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## The Trent Mfg. Co., Limited TRENTON

# CANADIAN GROCER <br> VOL. XXX 

# Declare in Favor of 10 Cent Line 

# Majority of Grocers Prefer to Handle Article Costing \$3.60 Per Case of 48 and Retailing at 10 Cents to One Costing $\$ 3.90$ Per Case of 100 and Selling at 5 Cents-Matter Considered From Many Standpoints-Some Overlook One of the Conditions. 

Compiled from views of 33 merchants

HOW would you answer this problem? Which would you prefer to sell?
(a) An article costing $\$ 3.90$ per case of 100 , and retailing at 5 cents each; or
(b) The same quality article in a similar package with same net weight costing $\$ 3.60$ per case of 48 , and retailing at 10 cents each?
And what are your reasons?
This was a question Canadian Grocer submitted recently to a number of representative dealers thronghout Canada. They were requested to discuss the point from the standpoint of possibility of price-cutting in either case, net profits, satisfaction and service to customers, turnover, repeat orders, etc.

The majority decided in favor of the 10 -cent article. The chief reason given is that this gives a better margin of profit. Some, however, had an idea that the 10 -cent line was a larger package than the 5 -cent line, whereas the particulars as above given showed the two of them to have the same net weight; that is, a customer buying a package of each would secure the same quality and the same net weight article, the only difference being that for the one he would pay 5 cents and for the other 10 cents. In the light of this explanation it would be interesting to have the views of these merchants again.

However, the question has been gone into by various retailers from all sides, and has proven one of the most interesting submitted to the trade for a long time. After reading the replies, we would be glad to have the views of other readers.
M. A. Durland, Merritt, B.C.-It depends entirely on the article to be sold. If a luxury, such as chocolates, our trade would demand the 5 c article in preference, since we are doing business in a coal mining centre, where crude oil has been introduced by the railways, causing
a slump in business conditions here and a general economical existence by the mining element that comprises our trade. Our own choice, however, would be the 10 c line, since we would be giving just as good value to the customer and making a profit (gross) of 25 per cent., against 22 per cent. on the 5 c article. In this district we do not figure odd cents,

## PREFERS 10-CENT ARTICLE

BY JAS. R. ROWLEY, CRAICK, SASK.
I would rather sell the 10 cent article for the customer's sake and my own. The other (a) costs $\$ 3.90$ for case of 100 and sells for 5c. Profit on the case would be $\$ 1.10$ or $22 \%$. The article (b) costs $\$ 3.60$ per case of 48 , sells for $\$ 4.80$, making $25 \%$. The customer on buying the 10c packet gets slightly more than double the weight of the 5c packet. A nother thing: 1 believe the repeat orders on (b) would be nearly as fast as on (a), for in using a small packet most people are very careful. On taking a larger packet in their hands, they are inclined to think it cheaper and feel no need to be as saving.

On reading your questions again, I am not sure whether you mean the net weight of the packages or case are the same. If you mean the packages, I would rather sell the 5 c one, for the percentage of profit is very little less, and if I could sell a pound package for 5 c and $I$ sold the same sized package (of the same quality) for $10 \mathrm{c}, I$ should consider that I was not treating my customers right.
hence no possibility of price-cutting on a 10c article.

John Bullied, Lumsden, Sask.-"We would prefer to sell the article at 10 c , because we believe in most cases it will be an article of more use to the average household than one to sell at 5 c , and as a matter of profit, we don't think it any more difficult to make the 10 c sale than the 5e sale."

Chas. E. Turner, Morris, Man.-"I would rather sell the article costing $\$ 3.60$ per case and retailing at 10 c , as I would make 25 per cent. margin, while on the 5 c line I would only make 22 per cent."

Jeffrie \& Campbell, Ridgetown, Ont."We would prefer the 48 package case, because we are making a better profit, and because generally it is just as easy to sell a 10 c article as a 5 c one, if the article is something that is in general use. There would, of course, be some exceptions to this rule, as, for instance, a cake of soap. A 5c cake of soap is just about the right size for a woman's hand, and I think there would be objections raised to a 10c cake."
A. E. Ware, Huntsville, Ont.-"I prefer the 10 e article. My reason for this is because it shows a better margin by about 3 e . This, I think, is sufficient reason, especially when it is no more trouble to sell it than the 5 e line. The customer too is getting the same value. As for price-cutting, if it must be considered at all, the 10 c article would, I think, be more subject to this than the 5 c line."
R. S. Godfrey, Meaford, Ont.-"I would prefer to sell the 10 c line costing $\$ 3.60$ per case of 48 . On this the profit is 25 per cent. on sales, while on the other line it is only 22 per cent. Also there would be fewer number of sales to
the cake and less wrapping. Very few 10 c articles should be sold at three for a quarter."

Chas. T. Hicks, Guelph, Ont.-"We prefer the 10 c article. It shows a fair profit, with little chance of cutting to three for 25 c . Ten cents is a popular price, and it requires just as much time and trouble to make the 5 c sale as the 10 c one, so we think the 10 c size would easily be the more popular."
W. M. Hogg, Bridgeburg, Ont.-"We favor the 10 c goods custing $\$ 3.60$ per case of 48 packages. In my experience there is usually a better sale for this than for the 5 c line. There are not so many packages to handle or wrap up. It is more quickly off the shelf and the profit is greater.'

## W. H. Brunning, Bond Head, Ont.-

 "I would sell the 5e line costing $\$ 3.90$ per case of 100 by all means. The profit is only 3 per cent. less, and there is no danger of price-cutting, while the customer is getting double value, which is a great consideration. The 10c line is too apt to be sold at three for a quarter, and then the profit would not cover expenses.'Anton Wagnor, Arbstein, Ont.-"I would prefer the 10 c article, as there is more money in it and less handling."
D. B. Ritchie, St. Chrysostome, Que.I would prefer selling the 5 c line costing $\$ 3.90$ per case of 100 , as there would be less price-cutting, and we would show that we were endeavoring to give our customers as much value as we consistently could."
M. A. McLeod, Prince Street, Charlottetown, P.E.I.-"We would prefer the 10 c line, as the profit is a shade better. The turnover would be quicker, the customer would get a little more in one 10c package than in two fives. With regard to price-cutting, if you wish to do that, you can give six for a quarter, just the same as three for a quarter, which is often done in our city." (The fact is here overlooked that the net weight of each package is the same, so that a customer would get just as much in the 5 c package as in one 10c package.)
R. W. Rhodes, Matheson, Ont.-"I would rather sell the article costing $\$ 3.90$ per case of 100 and retailing at 5 c each.'"

## Coffin \& Co., Charlottetown, P.E.I.-

 "Your problem is a nice one. Personaliy we would prefer the 10 c article, because selling singly, it gives a better margin than the 5 c line. The probability is that the 10c line would be cut to three for 25 c rather than the other to six for 25 c , since it costs less; if this were done it would be impossible to figure which was the more profitable, for the great majority buy but one at 10 c , instead of three at 25 c ; if both be ent, the three for 25 c still gives the better profit. We only make this cut on two articles retailing at 10 c and one retailing at 5 c . However, where we meet it in other lines we will make the cut rather than break with a customer. We think that, while frequently a customer will ask if a certain line is sold at three for 25 c or six for 25 c , and gets a negative reply, she rarely if ever leaves the store on this account, and will almost invariably buy the article in question, though usualiyin smaller quantities than the amount on which the cut is made. The refusai to make or meet this cut is more than made up by giving a more satisfactory service than can be got elsewhere. We believe the net profits are greater by refusing to cut, for, while a customer may know that we are bigher on some articles, still I think we lose little custom on this account, though it's impossible to say."
W. J. Hogarth, Ingersoll, Ont.-"We prefer the 10 c line, because the margin of profit is better. We think also the dealer who would sell the 10c article at three for 25 c would be as likely to offer the 5 c line at six for a quarter. The large package in my estimation would be equally as good value, if not slightly better, to the customer, and it is my experience generally that with an article of merit and of general use it is as easy to sell a 10c package as one at 5 c."
L. C. Kelley, Hastings, Ont.-"Providing it did not cost us anything to run our business, I would prefer to sell the 48 package case costing $\$ 3.60$. If I sold this three for 25 c I would make 40 c , or $111 / 9$ per cent. If I sold the 100 package case, costing $\$ 3.90$, six for a quarter, I would only make 26 c , or $62 / 3$ per cent. on the money invested."
W. H. Chute, Wyevale, Ont.-"The 10 c article is my choice. An investment of $\$ 3.60$ gives an advance of $\$ 1.20$, whereas an investment of $\$ 3.90$ only allows $\$ 1.10$ on a case. A dealer, too, could serve out the case of 48 more readily than he could the case of 100 . Either margin, in my estimation, is too close to eut prices; but even so; the

# Strong Advocate of Five Cent Line 

By R. J. Pronger, Pronger Bros., Dryden, Ont.

AN article costing $\$ 3.90$ per case of 100 and selling for 5 c each brings you a profit of 22 per cent., while an article costing $\$ 3.60$ per case of 48 and selling at 10 c realizes 25 per cent. profit.

The latter is without doubt the more legitimate profit, as a grocer's overhead expenses are always increasing, while the demand for certain lines of goods, especially what might be termed fancy groceries, is certainly decreasing. Even if our turnover is not cut down, the fact that people are studying economy and buying largely staples will prove under close analysis that our percentage of prois much smaller than formerly.

However, in the face of these facts, I would cboose the 5 c article. If you carried the 10 c line the first trouble you would have to contend with would be your opposition, making a special of it at 3 for 25 c , which would still show him 10 per cent. He would not be so liable to offer the 5 c line at 6 for 25 c , as that would only leave 6 per cent. profit.
Besides, my experience is that people will take 3 of an article where they will hesitate about taking 6, even if they do equal the same proportions. Also, I think I could increase my volume on the 5 c line. If it was a new line you would have no trouble introducing it, as few customers stop at 5 c to give an article
a trial where they might at 10 c . Also, were it a standard line, with a steady sale, no objection would be raised to you adding one or two to a grocery order. The remark would probably be: "It will come in handy," naturally thinking "the investment is small."

Of course, in pricing an article there are many points to be considered-the nature of the goods, the class of trade that will purchase it, what the opposition will offer it for, ete.

However, taking all things into consideration, my endorsement is for the 5c line, unless you felt your trade demanded a 10 c package.
larger package still shows the larger profit. It is my experience that the larger quantity leads to a freer use of same, which would naturally help to increase the turnover."

Young \& Brown, Ridgeway, Ont."We decidedly favor the 10 c article. Leaving out the question of price-cutting, which would do away with the giving of three for a quarter, we fávor the 10 c article on account of profit. It yields 25 per cent., whereas the 5 c article only yields 22 per cent. (We always figure profits on sales value.)
"In the matter of turnover, we favor the 10 c article, because we would expect to sell a 10c article more than half as rapidly as a 5 c one. The investment required is considerably smaller in the case of the 10 c article, which is a matter of large importance where one might be doing business on borrowed capital.
"The 10e article is preferable where it is found necessary to unload a certain line to prevent staleness, or for any other good reason. The 10 c article sold three for 25 c would yield a larger profit by considerable than the 5 c one sold six for 25 c . We do not believe in price-cutting. however; we compete on quality and service only. A gross profit of 25 per cent. is the least return for money invested and labor involved on which the retail grocer can hope to do business.
"In the matter of satisfaction and service to customer, we again favor the 10 c article. It is obvious that the manufacturer can give more than twice the quantity, and also a little better quality in the 10 c article, because of the smaller carton or package expense. We find our customers comparing 5 e and 10 c packages and find that they usually expect slightly more than twice the quantity for 10 c than is given for 5 e . The larger profit in connection with the smaller investment, in our opinion, more than offsets any poss:'le advanta-n of the 5 c article over the 10 c one. Turnover must be considered in the light of these two important factors."

Hart \& Ellis, Meaford, Ont.-"We prefer to sell the 10 c article, as the margin of profit is better, and in country towns, unless purchased in large quantities, the retailer has an additional expense for freight and cartage.
"As to cutting prices. anyone who figures the cost of doing business could not cut prices in either case. If in the latter case, three were given for 25 c , the profit would be 10 per cent. on the selling price, which is far below the lowest percentage on which business can be done in this town, and we would judge in any other of equal size.
"As to price, 10 c is now a popular retail price, and thus it would give satisfaction and service to enstomer. We do

The following reply was received from an Ontario merchant who requested that his name be withheld:-We would say that as lot $B$ brings an advance of $331-3 \%$ and $A$ only $28 \%$, that we prefer the former. Prices 5c and 10 c are such that there is not much chance for price cutting, unless a person wants to do business at a loss:

We never believe in making a 5 c sale when we can make one at 10 c . It costs the same to make either, and the latter gives you double the profit, which in many cases, is the difference between failure and success. If it was a line of soap, the five cent line would likely be the most profitable, as you should make increased sales. It is a question that has to be considered from class of trade you have. As a rule merchants should aim at selling medium and high grade goods, and thus increase the volume of their business, and also increase profits. In groceries you must figure on getting in a general way, $331-3 \%$, as a great many lines such as butter, sugar, etc., are sold on at much closer margins.
not find it at all hard to sell a customer a 10 c article, instead of a 5 c article when quality and quantity are equal in comparison to price, as the customer then does not require to buy so often.

The Grills Co., New Liskeard, Ont."Because the case of 48 packages would show as a bigger margin of profit we prefer to sell it. The kind of goods would, of course, make a difference, and particularly if the line is a staple one, the 10c package would be preferable."
W. Sproule, White River, Ont - $\cdot$ We prefer the $\$ 3.90$ case to sell at. The chances are better for a bigger turnover in this. The latter proposition is too much in favor of the manufacturer, and I prefer giving my customers the benefit where there is so little difference."
J. H. Marshall, Niagara Falls, Ont."The 10c article is undoubtedly my choice. The profit on the 5 c line is $\$ 1.10$ per case, while on the 10c line it is $\$ 1.20$. The chances of price-cutting, I consider, are equal. If the former is cut, the margin is reduced to $262 / 3 \mathrm{c}$, while on the latter it is 40 c per case. Proflt of $21 / 2 \mathrm{C}$ on a 10c package is better than a profit of $11 / 10 \mathrm{c}$ on a 5 c package, and there is a chance of your opposition getting the
next order. The expense of selling a $5 c$ package is practically the same as the selling of a 10 c one, and even if the customer took two or more packages of the 5 c line the profit is never as good as in the case of the other. Buying possibilities on the part of the consumer on the 10 c line are greater than on the 5 c one. Customers buying the 5 e package will be out of goods oftener than those purchasing the other, and consequently they use less and, therefore, our turnover is less. From the point of satisfaction and service, we think a customer who would buy a 5 c line and not the 10 c line, because of the extra money involved, would also buy 5 cents worth of cooked ham, 10 cents worth of oysters, 5 cents worth of cheese, etc. Such customers help drive grocers out of business.
C. A. Elsey, Campbellville, Ont."The 10 c article appeals to me. My reason is that the $\$ 3.60$ per case of four dozen means a cost of 90 c per dozen. Retailing at 10 c each, the percentage of profit on cost is $331 / 3$ per cent., which is better than the other. At the same time, a 10 c sale is preferable to a 5 c sale, and a profit of $331 / 3$ per cent. on the 5 e line represents $\$ 5.20$ per case of 100 in stead of $\$ 5$, which would be the case if it had to be sold at 5 c . There is less handling also in the 10 c article. If the article is a staple line most people would prefer the 10 c package, as the other is too small an amount, and means too frequent buying from the customer's point of view. Many people prefer to buy sugar by the sack in preference to 25 c worth, just as a matter of convenience."

Jas. L. Hewson, Oakville, Ont.-"I prefer the 10 c line because there is less labor and bigger profits. This line could not be sold at three for 25 c .'
E. B. Reist, Preston, Ont.-"I would rather sell the 5 e artiele costing $\$ 3.90$ for 100 hecanse it is almost sure to be sold at 5 e straight, whereas goods costing $\$ 3.60$ per case of 48 , or 90 c per dozen, there is an inclination with some dealers to sell three for 25 r , which cuts the profit below a legitimate margin.'

Schell Bros., Berlin, Ont.-"We would prefer to sell the 10 c article costing $\$ 3.60$ per case of 48 packages. The article costing $\$ 3.90$ per 100 is sometimes cut in price to six for a quarter, while the article costing $71 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ is not cut generally to three for a quarter. Moreover, the 10c article shows a better percentage of profit, with less labor and expense in selling same."

Robt. H. Clark, Embro, Ont.-"Re your problem of the article costing $\$ 3.90$ per case of 100 packages and retailing at 5 c , and the same quality article in a sim-
ilar package with the same net weight costing $\$ 3.60$ per case of 48 packages and retailing at 10 c . I would not imagine any merchant would think of selling either package at less than 5 c per package and 10 c per package respectively. If he did, he would be working for the manufacturer and not for himself. As for myself, I would rather sell the 10 c line for the reason that I would make $\$ 1.20$ on an investment of $\$ 3.60$, whereas on the other, I would only make $\$ 1.10$ on an investment of $\$ 3.90$; and, furthermore, I would only have to wrap up 49 packages instead of 100 , as in the 5 c line. The 10c article would mean better profits to the merchant and better service to the customer also."

## W. O. Webster, Udora, Ont.-"I

 would sooner sell the 10c line. Both these, in all likelihood, if they were staples, would be cut six for a quarter and three for a quarter by some mer-chants-for instance, the kind who sell certain plug tobacco at three for a quarter. The $\$ 3.60$ a case line gives a trifle better profit and a trifle better value to the consumer to either pricecutter or straight seller."
## N. McGillivray \& Co., Port Elgin, Ont.

 -"We prefer to sell the 10 c line for following reasons:1. "The profit on sales is the better by 3 per cent.
2. "As in this case the packages are alike in weight, the sales naturaliy would number the same, but the turn wer or amount of business done wotid be double.
3. "Taking the turnover as a basis, the freight charges on the 5 c line would be practically double the charges on the 10 c line, thus reducing your net profit.
4. "Invariably goods shipped 48 to the case arrive in better condition, and are more easily handled and stored than the 100 's.
5. "As to the liability of price-cutting, we think any merchant who is subject to this very bad habit is as likely to give six for 25 c as three for 25 c , and even in so doing the profit on the 10 c line is the better by 3.60 per cent.
6. "We think it a mistake for any merchant to push the sale of a 5 c line, as it invariably costs as much in time and work to sell the $\overline{\mathrm{c}} \mathrm{c}$ line as to seil a $10 \mathrm{c}, 15 \mathrm{c}$ or 25 c line; and, besides, it gets the customer into the habit of buying in small quantities.
"We do not believe in selling a customer 25 e worth of sugar when there is a possibility of selling $\$ 1.00$ worth."

## Fred Lint, Attercliffe Station, Ont.-

 "I would prefer selling the 10 e article. as my profit on the 10 c article would be25 per cent. compared with 22 per cent. on the 5 c article and my selling cost less. I can supply a customer a 10 c article as quickly as a 5 c one. I do not believe in price-cutting in either case-i.e., in selling a 5 c article six for 25 c or a 10 c article at three for 25 c , as in either case I consider the profit too small. Customers can be taught to buy the larger package, as they are getting better value. The grocer or dealer can give better service to his customer, as well as making a bet-
ter profit for himself on the 10 c article. As for me, I would rather sell the 10c article from the standpoint of profit, satisfaction and service to customer, and effect of turnover and repeat orders."
W. J. Patterson, Dummer, Sask."On the 5 e line you would make a profii of 22 per cent., and on the 10 c line you make a profit of 25 per cent. Therefore, I figure the 10 c line to be the best seller.'"-Per E. M.

## Pepper Prices Going Up

## Ship Shortage, Freight Rates, British Embargo Chief CausesOther Spices in Same Boat-Market Greatly Unsettled and Importers Cannot Gauge Future

THE spice situation is becoming very acute. Of late our market reports have indicated a strengthening situation and this forecast has been horne out by advances almost all along the line. Foremost among these are nutmegs, black and white pepper, sage, mace and ginger. The freight situation has been the chief cause for upsetting conditions and advancing prices. The market is exceedingly unsettled and the future is very problematical.

Spice brokers in New York who keep in exceedingly close tonch with the situation report that the British embargo on exports from pepper producing colonial dependencies has caused an upheaval, consequences of which are as yet unknown, because of lack of detail as to the scope of the embargo and its time limit. The acute uncertainty as to future supply has thrown the whole market into more or less of a turmoil and prices have advanced in all parts of the world more or less abruptly. So far the trade in spices has escaped losses from cargoes being sunk on the high seas, but what the fature may bring forth is impossible to guess and the word is being passed along that all dealers should anticipate their requirements in peppers early.

The rise in freight rates and lack of spot supplv have further helped to firm the situation. It is believed that we will see no appreciably lower prices for a ling time.

Export Taxes Threatened
In regard to other spices the lack of shipping and threatened imnosition of export taxes from Oriental ports are having a big effect on markets on this continent. The advance in ocean freight rates alone during the past month or so has increased prices from a half to a cent a nound if not more. Importers are in doubt as to where sufficient einger is soming from with Cochin in China and Africa practically closed to this con-
tinent. Doubt, too, is expressed as to where the same quantity of nutmegs are coming from, as were brought into America for the year ending June 30th. 1915. This amounted to more than 43,000 cases. Mustard seed is also short on account of the crops in Germany, Russia and Holland being practically unavailable. There is also doubt expressed as to where we are going to get 200,000 bags of black pepper-the quantity imported into the United States for the year ending June 30th, 1915, when the total crop of Malabar and Lampong does not equal this amount and even if it did, European countries would have to have their share.

## Watch Quality of the Goods

Retailers, therefore, who are in the market for pepper should be very careful to see just what they are buying. There are lots of pepper shells being imported into Canada, and as these are used when ground for cheapening the article, retailers should understand exactly whether they are buying the high grade pepper or a mixture of pepper and pepper shells. The price at which it is offered will naturally indicate its composition. The faet that pepper shells are mixed with good pepper explains why the retailer can buy some peppers at lower prices than others. The retailer, of course, if he so desires can sell pepper containing pepper shells, but be must explain to his customers that it is not absolutely the best pepper. For if an inspector should happen to make a purchase and the pepper is found to be below standard, a fine is almost sure to await that retailer.
The entire market should, therefore, he watehed with great care. Predictions are freely made that many spices will almost double in price in the near future on aceornt of the tie-up in freights, the higher freight rates and the British export embargo above mentioned.

# Selling Maple Syrup and Pancake Flour 

## The Methods of One Merchant Who By Associating the Two Secured Good Business - Stoeks Had to be Replenished-Difference Between Waiting for Demand and Actually Selling the Goods-Description of Window Display:

Written for Canadian Grocer, by A. H. Harvey

JOHN BRIGHTON'S selling methods on marmalade, marmalade oranges, reception goods, etc., have been told in recent issues of Canadian Grocer. It was explained that in the Brighton store there were various campaigns on seasonable lines throughout the year 1915. Onc of these was conducted on maple syrup prior to the beginning of the new 1915 crop, and connected up with it was pancake flour for the manufacture of pancakes. In reciting the incident in regard to this campaign on maple syrup and pancake flour, Mr. Brighton urged that too many retailers, in so far as his experience went, were content to wail for demand and passively allow the goods to remain on the shelves in the face of the fact that new season's goods were about to be manufactured. This he claimed to be especially true with maple syrup. In February, therefore, he decided to sell off all the maple syrup remaining and be ready for the new stuff coming along during March.
"Before launching into this campaign," he said to the writer, "I got the clerks together and suggested that we go after sales of maple syrup and pancake flour. I pointed out whereas one of these lines might not be sold to a customer, the two of them could, because of the association of the two, and because the customer could always have a mental picture of a very appropriate and attractive meal-pancakes and maple syrup. So we set about to sell as much of these two lines as possible.

## "Description of the Window

"In the first place, we decided that a window display was the most important acquisition to a successful sale in maple syrup. The head clerik decided to construct a little maple forest scene that would bring back to the passer-by mem-
ories of good times of the early days. So he secured some dead maple leaves, a branch of a maple tree, which was erected in one corner of the window, drove into it a spile, upon which was hung a sap bucket. In the centre was an old-time kettle suspended from a cross-bar, held in its place by two jacks. An imitation fire was built under this, and a red light placed in it, and a few other forest touches arranged, making the entire display realistic and quite attractive. The remainder of the window was plainly but neatly arranged with bottles and tins of maple syrup, with a show card reading 'Absolutely Pure.' Around this was a number of packages of pancake flour, with a platter of niceiy browned pancakes, which had been made in the house. The display was simply irresistible so far as a great many customers and others were concerned, and it surprised me the quantity of botn maple syrup and pancake flour we sold
that week. Not only our usual customers, but others were attracted by this display, and came in for the goods."
That is one of the features of a special campaign of this kind. One is almost sure to get one or two new customers permanently from it. Many of course will come in for those goods alone, and while they may not begin at onse to deal there regularly, yet sooner or later some of them are dissatisfied elsewhere, resulting in new business for the merchant who has attracted them for special goods.
"Inside the store," continued Mr. Brighton, "we showed similar bottles of maple syrup on the counter along with pancake flour in packages, and every clerk was instructed to call the attention of the customers to this display. At the same time, a newspaper advertisemeni was used connecting up with the window and worded so that it would create an appetite for pancakes and maple syrup. While I admit this was a more or less simple campaign, nevertheless we got the business. During the week we sold out every case of maple syrup we had, and it was necessary to order a couple more to tide us over until the arrival of new goods during the month of March. It was also necessary to send in an order to the wholesale house for more pancake flour. Not only did we get the business, but we advertised the store. It meant extra turnover and profits for us, and because we made sure of selling an absolutely pure maple syrup and a high-grade pancake flour, we got permanent results that are being felt to-day. I have often observed that when we introduce a line such as pancake flour to our customers, they come back regularly for more of that particular brand. We, of course, must get the credit for every sale to those enstomers, no (Continued on page 35.)

Above is suggestion for a newspaper advertigement on maple syrup
and pancake four-try it. and pancake four-try it.

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## TRADING STAMP CONVICTION UPHELD

SOME weeks ago Canadian Grocer announced that the voting contest as conducted by Business Boosters Limited, in Toronto, was found to be in contravention of the Trading Stamp Act. It was further stated at the time that the promoters of this contest were going to appeal the case and take it to a higher court. This has been done and the Appellate Court at Osgoode Hall has upheld the conviction of the previous Judge, declaring that the method used was not in accordance with the provisions of the Trading Stamp Act. Chief Justice Meredith sat on the case and maintained that the coupon given to the purchaser was a premium that came under the Act as it did not state on the face of it its exact value, nor was it redeemable at any time.

The Globe of Toronto, referring editorially to this case stated as follows:

Our freak law against trading stamps has resulted in a conviction which has been sustained by the Second Divisional Court. There is no likelihood of any diminution in the number of offences that may be committed.
Evidently The Globe is not in touch with retail conditions or it would not call this a freak law. It is usually the case that when a daily newspaper assays to discuss retail problems, it displays a lack of knowledge which brands its discussion as ridiculous. Any retail dealer who remembers the old Trading Stamp question prior to 1905 will appreciate the present conditions as a Godsend to the trade. Retailers had to purchase Trading Stamps from the company manufacturing them, and gave them out to customers who purchased certain quantities of goods. It meant a great scramble for Trading Stamps on the
part of many with the result that they were purchasing goods, the value of which was very doubtful taking into consideration the price. The consumer frequently got stung as well as the retailer who had to buy the trading stamps. They were a discount from the price of the goods, or they meant that the retailer had to charge more for his goods. Yet The Globe which affirms a warm spot in its heart for the poor people actually upholds a system that is certainly not in the interests of the general public.

Why should not business be done on a straight business principle? If a man has something to sell, let him sell it on its merits and get behind it with his selling power. If he has got to give something away in order to make a sale, there is something lacking somewhere. It is high time that every publication, whether daily or trade, recognize this fact.

## POTATOES IN MANITOBA

MOST Winnipeg houses are asking $\$ 1.25$ per bushel for Alberta and Manitoba potatoes and some ask as high as $\$ 1.50$. The feeling is that the price must go up to $\$ 1.50$ before the end of the month. The price being asked for British Columbia potatoes is exceedingly high, and some local dealers will not take them at quotations. It is understood here that the recent frost in British Columbia has injured much of the crop-probably 90 per cent.and Manitoba dealers are anxiously waiting news regarding Alberta stocks, as they are practically dependent on that province now, considering that the amount grown in Manitoba last year was very small, there being hardly enough to supply country points, Winnipeg importing large supplies.

The reason for the big jump in the Winnipeg
market last week was that quotations there had been much lower thun they should have been all winter compared with eastern markets, and the sudden scarcity brought about by frost in British Columbia made high prices necessary. The feeling in Winnipeg is that there is a good market for Alberta potaotes, and there is no doubt they will bring high prices.

## MAPLE CONFECTIONS ANALYZED

${ }^{66} \mathrm{M}$APLE Confections" is the subject of an interesting bulletin recently issued by the Inland Revenue Department. Fifty-eight samples of confections characterized as maple products by the use of the word "maple" were analysed. The result shows that 25 were sold as maple butter, 5 as maple cream and 5 as maple cheese. The Chief Analyst in submitting his report to the Inland Revenue Department makes the observation that it is probable in the majori $y$ of these cases the employment of the words "butter," "cream" and "cheese" has regard primarily to the consistency of the article and is not intended to convey the idea that butter, cream or cheese entered into the composition of the confection. There is, however, one exception to this in one particular manufactured article. The label borne by this article contains the following-"Wholesome and delicious food luxury made from pure maple sugar and rich cream. For table use in place of ordinary butter or jam. A superior substitute at less cost."

The Chief Analyst says that these statements appear to claim for the article a natural butter content. "We find," he adds, "only 12 per cent. of butter fat in the samples examined here. Under these circumstances it is clear that the claim is entirely unwarranted and is misleading. Undoubtedly a small amount of milk or cream has been used in the manufacture, but this amount is so insignificant that to claim a food value for it, or to insinuate that it may take the place of butter is simply to deceive the purchaser."

He goes on to say that two samples sold as maple buds and one sample sold as rose buds were either essentially chocolate containing some maple sugar as a flavor. Other samples are sold under various faney names such as maple wafers, maple buds, maple taffy, maple pudding and others are compounds in the names of which the components are indicated as maple fruit fudge, chocolate maple walnuts, etc. None of these samples are offered as maple sugar or maple syrup and therefore do not come under regulations governing maple products which were in force at the time of the collection, that is, April 13th, 1915. That date was prior to the last amendment in regard to manufacturing and selling only pure maple products and for this reason none of the samples were judged as adulterated.

The chief object in view from this inspection was the ascertainment of the extent to which the word "maple" is actually used as a designation of maple products, other than sugar and syrup. Dr. McGill adds that "it is apparent that in most of the samples, the maple sugar is present merely for the purpose of giving a flavor to the article, just as lemon or vanilla might be present." It is, he thinks, open to question whether the amendment of April 15 last was intended to prohibit the employment of maple sugar as a flavoring material. Manufacturers have assured him that they have been extremely careful to purchase genuine maple sugar in order that they might thus secure a genuine maple flavor for their product. "If they are forbidden to use the word maple in naming these products," he declares, "it is difficult to see how they can find a market for them. In such cases a statement that the goods are flavored with maple sugar is a simple statement of fact and would not appear to violate the fundamental principle of the Act."

## DIFFERENCES OF FARMERS AND MERCHANTS

THE report of the recent Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association Convention is of special interest to the retail trade. It was asserted at this Convention that an Eastern manufacturer who had contracted to supply the Co-operative Wholesale Department of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association with a large order was compelled to cancel the contract, owing to what is termed as a threat on the part of the Retail Merchants' Association of that province. It is declared that the threat meant that all orders with the manufacturer in question would be cancelled with members of their Association.

This brings us back to the oft-discussed problem of the organization of Farmers' Clubs to purchase direct. It is too bad that the retailers and the farmers who are both so well organized in Saskatchewan cannot come to some definite arrangement with regard to this matter. It really should be easy to explain to the Grain Growers and Western farmers that in order to build up a community they should purchase their goods at home. The farmers, no doubt, have certain criticisms to make of the retailers. They may well ask about many of them, as to why they do not give a better service in the matter of assortment, settlement of claims, and possibly in some cases from the standpoint of price. It is an undoubted fact that farmers can purchase direct from wholesalers and manufacturers who will sell to them at lower prices than they can from the retailer. This is natural and needs no explanation. However, it is only right and fair that the home town merchant should get the business, unless there is some very great reason why he should not have it.

# Freight Situation Affects Molasses 

New Crop Coming On But Future Looks as if Present Prices Will Be Well Maintained-High Sugar Also Tends to Keep Up Market-Both Made From Same Cane.

WHEN the new make of fancy Barbadoes molasses came along in the spring of 1914, the retail trade bought heavily at an average price of 24 e a gallon. This held good for the most of that season, until the trade was unconsciously, although none the less firmly convinced that 24 e was the one natural, legitimate and perpetual price for fancy Barbadoes molasses.
Things went along until February, 1915-the year of smash up of traditions and trade prices. The market opened at $371 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ gallon, and the trade machine stopped dead for want of the oil of orders. The merchants simply did not feel like buying at this startingly high price.

Traders failed to realize a simple fact of Barbadoes trade economics: to wit, that the price of sugar is based partially on the price at which molasses will be sold because the same cane goes into the manufacture of each.

## Similarity of Conditions

The condition that exists in Barbadoes, the co-relation of the trilogy of cane, sugar and molasses, is duplicated here in milk, butter and cheese. In Canada, the two latter are made from the former. So for his own protection the manufacturer has a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde factory that can be switched from one product to the other. One end of a factory may be equipped with a cheese making unit, the other with a butter making one. It becomes simply a matter of switching from one set of vats to the other, and of putting the same raw material through a slightly different process.

## The Result in 1915

So when in 1915 the trade here, wholesale and retail, sat back waiting for the planters to "come to their senses," they unperturbed, turned to sugar making, attracted by a firmer market in that commodity. And the price of molasses, that was to have been starved down to its old level at 24e, soared up until it reached its late price of 58c a gallon.

And this year conditions are apparently as bad as last-in the general trend of affairs and much worse in the particular detail-price for instance and the natural gravitation of the cane crop to the high-priced sugar market-that is of a totally unexpected firmness to-day.

Raw Cuban sugar is now bringing $38 / 4 \mathrm{~s}$, the refined 6 c a lb . New York. The crop is unusually large, but owing to an increasing shortage of ocean tonnage
this crop cannot be moved to the consuming market which is daily increasing in strength under the natural workings of a short supply and an abnormal demand. In other words the planters are preparing to turn their cane into sugar.

On the basis of present prices for raw sugar, which are about one-quarter of a cent higher than the price that attracted the cane last year it is good business for the planter to sell his cane to the sugar factory in preference even to getting what is a fairly high price for his molasses.

## Molasses vs. Sugar

The new erop molasses will cost one cent to put it in storage; another cent to bring it out and still another to cover the cost of the retailers' eustomary thirty days. By the time the various overhead costs are added the total will be perilously near 50c a gallon, always provided that other conditions remair as they are or perhaps get worse-other conditions being in this case a firm sugar market, and a most pronounced shortage in ocean tonnage.

In contradiction to these facts the existence of an unusually large crop of cane and molasses must be pointed out, to say nothing of the possibility, however improbable. of the security of sufficient tonnage to move either the sugar or the molasses crop, or both. It is stated by some authorities that the movement of the crop would at once bring prices down. Others maintain that the effect of this movement would be offset by the fact that the market to-day is bare of stocks and that it depends entirely upon manufactured nroducts for current needs, while in 1915 under generally similar conditions that led to an advance, there was a stock of 15.000 puncheons of molasses in Quehec Province, and between five and six thousand in the Maritime Provinces to be carried over.
On the other hand the excess of this year's crop of molasses -between 25,000 and 30,000 puncheons-over last must be allowed for as likely to have a steadving effect.
However, last vear in spite of the large carry-over. the price steadily advanced under the pressure of a diverted raw material This year the market is bare of stocks, sugar is higher and ships are scarce. So in any comparison of conditions due allowance must be made for the large carry-over of last year as tending to offset the excess of present
stocks in Barbadoes this year, which wili go into use as soon as received.

## No Direct Boats to Montreal

Further firmness is added to the market by the fact that up to date no boats have been chartered for direct freighting to Montreal, while last year the crop. was moved by this method. The alternative is the lake and rail shipment which includes unloading at St. John, N.B., thence by rail to Montreal which means an added cost. The freights via St. John are already from $\$ 1$ to $\$ 2$ higher than last year, an added cost of one to two cents a gallon. Further, if freights do not come into Canada in a normal method they will come in by abnorina! ones - by shipments from the United States, which as no provision is made for it, must become a matter of Governmental action, probably and of higher prices certainly.

## The Summing Up

Thus, the molasses that in 1915 went begging at $371 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ is now eagerly bought up at 45 c because a year and a half of war has imposed a hardly bought knowledge of market conditions on the buyer who to-day sees nothing but a rising market ahead unless the unexpected-a big break in sugar occurs, or more improbable, still the moving of cargoes approaches normal.

Some authorities maintain that if the stocks can be moved the price will go down, others equally interested point to the price of sugar and insist that regardless of the freight situation the high price of sugar will maintain molasses prices at a high level. The sugar mills can and probably will care for from one-third to one-half of the cane of the island for prices at which reeent sales of molasses have been made are below to-day's parity on sugar.

But the whole argument veers back to the freight situation. Things are going from bad to worse, and at this writing there is very little if any shipping space to be had from the island to this country. It is emphatically stated by importers in view of these facts that this year's sales have been at too low a level and that to-day's price represents a bargain to the buyer. The consensus of opinion points to a maintence of prices at close to the present level. Molasses men are awaiting the confirmation of further events in the vast drama that is being played in the world's markets today.

# Farmers Will Not Run Retail Stores 

President of Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association at Saskatoon Convention Says no Plans<br>Made to Invade This Territory, But Will Go After Wholesale Business-Do Not<br>Wish to Put Retailer Out of Business, But They Buy Direct Wherever Possible.

THE Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association at their annual convention held in' Saskatoon last week were informed by their president, J. A. Maharg, Moose Jaw, that no plans had been made for entering the retail field. They were considering the wholesale field, but to do that, it was necessary for them to have capital; and it was up to the farmers to supply it. Whe: sufficient capital had been raised, they would select one or two distributing certres. Brandon and Winnipeg were both mentioned in this connection.

In reply to a delegate, J. B. Musselman, managing director of the Co-operative Wholesale Department of the association, said that if the locals wanted to start retail stores within the limits of their charters, the central oraginzation would have no objection; or the central would sell the retailers goods, as they certainly did not wish to drive the retailers out of business.

Replying to another delegate, Mr. Musselman said that the point which the delegates should bear in mind was that the movement was more than a money making concern, although he did not wish to infer that it should be based solely on sentiment, but it was intended to correct and remedy the conditions which, he elaimed, the farmers had found by experience was prejudicial to their interests. The idea was not to cut a cent off binder twine or shade the price of this or that article but to correct evils by setting up an opposition which could do business along eo-operative lines,

## R. M. A. Upsets Plans

Mr. Musselman told the convention that he had made a trip east and while there had contracted with a manufacturer of a well known household neces sity for a large stock, at a price whicl meant a saving to the farmers buying from the wholesale department of from 25 to 33 per cent. The contract was entered into and the goods were to be delivered without the usual trade mark of the manufacturer. The arrangements were fully completed and the wholesale department went as far as to advertise them as shortly available. In the meantime, said Mr. Musselman, the retailers found out about this order and the Retail Merchants' Association of Saskatchewan, whose head office was in Saskatoon, wired the manufacturer that all orders would be cancelled that had
been placed by the retailers if the order of the Co-operative Wholesale Department was filled. The manufacturer had appealed to the speaker, saying that the retailers had it in their power to ruin him and he only wished that the business of the Co-operative Department was large enough and dependable enough to place him in the position of being able to tell the retailers to go elsewhere with their orders.
"The two worst enemies of the Cooperative Department are in Saskatoon," he said. One was the Retail Merchants' Association, and the other he refused to name, although insistently pressed to do so.

A delegate asked if it was the policy of the association to establish co-operative retail stores or to work with the retail merchants or to put them out of business.

Mr. Musselman replied it was not possible to work out the details at the convention and thought the delegates would by now realize why he had suggested sending out men to tell the locals all about the system. If the locals wanted to start retail stores within the limits of their charter, the central would have no objection and if the locals wanted to make a deal with the retailers the central would sell the retailers goods and the central certainly did not want to drive the retailers out of business.

Mr. Maharg said no plans for entering the retail business had been considered; as for the wholesale business, "we must obtain the necessary capital before we enter this. It is up to you to provide the capital." Mr. Maharg referred here to the fact that by becoming life members the capital could be found.

## Opposition From Retailers

The following is an extract from a pamphlet prepared by the president of the association for the education of the farmers, which explains why money is needed to organize a wholesale department. In it he makes reference to opposition met by organized retailers:
"1. The Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association has now had its Cooperative Wholesale Department in operation for a year and a half. During that time a very gratifying use has been made of its facilities by the locals, large quantities of various commodities have been handled and very valuable experience has been gained.
" 2 . From the beginning it has been recognized that any concerted effort on the part of the organized farmers to do their own business would meet with the bitterest of opposition, and this has been doubly true in the securing of our supplies. Quite a number of big wholesale houses which have made millions by their control of the channels of distribution, have signed a solemn compact not to sell "to Co-operative Institutions or Grain Growers' Associations.' They speak of us in a circular marked "Strictly Confidential" as "Consumers who have banded themselves together with the object of purchasing their supplies outside the recognized channels of trade." To the retaiter this circular says: "Can you not see the wisdom and necessity of immediately discontinuing trading with any wholesale house that is supplying Co-operative or Grain Growers' Associations? We are approaching wholesalers in all branches, also milling companies, etc." This was no idle threat. They are still pursuing this course in seeret while openly professing friendliness.
" 3 . Every attempt has been made to boycott the association, without success in many lines it is true, but with a considerable measure of success in others. The large wholesale grocery house that sold us groceries at the start was forced by the organized retail dea.ers to turn us down. From that time on this branch of our business has been carried on under tremendous disadvantages. In spite of thê fact that we have sold thousands of dollars worth of groceries each month, and have beaten all other prices, we have not been securing the values and the service that our locals are entitled to. But we have been learning the business, and building a name in the trade.

## Will Buy Direct

"4. Our Trading Department is now prepared to widen its activities in this direction very greatly. It wi.l go direct to manufacturers, and to Great Britain and other distant sources for supplies. Stocks of goods will have to be carried at several centres so that prompt delivery can be made, and only the very lowest freight charges incurred. Regular wholesale houses are to be opened and a very great saving will be effected. not alone on groceries, but on many other lines that will be carried in our own warehouses.

# Letters to the Editor 

## WHOLESALERS SELLING FARM ERS' CLUBS

Editor Canadian Grocer.-I notice in last week's issue of your paper a complaint by an "Ontario Reader," re some wholesalers selling to farmers' clubs. I further notice your comments on the question, and feel your point is well taken. However, after the retailer has done his part as you suggest, I do not know any way the retailer can give as good prices to farmers' clubs as a wholesaler, as it is impossible for a retailer to buy goods as cheaply as a wholesaler. So we must look for some other remedy.
I do not know of any law under the heavens that will prevent a wholesaler doing these tricks unless it is a law of common sense, and that is to make it unprofitable for him to do so. I would suggest as a remedy that "Ontario Reader" if not already a member of the Retail Merchants' Association, become one, then prove his case and send the proof to the headquarters of that association and have them report the guilty firms to every branch of the association. These things on the part of wholesalers will not stand the light of day. They are cowardly and when you catch a person or firm doing a cowardly act, if they are given publicity enough they generally quit. Individually we are only one, and do not draw much water of ourselves, but unitedly we have some weight. A wholesaler who will sell a farmers' elnb in one section will sell farmers' elubs in other sections and the sooner retailers make their fight, the better for the trade in general.

## ONTARIO GROCER.

## THE TEA TRADE IN CANADA

Editor Canadian Grocer. - At this time when we read so much of preparedness for the development of Canada after the war, it would be well for all lines of trade to look carefully about for means to take advantage of the situation and lift trade out of the old time ruts many have got into.
That the tea trade in Canada is in a rut. few in the business will deny; but its opoortunitv has now eome to pull it out of this rut and put it on the high road to orosverous profitable business for intelligent men.
There never was a more opportune time than the present for every merchant handling tea in Canada to push the sale of this article and build for himself a pleasant profitable and clean ousiness-clean in every sense of the word. Throughout the Dominion and, in
fact, the whole wor'd there is at present a temperance movement the like of which has never before been dreamed of, and this movement will increase in force as the war progresses until finally the use of liquor will be reduced to a very small item in the trade of Canada. Allied to the temperance movement is the disposition on the part of practically everyone and especially those belonging to the nations at war to economize. This will effect not only the alcoholic beverages, but many of the non-alcoholic drinks, and a substitute of some kind will be required by those who give up these expensive beverages. Let every merchant handling tea in the Dominion make that substitute tea. Good tea is very cheap. By this it is not meant low in price, as those in the trade understand prices, but cheap per cup. At a dollar a pound it is estimated that a pound of tea will make 200 cups. sufficient'y strong. The cost per cup therefore, is only $1 / 2$ cent.
Canada up to the present has always been looked upon as a low grade tea market, and much of the rubbish that has been sold as tea has done inestimable harm to the trade. It is unpalatable, horrible stuff to take, and while it may not be positively injurious it at best cannot be good. On the other hand, really good tea, green or black is a delight to the palate, healthful and invigorating.
It has been proved time and again that the public are willing to pay the price for good tea, but the trouble has been for them to get it. Tea of very ordinary quality is too often sold at high prices and recommended as being the finest.
Many merchants frequently say their trade calls for cheap tea (meaning low grade tea). This is one of the ruts the trade has got into, and it rests with the mereliants of Canada to pull the trade out of this rut. The people of Canada want good tea, they have the money to pay for it, and if supplied with the proper article will become in a short space of time the greatest tea drinkers in the world, and a trade that is pleasant, ronest and clean built up that anyone will be proud to be associated with.
Since the beginning of the war, tea has advanced in price but many merchants bave not had the courage to advance the price sufficiently to the consumer to keep the quality up, and complaints on all sides from east and west have been heard that it is almost impossible to get good tea. This policy is doing a great deal of harm. Stop it, seize the present opportunity, enlarge vour trade. and the trade of the whole Dominion by pushing and demonstrating what good tea is and sell it at a fair price.
J. D. HUTCHINS.

John Duncan \& Co.
Montreal, Feb. 22. 1916.

## JAPAN TEA COMTNG TO CANADA

What Government Is Doing to Assist in the Development of the Allies Strength
T. Furuya, of Tokyo, Japan, and representative of the Furuya and Nishimura Company, of tea importers with offices in Montreal, while on a business trip to Canada has given some interesting information on Japan tea exports and business advancement in Japan during recent years.
"The total exports of 1915," he states, "amounted to $\$ 50,000,000$, which has exceeded any previous years. The export of tea for the last year was $\$ 12$,000,000 ; raw silk $\$ 50.000,000$. The rice export is not very great, owing to the large consumption by the people themselves."
Mr. Furnya said the tea trade with Canada was very good, the estimated value of tea imported to this country being $\$ 1,500,000$, and in weight about 7 ,000,000 pounds. Japan shipped to the United States about $42,000.000$, the value being about $\$ 8,500,000$. Speaking of the tea trade with Russia, he maintained it was only in its infancy but through time it would equal any other country.
"The adyancement of Japan within the last ten years has been enormous. European customs are being adopted in business, military and other cire!es. Most of the people wear the European dress. In fact in Tokyo you could searcely believe you were in the Orient.
"The education at the present day is similar to that of European countries. We have our universities, grammar and technieal sehools, where children get a good sound education. The government has now a bill in foree making the English and French languages compulsory which in after life will be a great help to themselves and their country." Mr. Furuya said he had his own children at school in New York, but found they were beginning to get a better knowledge of English than their own language, so he sent them baek to Japan to learn their own first. Mr. Furuva bimself graduated from Miehigan University in 1892.
"Tokyo is a very large and progressive city," said the visitor. "It has at present about $2,000,000$ in population. It is by no means an industrial city, but it is a Government seat with large banks and commercial houses. It is the great market centre for Japan and the present trade is simply flourishing. At the commencement of this great war. the trade, as in every other country, relaxed quite an amount. People looked to the future and began to economize, fearing perhaps the worst was to come. But the days of pessimism are past and everything is going on better than ever.

# What Does "Opening Prices" Mean? 

## Mr. Justice Galt, of Winnipeg, Finds That it Does Not Necessarily Mean Lowest Price of Season-Important Decision in Canned Goods Case-s... +ary Canning Co. and Nicholson \& Bain Figure in Legal Action-In 1913 Canned Tomatoes Dropped Below the "Opening" Prices.

AJUDGMENT was handed down in the court of King's Bench at Winnipeg last week by Mr. Justice Galt, which will be of interest to the whole grocery trade, particularly the wholesalers. The case related to the price of canned tomatoes, and the point on which the whole thing hinged was whether the term "Dominion Canners' opening prices" was synonymous with the term "lowest prices". Judge Galt decreed that they were not synonymous.

Its appears that the Sanitary Packing Co.. plaintiffs in this action, made an agreement a few years ago with the defendants. Nieholson \& Bain, of Winnipeg, to supply canned goods at prices $25 \%$ below "Dominion Canners opening prices. Group A." The Sanitary Paeking Co. used Dominion Canners prices as a standard. In their action they sued the defendant for the price of a large quantity of goods supplied under on agreement of sale dated May 21st, 1913, amounting in all to \$5. 823.64. Nieholson \& Bain admitted the agreement. but denied the interpretation placed upon it by the plaintiffs.

## How The Contract Read

The agreement was as follows:-
"An agreement entered into this 21st day of May 1913, between the Sanitary Packing Company, manufacturers. of Toronto, mentioned as the parties of the first part, and Messrs. Nicholson \& Bain, commission merchants and brokers, of Winnipeg, as parties of the second part. Witnesseth, that the parties of the first part have agreed to sell to the parties of the second part the following goods:-
(Here follows a statement of 55,350 eases of various canned goods, the only ones in disnute ensisting of 29.900 eases Tomatoes 3 's) to be delivered as packed. The orices to be $25 \%$ below Dominion Canners onening prices. Groun A. and $11 / 2 \%$ in twentv days and $21 / 2 \%$ from the remainder, making in all, discounts of $25 \%$. $11 / \mathrm{n} \%$ for twentv davs, and $21 / 2 \%$ for eommission, assuming that the discounts this year shall be on the same ratin as the discounts for last season, otherwise should the discounts be less than last year, the adjustment will be made accordingly.
Paywents. - The goods are to be paid for bv draft at the end of thirty days from shinment, excepting those
that carry the $11 / 2 \%$ discount for eash. All goods must be paid for on or before the 1st of December 1913, and in case goods held over, they shall be held by us at the risk and expense of the parties of the second part.

The parties of the first part agree to deliver $75 \%$ of this order under the usual canners terms."

## The Judgment

In his judgment, Mr. Judge Galt, evplained that it was to the advantage of the trade generally to utilize the price lists issued from time to time by the Dominion Canners. As an example, a contract was shown in evidence between an independent canning company and Campbell Bros. \& Wi'son. but which, be pointed out, differed materially from the contract in question.

The Judge Continued as Follows:-
"The first price list issned by The Dominion Canners. Limited, in 1913, is doted Octoher 1913, and is called "Prime List No. 48". In it "Tomatoes 3 's" are rated under Group "B" at $\$ 1.121 / 2$ nor dozen and under Group " $A$ " at $\$ 1.15$ per dozen. Later on in October 1913. Price List No. 49 was issned, changing the price of Tomatoes 3 's in Group "B" to $971 / \frac{1}{c}$ per dozen, and in Aroup " A " to $\$ 1.00$ per dozen.
"It appears that as a general rule. the prices mentioned in the first price list issued each year by the Dominion Canners, Limited contained the lowest prices at which the goods were sold by that Comnanv durine the season. But the vear 1913 nroved to be excentional and the snpply of tomatoes was considerably in excess of what had been anticibated. and so the price was reduced in List No. 49.
"The question mainlv at issue in the present case is as to whether the plaintiffs are entitled to charge $\$ 1.15$ ner dozen tins, as fixed by List No. 48, for the tomatnes sold to the defendants. or only $\$ 1.00$ ner dozen, as shown in List No. 49. The agreement provides that "The price to he $25 \%$ below Dominion Canners opening prices Groud "A" and $11 / 4 \%$ in 20 davs, ete." In other words, the anestion is, what is the meaning in this agreement of the expression Dominion Canners opening prices.
"The Plaintiffs contend that the words "opening prices" must be construed to mean the prices anpearing
in the first price list applicable to the goods in question in each year.
"The defendants, on the other hand, contend that the words "opening prices" as used by the Dominion Canners, Limited, in their contracts, and as understood by all persons using those terms, mean "the lowest prices" appearing in any price list issued by the Dominion Canners, Limited, during any season.

## "Opening" or "First''?

"The defendants contend that the meaning to be attached to "Dominion Canners opening prices" must be the same meaning as would be attached to the same work when used in a contract made between the Dominion Canners, Limited, and a wholesaler; and that in all such contracts the expression " opening prices" means " lowest prices for the season". It goes without saying that a purchaser may make such bargain as he likes with any vender, and in doing so may utilize one or more provisions taken from forms used by other people. In endeavoring to ascertain from the terms of the contract usually made by the Dominion Canners, Limited, one must bear in mind that it was a special form of contract applicable only to wholesalers who agreed to purchase exclusively from the Dominion Canners, Limited. The principal clause relied upon by the defendants in support of their contention is clause 2, which provides "All private brands or lahels shall be listed in Group "A". The opening prices of standard brands for Group " A " and " B " goods shall be the lowest of the season for these brands. excent as provided for in clauses 11 and 19 ". The first observation that would naturally occur to one in considering the defendants' argument is. why should, the Dominion Canners, Limited, use the words "onening prices" if they really meant "lowest prices". The provision I bave just quoted from the contract does not profess to define the meaning of the words "opening prices" as being the lowesi of the season. The ordinary meaning of the term "opening" would be "first". It is a term so well understood in the stock markets and in ordinary every-day life that one would require very clear evidence to show that it might mean last instead of first.

It is not difficult to understand the meaning of this clause in view of the evidence which was given with regard to the usual course of events in this particular business.

## How the List Changed

"It appears from the evidence that the Dominion Canners, Limited, with their wide experience and ample means of estimating the maturing crop, prepare the price list at as late a date in the season as might be necessary in order to enable them to estimate the crop, and it is to their interest to fix the prices in this first list as accurately as possible. If, for instance, they inserted a charge for tomatoes at $\$ 1.10$ per dozen tins and the crop proved so large that independent dealers could readily sell at $\$ 1$. per dozen tins, the Dominion Canners, Limited, would be subjected to great criticism and much complaint by those who had agreed early in the season to purchase at the prices set forth in their first price list. The evidence also showed, that, as a rule, the prices mentioned in the first price list were the lowest for the season. If unexpected demands for these goods came in the supply would run short and would justify an increase of prices from time to time. At the same time there was always the possibility that the prices mentioned in the first list might, for some unexpected reason, require to be reduceed by The Dominion Canners, Limited. In such an event a wholesaler would be at a disadvantage if he had to pay the higher price fixed by the first list.
"As I understand the evidence, this clause No. 2 is intended to meet such an unexpected occurrence. It does not say that the opening prices shall mean the lowest of the season, but it is a stipulation on the part of the Company that the opening prices shall be the lowest of the season, as they were usually found to be by experience. In iher words, a wholesaler who had bound himself exclusively to the Dominino Canners, Limited, had to pay the first or opening prices, was entitled to claim as against the Dominion Canners, Limited, that the Company had reduced their prices to a lower figure and were now selling in competition with the wholesaler to their detriment. The Dominion Canners, Limited, would thus be liable to the wholesaler for the difference between the first, or opening prices, and the later reduced prices; not because the opening prices were the lowest, but because the Company had agreed that they should be the lowest. It is therefore easy to understand why persons dealing with The Dominion Canners, Limited, under the exclusire contract aforesaid, would act upon the
assumption that the words "opening prices" and "lowest prices" were synonymous.
"The defendants, however, claim that the words, "Dominion opening prices'' have acquired by usage a trade meaning in Manitoba which entitles a wholesaler who employs these words in contracts made with independent canners to the same benefit as a wholesaler dealing with the Dominion Canners, Limited, under their form of contract."

## Evidence of Wholesalers

Evidence was given in support of this usuage by H. B. Gordon, vice-president of the Codville Co., who said "the form of contract is familiar to the trade, opening prices means the lowest prices for the season." Evidence to the same effect was given by Fred Archibald, sales manager for Nicholson \& Bain; Stanley C. Richards, who said "we fix our prices on Dominion Canners opening prices unless we make a flat price"; Wm. P. Riley, sales manager of A. Maedonald, Ltd., who said "when we buy from independents, we sometimes buy on Dominion Canners opening prices. It is well known to the trade, and used every day. Part of our good, were shipped before No. 49 came out. When list 49 came out, they were reduced to $\$ 1$. Evidence to the same effect was given by Alfred 0 . Marrin, of the Jobin Marrin Co. and John F. Newsom.

On the other hand, Samuel Edwin Harris, manager of The T. Eaton Co. Limited, Grocery Department, a witness called by the plaintiff in rebuttal, states: "Have purchased goods Dominion Canners and from Sanitary Packing Co, I would think that the expression "opening prices" meant the first prices of the season. I purchased from Sanitary Packing Co. in 1913, and paid them on the basis on the first list."

Continuing, the judge said:- "The argument of the defendants is not assisted, but is rather negatived by the contract which they put in evidence between the British Canadian Canners, Limited, and Campbell Bros. \& Wilson, Limited. It contains the following clause, "The remaining $50 \%$ of the above varieties of goods contained in the specifications to apply against this contract as well as the total or $100 \%$ of all other varieties of goods contained in the said specifications, are to be charged at the Group " $A$ " opening prices of the Dominion Canners, Limited, for said varieties of goods, less all rebates and allowances that may be granted against the said prices by The Dominion Canners, Limited, to the Western wholesale trade in general, and in addition thereto the Company agrees to grant the wholesaler an extra allow-
ance of 5 c per dozen below the said Group "A" prices". Why should the words in black be inserted if the usage in question were in force? They go a long way towards securing the benefits provided for by The Dominion Canners, Limited contracts, but no such clause is to be found in the agreement in question.

## Two Important Objections

"Even if I considered that the defendants had succeeded in establishing the existence of the usage they claim for wholesalers in Manitoba, which I think would be very doubtful, in view of the above evidence, they would be met by two objections which seem to me to be insuperable. "Firstly, the usage must be siown to be not unreassonable. The wholesaler who purchases goods from the Dominion Canners, Limited, is debited with the Company's "opening prices", but, under the special provisions of his contract, he is entitled to claim an adjustment on the basis of the Company's "lowest prices of the season". The defendants' argument is based on a fallacy which confuses the plain meaning of "Dominion Canners opening prices" taken by themselves and included in the contract in question, with the meaning of the same words taken in conjunction with other provisions of the Dominion Canners special contract, not included in the contract in question. Having regard to the principles applied in Perry V. Barnett, 15 Q. B. D. 388, I think the alleged usage would be unreasonable.
"Secondly,-the usage must be showu to be binding on both of the parties to a contract and not merely on one of them. In the present instance the contract appears to have been made in Ontario, and there is no evidence to fix the plaintiffs with any knowledge of or assent to the usage in question.

## The Decision

"I find, therefore, that the term "Dominion Canners opening prices" as used in the contract in question, means the first prices issued by the Dominion Canners, Limited, in October 1913, as No. 48, and that the price of tomatoes 3's as shown by the said list was $\$ 1.15$ as claimed by the plaintiffs.
"Secondly, assuming, but not deciding that there is a usage amongst wholesale dealers in Manitoba, such as is claimed by the defendants, I find that such usage is not binding upon the plaintiffs."

The annual meeting of the Dominion Canners, will be held in Hamilton, Ont., on Wednesday, March 1, at 11 o'elock a.m.

## Quebec and Maritime Provinces

Chas. E. Jost, of B. \& G. Jost, Guysboro, N.S., passed away recently.

The general store of W. J. Kent \& Co., Bathurst, N.B., was gutted by fire early Feb. 18. The loss is estimated at between $\$ 175,000$ and $\$ 200,000$.

The four-storey brick building known as "La Biscuiterie de Quebec," Quebec, Quebee, was burned February 13th, 1916, causing damage to extent of $\$ 42,000$.

John Patterson, a prominent Montreal business man, died February 10th at his residence. For a number of years he was engaged in the coffee and spice business from which he retired in 1886.

J A. Paulhus, of the D. Hatton Company, Montreal, gave an address before the Retail Grocery Clerks' Association, in their hall at 80 St. Denis street, Feb. 23. His subject was "The History of the Fishing Industry and the Economic Value of Fish as a Food." The appreciation of the audience was indicated by frequent and warm applause.
W. D. Faskin, of West St. John, N.B., died on February 19 as result of an attack of paralysis. He was seventy-three years old, and had been in business for thirty-five years He has served more than ten terms as alderman under th, former system of civic government, was prominent in the Methodist church, a keen curler and an enthusiastic golfer.

## Ontario

W. J. Milton has purchased the general store business of E. P. Boughner, Talbotville, Ont.
John Orr, a traveler for 31 years of Wilson, Lytle \& Badgerow \& Co., Toronto, passed away recently.

Thomas Shaw, treasurer of the London, Ont. Grocers' Association, skipped the Colts Rink that won the silverware at the St. Thomas Bonspiel.

Harry Ranahan, grocer London, Ont., is installing handsome new shelving with several mirrors in between. He is also re-decorating the store inside.
E. M. Hobson, wholesale and retal dealer in groceries and provisions, of Cochrane, Ont., has been in Toronto the past week attending to the purchase of a cold storage plant for his business.
T. M. Humble has been elected secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association, Toronto branch, in succession to J. C. Van Camp, who on the advice of
his physician has retired from active work for the time being.

Linton \& Sample have bought the grocery business of A. H. Scarff, of Essex, Ont. Mr. Scarff is going to take a well earned rest, after twenty years in business. Mr. Sample formerly clerked for J. K. Miller, grocer, Essex, Ont. Mr. Linton was in a bank in Harrow, Ont.

Claude W. Warde, for the past three years agent of the Canadian and American Express Companies, St. Thomas, Ont., has become accountant and office manager of the St. Thomas Packing Co.,

R. J. McLean.

Mr. McLean presided at annual convention of the Canadian Produce Assoclation as president for 1915-16. He is manager of the produce department of The Bowes Co., Toronto.
succeeding C. E. Rocke, who goes to Windsor to engage in a provision busi-

## ness.

James C. Horton died at the family residence, Shedden, Ont., last week, at the age of 62 years, 11 months. Thirtyeight years ago the deceased conducted a grocery store for a number of years at Shedden, went from there to St. Thomas and conducted a grocery business on the site of where the Just Wright Shoe Factory now is, after which he returned to the old Homestead at Shedden. He was also a member of the council of the Township of Southwold in 1912 and 1913 from which he retired on account of his health not being good.

## Western Canada

All Western branch managers of $E$. L. Drewery, have been in Winnipeg for a convention.
R. Curle, Redvers, Sask., called on the Winnipeg trade while on a visit to his parents last week.

The branch managers of Nicholson \& Bain arrived in Winnipeg last week, and were in conference for several days.
F. E. Raymond, secretary of Retail Merchants' Association, Saskatoon, Sask., has contracted a severe attack of la grippe, and is confined to his bed.

Reed A. Chapman, credit manager for the Codville Co., Brandon, Man., has been moved to the head office at Winnipeg. Before leaving, Mr. Chapman was tendered a banquet by his friends.

Most of the travelers of the Western Canada Flour Mills were in Winnipeg last week on account of the bonspiel, business being disorganized in the country owing to the large number of merchants being away.

Smith \& McDougall, Granum, Alta., expect to open their new business on March 1st. The building is undergoing a renovation. The lines of business will be confectionery, grocery, ice cream parlor, restaurant and boarding house.

Among those who called on the trade during Bonspiel week were R. W. Ferrier, Kenora, Ont.; A. G. P. Smellie, Russell, Man.; H. J. Cummer, Keewatin, Ont.; A. Thornback, of Thornback and Scholes, Shoal Lake, Man.; James Hough, Birtle, Man.; D. N. Randall, North Portal, Sask., of the firm of Randall \& Douglas.

During the visit to the bonspiel at Winnipeg, many merchants from Manitoba and Saskatchewan met under the auspices of the Retail Merchants' Association. At one of their meetings a resolution was passed that a trust company be formed to buy up stocks of bankrupt firms, which would be sold at auction to retail merchants in some of the large centres, such as Winnipeg. This will do away with the bankrupt sales now being held by creditors, which usually hamper dealers in the towns where the sale is being held. The resolution will be sent to the Winnipeg wholesalers. Other subjects discussed were in connection with the collection of small debts, best buying methods, co-operative buying for small town stores in order to compete with mail order houses, and the taxation of mail order houses.

# Sugar Higher: Dried Fruits Firmer 

Advance Forecast in Sugars Materialized-Ten Per Cent. Rise in Eastern Canada, Manitoba and Saskatchewan-Prunes and Curcants in Sharp Demand-Denmark and<br>Norway Buying Raisins-Seed Tapioca Higher and Equal to<br>Pearl-More English Lines Advancing.

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T1 HE sugar market advanced during the week, which was not unexpected in view of fact that the trade had looked for such an increase towards the latter part of last week. Canadian Grocer pointed this out in these columns at the time. The New York market is exceedingly firm, the Cuban market and freight conditions in relation thereto being largely in control of the situation, although the crop is reported to be extensive, there seems to be strong demand and there is no doubt at all that refiners both in United States and Canada have been caught short on raws. The theorv has been advanced before and it seems a not unreasonable one that had it not been for local competition there would have been an advance in prices of raws ere this. One or two refiners, however, had good stocks and were therefore able to stave off higher prices. There are no new features since the advance took place; the rise was preceded by fairly heavy buying with result that wholesalers are now holding substantial stocks.

Following the weakness and something like dullness which has been apparent in the flour market, chiefly on export accounts. prices on flour have decreased 20c this week. This is not unexpected inasmuch as freight situation is now so seriously inconvenienced in the flour and grain trade that export trade is being knocked on the head very severely. Domestic demand is about all the millers are catering to at present. This demand, though good, is not enough to hold up fairly stiff levels, and prices have sunk. On the other hand, if the ocean freight should clear and bottome are found for transportation use to England and Europe generallv. we should see recourse to former high levels. At that a drop of 20 c is not very monumental and opinion of most millers is that it is only a temporary movement, and that higher prices rather than lower are what loom on the horizon.

Navel oranges as they come in greater supplies are cheaper. This week the market registered a distinet decline, although Florida's are increased in price. There has been a good demand for both oranges and apples ever since before Christmas. So far as the apple situation is concerned the stocks are apparently taking care of the increased demand sufficiently and prices, while remaining firm, show no further disposition towards advance.

Potatoes once more are going in for vagaries and are up on many markets this week. It is felt in trade circles that potatoes generally are strong and liable to further advance.

## Quebec Markets

Montreal, Feb. 24.-Announcement of the details of the new White budget appears to have had little effect upon grocery markets. The two principal lines upon which interest centred were tea and sugar, and far from showing any weakness, the former has continued in a good strong position, and the latter has recorded an advance of 10 c . However, bnying of either has not been heavy. In
case of tea, there was general buying in fair quantities as a protective measure before the budget came down, while with sugar wholesalers bought freely before the rise, which had been generally predieted.

Reports in the trade are to effect that retailers have been purchasing freely in mest lines, although orders have not been large. An exception, however, is noted in molasses, of which there have been fairly heavy purchases. This market is being followed with great deal of interest, and buying, which has been comparatively heavy, is being encouraged

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    Markets in Brief
    QUEBEC MARKETS.
GENERAL MARKETS-
    Sugar up }10\mathrm{ cents.
    Molasses tending upwards.
    Tea firm in price.
    English chocolate and cocoa higher.
    Currants and raisins firm.
FLOUR AND CEREALS-
    Flour down 20e harrel.
PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS
    Eggs drop 5c dozen.
    Butter steady.
FRUIT AND VEGETABLES-
    Messina lemons drop.
        ONTARIO MARKETS.
FLOUR AND CEREALS
    Manitobas drop 20 cents.
    Feed flour stiff.
    Big demand for feeds.
    Cornmeal slightly easier.
FRUIT AND VEGETABLES-
    Several new vegetables arriving.
    Rhubarb, spinach and lettuce in.
    Decrease in navels.
    Celery in demand.
    Cranberries a drug.
FISH AND OYSTERS-
    Little change in prices.
    Demand speeds up for Lent.
    Whitefish selling well.
    Cape Cod oysters selling.
    Herrings in demand.
PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS-
    Dairy butter recovers.
    No change in cheese.
    New laids still cheaper.
    All poultry higher.
GENERAL GItOCERIES
    Teas up in London.
    Sugar up 10 cents.
    Seed taploca hlgher.
    Prunes in keen demand.
    Currants higher in primary.
    English products advancing.
            MANITOBA MARKETS.
FLOUR AND CEREALS-
    Flour down 20c.
    Rolled oats market very weak; quota-
    tions as low at $2.15.
    Feeds quiet; no change.
FRUIT AND VEGETABLES-
    Potatoes still high.
    Lettuce and radishes arriving.
    Apple quotations unchanged.
    FISH AND POULTRY-
    Good demand for smoked flsh.
    Little fresh fish arriving.
    Poultry scarce; demand good.
    Kippers still $2 box.
PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS-
    Decline in lard reported.
    Cheaper eggs expected.
    Butter market unchanged.
GENERAL, GROCRRIES-
    Advance in sugar announced.
    Cocoanut up 2e per lb.
    Higher prices on currants.
    #io eoffees higher.
    No decline in raisins expected.
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by recent strength, with promises to offset decline naturally expected from the high price levels which have prevailed during the entire season. Prices for new erop molasses for delivery in May

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and June are 6c higher than opening quotations ,and this will probably hold market firm at present prices unless there is marked improvement in ocean transportation.

The advance in sugar and the decline in flour, referred to in another department, were the outstanding features of the week. As in the case of other advances reported recently, the rise in sugar is largely due to difficulties in transportation, and has probably been made with idea of bringing out supplies more freely.

English chocolate and cocoa have been advanced, the latter 10 c a dozen on $1-\mathrm{lb}$. tins and correspondingly on other sizes. This advance has been expected for some time in view of increasing cost of importation, which has finally had its effect. Stearine candles, which also are imported from England, are up 1c. The market for all chemical products handled by the grocer, such as sulphur, sal soda, borax, alum, caustic soda, ete., is strong, and continually advancing prices may be expected.
SUGAR.-An advance of 10 c on all lines of sugar has gone into effect since last report. Extra granulated in $100-\mathrm{lb}$. bags is now quoted $\$ 6.75$. Cuban market and freight conditions in relation thereto are controlling the situation. Atthough the crop is reported to be a big one there also appears to be strong demand, and one theory of recent rise is that efforts are being made to bring forward supplies. Late reports indicate that market is not particularly strong on the advance. The higher prices were expected, and the rise was preceded by fairly heavy buying, with result that wholesalers are holding substantial stocks. Naturally, under the conditions described, buying is not active at present time.


DRIED FRUITS.-Generally speaking, dried fruit market is strong, with evident tendencies to advance in some lines. Prunes, though quoted at same prices as last report, continue to hold strong position. Quotations on currants in packages have been advanced $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$, to 13 e ; this follows an advance in primary markets, and there seems to be no more
offering at former figure. The market on raisins is strong owing to fact that large quantities are being shipped to Europe from California for army consumption. Advance of 1 c in primary markets has been made, and it may be expected that this rise will shortly be reflected in local quotations. Indications are that market for both raisins and currants will be well maintained, and that before November materially higher prices will prevail.


Raisins-


P'ices gaoted on all lines of fruits are liable to be aded for quantities, according to the state of market.
MOLASSES AND SYRUPS.-Contrary to what might have been expected, quotations on new crop molasses remain unchanged. Strength of market has developed from fact that following first arrivals of new crop supplies, there has been material increase in price of future bookings. This, coming at a time when prices for new and old supplies were in course of adjustment; has checked decline from high levels which formerly prevailed. It is pointed out that prices of new stocks for shipment two months hence are 6e higher than opening quotations, and under these conditions it looks as if lower prices which were being looked for will not be realized. Explanation of new trend of market is that in addition to great difficulties as regards transportation facilities, sugar has advanced, and this has direct effect on price of raw material.


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Cane Syines. $\because$ It. tins, $1 / 4 \mathrm{doz}$ in case............... 285
 ${ }_{3} 6$ Coses, 2 ib. tins, 2 doz in case..................... $\mathbf{o}_{60} 6$ SPICES.-Reports from New York indicate that conditions in spice markets there are still unsettled, and this condition is reflected to a more or less extent locally. Black pepper is showing tendency as regards immediate future. The price can only be regarded as nominal indication of market.


TEA.-Now that budget has been brought down without any war tax on teas, market-at least temporarily-has developed a quiet tone. Belief that a tax would be imposed was not generally a strong one of late, yet there were a great many dealers, perhaps the majority, protected themselves to extent of placing orders for reasonable quantities. Thus, on one hand, those who bought have fair supplies on hand; others who were of opinion that there would not be a tax will undoubtedly hesitate before placing orders to see what adjustments may take place under conditions now existing. Primary markets are reported as being in even stronger position than a week ago, and there is no indication of any material weakness locally.
COFFEE.-The difficulties in regard to ocean transportation, to which reference has been made in these reports from time to time, are still dominant feature of coffee situation. There has been no improvement, and it is difficult to say what future holds. It is rather surprising that only low-grade Rios have been affected so far in this market. These have advanced half a cent since last report, and this is second rise of same amount since first of year. Just why low-grade Rios have been affected and others have not is difficult to say, but one theory is that it has been result of increased European demand.


RICE AND TAPIOCA.-Strength is being maintained in rice situation. As has been stated frequently, market is practically controlled by transportation conditions, which are rar from showing

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any improvement. British Government has in some cases allowed vessels to go to shipping points for purpose of loading rice solely for the United Kingdom. Result has been that boats cannot be obtained for other destinations. On top of this, Indian farmers, for reasons which we cannot understand, are holding to their supplies. Demand is quiet, but normal, and if the Lenten season or warmer weather should bring an improved demand, higher prices would undoubtedly prevail under present conditions.

Following the advances in tapioca which took place last week, the markel is remarkably firm.


NUTS.-An advance of 1 c on Filberts to 34 e is about only feature. Otherwise prices continue steady, and business passing is about normal for season.


DRIED VEGETABLES.-Demand ior peas and beans is seasonably quiet, but up to normal, and market continues quiet at recent quotations. Unless there are urexpected developments, situation is not expected to show any material change for some time to come.


## Ontario Markets

Toronto, Feb. 24.-Further to report of last week as to the increased cost of English importations, English-made candies, chocolates and cocoas are ail showing advances. In addition, less is coming forward, and spot stocks are, therefore, much in demand from those who carry them. Cocoas are firm all round.

The first sales of Canfornia Valencias were made the other day in New Yorkthat is, present season stuff. There was a sharp demand. Crop is reported average.

An increasing demand is noticed for salt fish as Lenten season and Fish Day approaches. Smelts, prawns and shrimps, and the like all appear to be in good demand, and hotel trade is noticeably better than usual

Item of interest to retailers is the detailed fruit market report this week. Navel oranges are getting more plentiful, and, unlike Floridas, price is lower. Floridas took a sharp jump, however. There are several new vegetables arriving. Rhubarb, lettuce, turnips, spinachall these should be noted. Strawberries, also from Florida, are getting cheaper and more plentiful every week.

Big news-interest happening this week was the advance in sugar. Readers will remember that in these columns last week we expressed surprise that this had not already taken place, in view of relation of refined to raws, latter being so hard to get and so expensive. New York further advanced; so did Canadian markets. Some sugar men, even now, however, think our levels are low.

SUGAR.-There was an advance of 10c this week, refiners advancing prices on strength of raws. There was excellent demand for refined from all quarters. Toronto followed New York's lead, of course, being three or four days later in so doing. New York finds raws and refined alike strong. Greece, Italy, Switzerland and Scandinavia are all in the market for supplies, and it is hinted by some sugar men that, despite proposed curtailment of imports in England, the latter will be compelled to buy. In Toronto, sugar is now on the basis of $\$ 6.81$, and demand is fair to middling, supplies keeping the tone firm. A year ago sugar was just about same price as to-day.


MOLASSES AND SYRUPS.-There is a fair inquiry for molasses, even at the higher prices registered. With sugar sitnation adjusted it is thought there
may be some easiness apparent in near future. Freight troubles are tending, on the other hand, to strengthen levels. Offerings of sugar syrups are somewhat limited, and there is a good inquiry demand from domestic and export trades.
TEA.-Ceylon market in London this week is up a farthing, and firm at that. No new factor appears. Heavy buying from Allied armies for trenches, Russia's greatly increased demand, and England's maintained consumption-all these are causes and the effect is a firm and high market. Meanwhile stocks are plentiful at Calcutta and Colombo, though quality in many cases is "nothing to write home about." There is no new feature to demand here.
DRIED FRUITS.-Prices on prunes at the Coast continue to be firm, and reports indicate probabilities of advances. Future and spot stocks alike are in keen demand. This condition is reflected in this market, where retailers are buying often and in good quantities. There is no advance to report at this writing, but a firm tone exists. Exports to Denmark and Norway and other continental countries of raisins from California have firmed them up at Coast. Here tone is fairly strong, though demand is not heavy, and dealers are reputed to be simply buying hand-to-mouth as needed. Currants are up once more in primary market. New York is quiet, however, taking view that dealers have been quietly stocking up for some months now. This would appear to be duplicated in Toronto, where actual orders are not many. Scarcity of supplies, however, more than balances this up, and a tightness exists at present. Peaches are finding considerable trading at present; firmness exists at Coast and in New York, and stocks are none too heavy. Evaporated apples and peels are only getting a seasonable demand.


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Seediess, ${ }^{16}$ oan pachetis $\qquad$ -14\% : Raspberries, black, aried, \$-1h bores.... © to © $\frac{12}{}$
NUTS.-There is little excitement in this market, most lines experiencing small orders, and not too frequent at that. There is some interest evinced in new crop (1916) Brazils, due in New York soon, and, therefore, due here in near future. This is said to be whole month ahead of last year, when no stocks came in, before end of March and beginning of April. Quality is said to be good. In New York new crop stuff is now being booked at 10c for large Manoas and half a cent more for large washed.


BEANS.-No further increase in price has been registered since our last week's report, but beans remain very scarce and much in demand, so that all their strength in price remains. Same applies to peas, which-good quality stuff-can 't be secured, apparently, no matter what buyers are willing to pay. Blue peas are firm; only a few-a mere drop in the bucket-are known of.


SPICES.-Cloves are higher, freight difficulties being a potent factor in this behalf. Nutmegs also show a sharp advance. Greatest advances of all are noted in peppers, both black and white having a firm tone, and being much in demand. Stocks are certainly slight; now is the retailer's buying time.


COFFEE.-Proposed additional shipping facilities from Brazil has affected lines which come thence, and there is an easier, not to say a weaker, tone noticeable. There is only a moderate.] grade, however. Low grades coffees display some buying activity, orders being larger in bulk. No price changes have occurred.


RICE AND TAPIOCA.-In addition to advance last week in pearl tapioca, seed is also up this week, making the two quotations now level. Seed is actually costing importers ninepence more per hundred than pearl, and is in keen demand. Stocks are none too heavy.


CANNED GOODS.-The trade is buying. Orders are materially rising; there are more inquiries, and more of them turning into business. Tomatoes seem a good buy at present; with light supplies and heavy demand, price is firm. Corn and peas have more than their usual quota of business too.
\$2.15, but millers are not anxious for business at this figure; currants have advanced to $121 / 4 \mathrm{e}$ for Filiatras, and 14 c for Vostizzas.

SUGAR.-All Eastern sugars were advanced 10 c last week and 10 c this week. This was expected for a long time, and did not affect buying seriously, as demand has been up to average almost right along. The B. C. Sugar Refining Company have advanced their prices here 30 c in all, making a total advance of 40 c per cwt . per bag. The market continues strong in the United States, price of refined advancing on Friday a further 15 c , and the Winnipeg wholesale trane would not be surprised to see further adances here. The cause of this is attributed to transportation troubles, and to difficulty in handling it at New York, where there have been a number of strikes.
Standard granulated
Extra ground or icing
Extra ground or icing, boxe
Powdered, boxes
Powdered, bbla
Hard lumy ( 19 -1
Hard lump (19-16. case)
Montreal, yellow, bags
gar. Western Ontario-
Sacks, per 100 lbs.
Halves, 90
Halves, 90 lbs ,, per cwt
Bales, 20 lbs.,
Bales, 20 los., per ewt.
Powdered, 50s
Powdered,
Powdered, 58
50
Powdered,
Icing, 50s
Cut loaf, barrels
cut loaf,
Cut
ugar, British Columbia
Extra standard, granulated
Bar sugar, bbls.
Bar sugar, boxes
Bar sugar, boxes
Icing sugar, bbls.
Icing sugar, boxes
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## Manitoba Markets

Winnipeg, Feb. 24.-The talk of the trade is the advance in sugar by Eastern refiners. There was advance information, for it was pretty well understood that an advance would take place several days before change was made. Thc B. C. Sugar Refinery did not change their quotations in B. C., Sask., or Alberta, but advanced Manitoba prices 10c. The stiffer market had little effect on demand, which has been good right along. There is no further change in syrups, which are having a big sale.

Potato market continues to attraci attention, but no further change has been made locally since the big jump of last week. For Manitobas, local loades, dealers are asking $\$ 1.25$, and some as high as $\$ 1.50$. It is predicted that the latter will be nearer the figure by the end of month. By carload, they are quoted at $\$ 1.15$. As the crop in Manitoba was rather small last year, the trade must depend on Alberta potatoes to a great extent.
The following are some of the changes of the past week:-Cocoanut is up 2e per lb.; rolled oats are quoted as low as

SYRUPS.-Demand continues good, for corn syrups especiatly, and market is firm. There has been an advance in the molasses market. The cane syrup market is rather quiet.


Manitoba Markets

DRIED FRUITS.-All lines of California stuff continue firm, although few advances have been made by jobbers here. One thing is certain, there have been no declines. Currants continue to go up on primary market, and there seems to be no limit to prices being paid. It is noticed, however, in the West that the high prices are affecting consumption, the demand for currants having fallen off considerably for both package and bulk. Currants are up again locally, and the following prices are being quoted:-Filiatras, wet clean, $121 / 4 \mathrm{c}$; Vostizzas, wet clean, 14 c ; dried elean,
$1 / 22^{\text {e }}$ less in both cases; packages are offered at $117 / \mathrm{sc}$, an advance of $3 / 8 \mathrm{~s}$. There is a feeling in some quarters that decline might take place in seeded raisins, but California importers differ, big sales having been made for May shipment on chance of a possible advance. In view of the heavy exportations from California to Europe, a weakening in the seeded raisin market is unlikely.

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Dried Frmits-
    Evaporated apples, choice, 50's
    Evaporated apples,
    Pears, choice, 'S,'
Apricots, choice, '5',
Apricots, choice, 20's
    Choice, 25-1b}\mathrm{ boxe
        Choice, 10-1b. boxes
Currants-
        Dry ciean
        lb. package
Dates-
        b. package
    Hallowee, loose, per lb
        Hallowee, 12-oz. pkgs.
Raisins, Califomia-
    lol}\begin{array}{l}{16\mathrm{ oz, fancy, seeded}}\\{16\textrm{oz}.choice,seeled}
    l6 oz. choice,seeled
Raisins, Muscatels-
    $ crown, loose, 25's
Raisins. S,loose.
    California, 50's, fancy bleached
        California, 25's, fancy bleacher
    16-oz. pkgs.
Raisins, Valencia-
    4-cr. layers, 28-1b. boxes
    4-cr. layers, 8-1b. boxes
        Fancy selecte.t, 14-1b. boxes
        4-cr. layers, 25-1b. boxes
        4-cr. layers, 50-1b}\mathrm{ . boxes
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        M0 to 100, 25s _..............
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    DRIED VEGETABLES.-There is good demand for beans, and market remains high. Prices are expected to stay where they are for some time on account of low-grade stock sent in from Ontario this year. The demand is exceptionally good, considering high prices, and this is attributed more or less to the high price of potatoes, and fact that during present mild weather it is difficult to keep the latter from thawing. The custom in the country is to drop sacks of potatoes into the snow, dropping them into cold water, and bringing the water to a boil. When the potatoes are allowed to thaw in the ordinary way, they get black and streaky. Peas are moving slowly, and $61 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ is being quoted in small quantities.


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California Lima Beans-
    Bag lots, 80-1b. sacks
Barley-
    Barley-315
3
18Peas- \(\begin{aligned} & \text { Split peas, sack, } 98 \text { lbs. }\end{aligned}\)\({ }_{5}^{5 \%}\)
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RICE.-Situation here is about the same as has existed during past two or three weeks, the market being firm. In primary market high prices are being asked for tapioca.


SPICES.-There do not appear to have been many important changes this week, but the feeling is growing among jobbers that nearly all spices will be costing the retailer more money before long. Following the firmer feeling in primary market, local jobbers are advancing quotations on peppers, nutmegs and cocoanut.

COFFEE.-There have been advances during past six weeks or so in Rios amounting to about 10 per cent., although local wholesalers have not altered their prices much so far, but they will be compelled to sooner or later. Difficulty here again seems to be transportation, there being little space offering from Rio to New York; most of the bottoms are required for Old Country shipments. Firmness has resulted in a better demand for coffee locally.

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Coffee-
        Green, choice, No. }7\mathrm{ Rio
    Green, choice
    Greasted Rio
    Green Santos
Maracal
Chico1s.. lb,., by bbl.
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TEA.- Owing to heavy purchases made by the trade in anticipation of a duty on tea, there was some disappointment felt when it was announced that no duty had been imposed by the Finance Minister. However, jobbers ste no reason why dealers should be sorry as long as they have bought within reason, as primary market is exceedingly firm, and has advanced several cen!s during past six weeks or so. Wholesale prices in Winnipeg are not changed materially, but they likely will be when higher-priced goods arrive on this market.

CANNED GOODS.-The demand for canned vegetables of all kinds is exceptionally good just now, and it would not be surprising if prices were higher later on. : Quotations in the meantime are reasonable.

## ALBERTA MARKETS (EDMONTON)

 By Wire.Edmonton, Feb. 24.-Markets past week have been steady, and wholesalers report sales ahead of January. Evaporated fruits and canned goods are moving freely, also canned salt fish. There is a decline of 10 c per hundred in flour. Japan beans are getting scarcer and higher owing to difficulty of securing ocean space. There is no change in sugar in Edmonton this week, although up in the East. Molasses have advanced Japan beans are now $71 / 2 \mathrm{c} \mathrm{lb}$. Bran is up to $\$ 20.00$, and potatoes are high at 60c. Shorts are up $\$ 2$ a ton to $\$ 22$. Cheese is higher at 21e;
bacon, bellies, 22c; butter, creamery, 38 c ; dairy, No. 2, 30c; eggs are 55c; No. 1, 50e, and No. 2, 30e. Currants are firmer at $131 / 2^{c}$.

| General- 0 cria |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Bran, ton ........ | 2000 |
| Coffee, whole roasted, Rio | 018.019 |
| Potatoes, per bush. | 060 |
| Rolled oats, 20 's, 70 c ; 40 s | 135 |
| Rolled oats, bail, \$3.05; 80's | 265 |
| Flour, fancy patents, 98-1b. sack | 340 |
| Flour, seoonds | 290 |
| Rice, Siam, per cwt. | 415 |
| Shorts, per ton | 2200 |
| Sugar, standard gran., per | 795 |
| Sugar, yellow, per cwt. ..... | 755 |
| Walnuts, shelled, lb. | 038 |
| Prodnce and Provisions- |  |
| Chrese, lb. | 021 |
| Bacon, lb, 20c; bellies, 1 l . | 022 |
| Butter, creamery, per lb. | 038 |
| Butter, dairy, No. 1, 32c; | 030 |
| Eggs, extra, per doz | 055 |
| Egga, No. 1 | 050 |
| Eggs, No. 2 |  |
| Lard, lb, pure | $0151 / 2$ |
| Canned Goods- |  |
| Corn, standard, per two dozen | 225 |
| 1'eas, standard, 2 dozen ............... | 225 |
| Peas, standard, 2 dozen | 220 |
| Plums Lombard | $2 \%$ |
| Peaches | 350 |
| Strawberries, \$4.45; Raspberries | 400 |
| Tomatoes, standard, per 2 doz......... | 296 |
| Salmun, sockeye, 4 doz. talls, case, is | 965 |
| Salmon, pinks, case ......... | 414 |
| Cohoes, 1's, \$5.80; humpbacks, 1's. | 435 |
| Lobster .................................... | 235 |
| Dried Fruits- |  |
| Currants, per 1b. |  |
| Prunes, 70-80, 25's | $0091 /$ |
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## ALBERTA MARKETS (CALGARY) By Wire.

Calgary, Feb. 24.-Ginger bread molasses is up 35 e to 50 c a case. Toilet paper has advanced about 5 per cent. Sago and tapioca are quoted at $71 / 2 \mathrm{e}$, with further advance likely. Local potatoes are dearer at 60 c to 75 e per bushel. No. 1 apples are $\$ 2$ to $\$ 2.25$. Cooking are $\$ 1.25$ to $\$ 1.75$. Onions are likely to be very dear. Molasses, extra fancy, are 75c gallon. Storage eggs are practically all out. Minnesota new-laids are $\$ 8.50$ a case.
General-

Racon, smoked barks, per 1 m .
Bacon, smoked bellies, per 1 l .

$\qquad$
odnce and Provisions-
Cheese. No. 1, Ontario, large, per lb.
Rutter, creamery, 1b. Rntter, creamery, lb.


Seans, Japan,
Bran, ton
$.1 / 2$
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Dried Fruits-
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Bran, ton
Coffee, whole roast
Potatoes, per bush.

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ice, Siam, per
Shorts, per ton
ugar, standard gran., per ewt Valnuts, shelled, ib.
duce and Provisions-
Bacon, lb, 20c; bellies, 1
Butter, dairy, No. $1,32 \mathrm{c}$; No. 2
gggs, extra, per doz. Lard, lb., pure
Corn, standard
eas, standard, 2 dozen
Plums Lombard
Strawberries, $\$ 4.45$ : Raspherri............................
Tomatoes, standard, per 2 doz
Salmun, sockeye, 4 doz. talls, case, is
almon, pinks, case

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## SASKATCHEWAN MARKETS

 By WireRegina, Feb. 24.-Milder weather is prevailing here and this has had wholesome effect on market conditions generally. There has been an advance of ten cents in sugar brings price up to $\$ 7.84$. The new duty on American apples becomes effective here immediately.


## NEW BRUNSWICK MARKETS By Wire

St. John, Feb. 24. - The week was marked by numerous changes in market due to various circumstances. American clear pork is up to $\$ 27$ to $\$ 28$. Flour is slightly of, Manitoba now being $\$ 7.85$ and Cintario \$7.10. Sugar shows the anticipated general advance of ten cents in all grades and varieties except lump. White beans are searce and poor in quality, price is $\$ 4.10$ to $\$ 4.15$. Rice has advanced to $\$ 5$ and 5.25 . Cream tartar is easier at 45 to 51 cents. Potatoes are firm at $\$ 3.75$. Lemons are now $\$ 5$ to $\$ 6$, oranges $\$ 3.50$ to $\$ 4$. Florida oranges $\$ 3.50$ to $\$ 4$. Messina lemons are off $\$ 4.50$ to $\$ 5$.



## CANADIANS HEAD N. C. R. in CANADA

The National Cash Register Company, of Canada, Limited, is the style of a company which has recently secured a charter at Ottawa. The company's capital of $\$ 1,000,000$ is all paid up.

The Canadian business of the Nationa! Cash Register Company has heretofore been operated as a branch of the Na tional Cash Register Company, of Dayton, Ohio.

The Canadian business has been under the management of H. J. Daly, who will be managing director of the new corporation. The other officers of the new company will be made up of Canadians entirely, with W. J. Irvine as assistant manager, and W. L. Tobias as factory superintendent

The large plant on Christie street in Toronto, is said to be one of the most modern and efficient manufacturing institutions on this continent, and the company, in completing this plant have had in mind the growth of Canada for many years to come.

## IMPORTED GOODS SITUATION

In previous issues Canadian Grocer has published interviews with importers on the problem of getting goods from abroad and the advancing prices.
Z. Hebert, manager, Hudon, Hebert \& Co., Limited, wholesale grocers, Montreal, adds that at the present juncture it proves very hard for them to get all the goods they require from abroad.
"We must state right away," he further states, "that labor, most especially expert labor, has become very scarce in all the belligerent countries. This means that the production of all goods is more or less curtailed, whether it applies to raw material, manufactured articles, or to such goods as are used and consumed in their original state. Again, the governments of these countries, through their commandeering several commodities, make the situation still more trying.
"Of course the above refers principally to Great Britain and France, from where we import most of our goods. However, conditions in France are worse than in Great Britain, and this for obvious reasons. This state of things is bound, most naturally, to enhance prices a great deal. Further. there is the question of transport, which has become most
serious. There are only a few ships available, which fact is of course bound to have rates soar up considerably. The consequence is that sailings are very few, and so distant that it cripples the coming over of goods a great deal."

## HONOR ROLL

W. E. Orton, merchant of Tillesville, Sask., has sold out his business to enlist with the 128th Batt., for overseas service.
A. E. Shaver, of the Uneeda Grocery, Brockville, Ont., has disposed of his business and enlisted with the 156 th Battalion for overseas service.
J. Stuart, manager of the Stuart Jam Manufacturing Company, Sarnia, Ont., has offered his services to the 149th Lambton Battalion, and will be sergeantdispenser of the medical corps. Mr. Stuart, along with his brother, has been carrying on a jam business for some time, and after making all the necessary business arrangements, he enlisted. He is recognized as a successful chemist, and will be a great help to the battalion.

## SELLING MAPLE SYRUP AND PANCAKE FLOUR <br> (Continued from page 21.)

matter when it is made in the future. I have customers to-day asking for particular brands of goods which we introduced to them during campaigns of 1915.
"My contention is that every dealer has it in his power to introduce such goods and to aetually sell them to indifferent customers. If we did not seli these extra goods the turnover and profits would greatly suffer at the end of the year."

## Order Taker Versus Salesman

There is a great deal in what John Brighton has said in regard to creating demand. The merchant who sits in his store, or stands behind the counter and fills the orders that are asked for is not a salesman. He may be courteous, painstaking, and he may be anxious to give a quick service and everything else, but unless he and his clerks actually introduce goods themselves, the measure of their success will not be great. Recall some of the large stores as well as some of the successful stores in which you have been, and you will find there merchants and elerks who are real salesmen. They present goods to customers which are not asked for, but which they know will bring satisfaction. They do not wait for demand always, because the difference between waiting for demand and creating new business is in the majority of cases difference between failure and success.

# Strawberries Down: Onions Higher 

Turnips, Spinach and Rhubarb Arriving-Navels Lower, But Florida Oranges Higher-Unions and Potatoes Advancing

## MONTREAL

FRUIT.-By reason of heavy arrivals on a comparatively bare market there has been a pronounced decline in lemon market from former high levels. Verdillis are now quoted at $\$ 3$, and Messinas at $\$ 3$, the drop in each case being $\$ 1$. In sympathy with this situation California supplies show a decline of 50 c being noted to $\$ 3.25$ to $\$ 3.50$-there are not many of these sold in this market. The indications are that the price will remain steady around $\$ 2.75$ to $\$ 3$ for some time. Another drop in navel oranges is noted, quotation now being $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 3.10$. Decline here is due to heavy receipts following improved weather conditions in California, and shipments being more freely made; it is not erpected that there will be any marked change in situation as now indicated for some time to come. While there is no general change in the quotations for apples, at the close of auction this week, market was strong and real fact is that good apples are scarce and in fair demand. The first car of California blood oranges sold at auction this week. The larger sizes-176, 200, 216 and 250 -sold at $\$ 3.50$, and smaller sizes around $\$ 2.25$; quotations to the trade will be made next week. A feature of market is decline of nearly $\$ 1$ per bunch in bananas. The condition is a temporary one, and is the result of unusually cold weather which generally has the effect of relucins consumption about 50 per cent.

is quiet with cold weather prevailing. $\Lambda$ car of very fancy Florida tomatoes arrived and are selling at $\$ 4.50$ for a sixbasket crate; these are the best that have been received for some time and they are a marked improvement over recent arrvals. Situation in potatoes continues firm at prevailing prices. There seem to be very good supplies of New Brunswicks and some from below Quebec, but these have had no effect on the prices and it is not likely that there will be any change in the near future. Artichokes are very scarce and will be until spring weather arrives; the price will undoubtedly continue steady until then. Canadian Brussels sprouts are about finished and American supplies will be coming very soon at about 20 c , which is 5 cents higher than the former. Rhubarb is scarce. Cauliflower which made an advance last week is not selling at the high price then reached; a decline is looked for to encourage demand. Spinach has advanced 50 c a barrel, but quotations are not changed, because a decline is looked for before the end of the week.


## TORONTO

FRUIT.-Strawberries from Florida gradually go down in price as fresh and greater stocks arrive. They sell as low as 35 cents this week, good quality stuff at that. Buying is by no means general, but they find a good enough market. No body seems to be anxious for cranberries which continue a drug, no matter how low the price goes. It is down to $\$ 13.50$ this week, but even at that nobody is burning to buy. Apples are not higher again this week, last week's advances having apparently completed the upward movement for the present. All levels remain quite firm, however, showing no disposition towards shading. Some Cuban grapefruit sells as low as $\$ 3.00$, which is down a peg from last week.
Best quality stuff is quite firm at $\$ 4$ however. A car of bitter oranges came in this week and sold at $\$ 3.25$ a case: demand was eager. Floridas are a little stiffer, but navels are lower again on big supplies coming. California pears are worth $\$ 4.50$ to $\$ 5$ a case, finding little sale thereat. Fruit business altogether is rather quiet for the moment.


VEGETABLES.-Potatoes don't give the Street much rest. They are a trifle higher again this week, and Delawares sell firmly at \$2.10. Ontarios and British Columbias still sell at last week's levels, though for how long is hard to say. Head lettuce now competes with Boston head lettuee selling at from 25 to 35 cents. Onions are up sharply at $\mathbf{2 . 2 5}$ to $\$ 2.50$, while green onions are selling all the way from 10 cents to half a dol-
(Continued on page 38.)



## Eggs Lower Again: Poultry Up

Dairy Butter Higher in Toronto; Creamery Down in Montreal-Storage Eggs Also EasierDairy Butter Recovered Its Recent Decline-Chickens in Good Demand at Advanced Prices.

## MONTREAL

PROVISIONS. - Market for provisions is steady, and there is a fair demand. However, buyers are inclined to hold off to some extent on account of the Lenten season. So far as prices are conérned, all lines are firm and this particularly applies to smoked meats. The latter are much higher than is usually the case at this time of year; they are, in fact, enjoying summer prices. The only reason advanced for this state of the market is the exceptionally good consumption.

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Finest creamery, September make
Finest creamery, fresh made
Dairy prints
Dairy, solids
Separator prints
Bakers ...........
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$88.38 \%{ }^{4} \%$ week, there hias been continued weakness in the egg situatio n and a further reduction in the quotations is noted. New laids have dropped 5 rents, now heing quoted at 30 cents; selects are offered at 27 cents; No. 1's are 24 to 25 cents, and No. 2's 22 to 23 cents. During the week there have been heavy deliveries and new laids are being offered from the United States. At Chicago the quotations for these are 23 to $231 / 2$ cents. Storage eggs from the United States have been offered as low as 14 and $141 / 2$ cents, but have reacted to 16 and $16^{1 / 2}$ cents. The cold weather now prevailing is expected to stiffen the market to some extent because supplies are more difficult to secure, but it is unlikely that there will be any advance unless stormy weather is experienced.

Selects
No. $1^{1}$,
No. $2^{\prime} 9$

CHEESE.-The local market remains steady and firm without any dominant features. In the export situation there is a little easier feeling on account of lack of orders over the cable during the past week.

## Cheese- 1915 make $\$+i l t o n$

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Stilton........................ .... 020
eral change in quotations the market is firm at recent figures. The demand for live stock in the Jewish trade is good, and prices realized are much higher than prevailing values in dressed poultry Such a conditions of affairs is to be expected at this season of the year and is likely to continue for some weeks. Ponltry-


Fowl, 5 lbs. and over
Fowl, smal
Turkeys
Ducks
Chicken
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जु5 185050
$\begin{array}{lll}0 & 23 \\ 019 \\ 0 & 20 \\ 025 \\ 0 & 18 \\ 0 & 18\end{array}$
HONEY.-The situation in the honey market is without change worthy of note. Hones-

> neyBuckwheat, tins Strained clover, $60 . \mathrm{ib}$. tins...... Strained clover, in $10-\mathrm{-b}$. tins Strained clover, in $5-\mathrm{lb}$. tins . Comb honey, No. 1, doz. ..... Comb honey, No. 2 , doz. ....


## TORONTO

PROVISIONS.-There is nothing new in this market. All levels are well supported, and demand for pork products is heavy. Bacons are in big demand.


BUTTER.-Dairy has recovered it = decline of last week, and we quote 28 to 32, which is up at least a couple of cents. Stocks are light and deliveries still lighter. Creamery is coming in now fairly freely and there is no feature to it. Price is maintained. Export continues to a small extent.

## Butter-


$\begin{array}{lll}035 & 036 \\ 638 & 032 \\ 034 & 0 & 36 \\ 022 & 023\end{array}$
CHEESE.-Both large and twins remain very firm with no sign of weakness. There is no advance to record, however: market continues to gain its strengtl

## CANADIAN GROCER

from export for soldiers and to England generally.
Cheese-
Large, per
Twins,
per 1 b .
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EGGS.-Further decline is registered in New laids, some selling as low now as 30 . cents, with 32 as top price. Supplies grow larger every day, and demand only keeps pace. Corroborating our prediction of last week, the easiness in the storage situation has materialized into an actual drop, No. 1 storage eggs selling at 25 to 27 . Demand is good, but stocks are heavy, and consumption apparently is not overwhelming.
Eggs-


POULTRY-All prices are on the upgrade, and in most cases a cent or two higher than last week for both live and dressed. Dressed, in most cases, continues to fetch higher prices. Old turkeys live are now worth 18 to 19 , a considerable advance. Chicken and ducklings are both in good demand at advanced quotings.

## Poultry-



## WINNIPEG

PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS.Decline in lard is reported by local wholesalers, who are selling on basis of *3.05 per pail. Receipts of Southern eggs are reported more plentiful, and demand is fair. Prices should drop shortly. Jobbers are offering to pay 35 c per dozen in the country for strictly newlaid eggs, and 30 c per doz. for straight receipts. Market for butter shows no change, and demand is good.

lar. Rhubarb at 75 to 85 e per dozen bunches sold for the first time this season, and demand was good. Peppers sell freely at old levels. Spinach and turnips
also made their appearance this week. New potatoes are now selling more by the barrel than bushel hamper and are worth $\$ 10$.


## WINNIPEG

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.-Feature of market without doubt is the high price of potatoes, as high as $\$ 1.50$ per bushel being asked for Albertas and Manitobas, although average quotation is around $\$ 1.25$. The big advance is attributed to the severe frost in B. C. Exportation from this point east is heavy, despite the scarcity. This is not customary for this time of year, when the East usually gets potatoes from New Brunswick. Winnipeg quotations have been too low all winter. The tax imposed by the Government on apples has not had any effect yet on quotations, supplies in Winnipeg being fairly large. New Florida tomatoes are coming in, quoted at $\$ 7$ per case of six baskets. There is little lettuce and radish being imported, the former selling at 65 e per box. An important change is in Valencia onions, which are now offered at $\$ 7.50$ per case.


Last year's imports of meats of all classes to Great Britain decreased 1. $198,018 \mathrm{ewt}$. below the 1914 level which in turn was lower than the 1913 level. Most of the prime quality frozen beef and lately the New Zealand stocks have been retailed for army use. A further decline is looked for in 1916.

SELLING DIREOT IN ST. JOHN
St. John, N.B. Feb. 24 (Special)The vigorous efforts of the grocery merehants to put a stop to retail selling by wholesalers have led to some interesting developments.
Despite occasional efforts to control it this practice had reached considerable proportions when both branches of the trade got together in a final effort to end its career. Both were willing; the retailers because they were $\operatorname{losin} \boldsymbol{y}$ their profit on a considerable share of the business and the wholesalers because they regarded the business as a nuisance which they were forced into at times to oblige friends. Once the doors of wholesalers were opened to any consumer it was difficult to close them to others and the business men gladly welcomed a change of policy which would do away with existing conditions, provided the reform was complete and the rule enforced absolutely.
The Retail Grocers' Association interviewed the wholesalers and readily secured the agreement of the majority The only obstacle in the way were a few houses which were on the border line between wholesale and retail business but finally were brought into line and restricted to one or the other branches of the business.

For a while it seemed that the rule was iron-clad and the agreement was being lived up to but recently the retailers began to have their suspicions. The association employed a detective to visit some of the who'esale stores to see if he could buy goods as a consumer and a display of assorted groceries in the office of the Association indicates that he had some success. The matter got into the newspapers and there were varions stories as to the result of the investigation which led to denials that they had hroken faith from some of the bouses and indignant remonstrances against the employment $n$ P "spotters". As a result of the criticisms the president of the retail association resigned. But the work is being carried on by the secretary and it is expected that the hreeze will soon hlow over and both branches of the business settle down again on a better hasis than ever.


## SPRATT'S 1916 CALENDAR

An interesting calendar has just been received by Canadian Grocer from Spratt's Patent, Limited, manufacturers of dog biscuit, bird seed, etc. There is a different nicture for each month of the year, each being in colors. One of these is the Flags of the Allies, others being reproductions of various birds, dogs, ete. The calendar also contains a price list of Spratt's products.


## Shortage of Frozen Haddock Predicted

A Few Fresh Haddock Arriving-Winter Caught Whitefish in Demand-Fish Business Speeding Up as "Fish Day" Approaches-Lent Will Further Increase Demand

## MONTREAL

FLSH.-The fish trade is getting busy, for two reasons. First, the event of the national fish day being close at hand, and second, the Lenten season which is opening the beginning of next month. The recent cold weather has also been a factor in improving the general conditions. The demand is good and stocks in general are not large; consequently fairly good prices are expected to hold for some time. A shortage of frozen haddock is predicted to take place before long. A few fresh haddock are arriving and bringing top prices. Frozen lake fish is also very scarce on the fishing grounds, but fortunately there are fairly large stocks held by distributors here. Pickled fish is moving more freely and there should be a good distribution from now until Lent. Oysters, bulk and shell, are quiet, and the market is without any new features.

## TORONTO

FISH AND OYSTERS.-Approach of Lent is having effect now upon sales, as is a'so the proximity of Feb. 29th"Fish Day." Hotels and restaurants are buying more heavily and private trade is better, as enquiries and orders from retailers indicate. Lake trout pickled is in good demand this week, and sells at $\$ 7.75100-\mathrm{lb}$. keg. Qualla and red spring salmon at 10,11 and even 12 cents, find good business. A verage price is 11 , though first quality stuff fetches 12c. Smelts are limited in supply this week, and are eagerly snapped up on arrival. Better weather conditions-that is colder weather-have made frozen stuff securer, and little fresh fish is arriving. What does come sells well. Winter caught whitefish is still bought heavily. Oysters are still in big demand. Cape Cod produce being a biz seller.



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OLAMS, MUASELS ANO SHPLL FISH,
Cape Cod shell oysters, per th.
Canadian enltivated oysters, bhl.
Clams, per bhl. .............
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## Whitefish, large, per Ib.

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Lake trout, large and medium, 1 b .
Dore, dress or ound, 1 b . $\ldots . . . . . .$. .
Dore, dress or ound, 1 b .
Pike, round, per lb .
PICKLED FISH.
Salmon, Labrador, tierces, 300 lbs...
Salmon, Labrador, Lalmon, Labrador, half bbls., 100 libs.... 1400


## WINNIPEG

FISH AND POULTRY.-The bic supply of herrings, which was expectea to bring price of kippers down, has not arrived, and quotations on latter remain at $\$ 2$ per box. Sales of smoked fish are heavy, as they always are at this time of year. Little fresh stuff is coming in. Receipts of live poultry are small, much smaller than demand.


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## LOTS OF REAL LIVE NEWS

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Robert H. Clark,
Embro, Ontario.


## Flour Declines 20c. Barrel

Ouly Domestic Demand Heavy-Lack of Bottems a Serious Inconvenience - Feed Flour Firmer Again

## MONTREAL

FLOUR.-Manitoba and winter wheat flour decined 20 cents per barrel on account of easiness in Wheat. There have been fluctuations in wheat in both directions and it is difficult to strike a basis upon which to form conclusions. Even at to-day's high quotations flour is cheap in comparison with wheat, but there is a tendency to keep prices as low as possible in order to encourage buying and for this reason the weakness in wheat has been quickly reflected by flour. The decline will, however, be probably of a temporary nature as the general conditions indicate continued bigh prices for cereal products for an indefinite period.

Winter wheat flour is also lower in sympathy with the decline in the wheat markets during the week and this has resulted in buyers holding off to some extent.


CEREALS.-From Feiruary 4th to the 19 th oats declined a total of 3 cents. We continue to quote rolled oats $\$ 2.70$ to $\$ 2.90$, but in view of the market conditions referred to the bulk of the business passing tends to the lower figure.

Crushed oats, ton
Oats, chop, ton
Feed oats, cleaned, Manitoba, bush Feed wheat, bag
Manitoba, bush

## TORONTO

FLOUR.-Following the lead of wheat market, flour declined 20 cents per barrell early in this week. Dullness is chiefly noticeable in export situation. Canadian Grocer has been showing for some weeks that lack of ocean freighters has been tying up export trade. which gets more impeded by that lack as the days go by. Millers are doing only small business overseas, not because their produce is not wanted but because they can't get it across. This then is reason for the apparent easiness in grain and flour, which is proved by the fact of the consistently good domestic demand. This keeps up well and millers are g!ad of it. They are convinced that prices are none too high, despite the preference only of good domestic demand, urging that, if and when ocean freight troubles are alleviated, export demand will be as potent as eveand prices instead of appearing too high will be distinetly low. Ontario flour is easier by 10 cents. Winter wheat slightly spronted, is plentiful. Demand is good.


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MILL FEEDS.-Good feed flour has strengthened chiefly owing to light supplies. There is no change in other feeds, though they are scarce.


## WINNIPEG

FLOUR AND CEREALS.-Price of first patents is down to $\$ 6.80$. While wheat market eased off a little last week, it has been up and down since. The demand from retail trade for flour is quiet, and this is blamed more or less on the bonspiel, many dealers from Manitoba and Saskatchewan being in the city enjoying themselves. Most important feature concerns rolled oats, the tendeney for which is downward. This is difficult to explain, as market for raw material is very high. Some millers are not anxious to take business at present prices, as they do not think prices being quoted are consistent with cost of raw material. The weak market is no doubt due to keen competition among millers. As low as $\$ 2.15$ is being quoted for 80 lbs., but average quotations run around $\$ 2.45$. Rolled oats in packages, family size, are offered at $\$ 3.90$ per case. Feeds are quiet, with no changes in quotations.


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| Chef, Log Cat | Wheat Kernels, 2 doz . to |
| dividual | case, weight 65 lbs........ 350 |
| Plain or with Sauce, 4 | cal Cright 3 dos. |
| doz. to case............. 0 471/2 | weight 50 lbs. ........... 300 |
| s Baked Beans, Plain. | Flaked Rice, 3 |
| Baked Beans, Tomato | Flaked Peas, 3 doz. to case. |
| Sauce, 4 doz. to case., 070 | weight 50 ibs. ............ 360 |
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| $2 \text { doz. to case .......... } 105$ | Cocoa- |
| 3 Baked Beans, Tomato | Perfection, 1-1b. tins, doz... 450 |
| Sauce, tall, 2 doz, to case 105 | Perfection, $1 / 2-1 \mathrm{l}$. tins, doz... 240 |
| Baked Beans, Chili | Perfection, $1 / 4-1 \mathrm{~b}$, tins, doz., 125 |
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| Family Baked Beans, Plain, 15 | Perfection, 5 -1b. tins, per 1b. 037 |
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The Government, therefore, say that the dealer must protect himself and have placed the onus on him that he should sell nothing as "pure" but absolutely pure goods. This may appear to be an injustice, but as the Government point out it is a very simple matter for the dealer to protect himself by demanding of the manufacturer a Government Warranty on all goods purchased, and even though he may be an innocent purchaser of adulterated goods, he is held blameless.
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