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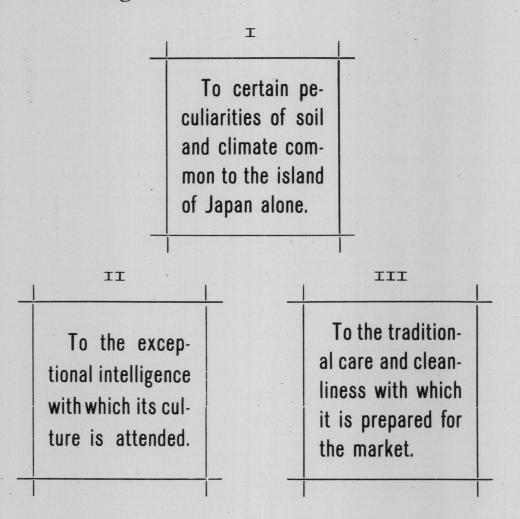
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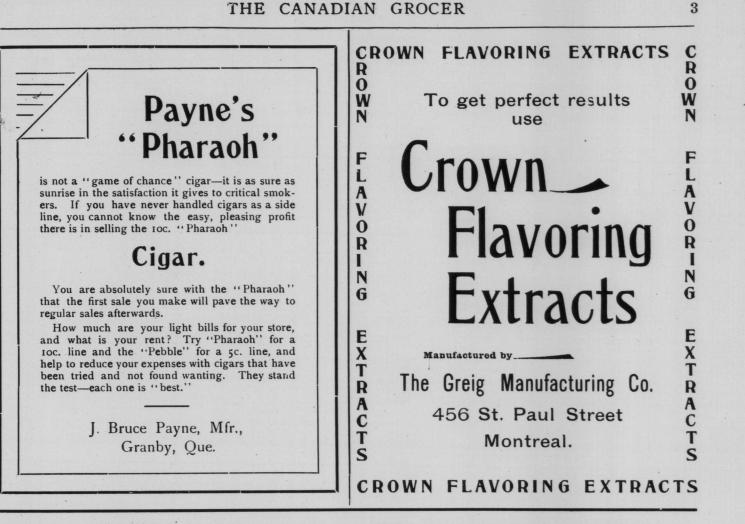
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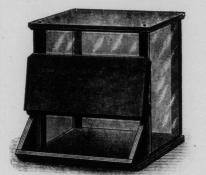
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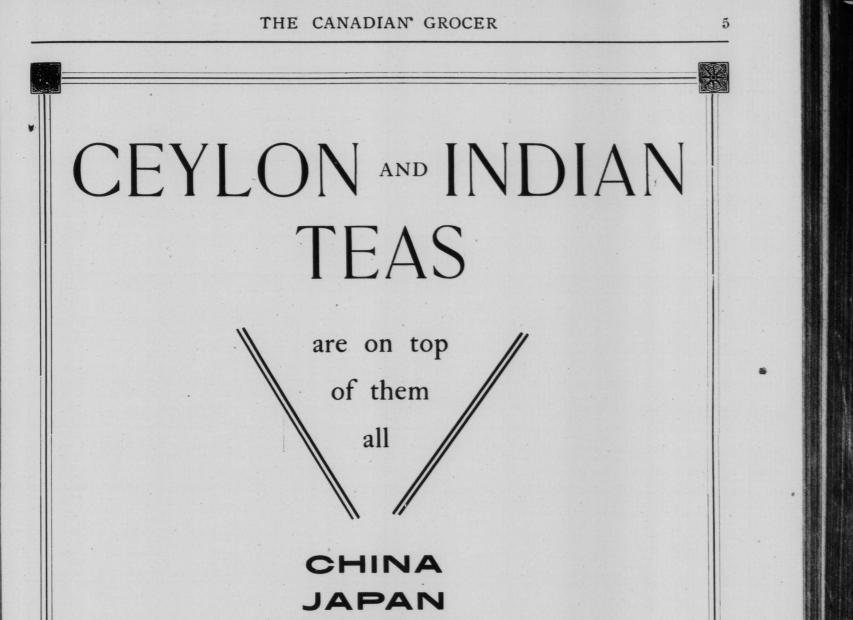
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A CHAT WITH A BRANDON MERCHANT.

R. E. B. SMITH, of Smith & Burton, wholesale and retail grocers, Brandon, Man., has been spending a week or two visiting old friends in Ontario. As he was formerly on the road for the old firm of Stewart & McPherson, of Hamilton, he has, of course, a large number of friends and acquaintances. The firm, while the name remains unchanged, is composed of Mr. Smith and his son, F. W. Smith, Mr. Burton having died about seven or eight months ago. The firm does a particularly large retail business, and what is more, does a cash business. In addition to five clerks in the retail department, there are also two or three packers in the shipping-room.

"My clerks," said Mr. Smith, "seldom wrap up a parcel. I have found that it pays for them not to do this, as one clerk who does no wrapping of parcels can do as much work as three who have to tie up their own parcels."

Mr. Smith stated that customers come into Brandon from a radius of 200 miles, frequently, while 60 miles is quite common.

"And," said he, "the business up there is done a great deal differently from what it is done here, as a farmer will come in and buy a 50 or 25-lb. sack of sugar and probably 25-lb. of tea, and other goods in proportion."

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"They pay cash all the time, do they?"

"Yes, they do for what they get from us. The farmers up in that part of the country are all pretty well-to-do, most of them having substantial accounts at the bank. I was greatly amused with an incident, some time ago, which illustrates this: One of the farmers in our neighborhood had some litigation in regard to an account which he had paid, and was being sued for again. One day, he came to me greatly worried, and wanted to know what he could do. He said that they were threatening to sue him, which would prevent him from going on with his harvesting. I asked him what the amount was, and he said \$100. I told him not to let that bother him, that I would advance him the money, and he could give me a note for 30 or 60 days. 'Oh, it is not the money,' he said, 'I could give them a cheque for \$1,000, but I want to know what I should do to get the matter settled; how I could get the matter speedily settled by the courts.' That was all he wanted. He simply wanted my advice, as he was perfectly ignorant of legal procedure.''

Mr. Smith explained that the sugar now coming into Brandon was from the British Columbia refineries. " They bring it in in barrels and 50 and 25-lb. sacks. These sacks " he said, "are very convenient. There is a cotton sack on the inside and a jute sack on the outside, and the farmers, as I have already told you, buy their sugar from us in this way. These sacks cost us only from an eighth to a quarter more than sugar in barrels. Yes, we formerly did get sugar from Montreal, but we do not now.' Speaking of the trade conditions up there, he said that in the neighborhood of Brandon the rain had caused the threshing to be delayed about five weeks, which resulted in a great deal of damage.

"You know," he said, "from about July until the snow flies we have no rain as a rule in our part of the country, but this year was an exception, some days the rain falling as much as three inches. This, of course, has not helped trade matters, but, notwithstanding this, payments, I understand, from what other merchants say who do a credit business, have been fairly good. Only about 20 per cent. of the wheat in our neighborhood has been marketed, the rest being held in the elevators by the farmers. Of course, when this is sold more money will go into circulation. Yes, the farmers in our part of the country are going a great deal more extensively into mixed farming and cattle raising, although ours is not a ranching country."

The business men in Brandon have become very much displeased of late at the lax way in which the town affairs were managed.

"Shortly before the last election," explained Mr. Smith, "we had a sort of indignation meeting and resolved to put forward certain candidates of our own. Councilmen in our town are elected for two years. There are eight in the council, and one-half are elected every year. We put forward four candidates and elected three of them, which was not bad, was it? I must confess that, until recently, I, like a good many other business men, had taken no interest in municipal matters. I felt I was too busy to bother with such things. However, the finances of the town got into such a bad condition that it was absolutely necessary that the business men should take an interest.'

Mr. Smith is a business man with ideas, and the chat I had with him was most interesting.

NEWFOUNDLAND HERRING EX-PORTS.

The herring exports for the year, from St. John's, amount to 4,237 barrels, against 2,227 barrels last year. Beside these figures. Placentia Bay sent out 50,000 barrels last winter, and Bay of Islands about 40,000 barrels this fall. The Labrador herringthat is the plump and toothsome fish of old times-seems to have disappeared for the last few years, but will, no doubt, turn up again in time. The whole herring export of 1897 did not exceed 70,000 barrels while the figures for 1898 will reach 100,000 barrels. The Newfoundland Fisheries Co., Limited, perceive a big thing in the herring industry, and when they are in trim, will develop this branch to the fullest extent .--Trade Review, St. John's, Nfld.



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TRAVELERS DINE IN VANCOUVER

HE first annual dinner of the Northwest Commercial Travelers' Association, he'd at Hotel Vancouver, in Vancouver city, was a success, such a decided success that the officers of the association well deserve the many congratulations they have received on the outcome of their initial attempt at a festive spread.

As will be seen from the following list of those who were present, the interest taken in the affair embraced almost every branch of commerce: A. O. Campbell, of Vancouver Hardware Co.; G. R. Maxwell, M.P., C. E. Tisdall, M. P. P., Allan Cameron, E. J. Coyle, Harry Watson, of McDowell, Atkins, Watson & Co.; P. Egan, of W. Braid & Co. ; Fred W. Mitchell, of F. W. Mitchell & Co., brokers; W. J. McMillan, Geo. Trewes, A. R. Ockerman, of McMillan & Hamilton; F. M. Black, of F. R. Stewart & Co.; W. H. Malkin, of W. H. Malkin & Co.; W. T. Stein, of Stein & Co., accountants; R. W. Clark, of W. H. Malkin & Co.; Herb. Findlay, of Findlay & Co.; A E. Kemp, of G. F. Allan & Co.; Fred Richardson, of Ames, Holden & Co.; A. Carmon, of McKay, Smith & Co. ; Frank Brown, in the stationery line; T. B. Hill, Toronto Biscuit and Confectionery Co.; Fred Wilson, McLennan & McFeely ; A. E. Goodman, J. Prentice, J. Y. Griffin & Co.; E. J. McFeely, of McLennan, McFeeiy & Co.; A. R Tufts, of Wm. Tufts & Son; D. Rabbitt, of Okanagan Flour Milling Co.; H. T. Lockyer, of Hudson's Bay Co. ; F. Buscombe, of J. A. Skinner & Co.; E. C. Kilby, of E. C. Kilby ; W. McGirr, of Creed, Slater & Co. ; H. C. Clarke, J. Duff Stuart, of Clark & Stuart ; A. Willbridge, of The National Cash Register Co.; B. A. Creed, C. R. Slater, of Creed, Slater & Co. ; H.H. Jackson, of Royal Soap Co., Ltd.; H. A. Edgett, of Edgett, Garden & Edgett; Geo. Buscombe, of Skinner & Co.; J. A. Tepoorten, of Henderson Bros. ; W. J. Taafe, of M. W. Peck & Co.; Thos. Parkinson,

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After the assembled guests had shown by deeds their appreciation of the excellent repast provided them, the chairman of the evening, A. O. Campbell, vice-president of the association, followed a bumper to Her Majesty by a short address of greeting to those present. In regard to the determination to hold an annual dinner, he stated that the first meeting of the British Columbia branch of the Northwest Commercial Travelers' Association was held on Saturday, the 24th December, and it was decided that an entertainment of some kind should be given. After discussion a dinner was decided on, and as most of the travellers would be leaving the city immediately after the New Year, to-night was selected as being the best night suiting the majority present. The committee had but three days to make all the arrangements, and, as they were all inexperienced at preparing such affairs, they would be all the more gratified if their efforts were to be crowned with success.

In regard to the affairs of the association

Mr. Campbell was most hopeful. He claimed that with loyalty on the part of Vancouver's traders success was bound to be ours. He spoke of the expansion of the banking industry as an indication of the way the business of the city was growing. The great firms of Canada were all small a few years ago, and he was proud to be a pioneer of Vancouver, and to be a citizen of no mean city, which every day was showing brighter prospects. IT

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H. Watson proposed "Our Guests," and in doing so showed the advantage of improving friendly relations between the association and its friends, commercial and political. In reply, G. R. Maxwell, M.P., said that it gave him a good deal of satisfaction to be present. He had always been ready to do anything he could to bring trade to the city of Vancouver. He hoped among other things to soon see another railroad right into the heart of Vancouver. He appreciated the difficulties that commercial travelers had to face. No one was better fitted for the business than healthy. bright young men such as he saw before him. The city was only in its infancy, and the fulfilment of some of its brightest prospects depended on its commercial travelers. No city and no Province filled so much place in the eyes of the people of Canada, and in the eyes of her statesmen at Ottawa. He hoped that as a result of their efforts the year just opening would be marked by bright achievements.

C. E. Tisdall, M.P.P. was pleased to be present, though he could no longer call them fellow-travelers. He had been a member for four years but not having had any trips to make last year he had allowed his ticket to lapse. He would not make a political speech, but, as a supporter of the Local Government, he would say that the platform that they had gone to the people on would be carried out. He spoke of the need of a good, workable insolvency act. He wished them all a very prosperous New Year.

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the C. P. R., hoped that next year the Hotel Vancouver would need two annexes to accommodate them. They had spoken of the vicissitudes of a commercial traveler's life. There was another side, as the laymen sometimes found out, when the commercial traveler who got in late, got the bridal chamber and had the best waiter in the hotel rushing to wait on him. He hoped to always continue happy relations with the commercial travelers' associations.

E. J. Coyle, district passenger agent, made one of his characteristically genial speeches, showing how the commercial got much the worst of it. To any of them who had any cold platform waits he advised that they could avoid anything of that kind by studying the C. P. R. time tables and making their arrangements accordingly.

F. M. Black, proposed "The Press." He referred to the cordial relations existing between the press and the commercial world. which, he hoped, would continue. The commercial interests were safe in the hands of the press of the Province. Replies were made by Messrs. Robb and Burde.

John Prentice, in a happy speech, the apt hits of which were much enjoyed, gave "The Ladies." Geo. Buscombe and W. Braid, two of the gay young bachelors, made reply but the other bachelors were too bushful. The happy gathering came to a conclusion with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen," and three cheers for the chairman.

HE LIED ABOUT CANADIAN BEEF.

GROSS fraud is being daily perpetrated upon the British consumer. Go into almost any retail butcher's shop-West End or East End-and ask for "best Canadian," or any other kind of imported meat, and you are sure to be met with the reply, "Wouldn't sell it, sir; nothing but the best English in this shop." And yet the Board of Trade returns tell us that during the eleven months ended November, we imported 527,133 head of live cattle, value £,8,707,402, and 2.790,543 cwt. of fresh beef, value £5,336,075. Have all these imports vanished into thin air? Fourteen million pounds' worth of good beef have disappeared, without getting any nearer to the consumer than Smithfield and the slaughter-houses. Perhaps the salesmen have eaten it all themselves ; perhaps it has been made into extract; perhaps it has been

But the London correspondent of The Toronto Telegram cruelly dispels these pleasant theories. After conversing with one of the leading wholesale butchers of Smithfield Market the other day, he writes :

I asked him if he knew a butcher over Lambeth way—mentioning the name of my family butcher. "Oh, yes; very well, indeed. He is one of my best customers."

"Does he buy much Canadian beef?" I asked.

"Why," said my friend, " he sells almost nothing else. I just had a small bill against him made out for my collector who calls his way "

I induced my wholesale friend to allow me to present the account for payment. I called, and, before presenting the account, directed my butcher to procure for me a sirloin of Canadian beef.

" All right, sir ; I'll have to order it, as you know I keep only English."

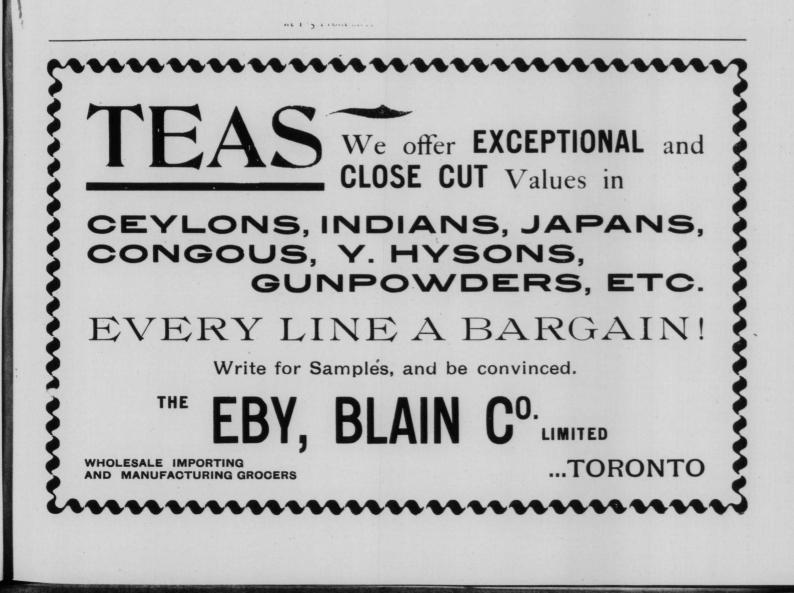
"Well," I replied, "before you order it, I have a small bill to collect from you," and I presented the Smithfield butcher's bill. My butcher has not now to order Canadian beef especially for me; he keeps a full stock—ribs, roasts and rounds—always on hand, as formerly.

So the \pounds 14,000,000 worth of beef does not evaporate after all. Instead, the British public is being handsomely defrauded, and the retail butcher is making illegitimate profits that well deserve another and a harsher epithet. There are inspectors whose duty it is to minister to these gentry. These can no longer plead ignorance as an excuse for failing to earn their emoluments. — The Outlook, London, Dec. 17.

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DISCRIMINATING AGAINST MONTREAL

T is a threadbare complaint with traders and exporters in Montreal that the railways discriminate against them and in favor of dealers at points in the west.

Perhaps the sorest set of men over this grievance are the produce exporters, who allege that throughout the past season dealers at Ingersoll, London and other points in Ontario were given greatly lower rates to Montreal than the Montreal men could obtain.

A difference of this extent naturally gave the western dealers a great advantage in catering for trade, decidedly handicapping Montreal dealers.

While the latter admit that they are also at a disadvantage in the matter of through rates to British ports, they recognize the fact that the subject in this latter respect is a difficult one to regulate, but they believe that if they want to bring produce from say, Ingersoll to Montreal, they should be given precisely the same rate as a shipper in Ingersoll obtains.

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A committee of the Montreal Butter and Cheese Association has the matter in hand, and one of its members stated the other day that the association had considerable proofs in its possession of many cases of this flagrant and unfair discrimination, and that it was going to institute inquiry as to whether legal recourse could not be obtained in the matter.

It will be interesting to see whether there will be any definite results in the present instance.

Previously, beyond a lot of talk nothing was done, the railway companies continuing to do as they saw fit irrespective of what the Montreal shippers might say. Many believe that history will again repeat itself.

An upright man never gets round shouldered through bowing his head in shame.

HAVE STOPPED GIVING TRADING STAMPS.

HERE are two merchants in the east end of Toronto who do a larger trade than any others in the same line, and they are keen competitors of each other. Several months ago one of them began giving trading stamps. The other felt he must follow suit, and he did so.

Both soon realized that the stamps were cutting a big swath in their profits; a bigger swath in fact then they could afford. But each continued to give trading stamps because the other did.

Eventually one approached the other with a view to a mutual discontinuance of the practice.

Rusult: Each has now a placard in his store with this announcement:

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But if they have not the courage for individual action they should have the common sense to approach each other and act in unison, as did the two merchants cited.

He who is careful in business maketh dollars; but he who is parsimonious loseth them.

CHEESE FIRMLY HELD.

THERE is a lull in the export cheese trade just at present, but the fact is not causing any anxiety among holders of cheese in Canada.

The latter are confident that every box of the small stock of cheese held on this side will be wanted before the new season opens. The present dullness they attribute to the fact that the trade in England is digesting what it has on hand, and that, when this process is over, demand will be renewed, and at much higher prices than those ruling at present.

Mail advices from Great Britain certainly bear them out in the stand that they are taking.

Well informed dealers, at such leading cities as London, Liverpool and Bristol, all state that, while business is quiet for the moment, they look for improvement toward the end of the present month. In fact, some of the correspondence was quite sanguine in respect to cheese for a "long deal," that is, holding the goods well on into the spring, one enthusiastic trader predicting that the price would go to 60s. before new cheese made its appearance.

This may be an extreme view, but a comparison of the situation with that ruling in the spring of 1897 is interesting.

At the close of January of that year there were 215,000 boxes of cheese in Montreal and 109,446 in New York, or, in other words, the visible supply in North America was 324,000 odd boxes. As the same time there were shipped between January and April some 500,000 boxes, yet, despite these heavy shipments, the price in Great Britain rose from 52s. to 59s., or, in other words, 11½ to 12c. was realized for cheese.

This season, on the contrary, an extreme estimate would only give 400,000 boxes of cheese in Canada. At the same time the stock in Great Britain, as well as on this side of the water, is smaller than it was in 1897.

Taking Bristol, London and Liverpool as the three chief centres, the stock in January, 1897, was 417,000 boxes, whereas this year it is estimated not to exceed 400,000 boxes. Altogether the cheese situation is a healthy one.

WILL THERE BE A DUTY ON TEA?

THE CANADIAN GROCER has been

asked to express its views in regard to the possibility of a duty being placed upon tea by the Dominion Government at the next session of the Dominion Parliament.

Certain of the daily papers have already declared that the Government has decided to do so. If the Government has come to any such decision, no one outside the particular papers in question appear to know it. And, as the papers which are declaring a duty is to be placed upon tea are not in the confidence of the Government, it is scarcely likely they have been given information which is denied others.

Frankly, we have no hesitation in saying that we do not believe a duty will be placed on tea.

When, some two years ago, it was first mooted that the Government contemplated a duty on tea, the argument was advanced that it was necessary to do so because of a threatened decrease in revenue.

At present the Government cannot advance any such plea. The revenue is not decreasing. During the past six months the Customs revenue has increased over \$2,500,000, and during the five months ending November, the Inland Revenue receipts gained over one and one third millions. Then, the Government has asserted that it has a substantial surplus of receipts over the expenditures. This may be termed the business aspect of the matter.

Now, as to the political aspect. A duty of five or ten cents per pound on tea would mean an increase in the laid-down price of the article. Does anyone mean to say that this would not be used by the Opposition papers as an argument against the Government? Certainly it would. In fact, already lengthy articles and pithy paragraphs have been written pointing out that, with a duty on tea, would come increased taxation. "The workingman's breakfast table is being taxed" is, in effect, the cry.

Governments may not hesitate to do an unbusinesslike thing, because they know that business men, though offended, are, as a rule, amenable to party discipline, but they will hesitate a long time before doing that which would be considered bad politics. Of course, THE CANADIAN GROCER is not in the secrets of the Government. It does not, therefore, say positively there will be no duty on tea. The conditions, however, are strongly against any such supposition, and these we have no hesitation in pointing out.

GROCERS AND CIGARS.

ERHAPS no better proof is wanting that the handling of cigars is profitable to grocers than the steady increase in sales to this class of trade, which is shown so plainly by a careful canvass among some of the leading Canadian manufacturers. The point is made, and we think it is a good one, that there is no "side line' which can be handled with so little trouble and expense, and yet yield such large profits per day as cigars, because the majority of smokers consume a steady average during a certain period, and that average can be figured down practically to a cent. In other words, a grocer can depend upon a fixed profit from day to day, provided, however, that he does not fall into the error of overlooking quality-manifestly, he must suit his trade or he will lose it.

Another point, which has proven to be of great practical value, lies in the fact that the grocer who gets nearest to the heart of the family, by centering the interest of both man and wife to his store, increases the inclination of the family to keep on trading with him, and this point, we believe, is one that deserves careful consideration by all grocers, because it is the "family trade" that pays the best profits.

It is surprising how many little expenses about the store can be generously provided for with the profits which cigars yield a grocer, and we are told by some of the most successful retail grocers in Canada that they would now think as seriously of giving up the carrying in stock of some of their most staple lines as of giving up the sale of cigars. This is natural, for one does not willingly give up a sure thing, especially when he thinks of his competitor, who may be carrying an attractive line of cigars with which to entice trade away from his neighbor.

they will hesitate a long time before doing There is one thing, though, that we notice that which would be considered bad politics. in this connection, and that is, that the

grocer who seems to have the largest trade on cigars is the one who not only displays them attractively in a well gotten-up showcase, but who makes it a point to keep in stock brands that are widely advertised and which have the name of a reputable maker back of them. Smokers, as a rule, dislike to experiment on untried brands, and are more or less apt to pin their faith to the cigars that their attention has been called to in newspapers or magazines or by other forms of publicity.

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And, again, the smoker likes to trade with a progressive grocer—one that is up-to date, so to speak, and who keeps abreast of the times, by refusing to put on sale groceries which will pay him the largest profits, but which will eventually lose him trade. It is just the same with cigars as with groceries, —quality wins trade and keeps it. Prices alone will often sell an article once, but unless there is true merit in it, the first sale is usually the last one.

Some lines of 10c. cigars, that is the cigars that the grocer sells for 10c., will be more likely to drive trade away from the store than they will be to gain trade, and it will be wise for the grocer who is thinking of stocking up, to investigate the standing of the manufacturer carefully before he orders. The same statement will apply to cigars that retail for 5c., and on which the grocer thinks he must make 100 per cent. profit it would be better for him to count on making a 50 to 60 per cent. profit on a 5c. line than to sacrifice quality for price.

The grocer who is worrying about little expenses should put himself in communication at once with some one of the few reliable cigar manufacturers whose goods are tolerably well-known on the Canadian market.

TEA AND COFFEE IN NEW-FOUNDLAND.

Newfoundland is increasing as a tea and coffee consuming country.

The importation last year was 727,942lb., or 40,485 lb., more than in 1897. Taking the population at 200,000, this is about $3\frac{2}{3}$ lb. of tea for each inhabitant.

The people of Newfoundland are not coffee drinkers, but they imported 94 cwt., which was an increase of 74 per cent. compared with the previous year.

A LUKEWARM BOARD OF TRADE.

For many of the things which to-day are a drag on the commercial progress of Toronto, the board of trade of that city must share a great deal of the responsibility.

If there is anything a board of trade should do it is to have a keen eye for those things which are conducive to the commercial welfare of the community in which it is situated.

The politicians who may represent it in Parliament are too busy grinding axes, or trimming their sails to catch favorable political breezes, to bother their heads about such matters, while the members of the average city or town council are either so lacking in business ability that they cannot do anything practical, or are so consumed of self interest that they have not the desire to do anything unless it happens, at the same time to be compatible with their own comfort and welfare.

If, then, the board of trade in a community is not in the watch tower, what body else can be expected to be there? None, certainly. At any rate, when a board of trade is not alive to the commercial interests of a municipality it is certain that municipal councils or representatives in Parliament will not be.

If the heart is sluggish the circulation cannot be otherwise.

The Toronto Board of Trade has not been active. It has been sluggish. Like unto the church of the Laodiceans, it is "neither hot nor cold." It is lukewarm, and anything that is lukewarm will not raise enough steam to work a midge's wing.

The men, who, as a rule, conduct the business of Toronto, are about as little fitted for the duty as a mule is to run a steam engine. They are either elected because of their prominence in some society, or in this or that political party. Rarely is it because of their business ability,

Had the Toronto Board of Trade not been lukewarm in regard to municipal affairs, there would not now be in the city council such a dearth of men of business ability.

The board of trade did, some seven or eight years ago, essay to take an active ininterest in municipal matters. Its candidate, however, was defeated by a couple of hundred votes, and, although the people have again and again repented that they rejected Mr. Osler, the business men's candidate, yet the board has never since been able to muster enough courage in the way of securing municipal reform.

Just now a great deal of concern is being expressed at the shallow condition of Toronto harbor, and the board has begun to pass resolutions in regard thereto. But it has been known for years that the harbor basin was being filled up with sediment from the Don river and other sources. It was also known that the St. Lawrence canals were being deepened. But it is only when the deepening of the canals is practically completed and it is found that vessels drawing even twelve feet of water would experience some difficulty in getting into the harbor, that the board wakes up. Now it is all flustered.

It is a pity it had not got flustered at least five years ago, for possibly by this this time some practical remedial work might; be on the point of being begun.

Then in regard to the railways. Toronto has by no means been fairly treated by them. It is asserted, somewhat facetiously, it is true, but, nevertheless, not without reason, that the "Queen City" has been side-tracked. The board of trade is becoming alarmed about that, but the city was on the side-track before the board became alarmed.

A lukewarm board of trade is not, however, a dead one. And while there is life there is hope. In a few days the board will elect its officers for the ensuing year. If the members will take that interest in the affairs of the board that they should, and elect to the various offices bright and energetic men, it may become a live instrument in advancing not only the interests of the city, but those of the country as well.

There are signs that the board is waking up. Let it be seen to that it is made wide awake.

NEWFOUNDLAND LOBSTER CATCH.

The amount of canned lobsters shipped from Newfoundland during 1898, is placed at 50,000 cases, as compared with 60,000 cases in 1897, and 51,000 cases in 1896. The reason for the reduction in the catch, compared with 1897, is that the waters round the Island have been over fished for some years past. Those in the business state that to preserve the industry, fall fishing will have to be stopped.

Though the catch last year was smaller than the previous year, the price, \$10.50, was so much higher than that of 1897, \$9, that the value of the catch was slightly greater.

DROPS FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN.

Bad humor is infectious, but good humor is doubly so.

He who has not competition has seldom much energy.

Competition is the poker which stirs up the fire of business energy.

Those only are man's friends who hold to him when he is down.

Keen competition puts a keen edge on persons who might otherwise be dull.

There is more gold in brains and muscle than in all the auriferous rocks of British Columbia and the Klondyke.

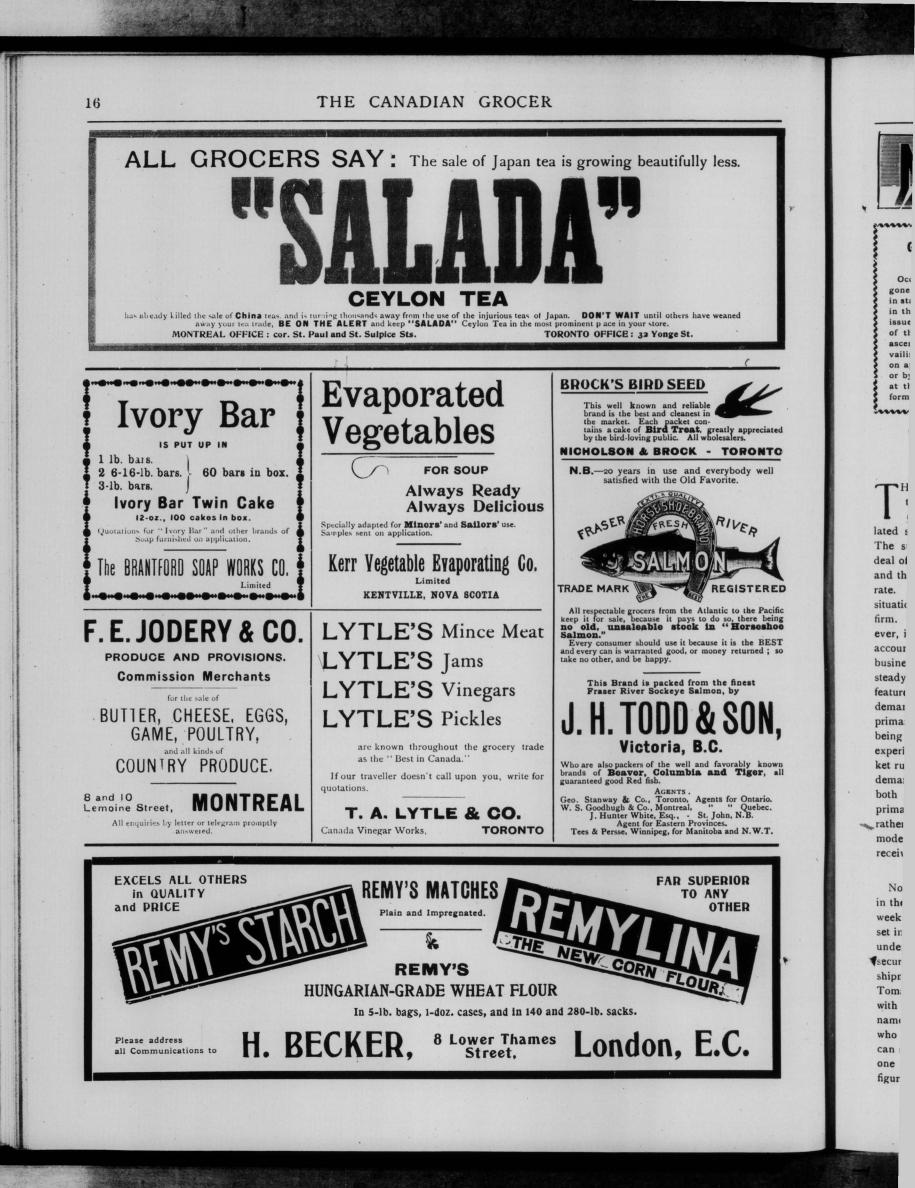
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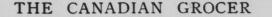
By a decline of 5c. in granulated sugar, decided upon on Saturday last, the price of that staple has recorded an aggregate drop of 20c. per 100 lb. since the middle of December, and now, allowing for the usual discounts, refiners state that granulated at its new basis does not net them over 4c. per lb. at the refinery.

The decline is due to the weakness in raws, and the unsettled feeling on refined in New York, owing to the keen competition between refiners in that market, where they have been cutting prices right and left.

The easiness is also a reflection of the declining tendency in the raw article in Europe. Cables from London state that the market for beet is weak and lower, owing to largely increased crop estimates, and cables on Monday quoted the range $\frac{3}{4}$ d. lower, at 9s. $3\frac{3}{4}$ d. for present and 9s. 3d. for next month's delivery.

In Montreal, granulated is now quoted at \$4.30 per 100 lb., while yellows are unsettled at \$3.75 to \$4.25 per 100 lb. at the refinery.







GROCERY QUOTATIONS BY WIRE.

Occasionally, just as THE GROCER has gone to press, changes in prices are made in staple lines of goods, which a good many in the trade hear nothing of till the next issue of the paper. Should, therefore, any of the readers of this journal desire to ascertain, between regular issues, the prevailing quotation on any staple line, it will, on application, be furnished by return mail or by telegraph; if by the latter method, at the cost of the person seeking the information.

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ONTARIO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Jan. 19, 1899. GROCERIES.

HE feature of the wholesale grocery trade this week is a further decline of 5c. per 100 lb. in the price of granulated sugar. Yellows remain as before. The sugar market has developed a great deal of weakness during the past few days, and the volume of business is only moderrate. In regard to canned goods, the situation is much as before, prices ruling firm. There is a little more doing, however, in canned goods, on British Columbia account. There is, on the whole, a fair business being done in green coffees, at steady prices. The tea trade is one of the features of the market, there being a brisk demand, with prices ruling firm in the primary markets. There is a little business being done in syrups, and a fair demand is experienced for molasses. The spice market rules firm. Prunes are in fairly good demand, and prices are a little higher for both French and Bosnia prunes in the primary markets. The currant market is rather firm, but local business is only of a moderate character. Valencia raisins are receiving very little attention.

CANNED GOODS.

Nothing particularly new has developed in the canned goods market during the past week. Business is, however, beginning to set in on British Columbia account, and we understand that some of the packers have secured orders within the last few days for shipment to that part of the Dominion. Tomatoes remain firm at from 85 to 90c. with most people asking the outside figure named. There are a good many people who are willing to speculate in corn if they can secure it at 80 to 85c., but there is no one willing to accept even the maximum figure named. Wholesalers are quoting

all the way from 90°. to \$1 for corn. There has been a little more inquiry this week for canned peas, and some business has been transacted at from 75°. upwards as price to retailers. There is a little demand for canned peaches, strawberries and raspberries, the last named of which are scarce. The idea as as to price is as follows: Peaches, \$1.50 for 2's; \$2.50 to \$2.75 for 3's; strawberries, \$1.50. Raspberries are quoted up to as high as \$1.75. Only an odd case or so of canned salmon is going out, and the ruling price of sockeye, of brands which are not well known, is \$1.40 to \$1.45 per dozen.

COFFEES.

The coffee market rules steady to firm on all descriptions. The price which is being asked for Rio coffee for importation is about $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per lb. more than was ruling a month ago. Business in coffee is fairly good, particularly in the Rio kind, for which an active demand is being experienced, by the

See pages 27 and 28 for Toronto, Montreal, St. John, and Winnipeg prices current.

wholesalers. Representatives of shipping houses do not, however, appear to be doing a great deal, as the higher prices are causing importers to defer placing orders. It is worthy of note that a good many of them, by deferring orders some time ago, have had to pay higher prices when they came to purchase. Some fresh shipments of good quality Maracaibo coffee are on the market, and these are going out fairly well at 12 to 14c. per lb.

SUGARS.

The sugar market has again taken a decidedly weak turn, largely due, it is claimed, to the fact that the former estimates of the beet crop were much less than those which are now being made by Mr. Licht, the expert in these matters. It seems that a mistake was made from the very first, the amount of beet sown having been underestimated. As a result of the lower markets outside, together with the foreign competition in the home market, a further decline of 5c. per 100 lb. has taken place in the price of Canada granulated sugar. Yellow sugars remain unchanged. Cables from London the early part of the week note a decline of 3/d. to 11/d. in beet sugar. In New York, refiners are indifferent buyers.

In regard to refined sugar, the Trust and one of the independent factories are guaranteeing prices from 30 to 60 days; but, in spite of this fact, there is very little business being done.

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SYRUPS AND MOLASSES.

There has been a little more business done during the week in syrups, but it is nearly altogether in the bright descriptions, from the simple fact that there are practically no other kinds to be had. Wholesalers report some good sales of syrup ruling at 4oc. per gallon. There is a moderate business being done in molasses, and advices from New Orleans state that the receipts there are still showing poor assortments, the lower grades being almost exclusively offered.

SPICES.

Cable advices indicate that the price of pepper is still tending upward. It is significant that during the first half of January no shipments of pepper was made from Singapore to the United States.

TEAS.

The strong condition of the Indian tea market noted last week has been maintained, and there is some talk of a further advance of one farthing having taken place in low grades. However, we have been unable to confirm this rumor. Advices which have been received from India this week state that there is no possibility of prices going lower, and that shipments to the United Kingdom are now falling off, and that exports will not, therefore, exceed those of last year. There is nothing desirable in Indian or Ceylon Pekoe Souchongs under 13c. in the hands of shippers' representatives on the spot. Everyone here is asking for Indian and Ceylon Pekoe Souchong teas in the neighborhood of 13c., but there are none to be had under 131/2 c., and there are practically no teas of the desirable class offered. Good flavory Ceylon teas at from 17 to 18c. are also scarce. There has been some inquiry for Japan teas at about 16c., bat they are scarce. During the past week a good many orders have been taken for future delivery of next year's crop of Japan tea. One of the features of the week, as far as the tea trade is concerned, is a rather good inquiry for Young Hyson teas at all the way from 151/2 to 26c. per lb., and there have been a few transactions. Wholesalers are experiencing a good demand for teas, and it is the general verdict that teas are at the moment the most active in the wholesale grocery trade.

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FOREIGN DRIED FRUITS.

CURRANTS—The market is quiet and unchanged. At the port of shipment some transactions have been made during the past week on Canadian account, after unsuccessful efforts to buy at 6d. below current quotations had been made. The wholesalers are experiencing only a moderate demand for currants.

VALENCIA RAISINS—Cables from Denia show that selected fruit would cost slightly more to lay down to day than the figures now ruling on the local market. Consequently, nothing has been done for importation.

PRUNES—The market will now be better supplied with European prunes, as the steamer William Storrs, now due at New York from the Mediterranean, brings about 6,000 boxes of "Anchor" brand prunes on western Canadian account. Foreign prunes have advanced about 3f., or equal to about 3%c. per lb., while Bosnia prunes have advanced, during the last month, IS. per cwt., or equal to 3% c. per lb.

GREEN FRUITS.

The receipts of oranges continue large, Jamaicas coming in liberally, and Mexicans arriving in greater quantity than usual. The arrivals of Navels are also fairly large. The quality of the Navels and Jamaicas is uniformly excellent; the demand on Monday and Tuesday was the greatest since the end of the holiday trade, yet, the receipts have been so large that there has been a decline of 25 to 50°, for all varieties. The demand for lemons is good. Bananas, cranberries, and, in fact, all fruits except oranges and lemons are quiet, with a reduction of 25c. for Valencia onions, and an advance of 5oc. for the best qualities of cranberries.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

EGGS—There is little, if any, export business being done, as the home demand is sufficient to absorb offerings. Held eggs are firm. Some dealers are selling at 17 to 18c., but 16 to 17c. is the general, figure quoted. Boiling stock is steady at 23 to 25c. per doz. As the quality of cases arriving varies much, the price of eggs arriving ranges all the way form 14 to $16\frac{1}{2}$ c. f.o.b. point of shipment.

POTATOES—None too many are coming in, and shippers are holding firmly at 58 to 60c. f.o.b. cars at Toronto. The market is steady at 60 to 70c.

POULTRY—There is a good, healthy tone in market for all poultry, but especially chickens, which are in excellent demand. Prices are firm throughout, with an advance of 5c. noted for chickens.

DRIED AND EVAPORATED APPLES — Stocks of dried apples are pretty well cleaned up, and, as the demand continues fairly good, an advance of $\frac{1}{4}$ c. is noted. We quote at 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. at outside points, and at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6c. in a jobbing way for No. 1 stock. Evaporated apples are in good demand, and prices are steady at 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. outside, and 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. in a jobbing way, local y.

VEGETABLES - Rhubarb and greenhouse radishes are now on sale. We quote as follows : Rhubarb \$1 to \$1.50; greenhouse radishes, 50 to 70c. per dozen bunches; spinach, 75c. to \$1 per bush.; green onions, 10 to 15c. per doz.; cauliflower, 50 to 75c. per doz. ; celery, 50 to 75c. per doz.; lettuce, 20 to 30c. doz. bunches ; radishes, winter, 15 to 25c. doz. bunches ; cabbage, per doz; 75c. to \$1; parsley, 10 to 12 1/2 c. per doz. bunches ; turnips, 25 to 30c. per bag ; beets, 50 to 60c. per bag; parsnips, 60 to 75c. per bag; carrots, 50 to 75c. per bag; onions, Danvers, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bag; butter squash, \$2 to \$2.50; pumpkins, \$1 to \$1.50; Hubbard squash, \$2.50 to \$3; red cabbage, 40 to 50c.; egg plant, 50 to 90c. per basket.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

BUTTER—There is an active demand for large rolls and prints. Tubs are quiet. Prices are firm, with an advance of 1c. for large rolls. Creamery is easier in tone, as the competition of Australian butter in the British markets makes buyers very cautious. We quote at outside points : Dairy tubs, $12\frac{1}{2}$ c.; prints, 13 to 14c.; large rolls, 13 to 14c.; creamery prints, 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; tubs and boxes, 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

CHEESE—A steady trade is reported. The price of late make cheese is well maintained, but there have been indications of anxiety on the part of holders of early makes to clear out their stocks at a figure below the ruling price. A couple of cars have been





Wheat, white, 73 to 74c.: red. 73c.: goose. 71c.; peas, 60 to 66c.; oats, 34c.; barley, 47 to 48 c.; rye, 54 to 55c. No. 1 hard Manitoba is steady at 8oc., Toronto freights. FLOUR - There is no change. We

quote : Manitoba patents, \$4; Manitoba strong bakers', \$3.70; Ontario patents, \$3.80 to \$3.90; straight roller, \$3.25 to \$3.35, Toronto freights.

BREAKFAST FOODS-The market is active. but no change in price is noted. We quote : Standard oatmeal and rolled oats, \$3 90 in bags and \$4 in bbls.; rolled wheat, \$2.60 in 100-lb. bbls.; cornmeal, \$2.50; split peas, \$4; pot barley, \$4.

HIDES, SKINS AND WOOL.

HIDES-An excellent demand continues, with prices firm and unchanged. We quote cow hides as follows : No. 1, 81/2 c.; No. 2, 7 1/2 c.; No. 3, 6 1/2 c.; cured, 9 to 94 c. Steer hides are worth 1/2 c. more.

CALFSKINS-We quote nominally: No. 1 veal, 8-lb. and up, 10c. per lb.; No. 2, 8c.; dekins, from 30 to 35c. ; culls, 15 to 20c.

SHEEPSKINS-An advance of 5c. is noted for sheepskins and lambskins, which are now worth 85c.

WOOL-No change. Market weak. We quote fleece at 15c. and unwashed at 10c.

SEEDS.

There is little doing. An occasional sale of red clover for domestic consumption is reported at \$3 to \$3.50 aboard outside for good to choice seed. Alsike is also moving quietly at all the way from \$2.50 to \$4. As no timothy is offering locally, some shipments have been imported from western United States markets.

SALT

No change is noted. Prices are firm and unaltered. We quote as follows : Carload lots, \$1.05 per bbl., and 65c. per sack; less than carload lots, \$1.10 per bbl., and 70c. per sack. At the wells we quote F.O.B., barrels, 75c. ; sacks, 5oc.

MARKET NOTES.

Dressed hogs are 5 to 10c. cheaper.

Sheepskins and lambskins are 5c. dearer. Granulated sugar is 5c. per 100 lb. cheaper.

Choice dairy, large rolls, have advanced Ic. per lb.

Rhubarb and greenhouse radishes are now on the market.

Bosnia prunes are about 1/4 c. and French prunes 3/8 c. per lb. dearer in the primary markets.

All varieties of oranges are 25 to 50c. cheaper; cranberries are 5oc.dearer; Valencia onions are 25c. cheaper.

Manitoba frozen whitefish, perch, pickerel and pike are now on the market. Haddies have declined 1/2 to 1c.; oysters 5c. per gal.

QUEBEC MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Jan. 19, 1899. GROCERIES.

RADE in groceries has continued quiet in the main during the past week, but

within the past day or so wholesalers report some improvement in their orders for general groceries. The most prominent fact of the week has been the continued easiness in refined sugar, which is a reflection of the decline in raws and the unsettled situation of the refined article in New York. On Saturday refiners put granulated 5c. per 100 lb. lower, but so far have not touched yellows yet. In syrups and molasses firmness continues the rule, especially in the latter staple. Inquiry from Ontario jobbers for Japan teas has been quite noticeable here also during the week, and has led to some fair sized sales from first hands. Tea values generally are quite firm, as these transactions demonstrate. Dried fruits are quiet, and green fruits, especially oranges, have been unsettled, owing to the highly unseasonable weather. In fact, with good country roads an improvement in business generally is expected.

SUGAR.

The sugar market continues unsettled, the week being characterized by a further decline in the price of granulated of 5c. per 100 lb., which was decided upon by the local refiners at noon on Saturday. Yellows are unaltered from last week. This action of the Montreal refiners is a reflection of the highly unsettled condition of affairs in New York, where the refiners are cutting prices right and left. London cables report a weak and lower market for raws, beet being easy, owing to increased crop estimates, prices being 3/4 d. lower at 9s. 33/4 d. for present and 9s. 3d. for next month's delivery. Cane, also, was dull and declining in London at 115. 6d. for Java and 105. for fair refining.

SVRUPS.

Business in syrups is small, but the market is quite firm as to values at $1\frac{3}{4}$ to $2\frac{4}{4}$ c. per lb. in the wood.

MOLASSES.

While Barbadoes molasses continues strong in tone, the long expected advance fails to materialize and consumers are getting the benefit of the difference of opinion between the jobbers and the speculators. The former, however, have modified their attitude somewhat lately, as a consequence of declining stocks, and are disposed to ask a shade more money on new business. They have also been in the market as buyers during the past ten days or so, and have paid 31c. for 25 and 50 puncheon lots, but now it is claimed that holders have refused to accept less than 32c. Advices from Barbadoes regarding the coming crop are somewhat conflicting, some correspondents being more sanguine of a good yield than others.

DRIED FRUIT.

There has been no change in dried fruits, Valencia raisins ruling steady, as last quoted, with demand light.

Californian raisins continue steady, and jobbing prices range from 5 1/2 c. on 2-crown up to 7 1/2 c. on 4-crown fruit, with a moderate demand.

Currants continue steady, inquiry being largely for provincials here which are selling at 41/8 to 41/4 c. per lb. Other descriptions are steady.

Prunes are quiet and steady, and the same remarks apply to figs and dates.

NUTS.

There is no change in these, business ruling quiet and prices generally steady. CANNED GOODS.

There have been some large transactions in this market in canned vegetables and fish for northwestern account, and the fact has contributed to impart a much steadier tone to values, though the latter are not quotably changed. Stocks of tomatoes here, however, are by no means plentiful, and some jobbers refuse to part with their best brands under \$1. In canned salmon, also, a very firm tendency is manifest, and corn is quite strong.

SPICES.

The spice market is firm outside, but business on spot has been so quiet that the effect on this market could not be gauged.

COFFEE.

Coffee continues steady on all grades. Business has been confined chiefly to Maracaibo, which has sold in straight invoice lots at 9¼ to 9¾ c. for the green bean. Santos have been moved in the same way at 8 to 91/2 c., and Rio at about the same figure.

TEA.

Western jobbers have been quite free purchasers of tea in this market during the past six days or so, their operations centring chiefly in Japans around 15c., at which basis several 300 and 400 package lots have changed hands. Inquiry has also been noted for blacks, and they are quite firm in tone, and it is doubtful if any could be had

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from first hands here under 12c. per lb. Young Hysons are steady to firm also, and we note business in thirds at 12c. Some low prices on gunpowders have been talked of here, but we cannot come across any * actual transactions at the low figures named, and it is considered that nothing really desirable can be had under 12c., while lots have been sold all the way up to 20c. Altogether, the tea market rules quite firm.

GREEN FRUIT.

The rainy weather has not been favorable to green fruit, and the week has been a disappointing one in several lines, for the first half of January is usually characterized by a slack inquiry, and the unseasonable weather has tended to accentuate this influence. Oranges have, perhaps, been the most unsatisfactory line of all, the demand being so poor that several carloads of [amaica and Mexican were withdrawn at the Monday sale. Valencias sold at this sale from \$2.45 down to 65c. for wet or wasty cases. Cables quote Valencias higher at Liverpool, but with large stocks here and free offerings of Jamaica and other fruit, the fact will not affect values in Canada. Jamaicas have sold from \$2.50 to \$3 per box, \$4.50 to \$5.50 per bbl., and Mexicans, \$2.75 to \$3 per box. Florida oranges range from \$4.75 to \$5 per box for russets, and \$5 to \$5.25 for brights ; Californian navels, \$3.50 to \$4, and ditto budded \$2.50 to \$3. Lemons remain unchanged \$2.25 to \$3 per box. Cranberries are selling at \$7 to \$8 per bbl. Almeria grapes are in limited supply, and 50c. per keg higher at \$5.50 to \$7. Only a few pineapples are offering at 23 to 35c. each. Bananas are steady at \$2.25 to \$2.75. Grape fruit show no change at \$5.50 to \$6 per box.

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The apple market rules steady to firm at \$2.50 to \$4.50, as to quality. Stocks are light.

FISH. In some lines of fish, the receipts are in

excess of the demand : in fact, stocks are ample in all lines, while the demand continues fair. With ample supplies, values on fresh fish are rather easier, and we quote haddock and cod at 314 to 31/2c.; salmon, 9 to 10c.; Manitoba whitefish, 6 1/2 c.; dore, 51/2 to 53/4 c.; pike, 33/4; smelts, 3 to 6c. per lb.; tommy cods, \$1.10 to \$1.25 per bbl., and herring, \$1.65 per 100.

Pickled fish have ruled about the same. No. 1 N.S. herring are a little firmer at \$4.50 per bbl. and \$2.10 to \$2.25 per 1/2bbl. Other pickled fish are rather easier, as follows : No. 1 green cod, \$5.50 to \$5.75; do. large, \$5.75 to \$6; No. 2 ditto, \$4 to \$4.25; No. I haddock, \$4 to \$4.25, and No. 3 mackerel, \$18 per bbl.

Smoked and prepared fish are steady. We quote : Haddies firm at 61/2 to 7c.; bay bloaters at 85c. per box, and smoked herring 91/2 to 10c. per box. Dried codfish, \$3.65 to \$3.75 per 100 lb.; boneless, 5 to 51/2 c., and dressed boneless cod, \$4.25 per 100

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

EGGS - There was an improved demand for small lots of eggs, and the market is more active, with a firm undertone. We quote : No. 1 candled, 17c.; No. 2 do., 14c.; Montreal limed, 16c.; western limed, 14 to 15c.; western cold storage, 13 to 14c., and culls, 10 to 11c. per doz.

POULTRY - A fair trade was done in poultry, the demand being fair for small lots at about steady prices. We quote : Turkeys, good to choice, 91/2 to Ioc.; scalded, 81/2 to 9c.; chickens, good to choice, 6 to 8c.; fowls, 4 to 5c.; ducks, 7 to 8c., and geese, 5 to 8 1/2 c. per lb.

HONEY-There is nothing new in honey. Stocks are small and prices nominal. We quote : White clover comb, in 1-lb. sections, 7 to 7 1/2 c.; dark, 5 1/2 to 6 1/2 c.; white extracted, 6 to 61/2 c., and dark, 4 to 5c.

BEANS-In beans business is only of a jobbing character, and prices rule steady.

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POTATOES-The undertone to the market for potatoes is firm, owing to supplies of choice stock being small, and prices for such are 54 to 55c. per bag in car lots.

ONIONS-Continue steady at \$1.75 to \$2 per barrel for red and yellow.

DRESSED HOGS AND PROVISIONS.

The provision market continues quiet and without any new feature of note. The demand is principally for small lots to fill actual wants. We quote: Canadian pork, in barrels, \$15 to \$15.50; pure Canadian lard, in pails, 71/4 to 71/2c. per lb., and compound refined at 5 to 51/2c. per lb. Hams, 10 to 12c. and bacon, 101/2 to IIC. per lb.

An easier feeling was developed in the dressed hog market, owing to the more liberal receipts and soft weather of late. The demand is good for small lots of choice, selected light weights, which are selling at \$5.50 to \$5.65, and heavy at \$5.25 to \$5.40 per 100 lb.

FLOUR, GRAIN, ETC.

GRAIN-There was no improvement in the demand for grain. Manitoba No. I hard wheat, afloat Fort William, January delivery, was offered at 68 1/2 c., but buyers showed no disposition to operate. At points west of Toronto oats sold at 20 1/2 c. and peas at 66 1/2 c. Locally, oats were quoted at 32 1/4 to 32 1/2 c. ex store.

FLOUR-In flour, millers report business up to the average for the season, but Ontario dealers say that trade is only of a jobbing character at steady prices. We quote : Winter wheat patents, \$3.75 to \$4; straight rollers, \$3.55 to \$3.70; in bags, \$1.70 to \$1.80; Manitoba patents, \$4.10 to \$4.20; strong bakers', \$3.75 to \$4.

FEED-The demand for millfeed continues good, and, as supplies are still short, values are firmly held. Ontario white wheat bran, in bulk, sold at \$14.50 to \$15. and shorts at \$15 to \$16 per ton. We

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quote : Manitoba bran, \$15; shorts, \$17, and mouille, \$19 per ton, including bags.

SPECIAL VALUES

MEAL—In meal, business is quiet, the demand being only of a small jobbing character, and prices for rolled oats are unchanged at \$3.60 per barrel, and at \$1.75 per bag.

Hay—The market for baled hay is quiet. Supplies are ample, and values rule about steady. We quote as follows: No. 1, \$6 to \$6.50; No. 2 extra, \$4.50 to \$5; No. 2, clover mixture, \$4 to \$4.50; clover, \$3.50 to \$4.

CHEESE AND BUTTER.

Business in cheese is dull at the moment, for the very good reason that buyers and sellers are apart as to value. The latter believe that they have only to hang on long enough to get their own prices, and as a result trading is light. On the whole, the conditions furnish fair warrant for the stand that holders take. Nominally the range is 10 to $10\frac{3}{2}$ c., as to grade.

The butter market is quiet, and exporters are not as free purchasers as they were a fortnight ago, but with light stocks sellers show a disinclination to concede the decline that buyers stipulate for. Recent transactions in finest late made creamery have been at 19 ½ c. and a fraction more, but it is doubtful if these prices could be realized today, and we quote 19 to 19 ½ c. Little or nothing is doing in dairy butter. MONTREAL NOTES.

Montreal refiners marked down the price on granulated sugar 5c. per 100 lb. on Saturday last.

Pickled Nova Scotian herring have been rather firmer this week, but all other pickled fish are lower than they were.

The unseasonable weather has been unfavorable for green fruit, and oranges, especially, have been a drug upon the market.

NEW BRUNSWICK MARKETS.

Office of The Canadian Grocer, St. John, N.B., Jan. 17, 1899.

HIS is the season when the wholesale grocery business is the quietest and there is the least to report regarding markets. Except in staple lines, wholesale grocers here do little buying during January, and no large quantities in these lines, except where the market may show signs of quickly turning higher. A few years ago, the quiet season extended well over the first two months of the year, and travelers did not go out till the first of February. Keen competition has, however, somewhat changed this, each year seeing the travelers start out earlier. This year travelers started out immediately after the New Year. Markets show little change. Sugar is weak,

and there have been further importations of American.

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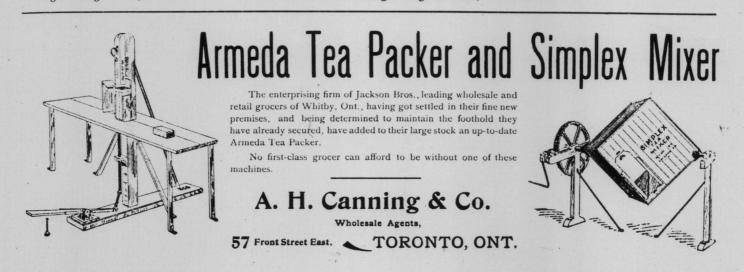
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OIL—In prices there is but little new. Lubricating oil tends higher. The fact that there is less competition, no doubt, is the cause. Orders for spring are already being taken. In paint oil, demand is still quiet and prices firm. Burning oil shows no change in price. There is fair business.

SALT-Quiet. Large shipments have been received during the week of English salt, but it is very largely coarse. The shipments came both via the Manchester and Liverpool boats. The importers are more largely than ever supplying the outside trade, as was formerly largely the case when much of the outside demand was supplied by wholesale grocers who bought from the importers. Prices are cut finer, and hardly admit of two profits. In fine salt, present business is light, though there is a fair, steady demand. Prices show no change. We quote: Liverpool coarse, 40 to 45c.; English factory-filled, 90c. to \$1; Canadian fine, \$1 per bag; cheese and butter salt, bulk, \$2.50 to \$2.60 per bbl.; 5-lb. bags, \$3 to \$3.25 per bbl.; 10-lb. bags, \$2.85 to \$3 per bbl.; 20-lb. wood boxes, 20c. each; 10-lb. wood boxes, 12c. each; cartons, \$2 per case of 2 doz.; English bottled salt, \$1.25 to \$1.30 per doz; mineral rock salt, 6oc. per 100 lb.





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to er CANNED GOODS—With the present light business the strength in canned goods is not noticed, but prices are firm, and higher figures, particularly in vegetables, are expected. Prices are rather lower here than at other Canadian points. Peaches, the only fruit with much sale here, are firmer. Lobsters show but a limited business, and rather lower prices are expected. The late high prices have curtailed the demand. Salmon is not as high here as at other points. Later in the season, higher prices are looked for. Kippered herring and finnan haddies are firm, at rather higher figures. In local market sardines show little sale.

GREEN FRUIT—The very cold weather affects outside business. This is the quiet season. There is but little to sell, particularly in a wholesale way. Oranges, lemons, and apples about complete the list. In the first named there is an active business. Valencias are improving in quality, but for best stock Jamaicas are still in demand. Lemons, which are rather lower, have a fair sale. Apples are held firm, but show large local sales. Bananas move only in a retail way. Malaga grapes are higher ; very little doing.

DRIED FRUITS-There is more inquiry for prunes. A car of Californian fruit is to hand this week, including prunes, peaches and apricots. Prunes are firmer, and everything points to higher figures. In raisins, sales are small; range in quality tends to low prices. Some very fine 4-crown loose muscatels were received this week. In Malaga raisins, rather more were carried over from the old year than dealers need, which tends to easy figures. Currants are light stock; no change in price. A few Californian figs in pound bricks are to hand ; sale is limited. Evaporated apples are light stock, and prices tend higher. Dried have little sale. Onions are very firm at the advance. In peanuts, extras are nearer the price of fancies than usual. All grades are higher.

SUGARS—There have been further arrivals of American granulated sugar, and there are further large lots bought to arrive. Quality is particularly satisfactory. Importers are much surprised at being asked to pay duty on the barrel. Prices on the other side are, however, above local refineries, so that for the present further sales are stopped. In local markets, prices are easy and rather lower than a few weeks ago. Foreign sugars have practically no demand.

MOLASSES — While stocks are light, dealers are not buyers, not being inclined to pay prices at which outside lots could be bought. Prices locally show little change, and are low when the light stocks are con-

sidered. Some sales could be made at low prices, but large sales will not be in order till new goods arrive. Little is being done in New Orleans, dealers having killed the demand by buying cheap goods. Syrup is very quiet.

PRODUCE—Eggs are firmer, with light supply. Held stock, where quality and appearance are good, command full figures, while for hennery stock, in a retail way, high prices are asked. Butter improves slowly, and must be good to command full prices. Demand for poor is light. Cheese is rather higher, and further high prices are expected. Local sales are not large.

FISH-Weather is much against best results. A large wholesale dealer said to THE GROCER this week that he had never seen as bad weather for the business as during the past fall and early winter. All prices are firm, though dry pollock, if receipts were more ample, would fall off some. Frozen fish are in light receipt. Herrings are too high for large business. Haddock is still higher than codfish. Finnan haddies are firm at the late advance. There is a good demand. Pickled herring is rather firmer ; very light stocks are held here. There is no improvement in smoked herring. Frozen smelt is plentiful. In lobsters, while a few are being received, western demand and the canners take the bulk. We quote . Large cod, \$3.60 to \$3.65; medium, \$3.50 to \$3.60; pollock, \$1.70 to \$1.80; Grand Manan pickled herring, \$1.85 to \$1.90; 1/2bbl.; Canso, pickled, \$5 per bbl.; boneless fish, 31/2 to 5c.; cod, 7 to 71/2c.; finnan haddies, 5 to 51/2c.; smoked herring, 6 to 7c.; spring shad, \$3.75 to \$4 1/2-bbl.; fall do., \$4.75 to \$5; 1/2-bbl.; alewives, \$3 per bbl.; bloaters, 50 to 60c.; Shelburne, \$3.75 per bbl.; Grand Manan herring, \$3.40 to \$3.50 per bbl.; quoddy, \$3.50 per 1/2-bbl.; frozen smelt, 5 to 6c.; frozen pollock, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 c.; frozen cod, 2 1/4 to 2 1/2 c.; frozen haddock, 21/2 to 23/4 c.; frozen herring, \$1 per 100.

PROVISIONS—In barreled pork and beef, there is really no business doing. Beef is quite firm, and holders of pork are hopeful. In lard, prices keep low and a fair demand is noticed.

FLOUR, FEED AND MEAL—The interest in flour is rather less noticed. Opinions are divided, but the tendency to higher figures is rather less marked. Manitobas have shown but little change at any time. Oatmeal keeps firm, with a further advance promised. Oats are high; only fair sale. Cornmeal maintains its advance, and is firm. Beans show little improvement; stocks are light. Buyers are doubtful if now is the time to buy. Feed is still high and scarce, with hay low and no sale. Rather better inquiry for barley is reported, but the

high price affects the sales. Seedmen are beginning to look for orders. We quote : Manitoba flour, \$4.65 to \$4.85, best Ontario, \$4 to \$4.15; medium, \$3.75 to \$3.85; oatmeal, \$3.80 to \$3.85; cornmeal, \$2.20; middlings, \$19 to \$20; bran, \$17 to \$18; oats, 38 to 42c.; \checkmark hand-picked beans, \$1.10 to \$1.20; prime, 95 to \$1; yellow eye beans, \$1.75; split peas, \$3.80 to \$3.90; round, \$3.25 to \$3.40; pot barley, \$3.60 to \$3.75; hay, \$7 to \$8; timothy seed, American, \$1.75 to \$2.15; do., Canadian, \$2 to \$2.40; mammoth clover, 7 to $7\frac{1}{2}$ c.; alsike, $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $8\frac{1}{2}$ c.

ST. JOHN NOTES.

Campbell Bros. have opened a large retail grocery store at McAdam Junction.

A. L. Goodwin received this week a car of Californian fruit—prunes, peaches and apricots.

Warren Fairweather has been appointed local agent by a number of the houses represented here by the late Wm. Hatheway, thus adding a new name to the list of local brokers.

Robert Jardine, representing Pure Gold Manufacturing Co., and other western houses, has returned from a pleasant western trip, during which he called on many of those whose interests are so well looked after by him when at home.

It is with deep regret that THE GROCER reports the sudden death of Arthur L. Calhoun, formerly of Fowler & Calhoun, oatmeal millers, of this city, but who recently started a mill at Wolfville, Nova Scotia, where he was working into a nice business.

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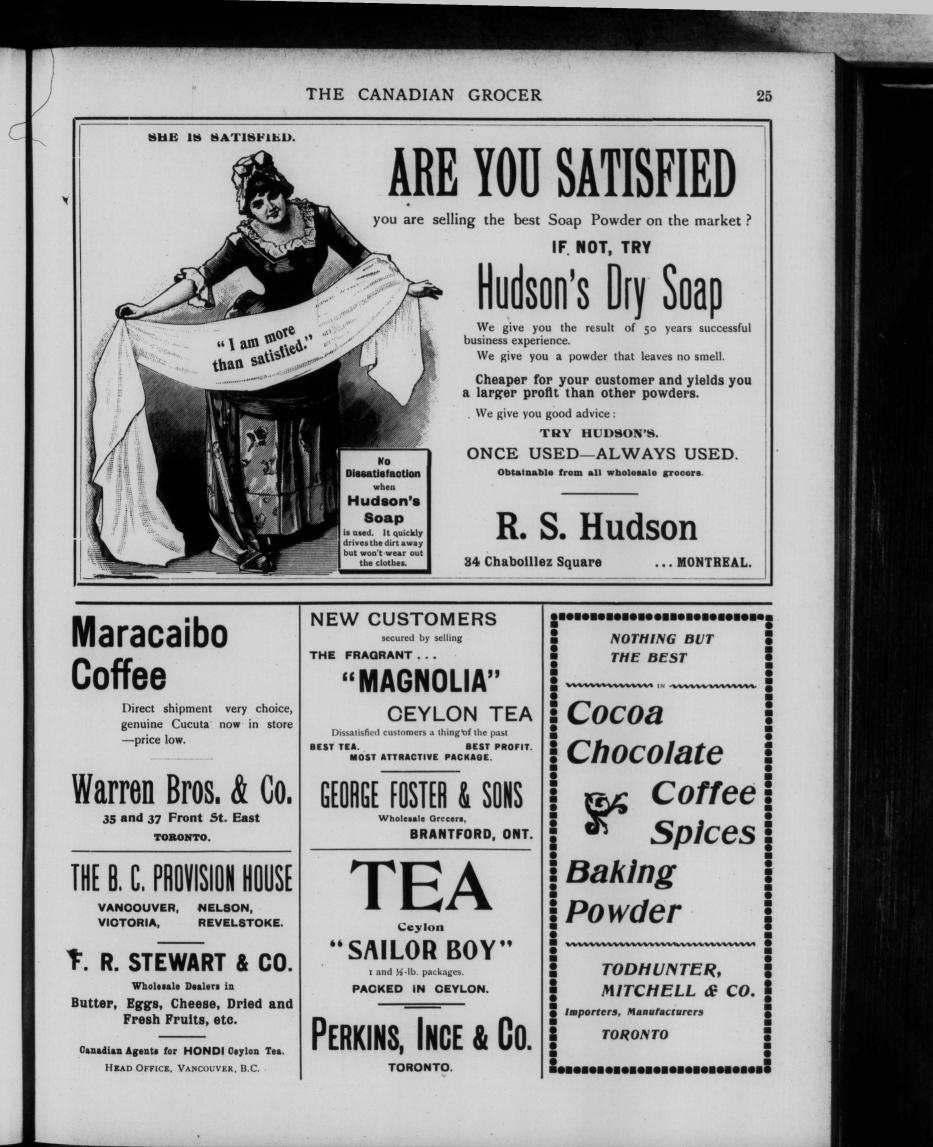
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The Imperial Oil Co. is a thing of the past. The manager here, Harry Drury, has taken an office in The Eastern Oil Co.'s building, and will look after the lubricating oil branch of the amalgamated business, while the Canadian and American burning oils will be looked after by The Eastern Oil Co.

SAIGON RICE CROP.

Wm. G. Hale & Co., in their circular dated Saigon, December 6, say of rice: "The weather seems settled fair, and should. remain so; there is now every reason to expect a good harvest. Exports since 22nd ult. for Europe have been 9,600 tons; now loading, 14,000 tons, a very exceptional thir at this stage of the season, and there are still one or two more cargoes to go forward. Contracts for new grain hang fire, not unnaturally; still, something has been done. As far as is known 8,000 tons early February delivery at equal to 4s 8d per cwt. f. o. b. delivered weight; altogether, so far, 11,000 tons February-March delivery."



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A QUESTION OF TRIBUTE.

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"I understand the grocers are goinf out when their contracts expire, and so I am, as I neither want the sheriff to get hold of me, to trade on the credulity of my customers, to injure my brother merchants, or to become crooked."

Daniel Scotten proposes to erect a large tobacco factory in Windsor, Ont.

TRADING STAMPS IN BRANTFORD.

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A T a meeting of the Brantford, Ont., grocers held in the American Hotel the other day, those present resolved in a body to stop dealing in trading stamps after the expiration of their agreements. An Expositor reporter had a talk with a leading grocer on the subject.

"How do you find the trading stamp work in your business?"

"It works fine for the trading stamp manufactory."

"How about your customers and your-self?"

"That is an involved question. You know in trade the cost of goods, duty, expenses of selling, trading, stamp discounts, Christmas boxes, etc., are all added to the price of the goods, and in the long run the customer pays it all, either by receiving an inferior quality of goods, or paying an increased price."

HOW THE CUSTOMER FARES.

"We understand that a customer buys goods at ordinary rates and receives stamps to the value of \$3 on each \$100 purchased."

"So they think; but, while they receive \$3 in stamps on each \$100 purchased, they must take it out in trade at the stamp office, and, as a rule, they get what they don't require, and what could be bought anywhere for cash at less money, while the merchant has to pay \$5 in hard cash to the stamp company for the supposed \$3 worth of stamps or goods secured. So, you see, even if the customer got the full \$3 worth on his \$100 purchases, the merchant pays \$5 for it in cash. The stampman says : 'Stand and deliver to me \$5 on each \$100 you sell, and get it out of your customers the best way you can'; and you know what human nature is—it either adds it to the selling price or depreciates the quality.''

"Is there no benefit to the merchant?"

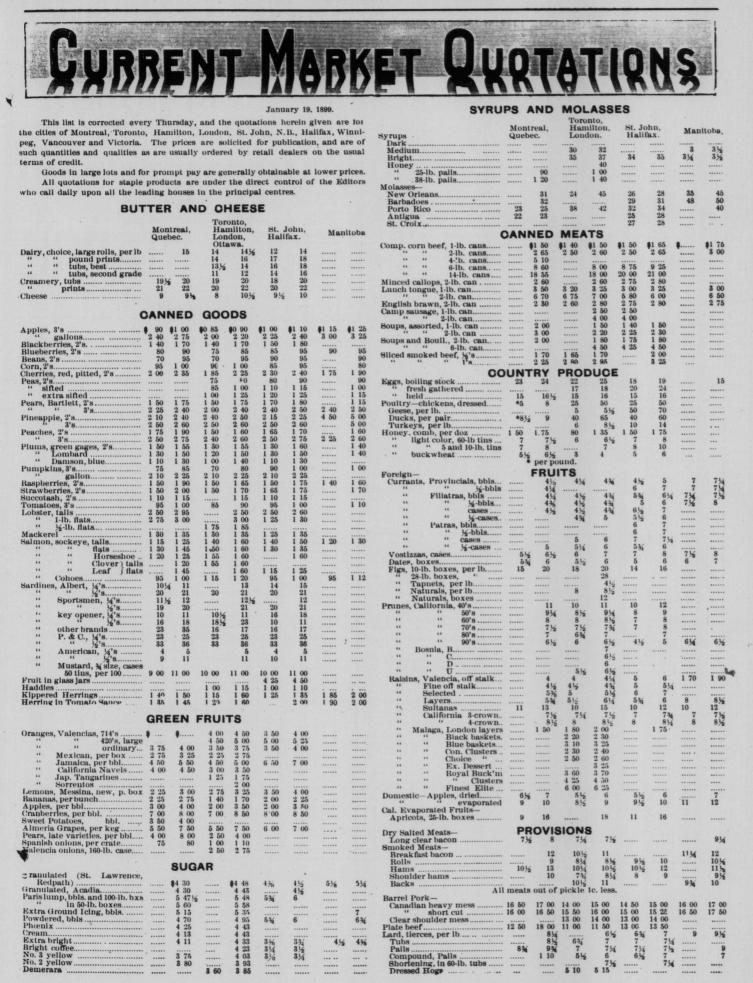
"Yes, it enables him to secure some customer that is trading at some other store, which is not right.

"Customers who ran accounts and paid monthly leave their balances unpaid, start the trading stamp business, and cost the merchant five per cent. on what they buy."

"Then you don't think it is a success?"

"No. I pay \$50 per annum tax on my store, and condemn the city council for their extravagance, fight to put them out and get more economical aldermen in, and then pay toll to the extent of 5 per cent. on \$100 to the stampman on my trade. What do I get for it? Fire protection, police, free library, electric lights, and other city benefits that my taxes bring me? No. I pay

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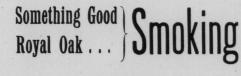
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WANTED – TWO EXPERIENCED PROvision travellers; Dominion trade. Apply Post Office Box 187, Hamilton.

WANTED – ON 1ST FEBRUARY, TRAveller for Lower Provinces by packing and canning house. Apply by letter stating experience, P. O. Box 644, Montreal.

WANTED-REPRESENTATIVE IN NOVA Scotia and New Brunswick for a first-class ham, bacon and lard establishment; on commission; one now operating territory with staple goods preferred. Address R, 841, Star Office, Montreal.

WANTED – GROCERY CLERK, MUST board with advertiser and have good references as to character and capability. Address S, 876, Star Office, Montreal.

WANTED – TRAVELLER TO HANDLE side line on commission; one starting over branch lines preferred. Good thing to right party. Box 553, Winnipeg.

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WANTED-AT ONCE, A YOUNG MAN TO care horse and drive a grocery express, one reliable and respectable preferred. Bring reference. Apply 319 St. Antoine St., Montreal.

The London Coffee and Spice Co.

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Our travellers are now on the road with full lines of COFFEE, SPICES, MUSTARDS, EXTRACTS, FRENCH MUSTARD, Etc. A trial order solicited.



FARMER JONES. — "Say, neighbor! I really thought you had more sense than to waste your money on them new fangled Egg Crates."

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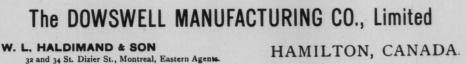
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HINTS TO BUYERS.

ARREN BROS. & Co. have just received into stock a shipment of "Cucuta" Maracaibo coffee.

H. P. Eckardt & Co. are offering extra value in brooms.

H. P. Eckardt & Co. are selling evaporated peaches at 91/2 c.

New Hallowee dates are in store with The Eby, Blain Co., Limited.

A carload of medium syrup is in stock with Balfour & Co. this week.

Balfour & Co. are offering special values in spices, both whole and ground.

"Yes," say Lucas, Steele & Bristol, "we have excellent 'points' to offer at 17c."

The F.by, Blain Co., Limited, are offering Comadre, natural and Eleme figs at close prices.

Another shipment of Californian prunes, 40-50, is to hand for The Davidson & Hay, Limited.

A shipment of "Humpty Dumpty" egg cases have just been received by H. P. Eckardt & Co.

"Refugee" and "Golden" wax beans are being offered by H. P. Eckardt & Co. at special prices.

An exceptionally fine range of all lines of teas is being shown this season by W. H. Gillard & Co.

Californian canned peaches, to retail at 121/2c. are offered by The Eby, Blain Co., Limited.

A fine domestic pickle, full pint size, to retail at 121/2 c. is offered by The Eby, Blain Co. Limited.

Lucas, Steele & Bristol are offering exceptional value in prunes, evaporated apples and white beans.

D. Gunn, Bros. & Co. advise shipment of poultry, as the market is in a remarkably healthy condition.

The Eby, Blain Co., Limited, offer Californian unpeeled peaches, in 25 lb. boxes and 50-lb. bags, at close prices.

Another invoice of "Golden Tip" Ceylons is to hand with Lucas, Steele & Bristol, also "Empire " pekoes.

Special inducements in teas are offered by The Eby, Blain Co., Limited, as indicated by their announcement in this issue.

"Dove" brand New Orleans molasses, finest open kettle, put up in 3-lb. tins, is being offered by The Davidson & Hay, Limited.

A consignment of Dixon's Carburet of Iron stove polish has just been received by W. H. Gillard & Co., who have a large sale for this standard article.

George Foster & Sons are large holders of canned salmon in the most popular brands, and are prepared to give close quotations for round lots.

another shipment of Slade's 'Butter-Scotch consisting of 20 cases 1/2-lb., and 20 cases 1-lb., 12 dozen to each case.

The Davidson & Hay, Limited, have to hand this week a shipment of Labrador and No. 1 split herring in bbls. and half-bbls., also pure cod and boneless fish.

Intending purchasers of tomatoes, corn and peas will find a full line of standard brands at George Foster & Sons', and at prices lower than to-day's values.

George Foster & Sons have a heavy stock of all kinds and grades of teas, which they are not holding for the expected duty, but offering, as heretofore, at prices away down.

"We are offering some splendid values in low grade Young Hysons. These are early bought teas, and our figures are several cents per pound below to-day's cost," report The Davidson & Hay, Limited.

W. H. Gillard & Co. are having a large sale for the "Aurora" Ceylon tea, black and mixed, in 1-lb. and 1/2-lb. packages. This tea, besides being of exceptional merit, is packed in very handsome packages.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Amongst the business men visiting Hamilton, from the B.C. district lately, Mr. Fink and Mr. Gilpin, of Fort Steele, made long stays. Mr. Evans, of Cranbrook also took in the sights.

Owing to family bereavement, Mr. C. R. Dixon, the Northwest representative of Lucas, Steele & Bristol, has been detained in the east longer than anticipated, but hopes very soon to "go west" again. Mr. Dixon will have the sympathy of his Northwest friends in the loss of his mother.

CANNED GOODS FOR THE ARMY AND NAVY.

J. G. Colmer, of the High Commissioner's office, in a letter received at Ottawa on Monday, has learned that food products for the army and navy are obtained through the agency of brokers, who buy in the public market and by tender confined to manufacturers who have made application to tender and who are financially sound.

There is talk of a beet sugar factory being established in Winnipeg.

John T. Stock, general merchant, Waterdown, Ont., has assigned, with liabilities of about \$8,000.

A. F. MacLaren & Co. have reduced the price of the large-size jars of "Imperial" cheese from \$9 to \$8.25.

At the annual meeting of the Fredericton Board of Trade the following officers were elected : C. Fred. Chestnut, president ; J. H. Barry, vice-president ; J. W. McCready, C. E. Colson & Son have just received secretary; W. Tennant, treasurer.

A LEAGUE OF FRUITMEN.

R. HARRY DAWSON, manager of The Dawson Commission Co., Limited, Toronto, returned on Tuesday from his trip to New Orleans, where he went, with his wife, as a guest of a delegation from the Buffalo branch of the National League of Commission Merchants of the United States, the annual meeting of which was held in New Orleans last week.

When seen by a representative of THE CANADIAN GROCER, Mr. Dawson was enthusiastic in his praise of the reception he and his wife received while in New Orleans.

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"We were," said he, "the only Canadians present, and they, especially the ladies, seemed determined to convince us that they were in favor of good fellowship between the two Anglo-Saxon bodies on the continent. Between seeing sights by carriage on the land, and by boat on the Mississippi, they kept us fully engaged."

"Was there anything done at the meeting which will affect the Canadian trade?

"No. You see, it was purely a National gathering. I was merely a guest."

"Would it be of advantage to the trade in Canada to have it made International?

"We could form a Canadian league, and have it affiliated. Branches could be established at Toronto and Montreal, and Victoria and Vancouver could combine to form another."

"Why not have branches in other centres?

"Well, if we desire to affiliate with the United States organization we would have to have five reputable commission houses in each league, and in the smaller centres there are not that many fruit commission houses.'

"Would it be of advantage to the fruitmen to form leagues in Toronto, Montreal and the two V's?

"Most decidedly; to belong to the league a firm must be honest and above If a charge of crookedness or board. dishonesty is proved against a firm This rule makes its name is dropped. it practically safe to ship on commission to any house in the league; thus, the firms in the league find it easier to get fruit on commission than they might otherwise be able to do. It helps to give a house a continental standing.'

SELL YOUR DRIED APPLES.

An authority on dried and evaporated apples said to THE CANADIAN GROCER the other day : "You will do your readers a good turn to advise them strongly to sell all their dried apples before the present season is over. The present price for this class of apple is abnormally high, and, though it will continue at about the present figure for some time, there is not much chance of any advance, and when the present season is over a decline is almost certain, as it is altogether improbable that such high prices will continue through two successive seasons. I anticipate a drop of 2c. when the present season is over."

TORONTO BOARD OF TRADE OFFICERS.

UESDAY was nomination day at the Toronto Board of Trade. The president, vice-presidents and treasurer were all elected by acclamation, as follows:

The following were nominated, 15 to be elected: Jas. D. Allan, A. A. Allan & Co.; Hugh N. Baird, Crane & Baird; C. W. Band, Jas. Carruthers & Co.; Wm. Christie, Christie, Brown & Co.; A. R. Clarke,

leather and glove manufacturer; F. W. Cockshutt, general merchant, Brantford ; Barlow Cumberland, vessel owner; R. A. Donald, Pure Gold Mfg. Co.; John F. Ellis, The Barber & Ellis Co.; W. G. Gooderham, Gooderham & Worts, Limited ; Ed. Gurney, The Gurney Foundry Co., Limited ; W. J. Gage, publisher; Peleg Howland, wholesale hardware; Wm. Ince, jr., Perkins, Ince & Co.; Geo. Keith, seed merchant ; W. D. Matthews, W. D. Matthews & Co.; W. C. Matthews, R. G. Dunn & Co.; J. F. Michie, retail grocer ; John Pugsley, soap manufacturer; Elias Rogers, The Elias Rogers Co., Limited ; Wm. Stone, Toronto Lithographing Co.; C. C. VanNorman, Harvey & VanNorman; D. R. Wilkie, general manager Imperial Bank.

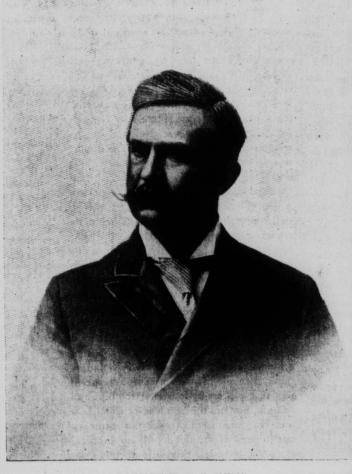
Mr. A. E. Kemp, the new president, is to be congratulated upon his elevation to the highest office in the gift of the board. In the less important offices which he has hitherto filled in the board he has proved himself to be

an energetic and painstaking officer. He was elected to the second vice-presidency, when it was felt that a man like he was needed in the councils of the concern. He was elected by acclamation. His experience was the same in regard to the first vicepresidency, and now, again, with the presidency, he has been elected without opposition.

OVERBUYING.

The tendency to overbuy seems to be one of the greatest difficulties that the retail merchant of the period has to overcome, writes J. H. Parnell in an exchange. Many

a merchant goes to the market, and, as it would seem, buys with the idea that he is purchasing something that cannot be duplicated. When buying, he does not seem to look into the future, realizing that the bills he is making are to mature. How much better, on the other hand, would it be for him to buy a bill, say to-day, and in 60 days duplicate it, thus spreading the payments, than to buy the whole amount at one time, making it all fall due at one time. How much discount could he save upon this plan? Many times he could discount his bills by splitting them up, whereas, by maklng them large at the beginning of the sea-



PRESIDENT A. E. KEMP.

son, he is driven to the necessity of letting them run to maturity, or even worse, he finds it necessary to take them up by notes.

The retail merchant should realize that by cautious bnying he almost entirely eliminates the chance of being overstocked. The moment a merchant gets into the condition of being overstocked he wants an extension. For the most part he attributes the cause of his embarrassment to the weather, or to the condition of the crops, whereas the truereason is that he has been carelessly overbuving.

The condition of business to-day is such that it is only a matter of a very few days

after an order is given until the goods are in the store of the merchant. This justifies frequent purchases in comparatively small amounts. How many times are letters received by the wholesaler and the jobber from a retail dealer, saying: "I cannot possibly send you a cheque at present. Much to my regret, I find my stock very little broken. I am afraid I am overstocked." Then it became evident that had the merchant bought lighter, he would have been in better shape to meet his bills. Almost any house would prefer an account

that is active—that is, where purchases are inade frequently, with the bills maturing

> at different dates—to an account in which the purchases are made only two or three times a year, in large amounts, at the maturity of which it is necessary to close the account by notes. Every merchant has felt, at one time or another, the ill effects of being overstocked. The chief trouble is that they do not profit by experience.

My advice to all is this: At the opening of the season, buy a good assortment, and then duplicate the goods as you find you need them.

By adhering to this plan you will find that at the end of the season you will be in a position to purchase an entirely new line of goods, without finding it necessary to sell off at a loss what you would otherwise carry over at a considerable cost, and at the same time find yourself overstocked.

TAXES IN ST. JOHN.

At a meeting of a joint committee representing the board of trade and the city council of St. John, N.B., the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved: That the present system of taxing personal property and income be abolished, and that the common council be respectfully requested to consider the adoption of a measure based on the principles of the Montreal system of assessment and that proposed in Halifax, so far as these may be applicable to the peculiar circumstances of St. John.

Frank L. and L. J. Gleeson have bought out T. B. Willis, general merchant, Brougham, Ont., and have opened up under the style of Gleeson Bros., with a clean, new stock of all kinds of goods. Mr. Willis is opening up a general business in Markham, Ont.

TRANSCONTINENTAL MAILS.

URING the last few days many of the newspapers across the line have devoted much space and lavish eulogy to the feat recently accomplished of transporting mails from New York to San Francisco, a distance of 3,347 miles, in 107 hours and 10 minutes, in accomplishing which over 12 hours was clipped from the then existing record for mail trains. A Chicago paper, commenting on the rapid run, remarked that "the Canadian Pacific has been anxious to get the plum, but cannot make the time." The plum referred to is the carrying of the transcontinental mails.

In that connection a C.P.R. official tells about the run made by the C.P.R. in 1891, when, at I p.m., on August 29, a train left Vancouver, carrying mails from S.S. Empress of Japan. It took this train just 77 hours and 9 minutes to reach Brockville, 2,802 miles distant. The mails were then taken across the St. Lawrence river to Morristown, N.Y., where a New York Central flyer took them on board at 9.45 p.m., Sept. 1. The 353 miles to New York were covered at the rate of 54 miles an hour, in 6 hours and 58 minutes, making the total for the transcontinental trip exactly 84 hours and 7 minutes, or 23 hours and 3 minutes quicker than the trip made over the United States roads.

It was confidently stated that "the C.P.R. cannot make the time," and yet more than seven years ago it is seen that this road beat the present performance by within a fraction of 24 hours, and this, too, with a road-bed greatly inferior to that of the present day. The two roads side by side are as follows : Miles. Hours.

New York to San Francisco.. 3, 347 107.09 Vancouver to New York 3, 155 84.07

The American route is thus seen to be 192 miles longer than the Canadian, but the difference in the time is very much more than the increased distance would represent under similar conditions.-Star, Montreal.

LONDON COFFEE AND SPICE CO., LIMITED.

The business of I. M. Mayell & Co., manufacturers of spices and coffee, London, Ont., has been purchased by The London Coffee and Spice Co., Ltd., which has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000, and which will continue the manufacture and sale of all goods carried by the old firm.

The new company is composed of the following practical men, well known to the trade: A. T. Cleghorn, who has for the past few years represented the largest firm of coffee importers of New York, Hard & Rand, also Hanson, Son & Barter, spice dealers, of London, England ; Alf. E. Connor, late representative of Gorman, Eckert & Co. in Western Ontario ; H. Kenzie Mc-Cormick, late with I. M. Mayell & Co., and D. J. McLeod, formerly with Edward Adams & Co., wholesale grocers, London, and Balfour & Co., wholesale grocers. Hamilton.

As will be seen from the list of members. the new company is a strong one, and, as they intend devoting their energies to the production of goods of high quality, they should meet with certain success right from the start.

AMONG TORONTO RETAILERS.

Any person who takes an Makes the interest in window dressing Difference. must soon notice that some windows always attract the attention, while others, though they may contain the same goods as the attractive ones, yet never seem to draw one's attention. The cause of this is not found in a few hours' study, but there is a cause, all the same. This was strikingly manifested to me recently by comparing a display which was exhibited in the windows of two different stores. The display was an unusually interesting one. Some ingenious carpenter or woodworker had built an excellent model of a suburban street, with fine houses, grounds, etc. Along this street, and, in fact, around the whole model, a fine representation of a trolley car and trailer was perpetually moving. The power to drive the trolley was derived from a thin copper wire connected with the electric lighting system in the store. The first place I noticed this model was in a Yonge street grocery store window, where it was placed to set off a display of soap. In front of the window was a table on which were arranged a couple of rows of fowl, and, I think, a couple of boxes of fish. Whether it was that passers-by looked at the fowl and fish and not into the window, or whether it was that the window was an ordinary one in point of size and outside appearance, it caught comparatively little attention, for while I was in the store watching the effect of the display, at no time were there more than three or four looking at it, and, as a rule, it was not noticed at all, though there were many people passing.

A short time after, the same model was exhibited in another Yonge street dry goods store. A special sale of white goods was being made by the various dry goods houses in the city at the time, and this window was devoted to a display of linen goods. I opened this paragraph by calling this the same model as that in the first window, but, in appearance it was not the same. In the trolley car there were now quite a number of passengers-gaily dressed dolls. On the side of the rear platform a card drew attention to the white goods sale now on. In many other places timely cards made the display more interesting and lifelike.

In front of this window there were on an average from six to ten persons, and sometimes a small crowd watching the move-" ments of the trolley, and, of course, having their attention directed to the linen display.

There were two reasons why this display attracted greater attention in the dry goods store than in the grocery store. The model was unquestionably more attractive, with the many little cards about it, and with the many passengers in the trolley. But the principal reason was the window. The grocery window was an ordinary one in size and shape, and was partly obscured by the displays outside ; the dry goods window was a fine, large, modern one, with a low floor which set off the goods to advantage, and with large mirrors, which gave the ladies stopping to see the exhibit an opportunity to see if their hats were on straight.

THE RAMBLER.

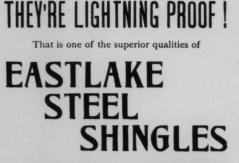
NEW FIRMS COMMENCING.

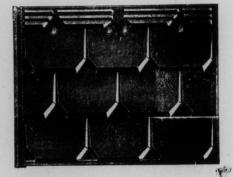
Hector Laffamme is opening out as grocer in Hull, Que.

W. R. Pallister is starting up a general store in Kars, Ont.

Reid & Brooks are opening up a general store in Gracefield, Que.

Blacklock & Co. are commencing as dealers in grocers' sundries, in Montreal. J. P. Graves & Son, grocers, Boissevain, Man., have opened a branch store at Elgin.





They give absolute protection from any damage by lightning—in addition, they are more quickly laid than others—fit perfectly, on account of our patent side lock—can't leak—can't rust—can't burn —and are the most economical, durable shingles to be had. Write us about them.

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to carry in stock unknown brands of stove polish that your customers know nothing about, brands they do not call for, the quality of which is inferior, gives them dissatisfaction, and the consequent sale of which brings discredit to your store? Your best judgment answers NO!

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BUSINESS CHANGES.

DIFFICULTIES, ASSIGNMENTS, COMPROMISES. EORGE LAVOIE, general merchant, St.' Octave, Que., is offering 30c.,

cash, on the dollar. Jos. Moreau, grocer, Levis, Que., has assigned.

J. Damien Caron, grocer, Hull, Que., has assigned.

A meeting of the creditors of F. C. Doctor, grocer, Ottawa, has been held.

J. T. Pouliot, general merchant, L'Islet, Que., is offering 50c. on the dollar.

Pigeon & Otis, grocers, Montreal, have compromised at 30c. on the dollar, cash.

N. H. Turcotte, general merchant, Broughton Station, Que., is seeking an extension.

A statement of the affairs of Leon Rondeau, grocer, etc., Quebec, is being prepared.

Assignment has been demanded of Joseph H. Brodeur, general merchant, Varennes, Que.

Anthime Jacques, general merchant, Lotbiniere, Que., has compromised at 40c. on the dollar.

Napoleon Daunais, proprietor of The Star Tobacco Co., Montreal, has assigned to Lamarche & Benoit.

Assignment has been demanded of Alphonse Gaumond, general merchant, St. Jean Des Chaillons, Que.

PARTNERSHIPS FORMED AND DISSOLVED. P. A. Collette & Co., general merchants,

St. Remi, Que., have dissolved. R. H. Staples and John R. Carthew, merchants, Carman, Man., have dissolved

partnership. Chas. L. Carter, general merchant, Hopewell Cape, N.B., has admitted — Steeves under the style of Carter & Steeves.

Frs. Xavier Bertrand and Leda Deschene

have registered as partners under the style of Bertrand & Deschene, grocers, Kings- ha

ville, Que.

SALES MADE AND PENDING.

P. Hobbs, grocer, Rat Portage, Ont., has sold out.

The stock of Sturdy Bros., grocers, Goderich, Ont., has been sold.

The assets of Ferdinand Lavoie, general merchant, St. Eugene, Que., have been sold.

The stock of Ira A. Byce, general merchant, Kars, Ont., has been sold at 28c. on the dollar.

CHANGES.

Bliss H. Dodd, general merchant, Sussex, N.B., has retired from business.

D. J. McLeod, grocer, Tilsonburg, Ont., has sold out to A. W. Robertson.

Miss Marguerite Berthiaume, grocer, Hull, Que., is retiring from business.

Eus. Rene has registered as proprietor of Richard & Co., general merchants, Nicolet, Que.

C. E. Mallette & Co., produce dealers, Nelson, B.C., have been succeeded by G. F. Motion.

P. H. De Lacourt has registered as proprietor of The Foreign Cheese and Importing Co., Montreal.

Fred. J. K. Alexander has registered as proprietor of The Montreal Tea Co., wholesale tea, Montreal.

Geo. R. Ross, grocer, New Glasgow, N.S., has registered consent for his wife, Catherine Ross, to do business in her own name. FIRES.

L. D. Torr, grocer, etc., Wellington, B.C., has been burned out.

The Gardiner Biscuit Co., Kingston, Ont., have suffered damage by fire.

J. C. Sutherland, grocer, etc., Wallaceburg, Ont., has been burned out.

Fred. R. Edwards, general merchant, Thurso, Que., has been burned out.

The canning factory of Samuel Gedney, Mink Cove, N.S., has been burned; no insurance.

Alex. MacLaren, general merchant and miller, Wakefield, Quebec, has been burned out; insured.

Joseph Meade & Co., general merchants, Coaticooke, Que., have been burned out; partially insured.

DEATHS.

James Brown, grocer, Weymouth, N.S., is dead.

A. L. Goodwin, commission fruit dealer, St. John, N.B., is dead.

Peter McIntosh, of P. McIntosh & Son, wholesale flour and feed dealers, Toronto, is dead.

Thomas Todd, of Thomas Todd & Son, produce dealers, and proprietor of The Todd Milling Co., Galt, Ont., is dead.

A CURE FOR GRIPPE.

A great many of the readers of THE CAN-ADIAN GROCER are probably suffering or peradventure may suffer from the la grippe Here is a recipe which is warscourge. ranted, by those who have tried it, to cure : Pour a kettle of boiling water into a basin. Into the water put a sponge or cloth. Of the two a sponge is probably preferable. Upon the sponge pour half an ounce of Then inhale the steam for half laudanum. an hour. It is claimed that this will place la grippe hors de combat in a night.



are made from selected seeds; all shell is extracted. Sold in 10c., $\frac{1}{2}$ -lb. and 1-lb. tins. It will pay to write us at Hamilton, Ont.

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CADBURY'S

The late editor of the Sanitary Review, writing on "The Consumption of Cocca," warns the public against the use of foreign coccas containing alkali, and makes the following allusion to the firm of Cadbury Brothers:---"It is the aim and practice of this famous firm to send out cocca absolutely pure, of the highest quality which art will permit." NO CHEMICALS USED.

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CANADIAN PRODUCTS IN BRITAIN.

THE year 1898 was more than satisfactory to the producers and shippers of Canadian agricultural products. Though prices have not been unusually high, there has been a steady tone maintained for all goods, except wheat and flour, and, possibly, cattle, the prices of which were manipulated by speculators.

As will be remembered, the year opened with a surplus of cheese on the British market, a surplus sufficient to cause the price to fall from 44s. per cwt., the January figure, to 40s. in April. Early in May a stronger feeling developed, and an advance of 6s, was maintained for some weeks. A reaction ensued, however, and, by the first of July, when the new cheese arrived, it sold on the London market at 37s. to 38s. From that time until the end of the year a steady rise in values brought the price to 50s. in the second week of December, which figure was maintained till the end of the year. Thus, the year closes with cheese 6s., or 131/2 per cent. dearer than it opened.

The large increase in our shipments of butter to Great Britain does not seem to have depreciated prices to any serious extent. The year opened with butter on the London market at 96s. per cwt. This price rose till 104s. was reached in March. The lowest figures of the year were touched in

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June, when 82s. was received. From that time till October, there was a steady appreciation, when 100s. was quoted. During the last three months of the year over 100s. was noted every week, except that ending Nov. 26, when 96s. was quoted. The highest figures were received in the weeks ending Oct. 15, Dec. 3, and Dec. 10, when 108s. was noted. The year closed with prices steady at 102s. per cwt.

No Canadian eggs were placed on the British market between January and July. Those arriving during January sold at 9s. 6d. per long hundred on the Liverpool market. In July the market opened at 6s. 6d., and from that date a steady improvement brought the price to 9s., early in December. This was maintained till the end of the year.

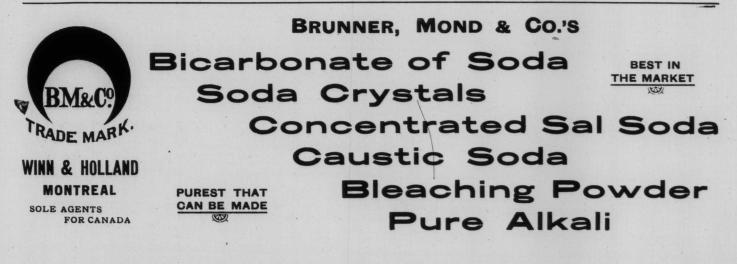
The feature of the year 1898 was the increase in our shipments of hog products, though the figures relating to this increase are not to be had. Bacon opened the year on the London market at 52s. per cwt., and appreciated slowly, but steadily, till 6os. was received in and maintained throughout the month of August. The receipts on the London market, however, were too heavy for the maintenance of such prices, and, from August till December a steady decline brought the price to 42s. The last week of the year witnessed an improvement which brought the price up to 46s. The price of hams at the opening of the year was 54s. per cwt. This figure was only maintained a couple of weeks, when a decline of 2s. took place. In April, the lowest figure of the year, 48s., was noted. From this month till September a steady appreciation brought this price to 62s., where it remained till the third week in October, when it broke, and declined slowly to 54s. in December, thus ending the year as it opened.

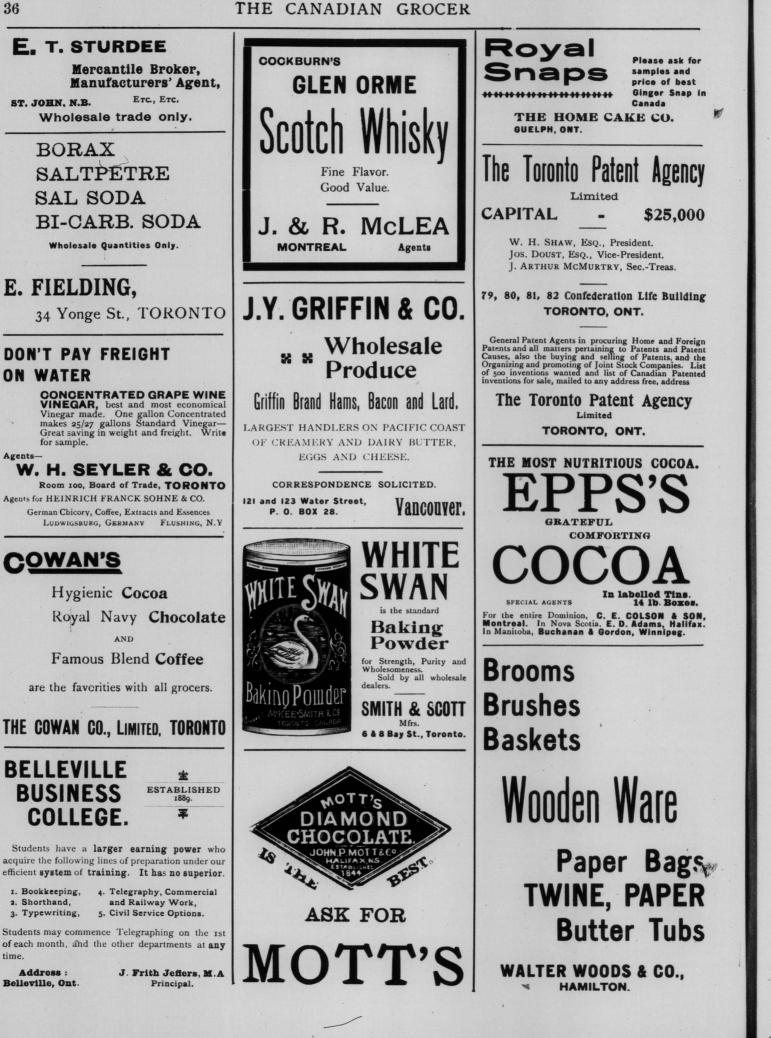
NEWFOUNDLAND CODFISH.

The codfish shipped from this port since Aug. 1 amounts to 445,736 quintals, against 416,770 quintals last year. A difference in favor of this year of 28,916 quintals. Portugal, Italy, Brazil, and England took more of our fish than last year, Spain, the British West Indies, the Dominion of Canada and United States took less. Scotland, which honored us by taking a small quantity last year, didn't take a cod's tail from us this year. Brazil is our biggest customer again this year, she having taken about threefifths of our entire shipments. The Brazil market is growing year by year, as the following figures will show :

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These figures were compiled before the end of the year, and it is safe to put the Brazil figures. from August to the end of year, at 280,000 quintals.—Trade Review, St. John's, Nfld.





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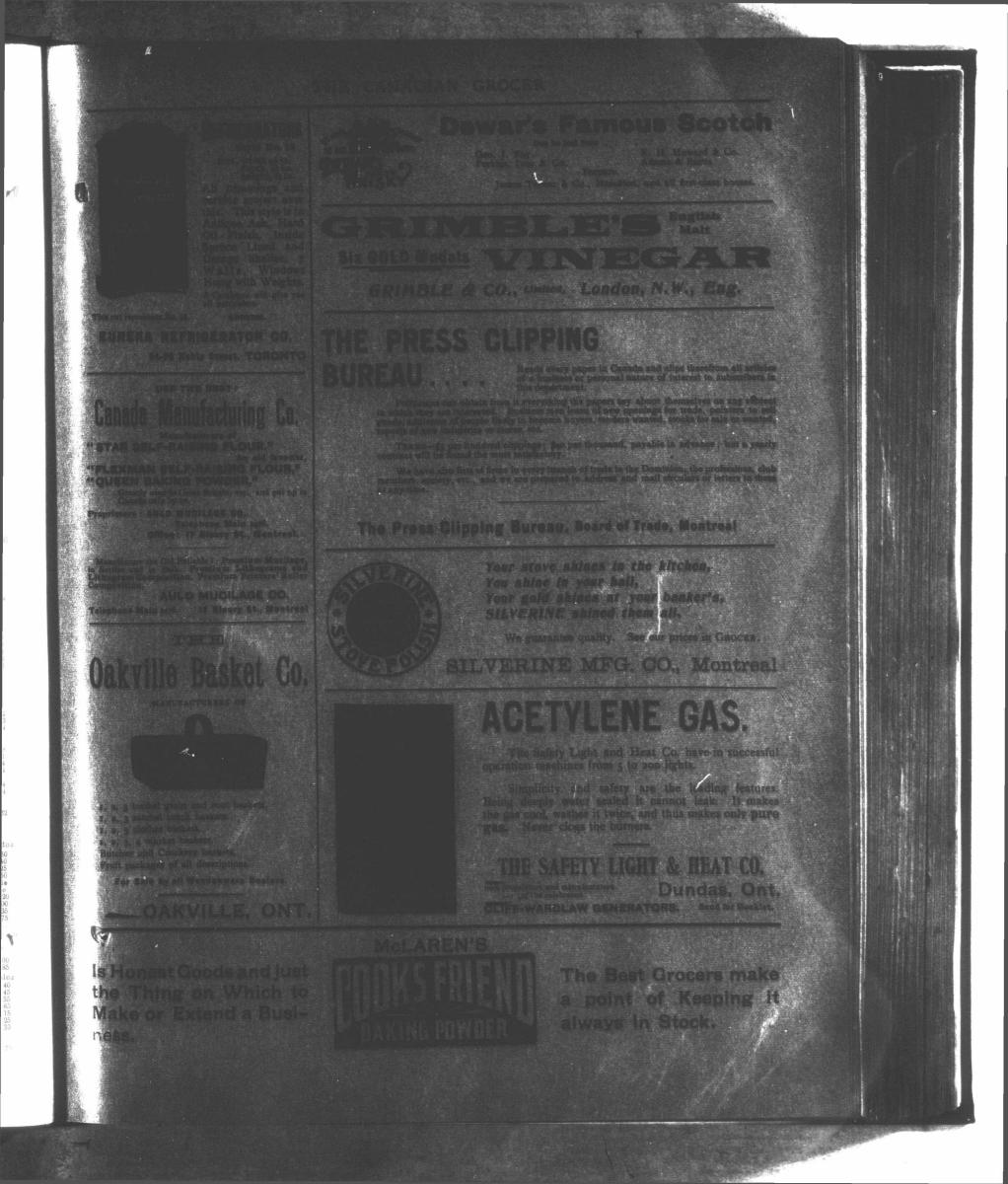
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