding the fact that so many package teas are being offered. Their contention is that the sale of teas it bulk by the retailer, provided he secures well-known reliable brands, is much more favorable to his making good profits, instead of work: ing on a close margin on advertised brands which are handled by all his competitors.

## KNOX'S GELATINES.

The high quality and splendid values of the Knox gelatines are fast becoming well known, and the goods are now sold by the best grocery trade everywhere. Quite a sensation was recently created at Toronto and Ottawa fairs, where the goods were exhibited. This gelatine is made from calf material. It will dissolve almost as readily as sugar, and each packet will make two quarts of jelly. We anticipate for these goods very large sales.

## STAPLES AND DELICACIES.

Caverhill, Hughes \& Co., corner Commissioners and St. Peter streets, Montreal, while carrying a full stock of tea, sugar and other heavy staples, devote special attention to dried fruit, canned goods and specialties. They always have leading brands of these in stock, and also represent in the Montreal district " Spratt's patent dog food" and the Eli Pettijohn Cereal Co. Both these lines are fast becoming staples. The former is so much thought of that the animals at the recent dog fair were fed exclusively on it, and the sale of the latter, though only one year in the market, has increased to very large proportions.

DAMAGED BY FIRE, SMOKE AND WATER.

## TO THE TRADE

## CHEAP ${ }^{\text {cleanang }}$ SALE

## China, Crockery, Glassware, Lamp Goods, ste.

We take this opportunity to inform our numerous friends and customers throughout Canada that our great cheap sale is still going on, not having as yet succeeded in disposing of all the goods damaged by the recent fire in our premises; and in order to reduce our stock to the lowest possible ebb prior to stock-taking at the end of the year, we shall continue for the balance of the Fall to offer exceptionally good bargains in the following lines:

> White Granite, Printed and Rockingham Ware Enamelled and Gilt Semi-Porcelain Dinner, Tea and Toilet Sets
> Plated Ware, Cutlery and Fancy China Chandeliers, Gasaliers, Brackets, Banquet and Table Lamps, Etc., Etc.

Also an endless variety of
Dinner, Tea, Breaklast and Tete a Tete Sets

Etc., Etc.

LETTER ORDERS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.

And in Fine Gilassware an enormous assortment in the following lines
Champagne, Claret, Pert, Sherry and Liqueur Glasses, Decanters, Claret Jugs, Finger Bowls, Tumblers, Preserve and Bon Bon Dishes, etc.

Our stock of Pressed Table Glassware is also very complete.

AN INSPECTION SOLICITED.

## JOHN L. CASSIDY \& CO.

## JAMES TURNER \& C0., Haniiton

ask their numerous friends to keep their eyes on the points of this compass:


All are their specialties in which they cannot be beaten. A trial will convince you they are right.

. . . The finest Soda Biscuits in Canada . . .
Manufactured by R. E. JAMIESON, OTTAWA

## 웅 LTE <br> A grocer can want in first-class goods will be found in our warehouse. <br> Raisins, Currants, Figs

Good brands and good values.

Our familiar brand
JAPAN TEA
"'MADEETEAE"
is still to the front.

## ...SUGAR ...

from each of the Canadian Refineries
Totaccocos and Canned Goods FOR WHIOH WE SOLICIT YOUR ORDERS.
T. Kenny \& Co., Wholosente crooere Sarnia, Ont.


# Proper Ammunition Reaches the Mark 



Proper goods strike public confidence at once and build a good steady trade for a grocer. Our goods have all been weighed in the scales of public confidence and pronounced unsurpassed in quality. Up-to-date merchants are sending in their orders for winter stock. Is your order with them ? It should be if you are going to do better business this winter. Write for our price lists--we'll be glad to send them.

## dandicnlle \& caudin, lid. FRENCH CANNED GOODS

A carefully selected stockthey never lose their natural taste. Our stock includes Mushrooms Cepes Peas Truffles Beans Sardines
Mixed Vegetables Anchovie Asparagus Pates Artichokes Crete de Cog Capers Rognon de Coq Olives Etc.; Etc.

## Lorimier's

Worcester Sauce
This sauce is made of finest materials, and becomes a household' favorite when once tried. The grocer who once tries selling it always keeps some in stock.

Put up in pint and half-pint bottles.

## Mackay's <br> Kolacafe

Used as a substitute for Cot-fee-better for the health. It has the same flavor and fragrance as Coffee, added to which are the sustaining qualities of the Kola nut. Made by John Mackay \& Co. Edinburgh.

## Craven \& Son's Drops and Candies

Pure and Popular. Principally hard-boiled candies. In $5-\mathrm{lb}$. and $8-\mathrm{lb}$. jars.

There is money to be made in candies if you carry the proper goods.

You'll have success in your candy department if you carry these goods.

## Buchanan's Jams, Marmalade Candied Peels

These goods are justly celebrated for their purity and excellence. The jams and marmalade are mate from carefully selected materials. The Lemon, Orange and Citron Peels are fresh and pure.

## French Mustard

Much appreciated for its strength and flavor.
It's a quick seller and a satisfactory purchase.

Put up in handy packages. which are very useful when empty

Sole Agents for Canada
ROBERT GREIG \& CO., MONTREAL

# Brantford Stoneware 



# Rockingham \& Bristol 

ABSOLUTELY PURE
IT IS PERFECTION


Knox's Sparkling Gelatines


The consumer finds in the Knox Gelatines both quantity and quality, as each packet makes two quarts of the most delicious jelly. The most easily prepared with the best results.

It obtained the only Medal and Diploma, World's Fair, Chicago, for its strength and purity.

SOLD BY ALL WHOLESALERS.

## A. E. Richards $\mathfrak{A}$ Co.

A buSiness man as well as a senator.

RFaddERS of The Canadian Grocer need not be told that this journal has been the champion of the movement for the improvement of Parliament by the infusion of practical business men, irrespective of what their political complexion may be, into the membership thereof. Every drop of new blood of this character which finds a place on the benches of either the Federal or Provincial Parliaments naturally therefore accords us satisfaction.

The accompanying cut is from a photograph of a business man, who is one of the latest appointments to the Senate. His name is Alfred A. Thibaudeau. He was gazetted August 29 last and represents the electoral division of de la Valliere, in the province of Ouebec, the division formerly represented by the Hon. Mr. Angers, who, it will be remembered, resigned to contest Richelieu for the House of Commons during the last Federal contest.
Mr. Thibaudeau is a practical, intelligent business man, being the head of the dry goods firm of Thibaudeau Bros. \& Co., of Montreal, and Thibaudeau, Freres \& Cie., of Quebec. This firm was established about three-quarters of a century ago by the grandfather of Senator Thibaudeau, and is one of the oldest in Canada.
Senator Thibaudeau is of a retiring disposition, and has been sought after by the offices which he has filled rather than he having sought
 The Hon. Senatok thibaudeau.
was once a member of the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade. He is at present president of the Dry Goods Association of Montreal and a director of the Great Western Life Assurance Co.

## CITRIC ACID.

CITRIC acid owes its name to the source of its manufacture, " citrus " being the generic term for lemons. The acid occurs, however, in the juice of many other fruits than those of the citron variety, as well as in the juice of many plants, The citric
acic of commerce, however, is mainly prepared from the lemon. bergamot and lime, the three leading species of citron. Of thest three, the lemon contributes by far the greater proportion. In it manufacture the rind is jremoved and utilized for the purpose of obtaining essence of lemon, as well as essential oil. The fruit ithen pressed to obtain the juice. What is technically known a the "single juice" is then boiled down until a syrup of a dark brown color, or of a specific gravity of 1.24 is obtained. The juic, contains from eleven ounces to thirteen ounces of citric acid pe: gallon. The madnufacture of citric acid from "single juice" is simple. Whiting is mixed with water and heated by steam in a wooden vat profided with an agitator. The concentrated juice is then pumped slow ly in until effer vescence ceases. care being taken that the whiting is always in excess. The precipitation that follows is known as citrate of calcium. This is washed with hot water and filtered. It is mixed into a thin cream by the addition of water, and constantly agi tated during decomposition, caused by the addition of a small excess of sulphuric acid. This forms sul. phate of lime or gypsum, which is insoluble and precipitates. The citric acid left in solution is then sep arated from the gypsum, and the liquid concentrat ed in shallow baths by the aid of heat. Much gypsum is at first deposited, and from this the clear liquid is run oft into other vesseland further con centrated. When sufficiently stron to crystallize, the hot liquid is run into a tub provided with an agitator, and the liquor is kept in constant motion while cooling. By this means the cry: tals of citric acid are obtained in a fine powder. The mother liquop is again concentrated and the process repeated. The granulate crystals are drained, and, should impurities show themselves, the: are redissolved in water and the solution discolorized by pasing it through animal charcoal, from which all phosphate have been removed. The liquid is again concentrated b. heat and allowed to crystallize in shallow trays. The resultin crystals are the citric acid of commerce. Citric acid is also con tained in unripe fruits, notably the currant, gooseberry and tomato Of thest on. In it purpose oi he fruit known a of a darl The juic, acid pe juice " team in d juice uped slow atil effer ceases ng taken whiting is in excess. ecipitation llows i $s$ citrate of This is with hot id filtered. ed into a am by the of water tantly agi aring de ion, caus e addition all excess uric acid. rms sul $t$ lime or which is : and pre - The ci left in sothen sep from the and the :oncentrat tllow bath: id of heat. 'psum is at osited, and s the clear 5 run off er vessel ther con d. Whet tly stronz allize, the it the liquo ; the cry ther liquo granulate slves, the d by pa: phosphate ntrated b e resultin s also col nd tomat. "When in doubt take the safe side"

If buyers would always apply the wisdom of this adage when making selections,

"Fearman's"


## Hams and Bacon

would be in universal demand, for this brand is preeminently the safe side of provision purchasing.

Besides providing every desirable quality which other goods possess, they furnish a flavor which is indescribably rich--a flavor which others cannot imitate because all our goods are prepared by our own process, known to no one but ourselves. Fearman's Star Brand Hams and Bacon are mild, sweet and appetizing beyond any similar products anywhere prepared. Your best interest demands that you give them first place in your stock. Don't run chances in buying. Get what you know to be all right.
Right in quality. Right in flavor. Right in price.
-F.W.Fearman, Hamilton



Pittsburgh Piano Lamp or A Pittsburgh Vase Lamp OnA Pittsburgh Banquet Lamp

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In Fact
there is not and never has been a better thing in the Lamp and Lighting line than everything

THAT IS

## PIITSBURGH"



This the PITTSBURGH GOODS will prove in open comperition.

CATALOGUE AND PRICES ON APPLICATION.

## Gowans, Kent \& Co. TORONTO



## HOW SARDINES ARE PRESERVED.

THF. catching and preservation in oil of the sardine is one of the most important industries of Brittany, says The Liverpool Post. Along the coast there are about 150 factories. During the sardine fishing season, which lasts about five months, 2,500 boats, equipped with from 12,000 to 15,000 sailors, are employed. Consul Dupin, of Nantes, says that this industry originated at Nantes in the year 1834, and the best brands are still those of that city. These brands are imitated in Spain and Portugal but are of inferior quality owing to the use of Spanish instead of Italian oil. The sardine is a migratory fish, which first appears on the coast of Africa, passing northward in large shoals, following the coast of Portugal, crossing the Bay of Biscay, and striking the coasts of Vandee in the month of April or May. Here the sardine is met by fishermen stationed at the seaport town of $1^{\prime}$ Isle $\mathrm{d}^{\prime}$-Yeu, and in the bays of the Sables-d Olomne and Saint-Gilles, who assemble from all parts of Brittany and follow the fish toward the north, retarding its progress with a special bait called "roque." Before daybreak the fishing boats leave port to search for the shoals of sardines : many leave in the evening and anchor at sea. When the peculiar bubbling of the water reveals the fish the nets are immediately thrown. Fach net is from goo to 1,000 yards in length, about three yards in width, and black in color. On the upper part of the net are cork floats, on the lower part leaden sinkers to keep the net in an upright position. The oarsmen, generally two in number, row either against the wind or the tide. One man casts the net as the boat advances, while another throws the bait into the water. This bait is an important feature in the sardine catch, as it is expensive, and fishermen often lose a considerable quantity. It is made of the eggs of codfish or mack erel mixed with clay. That made of mackerel eggs is superior. The bait is thrown in the water in small balls, which slowly dissolve and sink. The sardines are spread on floors and salted, and the heads removed. They are then thrown into brine, where they remain for half an hour. They are next washed in clear water and dried on screens. This work is done almost entirely by the wives and children of the fishermen, their united wages during the fishing season enabling the family to subsist during the following winter.

Atter the fish have been thoroughly dried, they are cooked by dipping them for a few minutes in oil heated to 212 degrees Fahrenheit. They are again drained and handed to workmen, who pack them in small tin boxes, which are filled with pure olive oil and then soldered. The oil used is imported from the province of Bari, Italy. The boxes are next thrown into hot water, where they remain from two to three hours, according to the size of the boxes. When withdrawn the boxes are first cooled, then rubbed with sawdust to cleanse and polish them and packed in wooden cases of 100 boxes for shipment. During their immersion in the boiling water oil will escape from all the boxes not properly soldered. In such case the loss is sustained by the solderer. A good workman rarely misses more than two or three boxes per hundred.

A quality of sardine called "boneless sardines " is prepared by factories in Concarneau and Douarnenez. Their preparation requires special care, and they then command a high price. Sardines in oil are sometimes mixed with truffles. They are also prepared with tomatoes. Sardines are also prepared in butter and vinegar. Sardines preserved in butter are good, but as the butter is generally of inferior quality, it is necessary to remove it from the sardine be-
fore serving. Another inconvenience is that the box must be heated to melt the butter, so that the sardine can be removed entire Sardines preserved in vinegar require to be washed before using. The addition of oil renders the fish more palatable, though th. sardine retains the taste of the vinegar, and its flavor is partl destroyed.

## DISEASES OF THE NUTMEG TREE.

THE only direct cause of injury to the nutmeg tree which ha as yet caused serious damage, though others may, unde special circumstances, become productive of much evil, is the nut meg beetle, a very small insect only one-eighth of an inch long, of . deep blackish-brown color, cylindrical in outline, and quite blunt at both ends. It deposits its eggs beneath the bark of the tree, and the small white grub attacks the cambium layer-the living layet between the bark and the wood-causing the bark to flake off Sometimes it attacks the branches of the tree, burrowing at the base of each twig ; in this case the twigs die on each bough, beginnins with the lowest, and the beetles soon leave the dead twigs and commence to attack the base of the stem. The nutmeg has a strong tap-root, and the underground portion of the stem and tap-root are the next parts to be attacked. The destruction of the underground portion is unnoticed till the beetles work up above ground, when the bark peels and the wood is seen to be dead or dying beneath. The death of the tree thenceforward is very rapid. As the beetles work away from the parts they have killed to fresh living parts. other beetles, which feed on dead or dying wood, such as longi corns, attack the tree and complete the work of destruction. In order to do as much as can be done to stay the plague the following remedies must be adopted: It is absolutely essential that all branches attacked by the beetle should be at once burnt. The Chinese do not, as good cultivators would, cut off and destroy branches dead from any cause, but leave them lying in or under the trees. As the beetle has been found living six inches underground, the usual practice of burying the boughs at the base of young trees, and with their end projecting, results in favoring attacks of the new plants by beetles. It is difficult to prevent the beetles from attacking the base or sub terranean portion and to arrest the injury when commenced. The better class of cultivators are in the habit of covering the ground beneath the trees with cut lalang; this not only protects the root. from excessive heat and supplies some nourishment to the tree, but it also appears that the beetles attack these trees much less ; per haps they cannot find their way to the bark so easily. Turfing round the trees to the base of the stem would, it is believed, have the same effect. It is also suggested that cultivators should tar the base of the stem, or even tie brushes of cocoanut husk, which: might also be tarred, around the base of the stem to the ground but the brush must be pressed right down to the ground. The rigorous destruction by fire of dead twigs, boughs and trees, the latter being dug out of the ground and burnt, will prevent the pest doing much damage. Another disease of the nutmeg tree is caused by the " mango-borer," a boring caterpillar, to injury from which the mango tree is chiefly liable. It is not unusual to find mange trees planted in or near the nutmeg plantations here and there, anc it often happens that the moth which is produced by this caterpilla: not finding sufficient mango trees upon which to deposit its egg: attacks the nutmegs with disastrous results. As these mangoe produce few or no fruit, they should be destroyed. The parasiti plants, the mistletoes (Loranthus), are most injurious to the treesoon killing the boughs on which they fix themselves; suc branches should be cut off a little below the parasite. A le: important enemy of the nutmeg tree is the common blight (a Cor cus), which covers the leaves of weak plants, entirely spoilin them. Burning the infected leaves is the best remedy. efore using though th or is partl

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## SHOULD BE DONE BY BUSINESS MEN.

I:T is announced that three members of the Dominion Government will, on November 1o, start out upon the mission of gathering data for the revision of the tariff. The gentlemen composing the triumvirate are: Hon. W. S. Fielding, Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. W. Paterson.

During the propesed data-gathering tour it is the intention, we understand, of the commissioners to glean information from every available source : From the merchant as well as from the manufacturer, from the mechanic as well as from the master, from the consumer as well as from the farmer.

It is to be regretted that the Government did not see fit to act upon the suggestion of this journal, and delegate to a commission of practical business men and such others as might be necessary the duty of investigating the present tariff, and subsequently reporting to Parliament. This, we are persuaded, would have been the better way.

We have no desire to cast any reflection upon the commissioners. The Government could not probably have made a wiser selection from within the Cabinet circle, and in regard to the Hon. Mr. Paterson particularly. He is a business man, born and bred. Our concern is only for the business interests of the country. If politicians can perform the task as well or better than business men, we have no choice in the matter. But it does seem that the business man is the best man for a business job. And gathering maierial for a new tariff, and fashioning and shaping the same, does - ppear to be a business job.

Of all the tariff-revising undertakings, none have so much demanded skilled and careful treatment as that which is now to be dealt with. Business common-sense, honesty and enterprise are more important factors in nation-building than tariffs. A nation can exist/without the latter, but it cannot without the former. At the same time, however, tariff legislation can do a great deal to help or hinder the progress of a country.

The tariff this country requires is a tariff made by business men for the business interests of the country. A tariff built upon the enets of party, either Conservative or Liberal, we do not want, ,either can we afford to have it. We have already in the past had 00 many tariffs whose primary object was to bless the politicians.

The business interests of the country were a secondary, instead of being the first, consideration. It was not by any means always designedly so. But a professional politician can no more have at heart the interests of the commercial class than can a disgruntled, unmarried woman possess the heart of a mother. Like always begets like, if it gets anything.

A tariff whose foundation is business common-sense will not be constructed with a view to taking under its protection things which wisdom says should never have come beneath its shelter. We are learning by experience that it would have been better to have given some things poison rather than pap. An article worthily deserving of protection often gets into bad repute by being associated with that on the tariff list which is undeserving, just as a good boy gets a bad name by associating with evil companions.

This country is rich in natural resources. We believe no country in the world is more so. The developing of these demands our time and attention. And if we rob Peter to pay, I'aul, Peter will assuredly suffer.

How necessary, therefore, business care and forethought is in the work of revising the tariff is obvious indeed.

## NO NEED TO LOSE HOPE.

THE letter of the Hon. Joseph Chamberlain to the Agricultural Union regarding preferential trade toes not contain food for pleasant contemplation by the champions of that movement. At the same time, there is nothing in it that should induce them to abandon hope.

Mr. Chamberlain has not abandoned the scheme, as articles in some of the daily press would have us believe. He merely suggests " that the question of an Imperial zollverein should be deferred for the present." There is no misunderstanding these words. Deferring tis not abandoning. Mr. Chamberlain is a practical business man and a tactician: He knows when to be active and when to be passive.

This much is conceded by all : the United Kingdom wants more of the colonial trade and the colonies want more of the Motherland's trade. But the trouble is that we are all more or less wedded to our idols and will not condescend to divorce ourselves from them in the slightest degree in order to secure the desideratum. Free traders in England will not depart one jot or tittle from the most narrow interpretation of the Cobden doctrine, and protectionists in the colonies are not more willing to swallow any part of their faith. Hence, while both are hungry for extended trade, neither will do anything to secure it.

The Canadian Grocer does not pose as a prophet, but this it will predict: Inside of the next couple of years we shall see revived interest in Great Britain and in the colonies (and in Canada particularly) in the preferential trade idea. The United States is Gireat Britain's chief market, and so it is ours, and the outlook for that country is a McKinley president and a McKinley tariff. What that means is obvious.

Great Britain is essentially a manufacturing country. Consequently it is also an exporting country. And the home market being comparatively limited, it follows that any diminution in the export trade means a decrease in the output of the factories. Now we find that during the last twenty years there has been a steady falling off in the exports of manufactured goods, while in the imports there has, on the other hand, been a steady increase, showing that the British manufacturer is losing both the foreign and the home market. The exports of manufactured articles of the United Kingdom were 22 per cent. less in 1894 than in 1874, while the imports were 47.3 greater. Of the exports we find that those to foreign countries for the years $1890-94$ over 1870-74 decreased 10.6 per cent., while for the same period

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exports to British possessions increased 29.9 per cent. It is obvious where Cireat Britain's hope in her export trade for the future lies.

A comparison of the export trade of Canada during the past twenty years will also be of interest in this connection. We find that in 1875 Canada's exports to Great Britain and her possessions aggregated $\$ 46,062,177$ and to foreign countries $\$ 31,824,802$. In 1895 our exports on the former account were valued at $\$ 68,324,736$ and on the latter $\$ 45,384,067$. In other words, during the twenty years in question the exports of the !ominion to Gireat Britain and her possessions increased about 48 per cent. and those to foreign countries by about 45 per cent. Our increase is chiefly with Gireat Britain and the United States, and with the former particularly, although increases of more or less extent are shown in our exports to all countries except Portugal, Italy and the West Indies. But even in the exports to the last-named there has been a steady growth since 1890 .

As long, at any rate, as the present high tariffs exist it is evident the British market is the best market for Canada.

## NO LOW-GRADE TEAS.

THERE is an absolute scarcity of low-grade Japan and other teas in Montreal at present. This was clearly demonstrated early in the week, when a broker who had an open order from New York hunted high and low for the grades in question. All he could get, though he offered an advance of fully 2 c . per pound, was 1 ,ooo parkages.

Another unmistakable indication of the scarcity of low grades was the placing of several extensive orders in England by Canadian importers for Young Hysons ranging from 3d. to 4 d . per pound for prompt shipment.

In addition to this scarcity in Canada, reliable advices state that there is a big shortage in the crop in China and Japan. Shanghai advices state that the entire visible supply of green teas of all sorts is thirty-three per cent. less than last year. Congous are given as forty per cent. less available for United States and Canada, owing to blight on the crop. In Amoy and Formosa the outlook is for 25,000 half-chests, against 95,000 in 1894, and 65,000 in 1895 . Japanese news is equally bullish. The crop of green teas is given as about ten million pounds short of last year, and, as more than nine-tenths of this crop comes to North America, the supply on this continent should be fully thirty per cent. below that of last year. It is said that no fine teas are to be had, and common sorts are up ten to fifteen per cent. Foochow Oolongs are short also, the output being estimated as 25,000 chests short of last year. Russian buyers are reported to have cleared all the dust and siftings on the Foochow market, something unheard of before, and some are speculating whether this action is not the forerunner of a mild famine.

## ANOTHER RISE IN VALENCIA RAISINS.

IMPORTERS who tried to place orders for Valencia raisins at last week's level have been unable to do so. Offers cabled last week were refused, as a further advance of 2 s . had taken place.

Importers in Montreal, however, had to have the fruit, and willingly conceded the advance. In fact, Montreal commission men state that they have more orders on hand than can be filled in Denia by the remaining direct boat.

Since the Avlona's fruit was landed in Montreal some small parcels have arrived from New York. These were readily absorbed by jobbers at a cost of $4 \frac{3}{4} \mathrm{c}$. for off-stalk and $5^{1 / 4} \mathrm{c}$. for fine.

The Bellona is due in Montreal in about ten days; but her cargo is all sold to arrive. The advance all round has been over 5s. on last year, for fruit that last season cost 16 s . is costing at present fully 2 IS.

## CANADA'S EGG EXPORT TRADE.

HE is not a wise man who makes no effort to find another outle for business when that which he has been accustomed to fo: low has been closed against him. That which applies to indis duals applies with equal force to nations.

When the McKinley tariff went into force six years ago an Canada's practically only foreign market for eggs was close against her, most people conceded that the egg industry il this country was doomed. Fortunately, however, everybod. was not that way of thinking, and those who were not began i. turn their attention to the British market. That market has not $b$ any means always been as profitable as one would have desired. but the results have on the whole been much better than a greal many a few years ago ever dared to hope it would be.

The voyage is a long one, while the Irish and continental egns are near at hand, but in spite of these facts, Canadian eggs are in creasing in favor with John Bull, and at present the prospects for business with him in this particular line are better than they eve have been, our exports to Great Britain during the past three month having been enormous.

At first John Bull did not like our package. He preferred his 120 -dozen case to our 30 -dozen case. This prejudice has, how ever, been overcome, and now with a great many dealers the Canadian package is the favorte.

As far as quality is concerned, that is in the way of size, Canadian eggs are surpassed by the Danish, French and Irish, those from the last three named countries running from 16 to 18 pounds to the ten dozen, while those from the Dominion average from 15 to 16 pounds to the ten dozen. As far as Austrian, Italian Russian, and eggs from other European continental countries are concerned, those from Canada occupy the first position.

The particular kind of egg which best suits the fancy of the British public is the brown-shelled egg. Eggs of this description will earn from 1 to 2 c . per dozen more than the white kind, it being claimed that the former is the richer.

The following table gives the exports of eggs for six years to Great Britain and the United States, together with the total to al countries. As the trade returns for the fiscal year $1895-96$ have rot yet been issued, the figures for that period are not accessible

| Year. | Great Britain Doz. | United Stater <br> Doz. | Total to all countriDoz. |
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| 1890 | 3,600 | A 12.825,735 | 12,836,660 |
| 1891 | 649,476 | 7,354,235 | 8,022,936 |
| 1892 | 3,987,65\% | 3,918,015 | 7.931,204 |
| 1893 | 4,104,632 | 2 664,942 | 6,805,432 |
| 1894 | 3,499,243 | 1,611,881 | 5,141,586 |
| 1895 | 4,184,271 | 2,256,518 | 6,500,817 |

This means that the increase in the exports to Great Britail during the six years was to the enormous extent of $116,129 \mathrm{pe}$ cent., while those to the United States fell off 83 per cent., and those to all countries by about 50 per cent. Of the total number of eggs which went into Great Britain from all countries in 1895 Can ada supplied 2.14 per cent. and the United States 0.61 per cent.

Whether the English market will ever be to us what that of th United States once was remains to be seen. One thing, however is certain, and that is, that with hostile tariff or no hostile tariff is the United States, Canada should never cease to cultivate the Britis) egg market.

## SUGAR CASE APPEALED.

It is understood that the Ottawa Government have taken at appeal in the case of the Canada Sugar Refinery for overcharges it duties. The facts in connection with this case have already ap peared in these columns,
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## AN ADVANCE IN TEA.

ACTIVITY has characterized the Montreal tea market for some weeks past, the volume of orders from retailers showing a steady increase. A result of this is decreased stocks in first and - second hands, and sellers are asking an advance of 1 to $11 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. per pound this week over the figures obtained a week ago.

The great bulk of the demand in Montreal, has been for low yrade and medium Japan and black teas, but this does not mean that high-grade Japans, China or Ceylon teas have been neglected. !luite the contrary ; they have received more than usual attention. Medium and low grades, however, are actually scarce, which makes their strength more conspicuous.

In one case this week a good-sized lot of low-grade Japan was turned over at $111 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. per pound. This same lot was offered the week before at Ioc., but buyers were too fastidious then to accept it. The fact that they have done so this week at an advance of $11 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. per pound speaks for itself.

Another lot of medium Japans was shipped last week at 21 C ., a portion of the same shipment only realizing $20 c$. six days before. In fact, several instances of similar gains were cited, showing the general strength of the position. The same appears to be the case south of the line also.

Representatives of American firms were in Montreal on Friday and Saturday last offering teas. One of them, a Philadelphia man, had $\mathrm{I}, 200$ packages of his lot withdrawn, showing that there is demand there. In fact, if the sound money party wins a regular boom is predicted in the United States, as stocks generally are estimated to be light.

## THE SITUATION IN SULTANA RAISINS.

THE market for Sultana raisins continues strong, and the price of anything of sound quality is high.
Some superior bright fruit, consigned to the Toronto market within the past few days, was picked up at once, and met with a ready consumption at high prices. The grades usually shown on the Canadian market this year exhibit exceedingly poor quality and large admixture of black fruit.

Some samples of rain-damaged fruit are being shown. They present a dark appearance, but the fruit is fat, and undamaged by rain would have been very fine. This particular kind of fruit can be imported at $\mathbf{2 c}$. per pound less than the corresponding grade of undamaged fruit, but buyers are not giving them much attention.

The Produce Markets Review, London, of the 17th inst., in its review of the Sultana raisin market, had this to say :

It is clear that a proportion, at all events, of the fruit that was damaged will be restored fo a merchantable condition, as a certain quantity is known to be already on the way, and tiker parcels are arailable for shipment. If anything like a heavy weight is saved, it appears increased. Two points against any long continuance of present rates can hardly be overlooked, the firat being that the growers, if they cannot dispose of their fruit in Smyrna, will no doubt be tempted to consign it to the English markets, and the present scarcity will in ore ray or another disaspeear. A second reason is that, at all events, a moderate proportion of ain-damaged fruit will be sent on, and owing to the fact that it is not expedient to hold such tuck for long periods, merchants will doub less force it into consumption. If a considerable (1uantity be sent, it is not imponsible that this fruit may to some extent depress the value of ithe sound, as has been the case under similar circumstances in previous years.

## PROSPECTING FOR CANADIAN PRODUCE.

ONE of the best evidences of the growing impression which Canadian farm and dairy produce is making on the British market is the frequency with which dealers in the large commercial centres there make prospecting tours to this country.

One of the latest to visit Canada for this purpose is Mr. Nalborough, of Nalborough \& Sons, Harwich, England, and Leith, scotland. The firm is an extensive importer of Dutch, Belgian, Danish and German products, and was founded in 1829. How
desirable it is for Canada that the Messrs. Nalborough should interest themselves in our products is evident from the fact that their ${ }^{\text {importations are sent from one end of the United Kingdom to the }}$ other, and to South America, the West Indies and Africa.

Mr. Nalborough was in Toronto last week, after having made a trip through Western Ontario. The object of his mission to this country is particularly in reference to cheese, butter, eggs and apples, and it is gratifying to know that he has completed arrangements for handling these products. One of his arrangements is to control the sale of Imperial cheese in England, Scotland, Belgium and.Holland.

Although greatly pleased with what he on the whole saw in this country, he was not blind to our shortcomings, and he particularly deprecated the carelessness with which some people put up their products, and apples particularly, for shipment to the British markets.

He is not the only one who has uttered a warning in this respect. Only on Monday last a cable from London declared that " if the apple trade is to be kept on a good basis Canadian shippers will have to be more careful in selecting their stock for shipment. "

Canada has the fruit, and all she wants is more of the right kind of careful shippers.

## ADVANCE IN TOMATOES.

AMUCH firmer feeling in regard to canned tomatoes has developed on the United States market during the past few days. This will be good news to canned goods men in Canada, who are no doubt quite ready to clutch at any straw just now.

The cause of the better prices is the realization of the fact that the pack is 50 per cent. below that of last year. The pack of 1895 was $3,850,000{ }^{\circ}$ cases, which in turn was nearly 50 per cent. below that of 1894 . The tomato crop, it appears, has been a decreasing one since 1893 .

For two weeks past the buying of tomatoes has assumed brisk proportions in the United States. Sales have been made at Baltimore at an advance of five cents per dozen over those obtaining a week or ten days ago, while some sellers are reported to be holding at an advance of ten cents. It is the general opinion that the present season's pack came on a bare market.

The advance in the United States market has naturally induced a better feeling in Canada, but whether it will result in an actual appreciation of values remains to be seen. One thing it appears to have not yet done, and that is induce the wholesale trade to become more anxious buyers. The retail demand, however, has been improving a little during the past couple of weeks, but it is still of small proportions.

The ruling price at Baltimore is 65 c ., which is better than that obtaining in Canada to-day, which would indicate that at present figures it would be safe to keep stocks in at least a well-assorted condition.

Advices by mail from England state that the demand there for canned tomatoes is improving. We hear of some shipments of tomatoes to that market from Canada during the past few days, but any information as to price we were unable to obtain.

## BUSINESS MEN WILL APPRECIATE IT.

Hon. W. Paterson, Controller of Customs, will, it is said, revive the practice of visiting the leading ports periodically for the purpose of consulting with business men on Customs matters. This was a practice that was pursued by Hon. Clarke Wallace. and the business men of the country will not by any means be sorry that the present Controller has decided to follow in his footsteps.

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## THE EARLY-CLOSING LAW

THE early-closing question and the recent decision of the Superior Court is a warm subject in Montreal at present.
Last Thursday evening there was a lively meeting on the Main street, Montreal, in regard to the matter. The Retail Grocers' Assoziation, as a body, did not take part, but a number of retailers and a large body of clerks were present.

Some of the former made warm speeches accusing the clerks of taking away the liberties of the proprietors.

President Vallieres, of the Retail Grocers' Association, made a wise suggestion which had the good effect of stopping a discussion that promised to degenerate into a lot of painful personalities and recriminations. It was to the effect that the City Council be invited to suspend the early-closing bylaw until a final decision had been given by the Superior Court. This was adopted and, signatures having been obtained, it was decided to present a petition to the Mayor on Monday morning.

On Monday morning about one hundred and fifty retail grocers and a sprinkling of tradesmen thronged the Council chamber, and on the arrival of the Mayor presented two petitions in reference to the early-closing bylaw. Among those in the deputations were : Messrs. F. de Repentigny, L. J. A. Surveyor, Chas. Gravel, Gagnon \& Meunier, A. Gagnon \& Co., J. B. A. Lanctot, J. B. Couture, Arthur Gagnon, D. Gagnon, M. Lorge, J. Kelly, J. A. Adams and W. Gundlack.

Mr. Meunier presented the petitions, one from 200 retail grocers, and the other from over 750 tradesmen and others, protesting against the law, and asking for its suspension till the decision in the Supreme Court, as to its constitutionality, is rendered.

Mr. E. Valliere, as president of the Retail Grocers' Association, disclaimed any connection whatever with the present movement.

Mr. E. de Repentigny, in a vigorous speech, denounced the bylaw, urging that it was doing an incalculable amount of mischief. That it did not voice the opinion of the majority was shown by the fact that far more tradesmen were against the bylaw than for it.

Ald. Rainville explained that the bylaw had been passed by the Council in response to a strong petition from the tradesmen and others, and he could only say he was very much surprised at the opposition to it now from all quarters. All the Council could do was to repeal the bylaw, which he was satisfied would be done if a majority of the public declared for such a course.

His Worship the Mayor said the question was one of the greatest importance, and he hoped that those who protested against being compelled to close at a certain hour would take the case to the highest courts in the country.

The deputation then withdrew.
A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Montreal Grocery Clerks' Association was held in St. Joseph's Hall on Sunday. A number of new members were admitted. The early-closing movement was much discussed, and it was decided that the association help the furtherance of this in every way possible, and it was decided to hold another meeting, when an invitation will be extended to those in favor of the movement and those against to attend.

Mr. Poirier, president of the Early-Closing Association and vice-president of the Grocery Clerks' Association, will start in business on his own account at the corner of Buckingham and St. Catherine streets in the course of a week or two.

## A PEEP INTO CROSSE \& BLACKWELL'S FACTORY. Editor Canadian Grocer:

Sir,-I have lately returned from a short trip to England, and while in London I paid a visit to Crosse \& Blackwell, Ltd. As I handle a considerable quantity of their goods, I was particularly
desirous to see their factory. A letter of introduction from theit Canadian agent, Mr. C. E. Colson, procured me a most cordial reception from Mr. Blackwell, who requested their Mr. Wyeth to show me around the Soho Square factory, which took at least three hours, and they have two other factories, I believe, as large. I was greatly pleased and struck with the cleanliness and prde observed in each different department. I saw some of the finest fruits, vegetables, poultry, fish and meat that I had ever seen, and I am satisfied that in the manufacture of their numerous prepara tions they use nothing but the best of everything.

I am very glad to be now in a position to vouch for the excel lence and purity of the goods which 1 have always found have given the best of satisfaction. Crosse \& Blackwell not only seem to be holding their own, but their goods, I noticed, appear to be still the leaders at home as well as abroad.

Trusting this may be of some interest to your numerous readerwho keep Crosse \& Blackwell's goods in stock,

I remain, yours, etc.
D. H. Rennoldson.

## THE RICE MARKET ADVANCING.

Latest advices received from the European, Japan and India rice markets indicate a strong upward tendency at all points. Stocks in Europe are decreasing rapidly, and the visible supply will fall far short of meeting the prospective requirements of the consumers. The crop in Italy is turning out badly, and that country is drawing on Bremen and London for its supplies. The famine in India has increased the demand for Burmah, Siam, etc., rices, so that all the shippers combined are not able to secure enough to make up a single cargo for export this season. In Japan the crop is very much short and arrivals of new will be delayed fully one month later than usual owing to the typhoons and bad weather experienced during the growing season. All rice-consuming countries are turning their attention to Japan for their wants, and contracts for future shipment have been entered into on a very much higher basis- 10 to 15 per cent. above last year's figures.

"Am I busy? You see dat fly!"
" Distinctly."
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## HINTS TO BUYERS.

"WE expect a large consignment of fresh Tarragona almonds, and can quote very low figure," write Laporte,
Martin \& Cie
Buy your pickles before the cold weather sets in.
T. Kinnear \& Co. have a fresh shipment of "Golden" haddies in stock."

Clemes Bros. are this week in receipt of a carload of Malaga grapes.
"Our new arrivals in Japans are attracting buyers," say H. P. Eckardt \& Co.

A shipment of California loose muscatels arrived this week for the Eby, B ain Co., Ltd.

Add a few cases of "Golden" haddies in your next order and T. Kinnear \& Co. will ship promptly.

The Eby, Blain Co., Ltd., report that they have a large and well-assorted stock of Sultana raisins.

The Davidson \& Hay, Ltd., expect arrival of their next shipment of C. \& B. peels in a few days.

Grocers should secure their winter stock of vinegar ; Laporte, Martin \& Cie. are offering a large lot at a low price.

Griffin \& Skelly's 3 and 4 -crown loose muscatels and $21 / 2-\mathrm{lb}$. fancy cartoons are in stock with H. P. Eckardt \& Co.

Laporte, Martin \& Cie. claim their stock of Malaga raisins is one which can meet any demands, both for quality and price.

Robert Greig \& Co. have landed this week large shipments of Carr \& Co.'s English biscuits and Rowntree \& Co.'s cocoa.

Mclauchlan's sodas have become quite popular on the Canadian market and are now handled by the best trade everywhere.

The Eby, Blain Co., Ltd., are in receipt of a shipment of Valencia shelled almonds, which they are offering at a low figure. Choice $3-\mathrm{lb}$. preserved apples are being offered by the Davidson \& Hay, Ltd., at prices below packers' cost.
T. A. Lytle \& Co. report that they are finding unusually large sale for their tomato catsup. Repeat orders are already becoming frequent.
" Kurma " tea is making progress up Northern Ontario, judging by orders received from that section this week by the Davidson \& Hay, Itd.

The Eby, Blain Co., Ltd., report the arrival of a shipment of California table raisins in fancy cartoons, about $21 / 2 \mathrm{lbs}$. each, and fancy clusters in boxes.

The Davidson \& Hay report a large sale of new fruits during the past 10 days. They expect their next shipments here about the 5 th prox.

The Davidson \& Hay, Ltd., have in stock new California 2, 3 and 4 -crown loose muscatels : also choice California clusters in $21 / 2$ lb. cartoons.

The "Crown" brand cream cheese has just been placed on the market by Robert Greig \& Co. "This line is made by La Delicatesse Co., of Herkimer, N.Y.
H. P. Eckardt \& Co. have received a shipment of figs of fine quality, comprising "Superior," " Extra," " Extra Family " and "Levant Beauties." Buyers will do well to see this fruit before purchasing.

A shipment of Grenoble walnuts arrived for the Eby, Blain Co., Ltd., this week. "Our 'Gladstone' and 'Roberoy' pickles are having large sales. They give general satistaction," so say the Eby, Blain Co., Ltd.

It is not alone the judicious advertising that has made the " Rising Sun" stove polish and the "Sun Paste" stove polish so successful. The superior quality of the goods is largely responsible for the enormous demand. It may be interesting to the trade to
learn that about 20 carloads are distributed annually through St . Louis alone.

Robert Greig \& Co. have booked very large orders this season for the beautiful line of Christmas goods shown. Shipments are now being made by each steamer.

Enormous quantities of corrugated paper packing are used in the cases of the "Rising Sun " stove polish. The goods art packed in the neatest and most careful manner, and reach the store-keeper in the best possible condition.

A complete assortment of all kinds of Christmas goods are in store or to arrive with Lucas, Steele \& Bristol. Their customers can rely on both quality and prices. "We cannot be undersold by any house in the trade," they write.

The Davidson \& Hay, Ltd., have in stock a clear, bright, pure sugar syrup in pails and half-barrels, which they offer at a remarkably low figure. The large orders taken to arrive for the pails leave but a few of these, and buyers should order early before this line is cleared out.
" Yes," say Lucas, Steele \& Bristol, " we believe teas are good property; we are holders ourselves, believing in the future. At same time we are 'free sellers.' Have all descriptions, including good assortment of Young Hysons, Indians and Ceylons. Our Japans at 17 to 18c. are away below what we can import to-day."

## ONTARIO'S GOLD.

THERE was received at the head office of the Saw-Bill Lake Gold Mining Co. a shipment of ore taken from the 60 -foot levels, where drifting is being done north and south of the shaft. The ore is exceedingly rich and strongly impregnated with coarse, free gold, and will assay up in the hundreds.

As the vein at different points along the surface assayed from $\$ 150$ to $\$ 200$ per ton, it is anticipated that even richer cre will be struck in the drifts than that which is now being taken out. The shaft is now down over 100 feet, and gets richer as depth is attained, A large force of miners are at work both drifting and sinking, and a number of new buildings have been erected to accommodate the increased staff during the winter.

Work is progressing favorably at Hawk Bay mine, a short distance from Saw-Bill, in which a number of the directors of Saw-Bill are largely interested. There is every indication from the present showing that as depth is gained the Hawk Bay property will be fully as rich if not richer than that of Saw-Bill. The veins of these pro perties are undoubtedly true fissures, and both in the case of Saw Bill and Hawk Bay the companies commenced working on ore that showed a handsome profit from the start. Very large dividends are expected, and it is confidently believed that shares in Saw-Bill mine will, in less than 12 months, be eagerly sought after at from $\$ 7$ to $\$ 10$ per share.

The average assays of the Hawk Bay mine (which are taken with extreme care by the expert) are over those of Saw-Bill mine. which latter ran on an average of $\$ 16$ per ton on the surface. Although higher assays could have been secured from both these properties, an average of $\$ 15$ or $\$ 16$ shows such a large profit over and above the cost of working that a twenty-stamp mill, crushing from 40 to 50 tons of ore per day, would yield considerably over 100 per cent. per annum in premiums. Recent samples of ore taken from Hawk Bay locations have, it is stated, assayed from $\$ 29$ to $\$ 150$ per ton. An advantage claimed for the ore from this region is that it is almost altogether free milling, so much so that with the stamp mill process 80 to 90 per cent. of the gold contained may be taken off the amalgamating plates. There is no scarcity of water in this district, such as in Western Australia, where at the présent time the Legislative Assembly is being asked by the Government to advance $\$ 12,500,000$ to provide a water supply of five million gallons daily to the Coolgardie fields, -Hamilton Spectator.
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NOVELTIES FOR GROCERS AND GENERAL QMERCHANTS.
CARCELY two ${ }^{\text {Conth}}$ and the holiday season will be upon us.
 will be casting about for novelties suitable for that trade.

Porter, Teskey \& Co., of Montreal, are strong this year in silver, celluloid and leather goods. Their increasing trade and the fine set of samples with which each of their eight travelers is equipped, testify to the ability and experience of this enterprising firm in obtaining and placing before the trade those goods which meet their requirements. Among their most striking lines are smokers' sets, match boxes, frames, treys and jewel boxes in silver.

A very taking novelty is the silver photo hoper, No. 1480, gilt embossed, and prettily tied at the end wi ribbons.

In jewel boxes, they have various new designs. No. 525 is a handsome one, to retail at 75 C .; another taking design is their No. 551 , which retails for $50^{\circ}$ cents.

No. 755 is a silver calendar, to retail at $50 c$., and should be a seller.

There are novelties in celluloid coming out all the time, and this line promises to be much in demand. Porter, Teskey \& Co. have made careful selections in celluloid goods, and we would mention their letter holders, reticules, handkerchief and glove boxes, etc., to retail at from $30 c$. to $\$ 100$.

The new silver pincushions are particularly attractive, and retail at from 10 to 50 c. We give two cuts, Nos. 1431 and 1435 . No. 1445, an inkstand, is made in both silver and gold trimmings, to retail at j . No. 9891 is a dressing case.


No. 525 5 . per pound, and is composed of chopped leaves, stalks and bits of wood taken from the trimmings of the tea plant ; for this beverage is tea, after all, little as its flavor has in common with that of Bohea or Ljii. Other tea-like infusions sometimes to be met with are Kosen, made by pouring hot water on a mixture of various fragrantsubstances, such as orange peel, the seeds of the xanthoxylon,
 etc.; Sakura-yu, an infusion of salted cherry blossom ; Mugiyu, an infusion of parched barley; Mame-cha, a similar preparation of beans. Fukuja, or "luck tea," is made of salted plums sea weed and
xanthoxylon seeds, and is partake on the last night of the year. not be made with boiling wa+ decoction ; and the finer
the water employed. The Japanese tea equipage actually includes a small open jug called the "water-cooler" (yu-zamashi), to whicl. the hot water is, if necessary, transferred before being poured on the tea leaves. Even so, the first brew is giten thrown away as to bitter to drink. The consequence of this is that Japanese servantwhen they first come to an English house, always have to be , taught how to treat Chinese of Indian tea, and generally begin by giving practical proof of their incredulity on the subject of the indispensable virtue of boiling water.

ENGLISH OYSTERS.
The oyster season concerns a great many individuals. There are even those, says The Morning, who are cockneyfied enough to spell August "Aurgust " in order to satisfy conscience as to the " $r$ " in the months during which the bivalves may be unconditionally consumed. According to reports from Whitstable, Colchester, and other centres of the oyster trade, the warm summer has had a most beneficial effect on the natives, and it is expected that this autumn they will be at least 6 d , a dozen cheaper than they were last year. But early frosts ate the horror of the wholesale dealers, who make their cqutro er before there is a suspicion of sharp weather. Indeed, in view of the increasing demand, they are obliged to do so. The typhoid fever scare a year or two ago did the business much damage, but now the demand has revived, and is expected to be better than ever. It is not generally known that the Isle of Wight, in the Medina, and especially at the Newtown beds, he tween Cowes and Yarmouth, produces oysters which are "second to none."

AUSTRALIAN ESSENCE OF LEMON.
 colonies, Victoria, Town Hall, essence of lemon made from Victorian fruit was shown by one or two firms. Most of the essence. unlike the Sicilian, is prepared by dis tillation, the grating process being too expensive, except where labor is ver: cheap and the lemons can be had almost for nothing. In connection with the distillation of the oil a certain proportion of distilled water is obtained thoroughly saturated with the flavor of the lemon, and an opening is sought for the utili zation of this by-product. Citric acid has algo been made experimentally at Mildura, but that shown at Melbourne had not crystalized very transparently. Some is in process of manufacture at the present time, but to make a fair profit it would be necessary to charge double the present market price.
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## THE CANADIAN CANNED GOODS PACK

AN important and interesting meeting of the Canadian Packers' Association was held in the Walker House, Toronto, on Wednesday last. President Ferguson presided. The meeting was the first that has been held since last spring, and was the most representative that has been held for some time, these factories being represented: Bay of Quinte Canning Co. (W. Boulter \& Sons), sydenham Canning Co.. Strathroy Canning Co., Miller \& Co. (Trenton), Simcue Canning Co., A. C. Miller \& Co. (Picton), Lakeport Preserving Co., Aylmer Canning Co., Lincoln Canning Co., Dunmore Canning Co., Port Hope Canning Co., Burford Canning Co., Garden City Preserving Co., Delhi Canning Co., and South Essex Preserving Co.

The special object of the meeting was to submit and consider statistics regarding the season's pack of vegetables and fruits. The figures presented covered the pack up to October 1, so there is yet another month's output to be taken into account before the season closes on all lines.

Although the pack of tomatoes, corn and peas is larger than it was a year ago, The Canadian Grocer was informed by several packers that the statistical situation as revealed at the meeting was an agreeable surprise to them. . We are all going away much more satisfied than when we came," said one member of the association.

Although the pack of tomatoes is something like one-third larger than last year, it was shown by the figures adduced at the meeting that there was on October 1 something like 50 per cent. fewer goods in first hands than there was a year ago. The explanation advanced for this was that although Ontario has been a light purchaser, the Maritime Provinces and the Northwest have bought more freely than for years. In addition to this there have been some shipments to Great Britain, owing to the short pack in the United States people in the Motherland turning their attention to Canada. Only a few days ago the representative of an English house visited some of the factories, seeing what he could do. There have also been a few -peculative shipments to South Africa. One packer present at the meeting offered to purchase the entire pack remaining in first hands, bidding a higher figure than that now ruling. Two others followed, but nothing was done. It was the opinion of those present that the situation in regard to tomatoes was the strongest in the canned goods list. It was shown that five packers were sold out in this line.

The pea pack, as everyone knows, was much larger than last year, but according to the statistics it was shown that stocks had become narrowed down to two holders.

The corn pack exceeded that of last year, and some of the packers spoken to regarding the matter were inclined to consider it the bear feature of the canned goods market, but others again declared that in their opinion there would be none too many at the end of the season.

The fruit pack was light all round, the remembrance of last season's influx of California canned and evaporated fruits having deterred the packers from putting up what they otherwise might or could have put up. Of strawberries it was averred there was not a case left in packers' hands. Pears are nearly all gone. On account of the large apple crop, the pack of apples is not large, and the idea seems to be to put them up principally with a view to the export trade. The pumpkin pack, it is claimed, is also on the small side. One packer explained that he had sold out the first lot he had put up, but he was now putting up a few more. One member of the association informed The Grocer that the pack of peaches was practically in the hands of one packer, only about one hundred and fifty cases being distributed among the other packers.

These members were appointed to interview the Ministerial Tariff Commissioners: H. Malcolmson, Chatham; Dr. King,

Kingsville ; W. P. Innes, Simcoe ; W. A. Ferguson, Delhi ; Tlios. Nihan, St. Catharines ; A. C. Miller, Picton ; H. J. Matthess, Lakeport.

The following factories were made members of the associat in: Sydenham Canning Co., Kingsville Canning Co,, Port Hope anning Co., Lincoln Canning Co., Burford Canning Co., Dunnure Canning Co.

It was announced that three factories had retired from busin ©os, namely, Ridgetown Canning Co., Phonix Canning Co., Pure I wod Canning Co., and that still another had practically done so.

## GROCERY BICYCLE RACE.

The staff of the Davidson \& Hay, Ltd., held their second annual handicap road race last Saturday afternoon on the Kingston roud. The course was five miles with a turn, the starting point and the fin ish being a short distance east of the Norway Hill. The prize list was a substantial one, and included a handsome gold medal donatedi by Col. Davidson, for first prize, and a traveling bag from Mr. Hay. The other prizes were also good (even the " Dew of Drumtochty, says Fred. Dixon), although there were hardly enough to go round. There were thirteen entries and the race was as interesting to the spectators as the costumes were varied, which is saying a good deal.

The first six finished in the following dis-order: 1. Charlie Shields, 4 min.; 2. A. A. Paffard, 2 min .: 3. Albert Oakley, 2 min.; 4. F. H. Oulcott, scratch : 5. H. H. McFadyen, $11 / 2 \mathrm{~min} .:$ 6. Fred. Oakley, $11 / 2 \mathrm{~min}$.

The time 16 min . 9 seconds by F. H. Oulcott was very fair considering the gale blowing.

## POTATO CHIPS FOR GROCERS.

Quite a trade is being established in Montreal for Marshall's potato chips. Grocers in the different cities should have one of Marshall's glass cases on their counters. They are furnished free. A cut showing the case will be found in our advertising columns. Our representative in the States enquired of several grocerymen who bought these chips. They said the largest sales were to private families, picnickers, campers, hunting parties, etc., and nearly all the free lunch saloons used them. One grocer said he had sold as many as three barrels in a week. Physicians recommend them for fleshy people, as in the process of evaporating and washing the starch is all removed. Mr. Marshall's sales in the New England states alone are five tons a month. The chips are sold in bulk or in $1 / 2$ and 1 -pound boxes, and will keep in any climate.

## SMALL COHOE SALMON PACK.

The British Columbia Journal of the 2oth inst. says: " The cohoe pack of salmon is very much smaller than was expected, and, after careful inquiry, it is believed that the pack on the Fra-er River of this grade of fish will be somewhere in the neighborhood of 20,000 cases."

## SEEDED CALIFORNIA MUSCATEL RAISINS.

Something unique in the way of raisins on the Canadian m rket is just being introduced by George Stanway \& Co., of Toron.o, It is seeded Calitornia loose muscatel raisins, put up in attract e one-pound cartoon paper boxes. The fruit is plump and delicio = and should take well, as the cost, taking into account the time a d waste saved, is not much more than that of the ordinary article, tie waste of which is estimated at 30 per cent. George Stanway \& $C \%$ are the agents for Ontario.

The seasonable weather is creating a good demand for the land National Food Co.'s self-rising buckwheat flour.



## Special Offer 2,500 DEMIJOHNS LABRUYERE VINEGAR, 4 Imp. Gals. <br> This vinegar has to be delivered before NOVEMBER 15 th. We will quote SPECIAL PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY. <br> We also offer the finest assortment of Figs, Malaga Raisins and Tarragona Almonds. Our prices for above are extremely low and deserve attention. Write for quotations. <br> LAPORTE, MARTIN \& CIE.



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J. H. CHEWETT, B.A.,C.E., in his report on Hawk Bay Location, says :
"As regards the vein, it is undoubtedly a true fissure of great continuity, being well defined upon the surface for fully 1.000 feet, varying in width from six inches to five feet. as far as was observable on the numerous out-crops, the average being over two feet. The vein extends across the full length of the location and cail be safely estimated at 2,000 feet.
"In conclusion I have not the slightest hesitation in recommending you to at once proceed with the work of development. The property is well situated, and large returns may reasonably be anticipated."

A full staff of miners are at work, and with most satisfactory results. The vein in the shaft now being sunk is over four feet wide. Tin vein is undoubtedly a true fissure, and over 2,000 feet in length on the company's property. Very rich assays have been made. Thi. ore for several hundred feet along the vein averages over $\$ 17$ gold per ton. The cost of mining and milling is fully covered by $\$ 5$ per ton ; with a $20-$-stamp mill 40 to 50 tons of ore a day can be treated. These facts, taken in conjunction with the extremely low calialization of this company, warrant the prediction of very large dividends. The capital is $\$ 150,000$, in one-dollar shares. The di lend paying power of small capitalization is of the greatest importance to investors who look for large returns. The shares in this conspany are fully paid and non-assessable. Sold in lots of not less than 25 shares. Only a limited number will be sold. Write for pro pectus.-H. N. Kittison, Provistonal Soc.-Treas, Drawer 35, Hamilton.

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## ONTARIO MARKETS. <br> GROCEIIES

FRTHER improvement is to be noted this week in the demand for groceries. Being now well supplied with foreign dried fruit- the local market is particularly active in this line. Valencia raisi:, have further appreciated in the primary markets, and the price of all foreign dried fruits is stronger rather than otherwise.
New Valencia shelled almonds and Grenoble walnuts have been received on the local market this week. There is a little better feeling in canned tomatoes than there was, in sympathy with the advance in the United States, and while the demand is also slightly better than it was, yet, generally speaking, the canned-goods trade is dull. Coffes are a little firmer. Syrups are not receiving much attention from either buyers or sellers. Sugars are steady and in fair demand for this time of the year. Increased activity is reported in teas.

Cinned Goods-The advance in the United States has created a little more confidence in the canned tomato market in Canada, but business in all kinds of canned vegetables as well as tomatoes is still unsatisfactory, notwithstanding that during the past couple of weeks the demand has shown some improvement. No interest whatever appears to be taken in canned salmon. Canned meats are firm, there having been an advance of about 15 per cent. in the price of the Chicago product during the last couple of weeks. We quote best brands as follows : Tomatoes, 65 to 70 c .; corn, 55 c . for old and 60 to 65 c . for new ; peas, 60 to 65 c . for ordinary : sifted select, 95 c . ; extra sifted, $\$ 1.35$ to $\$ 1.45$; beans, 65 to 95 c .; peaches, $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 3$ for 3 's, $\$ 1.90$ to $\$ 2.20$ for $2{ }^{\prime}$ 's; raspberries, $\$ 1.50$ to $\$ 1.80$; strawberries, $\$ 1.65$ to $\$ 1.95$, according to brand and quality; blackberries, $\$ 1.75$ to $\$ 200$; cherries, $\$ 2$ to $\$ 2.25$ : apples, 3 's, 70 to 95 c .; gallons, $\$ 1.65$ to $\$ 2.25$; salmon, "Horseshoe," $\$ 1.371 / 2$ to $\$ 1.40$; "Maple Leaf," $\$ 1.371 / 2$ to \$1.40; Lowe Inlet, $\$ 1.30$ to $\$ 1.35$, in tall tins; cohoes, $\$ 1.20$ to $\$ 1.25$; canned mackerel, $\$ 1.20$ to $\$ 1.30$; lobsters, $\$ 2.10$ to $\$ 2.30$ for tall tins; flats, $\$ 2.65$ to $\$ 2.70$; half tins, $\$ 1.50$ to $\$ 1.55$; Canadian canned beet, $\mathrm{I}^{\prime} \mathrm{s}, \$ 1.25$ to $\$ 1.30$; $2^{\prime}$ 's, $\$ 2.25$ to $\$ 2.35 ; 6$ 's, $\$ 7$ to \$8: 14's, $\$ 14.50$ to $\$ 15.50$.

COFFEE - There has been an advance in the primary markets. Santos and Rio coffees are about $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. per lb . dearer and Javas and

East Indian growths are 2 to 3 c. per lb . higher. We hear of some transactions locally during the past week in Rios at half cent per pound over previous sales. We quote green in bags: Rio, 15 to 17 c ., according to grade ; East Indian, 27 to 30 c. ; South American, 21 to 23 c .; Santos, 19 to $221 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; Java, 25 to 35 c .; Mocha, $271 / 2$ to 35 c . ; Maracaibo, 21 to 23 c .; Jamaica, 21 to 25 c .

Syrups-There are a few dark syrups being offered by the refiners at $11 / 2 \mathrm{c}$., Montreal, and bright at $17 / 8$ to 2 c . There are not many transactions, however. We quote: Dark, 28 to 3 Ic ; medium, 33 to 35 c .; bright, 40 to 42 c . : corn syrup, 3 to $31 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. per lb.

Molasses-Advices from New Orleans state that the movement is still light, and seems to be partly due to the advance in freight rates from that city. The market appears to be steady. We quote: New Orleans, barrels, 28 to $30 c$.; ditto, half-barrels. 30 to 35 c .; ditto, fancy, 50 to 55 c. , in barrels and half-barrels; Barbadoes, 31 to 35 c .; half-barrels, 33 to 35 c .

Sugar-The sugar market at the time of writing appears to be a little better than it was. In New York on Friday last the refiners were paying $31-16 \mathrm{c}$. for raws, but on Monday $31 / \mathrm{s}$. was the idea as to price. The New York Journal of Commerce remarked that " for raw sugars it begins to look as though business will be done shortly, and the trade is expecting the principal buyers to soon show themselves upon the market." Lo.adon, according to latest cable advices to hand, was dull, with beet slightly easier. Locally there does not appear to be any change in the situation. Refiners, it is declared, will not shade prices. We know of one instance where a bid of $1-16$ c. below the regular quotation for a round lot was refused. There is a fair business doing for this time of the year. Wholesalers' quotations are : 3.95 to 4 c . for granulated, and 3 to $35 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. for yellows.

Spices-No specially new features have developed during the week. Business in seasonable spices has been fairly good. We quote as follows: Pure black pepper, to to 12c.; pure white, 18 to 25 c . ; pure Jamaica ginger, 23 to 25 c .; cloves, 15 to 20 c .; pure mixed spice, 25 to 30 c .; cream of tartar, French, 25 to 27 c . do. best, 28 to 30 c . per lb .; allspice, 14 to 18 c .; cassia, 12 to 15 c . for China and 18 to 20c. for Batavia.

RICE-The rice market is strong with prices higher in the producing countries. Locally there is no feature to note. We quote : Standard "B," $31 / 2$ to $3 \frac{1 / 4}{}$ c.; imported Japan, $51 / 4$ to $53 / 4 \mathrm{c}$.; tapioca, $31 / 4$ to $41 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; sago, $31 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.

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Nuts -New season's Valencia shelled almonds and Grenoble walnuts arrived on the Toronto market this week, and a good demand is being experienced for them at 22c. for the former and $121 / 2 \mathrm{C}$. for the latter. We quote as follows: Brazil nuts, 11 to 12c.; Sicily shelled almonds, 25 to 26c.; Valencia shelled almonds, 22 c .: Tarragona almonds, 12 to $131 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; peanuts, 10 to 12 c . for roasted and 7 to $10 c$. for green; cocoanuts, $\$ 4.50$ to $\$ 5$ per sack; Grenoble walnuts, $121 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; Marbot walnuts, 11 to 12 c .; Bordeaux walnuts, 9 C . : Sicily filberts, 8 to 10 C . for sacks and $101 / 2$ to 11 C . for small lots: pecans, $101 / 2$ to IIC. ; chestnuts, $\$ 3$ to $\$ 3.25$ per bushel in small lots, with larger quantities being shaded; hickory nuts, \$1.75 to $\$ 2$ per bushel.

Teas- The tea market continues to be in a healthy condition. There is a good demand for low-grade Indian and Ceylon teas, and teas of this kind, with prices proper, have found a ready sale. A grood demand has also been experienced for medium Ceylon teas of fine flavor. Trade in both China-blacks and Ceylons is quiet. The wholesale trade reports a good demand for teas of all kinds, particularly Young Hysons and Ceylons of medium grade. Ruling prices on the Toronto raarket to retailers are : Young Hyson, 12 to 18 c . for low grades, 24 to 27 c . for mediums, and 30 to 45 c . for high grades ; China Congous, 14 to 18 c . for mediums, and 25 to 55 c . for high grades; Japans, 15 to 20 c . for mediums, 28 to 35 C . for high grades; Indians and Ceylons, 18 to 22 c . for mediums, and 30 to 65 c . for high grades.

Fok\&igin Dkifi) Fktits Valencia raisins have further appreciated in the primary market, and a cable on Saturday last to one Toronto broker quoted selected fruit 3 s . higher. The demand for Valencia raisins is active. We quote: Off-stalk, $5^{1}+1051 / 2 \mathrm{C}$. ; fine off-stalk, $5^{3}+$ to $6 c$; selected, $6^{1}+$ to $61 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. ; layers, $6 \frac{3}{4} \mathrm{c}$. The firmness is still being maintained in the currant market, and in some lines local wholesalers have advanced their prices during the week. We still quote as follows : Provincials, $4^{1 / 4}$ to $4 \frac{3}{8} \mathrm{c}$. in bbls. fine Filiatras, in bbls., $43 / 8$ to $41 / 2 \mathrm{C}$. ; do., half-bbls., $43 / 8$ to $41 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. ditto, half-cases, 5 to $5^{1 / 4} \mathrm{C}$.; Patras, $4 \frac{3}{4}$ to 5 C . in blols., $4 \frac{1 / 8}{}$ to $51 / \mathrm{c}$. in half-bbls. and $4 / 8$ to $51 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. in cases ; Casalinas, cases, 5 to $5 \frac{1 / 4}{4}$ c.; Vostizzas, cases, 6 to $61 / 2 \mathrm{c}$; do., half-cases, $6 \frac{1}{2}$ to $63 / 4 \mathrm{C}$. ; do., extra fine, $6 \frac{3}{4}$ to $7 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{C}$. ; do., half-cases, $7 \frac{1}{4}$ to $7 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{C}$. New season's Turkish prunes are expected on the market this week.

Shipments of California loose muscatels reached the Toronto market this week, and they are beginning to go out in fair quantities. I'rices in the primary market have further advanced, the total gain from lowest point being about ic. per Ib . Local wholesalers quite 3 crown at $61 / 2 \mathrm{C}$. and 4 -crown at $73 / 8$ to $71 / 2 \mathrm{C}$. Further shipments of figs are on the market this week and the demand is good. We quote: $14 \mathrm{oz} ., 10 \mathrm{c} . ; 10 \mathrm{lb} ., 121 / 2$ to $14 \mathrm{c} . ; 18 \mathrm{lb} ., 121 / 2$ to 14 c ; 28 lb., $121 / 2$ to 16 c .; taps, 4 to $4^{1 / 4} \mathrm{c}$; natural, $41 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. The market for Sultana raisins remains strong. Some superior bright guods, " Shield" brand, have been consigned to this market during the past week, but in general the fruit arriving is not first-class owing to damage by rain. Prices range all the way from $7 / 2$ to $10 \frac{1}{2}$.

Malaga raisins are quiet and unchanged. We quote this fruit as follows: Iondon layers, $\$ 2.20$; black baskets, $\$ 2.75$; blue has kets, $\$ 3.25$ : choice clusters, $\$ 3.25$; Dehesas, $\$ 3.75$.

Cikeen Fritt-Oranges are still in good demand, ahtowgh prices are a little lower. In lemons the market is a little firmer. Owing to the scarcity prices are likely to be much livher during the next month or six weeks. Shipment en route are light. Bananas are not in very good den..nd. Grapes are still coming in. The demand for swect por tatoes is being well maintained. A few pears of late varic are still coming forward We quote: Oranges-lamaicas, fanci to $\$ 4$ per box ; barrels, $\$ 6$ to $\$ 7$. Lemons-Verdelli, $\$ 2$ to Maoris and Sorrentos, $\$ 6$ to $\$ 6.50$ per box: Malagas, $\$ 7.5$ per half-chest ; cocoanuts, $\$ 3.75$ a sack and $60 c$. per doz. sweet potatoes, $\$ 2$ to $\$ 2.25$ per bbl. : apples, $\$ 1$ to $\$$ good packed stock; pears, 30 to 40 , per basket and to $\$ 3.50$ per barrel for ordinary ; grapes, Concords, $1^{1+4}$ per lb.; Niagaras and Rogers, $11 / 2$ to 2 c .; onions, 60 to 70 . lb. bag for Danvers and $\$ 1$ per crate for Spanish; Cape Coil berries, $\$ 5.50$ to $\$ 6.50$ per bbl., Canadian cranberries, $\$ 5$ to bbl.; quinces, 25 to 35 c . per basket, and $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 2.75$ per bananas, $\$ 1.25$ to $\$ 1.50$ per bunch.

BUTTEK-The conditions are much about the same as ago, the large quantities of medium and low-grade butter forward preventing the market from making any impro The demand is light. We quote: Dairy butter-Tubs, 12 t for good to choice ; low grade to medium, 7 to 9 c .; pail and

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in to-115. tins: comb, $\$ 1.50$ to $\$ 1.75$ per dozen. Potatoes-There is no change, the market still being dull and weak. Carloads on track are quoted at 3 or. per bag, and small lots out of store at 4or. delivered. Poultry Receipts fair and demand moderate: Chickens are quoted at 25 to 4or. per pair, and dressed stock at jo to 45 . : turkeys are 7 to 8 r. per lib. : geese, 5 to 6 fc . per Ib., and fur $k$, , to to for. per pair.
Provismos And brford How, The demand has been fairly well maintained, and the near prospect of the closing of navigation has indured a good deal of provisions to go forward. Deliveries of dresed horgs are fairly liberal, but packers claim that prices are tow high for liberal buying. We hear of carload lots being taken at $\$ 5.15$, and sales of buthers' hogs at 85.25 . Dry salted meat- Long clear bacon, $51 / \mathrm{c}$. for carload lots, and 534 to 6 c .
 medium, 15 to 20 ibs , 1 If . : small hams, 11 to $11 / \frac{1}{2 c}$. ; backs, ,$^{1 / 2}$ to tor: pienic hams, 70 . all meats out of pickle, ic. less than ahenc. lard-Pure Canadian, tierces, $61 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; tubs, $63 \frac{3}{4}$ c.
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 ib. purecod, $61 / 2$ to 63, per Il. Oysters are quoted at $\$ 1.25 \mathrm{tm}$ standards, and $s 1.6,5$ for Sew York counts.
SEF . Alike ispuiet and the range in values is wide, some low grades not being worth more than $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 3$ per bush. : some estraid hine e brings $\$ 5.50$ to $\$ 5.75$. Samples of red clover are now being shown, the quality of which is also wide, bringing at present from $=4.50$ to 85.50 per bush

Sal3 Trade continues to pick up and prices are unchanged We quote at Toronto: In carload lots, \$1 per barrel and 60 oc per sark; in less than carload lots, $\$ 1.05$ per barrel and 65 c

50 c . for points west of Toronto, and 45 c . for Toronto and east of Toronto.

Grain-Deliveries have increased during the week and tions on the street are higher than they were a week ay quote: White wheat, $83 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$.; red, 81 to 82 c . : goose, 59 C 26 to $27 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{C}$. peas, 49 to 50 c

Fiouk-Buyers and sellers are apart and business is at a till with quoiations 25 c . per barrel lower than a week ago prote in carloads on track, Toronto: Manitoba patents, Manitola strong bakers; 84.40 : Ontario patents, \$4 84.75. Straight roller is about \$4. Toronto freights.

Breakfast Foods- The demand for oatmeal is lrisk prices are firm at quotations. We quote: Standard oatmeal rolled oats, $\$ 3.20$ to $\$ 3.30$ in bags and $\$ 3.30$ to $\$ 3.40$ in Li.1. rolled wheat, $\$ 2.50$ in $100-\mathrm{lb}$. bbls.; cornmeal, $\$ 2.40$ : split , $\$ 3.25$ to $\$ 3.50$; pot barley, $\$ 3.25$ to $\$ 3.50$.

Baled Hay - The free deliveries are causing an easier fecom, in prices. We quote: $\$ 10.50$ to $\$ 11$ for No. 1 , and $\$ 9$.

Petroneem-Trade is good and prices unchanged. $\qquad$ in 1 to to bbl. lots, imperial gallon, Toronto: Canadian, 1 carbon, safety, 17c.; Canadian water white, 17c.; American water white, $191 / 2$ c. Pratt's astral, 19 c. in bulk

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There has been a further advance in the price of Valon
The Cohoe salmon pack is said to be much smatter thay pected.

Coffees are from $1 / 2$ to 3 c. per Ib . higher in the various prime. markets.

Shipments of new season's Valencia shelled almonds and bole walnuts are on the Toronto market this week.

A letter from Smyrna states that the exports of new crop sou tana raisins to England to September 30 amounted to 3 boxes, agains 573.045 boxes for the same period in 1895

## QUEBEC MARKETS.

Montreal., Oct. 29, 18:,

## giroc:rries.

T1F. absorbing interest of the week has been the acturit excitement in almost all kinds of dried fruit, in whic 1 ances are the rule all down the line. This is notably the both Valencia and California raisins, which, despite the kains they have made, are still pointing higher. A result has been a decided anxiety on the part of local importers to orders, but to do so they have had to consent to sharp advans price. In tea, also, strength is the rule, and the market is b. low grades, and values have advanced fully $2 c$. per pound it

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the week. Other lines are steady, with the single exception of sugar, which continues unsettled and weak, refiners having consented to concession since last report, and booked orders for delivery as late as January at the decline.
SUGAR-The sugar market seems to have no bottom, for there has been more cutting by the refiners since last report. Business, despite the inducements offered, does not expand, for buyers will not stock up ahead. In a round way sales have been made of large lots at 3 13-16 for granulated f.o.b. at the refinery and it is considered probable that even this figure has been shaded in some cases. Naturally, this unsettled feeling has its effect on jobbers' prices, and though 4 c . is the nominal idea for granulated it has been shaded in several instances. We quote $37 / 8$ to 4 c . for granulated and $3^{1 / 2} \mathrm{c}$. for yellows, as to grade. The position of raw continues much the same. It was thought a week ago that beet had touched bottom, but since then it has gone lower, though more recent cables have reported a distinctly improved feeling.

SIRTP-The situation in syrups is unchanged, business being very quiet. Stocks are not heavy, but holders are disposed to make concession to effect a turnover when the same is possible. Prices are unchanged, at a range of $11 / 2$ to $23 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. per lb . as to quality.

Molasses - Business in molasses has been of a limited character, and this market has developed no change since last week. lalues are pretty low at present, and are not expected to go any lower. We quote: Barbadoes, zoc. in a jobbing way, and Porto Rico, 30 to 3 rc . These prices would be shaded in the case of a round lot.

Rice-Foreign advices on rice are firm, but there is no change locally. Demand is fair and prices well maintained. We quote Crystal Japan, $\$ 4.75$ to 85 ; standard B., $\$ 3.45$; polished Patna, $\$ 4.75$ to $\$ 5$ : Carolina, $\$ 6.50$ to $\$ 7.50$, and Java, $\$ 3.75$ to $\$ 4$.
Splees-Enquiry for spices is improving every week, business being fairly active at this writing and spot prices steadily held. Abroad, as already noted, pepper is held very firm. We quote : Pure black pepper, 10 to 12 c . : pure white, 15 to 22 c .; pure Jamaica ginger, 20 to 25 c . ; cloves, 15 to 20 c .; pure mixed spice, 25 to 3oc.; cream of tartar, French, 25 to 27c.; ditto, best, 28 to 30 c . per lb .; allspice, to to 14 c .; nutmegs, 60 to 90 oc

COFFEE - The coffee market continues quiet, though some purchasing in a large way by jobbers is noted. Maracaibohas commanded $161 / 2$ to 17 c . on this account, and Santos, 16 to 17 c . We quote: Rio, $151 / 2$ to 17 c .; Santos, $151 / 2$ to 17 c .; Maracaibo, $161 / 2$ to 19c. Java, 23 to 26 c ., and Mocha, 23 to 25 c .

Teas-The tea market has maintained the activity noted last week, the brisk demand for medium and low-grade Japans almost clearing the market of this description of stock, while values have advanced fully 2 c . per pound since last week. Gireen teas are firm here and abroad, in fact, cables generally on all sorts are firm with an upward tendency. We quote: Young Hysons, to to 18c. for low grades, 25 to 28 c . for mediums, and 30 to 45 c . for high grades; China Congous, $111 / 2$ to 18 c . for mediums, and 25 to 55 c . for high grade : Japans, 12 to 21 c . for mediums, 28 to 35 c . for high grades Indians and Ceylons, 18 to 22 C . for mediums, and 30 to 65 c . for higher grades.

Driein Fruit-The excitement and strength in Valencia raisins noted last week continues, and, in consequence of firmer advices abroad, prices have been marked up all round, while orders for future delivery, as specially noted elsewhere, have been placed at an advance of 2 s . Jobbing prices here, as a result of this strength, have been marked up $1 /$ to $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. per pound, as follows: Ordinary off stalk, 5 to $5^{1 / 4} \mathrm{c}$. ; fine do, $5^{1 / 2}$ to $5^{3 / 4} \mathrm{c}$.; selected, 6 to $61 / 4 \mathrm{c}$., and
layers, $63 / 4$ to $7 c$. The advancing tendency of California also continues, and prices show another rise this week. bids of $73 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. were made by local jobbers here for 4 -crown refused by the agents, who demanded 8c. Values are full higher, as follows: 2-crown, 6 to $61 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; 3 -crown, 7 to and 4 -crown 8 to $81 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. A few small lots of Sultana raisin arrived and are offered by jobbers at $7^{3 / 4}$ to 12 C ., as to

Business has been done in Malaga clusters and layers fo ward delivery by the direct steamer at a lower cost than is p . via Liverpool. These fruits when they arrive can be out at a range of $\$ 1.50$ to $\$ 4$. The strength in clu is maintained and higher prices are being asked this, for Patras and Vostizzas, which are $1 / \neq$ to $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. up, while discriptions are firmly held. We quote as follows: Fil bbls., 4 c.; half-bbls., $4 \frac{1}{4} \mathrm{c}$.; cases, $43 / 8 \mathrm{c}$.; half-cases, $41 / 2$ provincials are worth about $3 / 8$ of a cent a pound more ; $5^{1 / 2}$ to 6 c ., and Vostizzas, $6 \frac{1 / 4}{}$ to 8 c . There has been no qui change in spot prices for prunes, but values are firmly held all We quote: French, 5 to 6 c .; Austrian, 6 to $61 / 2 \mathrm{c}$., and Calit 10 to 11c. The advance noted last week in evaporated Calitmia fruit is more than maintained. Bids of 12 c . have been refuseit agents for apricots and we quote 13 to 15 c ., while no peache obtainable under $9^{1 / 2}$ to 10 . Figs are steady, jobbing out this at 12 to 15 c ., and bag stock at 6 to $61 / 2$

Nuts-There has been no change in nuts. We quote pea Farragona almonds, if to 12 c ., filberts, 8 to 6 to 8 c ., and shelled do., 8 to 10 c

Canned Goods-There is moderate enquiry for canned goods and values generally are unchanged. We quote as follows : Toms toes, 70 to 75 c .; corn, 65 to 75 c .; peas, 70 to 9 cc .; beans up ; peaches, $\$ 2.90$ to $\$ 3$ for 3 's, $\$ 1.90$ to $\$ 2$ for 2 's ; raspberm $\$ 1.40$ to $\$ 2$; strawberries, $\$ 1.80$ to $\$ 2.45$, according to brand and quality ; blackberries, $\$ 1.90$ to $\$ 2.20$; cherries, $\$ 2.40$ to $\$ 2.45$ : apples, 3 's, 85 to goc.; gallons, $\$ 1.90$ to $\$ 2.25$; pumpkins,
salmon, ". Horseshoe," $\$ 1.40$ to $\$ 1.45$; "Clover L. $\$ 1.35$; " Lion," $\$ 1.371 / 2$ to $\$ 1.40$; Lowe Inlet, $\$ 1.27$ to $\$ 1.3^{6}$ tall tins ; cohoes, $\$ 1.15$ to $\$ 1.20$; canned mackerel, $\$ 1.15$ to $\$ 1$ Canadian canned beef, 1 's, $\$ 1.20$ to $\$ 1.25 ; 2$ 's, $\$ 2.15$ to $\$$ 6 's, $\$ 6.75$ to $\$ 7 ; 14$ 's, $\$ 14$ to $\$ 15$; lobsters, $\$ 8.25$ to $\$ 9$ per case.

Green Fruit-There have been few changes in green fruit. We quote: Oranges, $\$ 5$ to $\$ 5.50$; lemons, $\$ 3$; bananas, 50 . $\$ 1$; pears, 30 to 40 c , basket, and $\$ 2$ to $\$ 2.50$ per keg ; grape to 17 c ., and California Tokays, $\$ 1.75$ to $\$ 2$ per keg. Sweet potatoes are now arriving and are selling well at $\$ 2$ to $\$ 2.25$.

Apples-The apple market was quiet and under increasing receipts values are easier. Business was done this week in seconds at 85 c . to $\$ 1$, and firsts $\$ 1.15$ to $\$ 1.50$, for whiter fruit. No fall fruit is on the market now. Cables to from Liverpool say: Market opened with a stronger demand, prices made a slight advance on our last quotations. Receipts tinue to land in bad condition, generally. The outlook for sound fruit is favorable.

Fish-No improvement has been noted during the week in the demand for fish, on account of the continued unfavorable weaticr. and, with the exception of pickled herrings, trade in all lines been light. In fresh fish, haddock continues very scarce, prices in consequence have advanced $1 / 2 \mathrm{C}$. to IC . per Ib . carloads of pickled herrings have arrived during the week sales, in a jobbing way, have been made at $\$ 5$ per barrel, an
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$\$ 2.75$ to $\$ 3$ per half-barrel. The arrivals of green cod have also been considerable, and No. 1 are selling at $\$ 4$ to $\$ 4.25$ per barrel. At present the market is completely bare of B. C. pickled salmon, but two or three carloads are expected by the beginning of next month, and sales to arrive have been made at $\$ 11.50$ to $\$ 12$ per barrel and $\$ 6$ for half-barrels. No. 2 small Labrador salmon are selling at $\$ 12$ per barrel, and No. 1 at $\$ 16.50$ per tierce. Mackerel are moving very slow at $\$ 12$ per barrel for No. 2, and $\$ 17.50$ for No. 1 . Smoked fish continues in fair supply, and haddies are now more plentiful, but prices are unchanged at $61 / 2$ to $71 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. per lb . Kippered herrings are selling at $\$ 1.50$ per box, Yarmouth bloaters at $\$ 1$ per box, and new smoked herrings at ric. per box. The stock of dried codfish is small, as is also the demand, at $\$ 4$ per 100 lbs . Pollock are unchanged at $\$ 2.20$ per case of 100 lbs . skinless cod at $\$ 5.25$ per case ; boneless cod, $51 / 2$ to 6 c . per lb ., and fish 3c. The feature in fresh fish continues to be the scarcity of haddock, and prices in consequence have advanced $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. to 1 c per lb . to 5 to 6 c . Some pan-frozen stock arrived during the week, which is an unusual occurrence for this season of the year and sales of this stock have been made at $41 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. per lb. B. C salmon are plentiful at 10 to 11 c . per lb., and pickerel at 7 c . per lb . Owing to the long stormy spell in the east, shell oysters of a desirable quality are scarce in this market. Ordinary P.E.I. stock are selling at $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 3.50$ per barrel, Buctouche hand-picked at $\$ 4.50$, and Miramichi at $\$ 2.75$ to $\$ 3$.

Country Probtce-Eggs-There is no change in the egg market, which is quoted 18 c . for fresh laid, and $131 / 2$ to 14 c . for choice candled. Beans - Without movement at 70 to 75 c . in car lots and 8o to goc. in a small way. Hops-A few small lots are moving on the basis of 6 to 7 c . Honey-There is no change in honey, prices ruling at to to 12 c . in the comb and 8 to 9 c . extracted. Potatoes-Desirable quality is not plentiful, and is held firm at 35 to 40 c., but inferior stock is plentiful all the way down to $30 c$. Dried apples - Show no change from 3 to $31 / 2 \mathrm{c}$., while evaporated are nominal at $5^{1 / 2}$ to 6 c Baled hay-Meets a moderate enquiry, and is steady at $\$ 9.50$ to $\$ 10$ for No. 1, and $\$ 8.25$ to $\$ 8.50$ for No.

HIDES-The hide market continues firm at the advance. Dealers paid 7,6 and 5 c. for the three grades this week, and are asking IC. advance on that basis

Ashes-This market continues quiet with receipts rather light. We quote: First pots, $\$ 3.50$ to $\$ 3.55$; seconds, $\$ 3.05$ to $\$ 3.10$, and pearls, $\$ 4.45$ per 100 lbs .

Provisions - With receipts of new pack, pork holders are more anxious sellers of old pack. Offers were made this week at $\$ 10$, and only a few lots could be sold at the price. They were taken by Quebec buyers. New pack is held at 11 to 12c. We quote: Canadian short cut, clear, $\$ 10$ to $\$ 10.25$; Canadian short cut, mess, $\$ 10.25$ to $\$ 10.50$; hams, city cured, per lb., 9 to 10 . ; lard, Canadian, in pails, $61 /+$ to $61 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; bacon, per lb ., $71 / 2$ to $81 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; lard, com., refined, per lb., 5 to $5^{1 / 4}$ C

Flour, Meal. and Feed-The flour market is not as buoyant as it was a week ago, and though no declines have taken place buyers are more indifferent. We quote: Winter wheat, $\$ 5$ to $\$ 5.15$; spring wheat, patents, $\$ 4.90$ to $\$ 5.05$; straight roller, $\$ 4.50$ to $\$ 4.75$; straight roller, bags, $\$ 2.40$; Manitoba strong bakers', $\$ 4.50$ to $\$ 4.75$. Oatmeal has been marked up since last report, but enquiry is not active at the advance. We quote : Standard, bbls., $\$ 3.40$; granulated, bbls., $\$ 3.50$; rolled oats, bbls., $\$ 3.40$; rolled oats per bag, $\$ 1.65$. The demand for feed continues fair and the market is moderately active and steady. We quote: Bran, $\$ 10$ to $\$ 11$ shorts, $\$ 11$ to $\$ 12$; mouillie, $\$ 15$ to $\$ 16$.

Chefse and Butter-The cheese market has exhibited an easier feeling since last report. The chief item this week was the lower prices accepted for 3,500 boxes or so, Quebec make, offered. They sold at a range of $9^{3 / 4}$ to $9^{7 / 3} \mathrm{C}$., which is a decline of $1 / 8$ to ${ }^{1}, \mathrm{c}$. on last week's range. Aside from this there was little doing on spot, and it may be said, at the same time, that these boat sales are no reliable criterion on which to figure the possible price for finest Ontario fall cheese. It is unquestionable, however, that they reffect a market of decidedly less buoyancy. The butter market was quiet, and finest is as firmly held as ever. In fact, it is understood that $191 / 2 \mathrm{C}$. was refused to-day, 20c. being asked, but it is doubtful if exporters would concede the latter price. Enquiry from lower ports for dairy butter is being experienced. A lot of ioo tubs western dairy was put through to-day at 13 C .
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Malaga raisins for forward delivery by direct steamer were offer
ed this week for considerably less money than the early shipm. is cost via Liverpool.

A few small lots of Sultana raisins have been received this w $\cdot k$. They are held steady

Sugar refiners have offered granulated for delivery as lat. January at $3 \frac{3 / 4}{4}$ to 3 13-16c.

Low-grade Japan and black teas have advanced fully $2 c$ pound in the past eight or ten days.

Considerable import orders for Young Hyson teas for pri it shipment have been placed in England by importers here.

Offers for Valencia raisins were refused this week and impu had to consent to 2 s. advance before their orders were accepted

California raisins have been marked up $1 / 4$ to $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. in a jobbing on spot, and a similar advance is also asked for Valencia rai-

## NEW BRUNSWICK MARKETS.

Office of The Canadian Grocer.
St. John, N. B., Oct. 29, 1896.

BUSINESS during the week has shown increased activity, and many report business much better than a year ago. Anoticer feature that produces a much better tone in business is that on many lines a fair and in some a large profit is being made. Also in lumber and water freights, which tend to influence the general fed. ing here, the changes are for the better. Sugar has continued it drop during the week. If the duty be deducted, it never was offeral as low here. Quite a large quantity has been bought to arriv. Pickled fish have had a large movement during the week, some large quantities going to Quebec and Ontario. Carleton is a very busy place at present, owing to the very large number of men working night and day to complete the wharves and warehouse, for the large export business expected this winter. St. Jotin has freely spent her money that Canada should have a winter pout in a satisfactory condition to handle her large and rapidly growin: trade. It is for the other parts of the Dominion to see that she i supported in her effort by having their exports and imports via John.

OiL-There continues the large demand spoken of last week. Locally prices in burning oils were rather easier, but it did not result from any decline in the market and is not likely to have ans lasting effect. We quote : American burning oil, 21c.; best Canadian, $19 \frac{112}{2}$ c.; prime, 17 c .; no charge for barrels.

Salt-The market has taken up the full quantity which hat been offered, as it had been bare, and some fifteen hundred sarkcoarse are sold out of a cargo daily expected Where possibic importers sell at ship's side, as expense of handling is large. The ex-ship price is, therefore, made low. Demand for fine is rathe easier. The large sale of Canadian fine, particularly boxes, ha very much affected the sale of the Liverpool factory filled. quote : Coarse, 50 c ., factory-filled, 90 c . to $\$ 1$; $5-\mathrm{lb}$. bags in bbl. $\$ 3.25$; $10-\mathrm{lb}$. bags, in bbls., $\$ 3$; butter and cheese salt, buik $\$ 2.60$ to $\$ 2.65$ per bbl.; $20-\mathrm{lb}$. wood boxes, 20 c .; $10-\mathrm{lb}$. wow boxes, 12 c .; cartoons, $\$ 2$ per case of 2 doz.; Canadian fine, $\$ 1$.

Cannen Goons-While some continue to sell at about cosi many dealers are holding their goods firmer, particularly tomator peaches and strawberries. Of the last two, strawberries are quin scarce and there is quite an enquiry for peaches. Both pears and t. matoes are firmer. Holders of lobsters are very firm. Large quan ties from the provinces are being shipped to England. While the whole salmon are held firm, some low 'quotations are heal There are a number of cars still to arrive. New oysters are ofter In pineapple, the grated is being more freely sold than the slice as the can contains much more and the quality is usually bett We quote: Corn, 65 to 70 c .; peas, 70 to 75 c .; tomatoes, 70 75c.; gallon apples, $\$ 1.85$ to $\$ 2$; corned beef, Canadian, $\$ 2.25$ $\$ 2.35$ : American, $2-\mathrm{lb}$. tins, $\$ 2.40$ to $\$ 2.50$ : $1-\mathrm{lb}$. tins, $\$ 1.30$ $\$ 1.50 ;$ oysters, 2 's, $\$ 2$ to $\$ 2.20$; 1's, $\$ 1.34$ to $\$ 1.45$; peaches, Canadian, $\$ 2.85$ to $\$ 3$ : 2 's, $\$ 1.90$ to $\$ 2$; pineapples, $\$ 2.25$ $\$ 2.65$; salmon, $\$ 1.35$ to $\$ 1.40$; lobsters, $\$ 2.20$; haddies, $\$ 1.25$ $\$ 1.30$; clams, $\$ 5$ for 4 doz.; chowder, $\$ 2.60$ to $\$ 2.75$ for 2 do scallops, $\$ 5.50$ for 4 doz.; Digby chickens, $\$ 1$ per doz.; kippel herring, \$1. 10 per doz.; strawberries, $\$ 1.90$ to $\$ 2$.

Green Fruit-While large quantities of apples are movin: is chiefly fall fruit. Prices are rather better than they were, 1


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still low. The few hard apples arriving also sell low and there is not expected to be much change. The low prices make people very careful about quality. Poor apples will not sell. Lemons are quoted rather easier. Oranges still have a limited sale, as have bananas. California grapes are now selling freely. They and Malagas are taking the place of the Canadian. The most of the pears to hand are Nova Scotia ; the sale is about over. American quinces are being received and find good demand. We quote : Lemons, $\$ 5$ to $\$ 6$; bananas, $\$ 1$ to $\$ 2$ apples, $\$ 1$ to $\$ 1.50$, California grapes, $\$ 1.50$ to $\$ 2$; grapes, Canadian, 30 to $40 c$. ; grapes, keg, $\$ 5$ to 86 : crab apples, yoc. per bbl. ; oranges, $\$ 5$ per bbl. cranberries, $s 4$ to $s 6$ per bbl.: pears, $s 4$ to $s j$ per bbl.; sweet potatoes,
Dried Frcii-_New goods continue to conse in slowly. In figs a large quantity have arrived and quality is good. They were sold very freely, and dealers are waiting for further shipments. Quantity of Valencia raisins to hand is very small. Prices continue to advance. California loose muscatels are up another quarter on the Coast; first shipments will be here soon. Those who bought at lowest prices will make a mice profit. Malaga London layers are the grade chiefly bought. Few of the California were ordered owing to the others being lower. The date market seems in odd shape. While our merchants have bought, some of the largest English houses have not yet quoted. There are very few new evaporated apples here as there is no demand, even at the low price. Onions are in good supply, and the trade has increased much in the last few years. By some French prunes are not thought as good as the plums. It would seem the real prunes and the Imperial plums are the same, while that which is sometimes called prunes are more widely known outside of France as plums and are a second grade of prunes. Peels begin to move more freely. We quote: Valencias, $51 / 2$ to 6 c.; layers, 6 to $61 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.; California 1. 11. 3 -crown, $61 / 2$ to 7 c . L.ondon layers, $\$ 2$ to $\$ 2.25$ currants, cases, $+1 / 2$ to $5 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$.; bbls.. + to $4^{1 / 4 \mathrm{c} \text {.; cartoons, cleaned, }} \begin{gathered}\text { to } 71, \mathrm{c} \text {; bulk, cleaned, } 6 \text { to } 7 \mathrm{c} \text {.: prunes, boxes, } 5 \text { to } 6 \mathrm{c} \text {; dates, }\end{gathered}$ $4^{1 / 2} \mathrm{c}$. ; dried apples, $4^{c}$.; evaporated apples, $5^{1 / 2}$ to 6 c .; onions, $\$ 1 . g 0$ to $\$ 2$ per bbl.; cocoanuts, $\$+$ to $\$ 4.50$ per 100 ; figs, 11 to 15 c . Sultana raisins, $61 / 2$ to 7 c .; citron, 17 to 18 c .; lemon, 11 to 12C.; orange, 12 to 13 c .

Dairy Prodtce-Cheese are quoted higher, while stock here is light. Our dealers advance their offers very slowly. It would seem as if they were unwise, as everything points to higher prices. Butter is slow again, and while good brings a fair price, if quality is at all off it is very hard to move. In a wholesale way very little creamery is being handled. Eggs hold the advance of last week and have a good demand. We quote: Dairy butter, 16 to 18 c .: new creamery, rolls, 20 to 22 c .; do., tubs, 18 to 20 c Eggs are steady at 15 to 16 C
Sugar - Prices are again lower, but the low figures do not seem to make general demand very active. Wholesale dealers have, however, bought freely this week at prices said to be (after deducting $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. duty) the lowest ever known. There is, however, no great hope of any advance yet. We quote: Giranulated, 4 to $4^{1 / 8 \mathrm{c} . ;}$ yellows, 3 to $31 / 8$

Molasses-The demand continues light. The imports this year have been between five and six thousand casks, which is larger than usual. The first arrivals were more largely sold to country dealers than usual, which makes present demand quiet. New Orleans continues to have better movement, and a very nice syrup is shown at fair figures. We quote: Barbadoes, 27 to 28 c .; Porto Rico, 29 to 32c.: New Orleans, bbls., 26 to 30c.; Antigua, 25 to 26 c .; syrup, 36 to 38 c .; Nevis, 25 to 26 c
Fish-Sales are good and full values maintained, particularly in pickled fish. Some Barrington are offered this week, and the price seems low for the quality, compared with other grades. Several lots of pickled herring for Montreal from Nova Scotia have passed through here this week. The shipments of smoked haddies have also been large. They go by express. We quote: Large cod, $\$ 3.25$ to $\$ 3.50$; medium, $\$ 2.75$ to $\$ 3$; pollock, $\$ 1.20$ to $\$ 1.35$; bay herring, $\$ 1.50$ to $\$ 1.60$ per half-bbl.; smoked, $71 / 2$ to $8 c$.; shad, halfbbl., $\$ 5.50$ to $\$ 6$; boneless, $21 / 2$ to $8 c$.; Canso herring, $\$ 4$ to $\$ 4.50$ per bbl., Quoddy herring, $\$ 2.75$; Barrington, $\$ 3.25$ per bbl.

Provisions - While there is some movement, it cannot be called active. Pork is still moving upward slowly, while beef is low, though rather firmer. In lard there is a better feeling, and prices have advanced. There is quite a quantity of old still held. In hams and rolls, outside of those locally cured, there is little moving. We quote: Clear pork, $\$ 14$ to $\$ 14.50$; mess, $\$ 13$ to $\$ 13.50$; plate
beef, $\$ 11.50$ to $\$ 12.50$; hams, 11 to 12 c .; rolls, $71 / 2$ to 8 c . lard, tubs, $81 / 2$ to 9 c .; compound, 7 to $71 / 2 \mathrm{C}$

Flour, Feed and Meal-The advance in flour has conti during the week ; this time it has heen greater in Ontario bra Stocks bought for here are large, and were bought at right pr so our merchants are making a good profit. While it is tho advance may not be much greater the market looks firm. meal the advance for the week is perhaps even more notice our market had not followed the millers' prices as promptly flour. Cornmeal is still at the advance of last week, and bu local competition would be still higher. Oats continue to adva owing to bad weather on P.E. Island. Shippers have found culty in moving oats, which has curtailed the sale, which was free, as they were under Ontario prices. Beans, much to the faction of the holders of large stocks here, continue to wort slowly. Advance so far is about 25 c . per bushel from lowest p. Barley and split peas have had more enquiry during the week a number of orders have been placed at very low figures. Fe still quiet. Buckwheat meal comes in freely, but shows light

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- it. John notes

Hunter White is agent for New Brunswick for l'epsin cream
Thos. Gorman received this week some extra new smoked
Two large cargoes of oats are loading at I. F. Island. One for hadoes and one fot Trinidad.
I cargo of 3.187 bbls. of potatoes was shipped to Havana by H. Chase \& Co., of Fort Williams, N. S., this week
four thousand sheep have so far been shipped from P. E. Island fall. Five carloads for Boston were forwarded one day this
smith \& Tilton say that while they have to push many of their Colman's mustard has no competitor. Their sales are larger
lames Patterson received a consignment of very fine Barringpickled herring this week, which he offers low in barrels and barrels.
The first steamer of the Beaver Line leaving Liverpool for St. will be the Lake Huron on the 21st November. She will sail
St. John on December 9. Ontario parties should note these
Burning oil dropped $11 / 4 \mathrm{c}$. a gallon in the local market this There is a combination price among the dealers which was ken by one house, and the others took the above action to try uing the refractory one to terms.
It is said, with the opportunity to ship Gravenstein apples to
land in cold storage steamer, the extra profit to the shipper uld be $\$ 1$ per bbl. The crop this year is 100,000 bbls. Total
amount of apples for export this year from Nova Scotia is 400,000 bbls., eight times what it was five years ago.

As a result of the meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade, the freight on oats and potatoes from P. E. Island to Sit. John has been reduced 30 per cent.

## HALIFAX TRADE GOSSIP.

O$K$ merchants usually buy a lot of tish from Newfoundland This season has been an exceptional one in that respect. Not because Ilalifas did not want the fish, but because Newtound land wanted more than their value. The fish had to come from somewhere, because some of our merchants were unable to fill orders. Ciaspe supplied the deficit. One tirm atone, N. \& 31 . Smuth, bought over $\$ 50,000$ worth of tish in Ciaspe, some of which is being landed here now. The Newfoundlanders have since come down in the price, but they have lost this market for this season. The Giaspe fish look well.

Large quantities of potatoes are being shipped to the West Indies from Colchester County

Trade in green fruits is fairly grood, but not buoyant. Ipples are a drug on the market, selling all the way from 75 c . to $\$ 2$ per bbl. Only soft, fall fruit is being received. Ontario grapes are still arriving in good condition and sell at from 30 to $40 c$, per $10-\mathrm{lb}$. basket. There are a few Jamaica oranges on the market but the trade is limited. They are quoted at $\$ 7$ per bbl., repacked. Californias and Floridas will be along in a few days. Lemons are plentiful enough for the demand, which is very limited. They are quoted at from $\$ 4$ to $\$ 5$ per box. Cranberries are plentiful, and sell at trom $\$+$ to $\$ 7$ per bbl., the latter figure being for extra fancy Cape Cod stock

There is nothing doing in dried fruits, as the market is about bare. New figs are overdue. The direct fruit steamer will not be along for another week.

Canned goods are slow and hardly asked for
The sugar market is dull and featureless. Refinery quotations are : Granulated, $3 \% \mathrm{sc}$.; circle C. 27 c c.: extra circle C. 3 c . The

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refinery quotations same date last year were: Granulated, $41 / 4$
Breadstuffs are firm at the advance with a fair volume of business. The amount of business done at.Halifax is not what would be generally supposed on account of its situation, indeed, a few years ago any one merchant would have done more than all the dealers are now doing. This is accounted for from the fact that travelers for the large milling firms have cut the ground up. The firm of De Long \& Seaman, Boston, have virtually full charge of the Bay of Fundy trade and the western Atlantic coast as far east as Lunenburg. They employ a good many vessels carrying cargoes of lumber, etc., to Boston and utilize them to bring home return cargoes. Our merchants carry very small stocks, mostly selling to arrive. Quotations are: "Ogilvie's" or "Five Roses," $\$ 5.20$; Ontario made Manitobas, in wood, $\$ 4.75$ to $\$ 4.90$; Manitoba shipments in sacks, $\$ 4.40$ to $\$ 4.60$; Ontario and Manitobas mixed, for patents, $\$ 4.40$ to $\$ 4.70 ; 80$ per cent. patents, $\$ 4.50$ to $\$ 4.65 ; 90$ p.c. patents, $\$ 4.35$ to $\$ 4.50$; low grades, $\$ 3.75$ to $\$ 4$; oatmeal and rolled oats, $\$ 3.25$ : cornmeal, $\$ 1.95$ to $\$ 2$; middlings, per ton, $\$ 15.50$ to $\$ 16$; shorts, $\$ 15$ to $\$ 16.50$; bran, per ton, $\$ 15$ to $\$ 15.50$; white oats, per bushel, in sacks, 30 c ; cottonseed meal, per ton, $\$ 22$ to $\$ 23$; oilcake meal, per ton, $\$ 22$ to $\$ 23$; hay, per ton, $\$ 11$ to $\$ 11.50$ : split peas, $\$ 3.15$; pot barley, $\$ 3.50$; white beans, per bush.. 95
The number of vessels in port with Prince Edward Island produce is not large, probably aggregating 8,000 bushels of potatoes and 6,000 bushels of oats. Island potatoes are of good quality and sell at from 28 to 30 cents per bushel, ex vessel. Oats bring the same figures. Turnips sell at 20 cents per bushel.
lard is moving on this market, being quoted at $9^{1 / 2} \mathrm{c}$
Fggs are still advancing and not very plentiful, Island stock: being slow in arriving. The jobbing quotation for good stocks is

Cheese is going up and is now quoted at ir
Butter is also stiffer and in good demand. Tub creamery is quoted at $20 C_{\text {: }}$ prints, 21c., with a further advance expected, and dairy th to 18

A good business is being done in fishstuffs. Alewives are very
firm at present, and the prospects are for a further advance are quoted at $\$ 3.25$ ex vessel. There are no salmon obtain ille here. The Newfoundland market is also reported bare. The sent quotations are $\$ 17.50$ for 1 's and $\$ 15.50$ for 2 's. Fat hen are in good demand, there not being quite sufficient offering t fill local orders. Bank and bay cured codfish, if anything, are strower in tone, owing doubtless to the scarcity on account of exceeduly bad curing weather. We look for a good advance in the future if arrivals are not larger. Newfoundland hard cured coul are very scarce and none reported on the way. There wereten wowel, last season to one this from that locality. Ouotations are cod, shore, tol quol, prime, $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 3.50$; small bank $\$ 2.25$ to $\$ 2.50$ large do., $\$ 2.75$ to $\$ 3$; bay do., $\$ 2$ to $\$ 2.25$ : Lalirador, $\$ 2$ to $\$ 2.55$; haddock $\$ 1.75$ to $\$ 2$; hake, $\$ 1.25$ to $\$ 1$ pollock, $\$ 1.25$; Bay of Islands herrings, 81.25 ; Labrador, $\$ 5$; do., No. 2, $\$ 3.50$; No. 1, large, fat shore, $\$ 3.25$ alewives, $\$ 3.25$; mackerel, No, 3, large, $\$ 8$ to $\$ 8.50$ fat, $\$ 10$; No. 2, fat, $\$ 11.50 ;$ No. 1, fat, \$13; salmon, No No. 2, $\$ 14$; No. 3, $\$ 12$

The death occurred in this city on Monday of J. B. Black, of the produce and commission firm of Black \& Flynn. He waw in his 34 th year.

## BUSINESS CHANGES

Business Troubles.-J. Bradley \& Co., general chants, Caledon East, have assigned. general merchant, Carleton, and Camphell \& Craig, grocers, Niagara Falls, have assigned.-J. J. Mack, general merr h.ant. Millvillage, N.S., suspended payment.-J. W. Dickie, merchant, Gagetown, is asking for an extension of time. Bros. \& Co., general merchants, Castleton, have assigned Ciuimont, general merchant, St. Francois, has assigned voluntar -O. M. O'Donnel, general merchant, St. Giles, Que., ha-signed.-P'. A. Scovil, grocer, St. John, N. B., is away. l.eggatt, general merchant, Rainham Centre, has assigned. James Ireland, cheese factory, Beachville, has assigned.

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guchy, Racine \& Co., canned goods factory, Laprairie, Que., have a-signed.-Mercier \& Co., general store, St. Michael, has assigned.

Compromises, etc.-N. Richardson, grocer, Cornwall, is offering to compromise at 20 c . on the dollar, cash. -Frank Taylor, fruits, Ottawa, is offering to compromise at 20c. on the dollar.Jacobson \& Co., pedlars' supplies, St. John, N. B., is offering to mpromise at $40 c$. on the dollar.
Changes.-John Whalen is starting a grocery store at Chatham. -Mrs. M. A. Breden, grocer, Odessa, is selling off and removing. H. Hennesy, grocer, Trenton, has sold out to John Shan-non.-J. C. Bell is starting a general store at Wagram.-Geo. Fmmerton, grocer, Ripley, has been succeeded by A. W. Miller. E. L. Park groceries and crockery, Hagersville, is removing Jarvis.-E. Desmarais, general merchant, Pike Creek, has tigen succeeded by W. Belanger.-A. E. Bryson, fish, Montreal, has been succeeded by Kenwood \& Bryson.-S. Desy \& Co. is the name of a new grocery firm in Montreal.-A. I'arent has started a grocery stere in Quebec.-K. Rusk, grocer, Deseronto, has sold out to L. E. Morden.-McClung \& Son, general merchants, Newcastle; are giving up business.-F. Allan, grocer, Montreal, is retiring from business.- Poirier \& Ethier have opened a grocery store in Montreal.-James Wilson has opened a grocery store in Montreal.-Lewis Major, grocer, Sackville,
has registered consent tor his wife, Anne Major, to do busi ness in her own name.-P. Martin \& Co., general merchants, I nterprise, have been succeeded by M. E. Murphy. - Wim. fitzpatrick, grocer, Gananoque, has sold out. Campbell \& Vadsworth, general merchants, Havergal, are giving up business. -T. Ross \& Sons, general store and cheese factory, Hawkesbury. re opening a butter factory in Lachute.-F:. Noice, general .erchant, Minden, has sold out to Young \& Soward.-J. E. Itudon, general merchant, St. P'aul de Chester, Que., has started a
general store in that place. - Stone \& Co.. pork packers, etc., Calgary, are applying for incorporation.- H. B. Hollonquist, general merchant, Oxbow, N.W.T., is reported to have been suc ceeded by Granby \& Granby.-D. J. Taylor, grocer, Winnipeg has sold out to Irish \& Cleveland. -Mary E. Wigle, grocer and baker, Essex, is to be succeeded by Brown \& Wilcox on November 1.-Lockhart \& Neilson have opened a general store at smith's Falls.

Sale: Made add fexdrag. -stock of W. J. Allan, grocer, Hamilton, has been sold.-stock of the estate of Hounsall \& Peters, general merchants, Blenheim, has been sold.-stock of the late E.. G. Granger, general merchant, Wheatley, is advertised for sale. - Stock of the sichneiver Cirocery Co., Westmount, Oue., has been sold. - Ciross if Co., groners, Monston, X. B., are selling out.-Keal estate of the estate of M. Courtemanche, general merchant. Penetanguishene, is to be sold by aution Now. 10._ Stock of V: Warren, general merchant, Pointe-a- I'ic, Oue., has been sold at 6 oc. on the dollar. - Stock of H. Gagnon, general mer chant, St. Felicite, Zue., has been sold at 6 oc. on the dollar. Assets of W. Allard, grocer, St. Henri de Montreal, are to be sold by auction 3rd prox. - D. Doyon, general store and hotel, Tring Junction, is advertising hotel business for sale - IV. H. Siweet. general merchant, Inkerman, is advertising business for sale. Giertrude Aarclay, wife of I. F.. Kender, has been registered pro prietress of the Canadian liscuit Co.. Montreal
Paktiershir, E:c.--I. A. Potts, generalmerchant, Belmont. has admitted Mr. Holden as partner.-1. Lamaire and IP Brouillet have registered a partnership in Nontreal to carry on business in Montreal as grocer, under the style of A. Lamarre A Cie. II. I.. Hislop and F. Marchaud have registered a partner ship in Montreal to carry on businessas grocers in St. Joha' = Oue. under the style of Hislop \& Marchaud. Mcheod \& Brewer, gro cers, North Sydney, N.S., have disolved, and each will carry on business in his own name.

Deaths.-W. J. Rohinson, grocer, Consecon. - Paic fim gras, general merchant, St. Appolinaire, !ue

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## A NEW FIRM FOR SHELBURNE.

Kitchie \& Rowland is the name of a new firm that has just opened a general store in Shelburne, Ont. They are bright, pushing young men, and should succeed. Mr. Ritchie is a son of Mr. K. W. Ritchie, one of the Eby, Blain Co.'s veteran travelers, and, like his father, has also carried the "grip " for the same firm. Mr. Rowland is also a trained business man.

## TIMEKEEPING BY FLOWERS.

Gardeners should know that it is quite possible to so arrange flowers in a garden that all the purposes of a clock will be answered, says Pearson's Weekly. In the time of Pliny forty-six flowers were knows to open and shut at certain hours of the day, and this number has since been largely increased. For instance, a bed of common dandelions would show when it was $5.300^{\circ}$ clock in the morning and $8.300^{\circ}$ clock at night respectively, for these flowers open and shut at the times named, frequently to the minute. The common hawkweed opens at $80^{\circ}$ clock in the morning and may be depended upon to close within a few minutes of 2 in the afternoon. The yellow goat's beard shuts at $120^{\prime}$ clock noon, absolutely to the
minute, sidereal time. The sow thistle opens at ; $\mathbf{2} \mathrm{m}$. and c at $11.12 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. The white lily opens at $7 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and closes at 51

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## PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. T. U. Leonard, of Detroit, representing Kingsford (1) starch, was in Toronto on business this week.

Mr. Chas. A. Wenino, who recently sold out his business in nia, is paying Toronto a visit.

Hoover \& Son, Toronto Junction, have added a grocery to ti. flour and feed store.

The eccentric John Randolph once sprang from his seat m House of Representatives, and exclaimed in his piercing Mr. Speaker, I have found it." And then, in the stillness wil followed this strange outburst, he added, ${ }^{1} 1$ have found the osopher's Stone : it is Pay as you go.

A bankrupt merchant, returning home one night, said t. noble wife, " My dear, I am ruined : everything we have is in hands of the sheriff." After a few moments of silence the looked into his face and asked, "Will the sheriff sell you?
no. "Will the sheriff sell me :" "Oh, no." "Then do say we have lost everything. All that is most valuable remains us-manhood, womanhood, childhood. We have lost but the sults of our skill and industry. We can make another fortun. our hearts and hands are left us.



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