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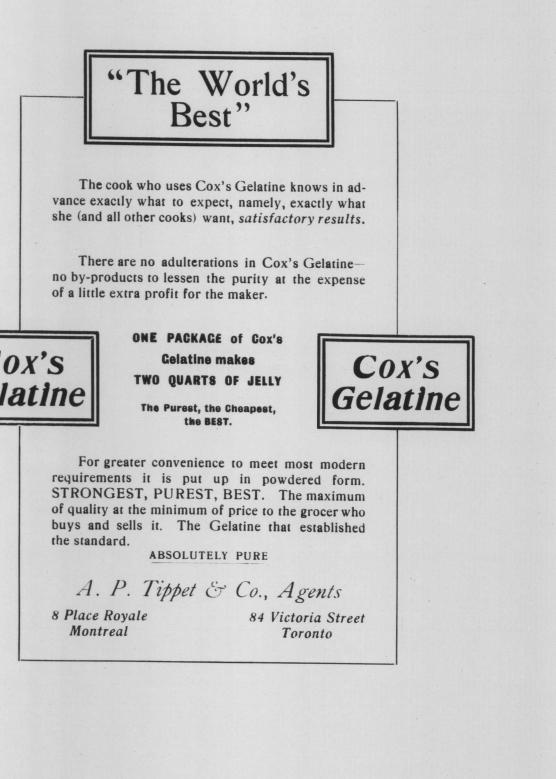
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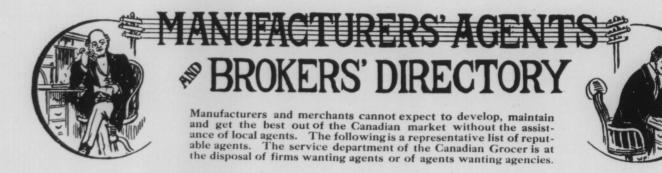
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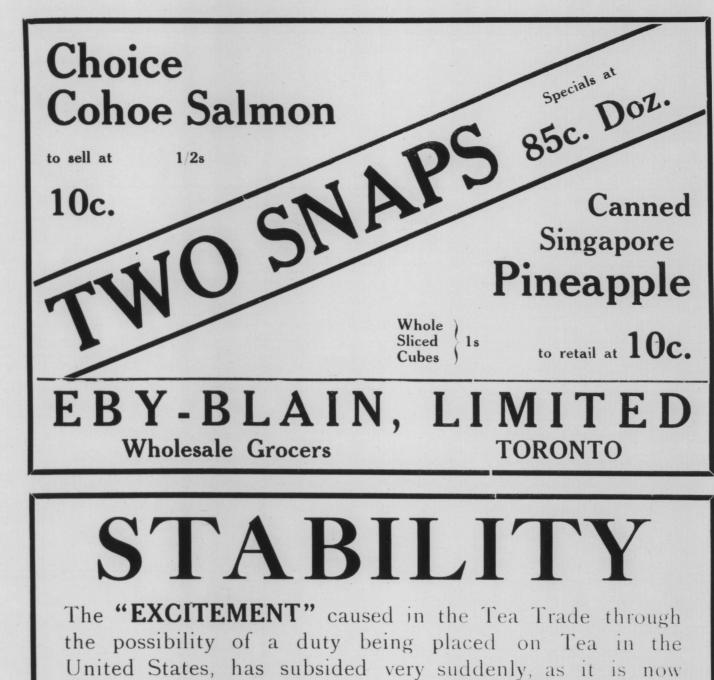




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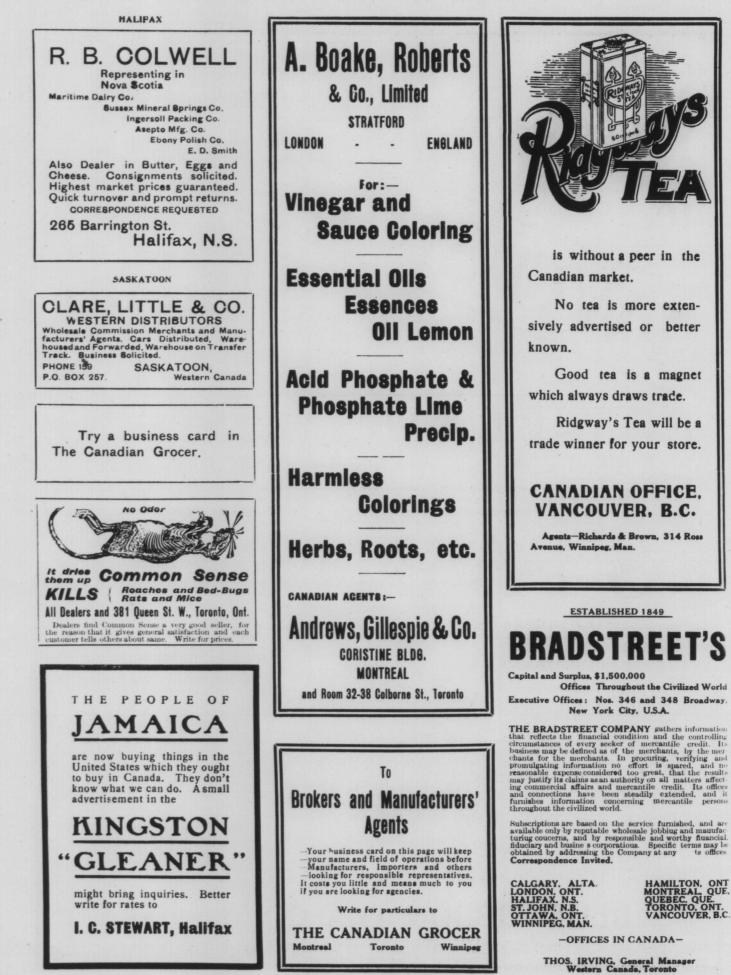
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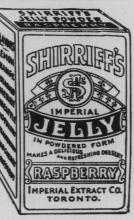
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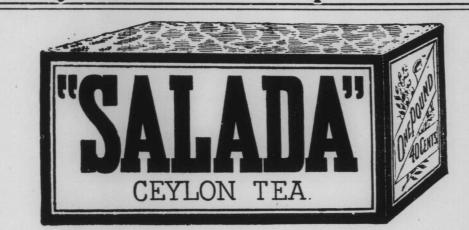
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Perplexing Trade Questions in Grocers' Conference

New York, April 13.—One of the most significant and, probably, influential conferences ever held in the grocery trade, assembled for a two-days' session at the Waldorf-Astoria last week. It officially represented the National Wholesale, Retail and Manufacturing Grocery Associations and its aim was to reach by amicable discussion some basis which may promote trade harmony.

It will be remembered that at the last annual conferences of the National Wholesalers and National Retailers, the preliminary steps toward such a conference were taken and committees appointed. That was last summer. But nothing tangible could come of it till the formation, three or four months ago, of the American Specialty Manufacturers' Association. This provided the missing link in the harmony chain. Recently Secretary J. T. Austin, of the Manufacturers, acting in concert with Secretary Beckmann, of the Wholesalers, and Secretary Green, of the Retailers, took the matter up definitely and yesterday's session was the result.

The Channels of Trade.

Some of the most perplexing questions in the grocery trade have to do with the relative rights of wholesalers and retailers toward the manufacturer, and vice versa. They cause constant friction. The general trend of manufacturers, just now, is in the direction of selling through "legitimate channels, that is, selling only through the wholesalers. This has roused a protest from certain large retail buyers-notably chain stores, department stores and buying exchanges. Only Monday a session was held in this city by large retailers who were protesting against being cut off from direct purchases on jobbers terms. In the hope that a discussion might result in a better mutual understanding and, possibly, pave the way for a solution of the trouble, yesterday's conference was held.

After the preliminary explanations of the purpose of the meeting and the filing of the personnel of the conference by the stenographer, the meeting organized with the choice of Mr. Porter as permanent chairman and Mr. Austin as permanent secretary.

Mr. Austin submitted a tentative programme for the guidance of the meeting, and suggested that it be adopted if it not with the approval of the delegates. Copies were passed and after a short deaberation it was unanimously adopted as the outline for the proceedings and discussions. The conference then took a recess till 2 o'clock, when the discussion commenced. The general programme adopted provided the following subjects: 1. Who is a consumer?

a From whom should they purchase their goods?

Manufacturers, Wholesalers and Retailers Consider the Proper Channels Through which Trade Should Flow — Many Barriers Opposing Better Relationship Among the Three Interests are Broken Down — Manufacturers Fixing Prices to Consumers on Specialties Endorsed — Trading Stamps and Premiums Discouraged — Trade Press to be Supported by all Interests.

- b Should volume of goods purchased regulate the price?
- Hotels and restaurants. Steamship lines and railroad companies.
- Government.
- Institutions.
- Who is a retailer?
 - a What is a retailer's fair profit?
 - b Are department stores retailers?
 - c When is a retailer a manufacturing retailer?
 - d What value is a manufacturing retailer to specialty manufacturers?
- 3. Who is a wholesaler?
 - a What is a wholesaler's fair orofit? b When is a wholesaler a manufacturing jobber?
 - c Is the exclusive jobber entitled to a larger margin of profit on specialties than the manufacturing jobber?
- 4. Should manufacturers fix consumers' prices on specialties?
 - a Should the price be placed on the package?
 - b Are fixed minimum prices without having prices on packages desirable?
- What is the manufacturers' best selling plan?
- a Is factory to family plan desirable?
- b Is the exclusive jobber the ideal distributor?
- c Should manufacturers sell retailers direct?
- d Should manufacturers sell chain stores direct?
- e Should manufacturers sell buying exchanges direct?
- 6. Should quantity or classification
- regulate manufacturer's price? 7. Why should not the trade be classi
 - fied, viz:
 - Class A. Exclusive wholesale grocers.
 - Class B. Manufacturing jobbers.
 - Class C. Wholesale retailers.
 - Class D. Chain stores with wholesale headquarters.
 - Class E. Retailers' buying associations.

Class F. Department stores.

- Class G. Retail grocers.
- Class H. Hotels, restaurants, steam ships, railroads, institutions. government.
- 8. Is an association such as the "Ameri can Specialty Manufacturing Association" desired by the trade?
- 9. Should wholesale grocers sign the agreement of the American Specialty Manufacturers' Asso ciation?
 - a Is the agreement fair and equit able?
 - b Should the wholesalers send out the notices to their customers furnished by the A.S.M.A.?
 - e Will conformity to the terms of this agreement bring about a betterment of conditions in the grocery trade?
- 10. Should wholesalers and retailers make staples pay a profit? a Should the A.S.M.A. assist them
 - a Should the A.S.M.A. assist them in making a profit on all special ties?
- 11. Should the three associations here represented co-operate in seconing and enforcing laws and ordinances for the benefit of manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers?
 - a Food legislation.
 - b Net weight bills.
 - e Dating laws.
 - d Anti-trust laws.
 - e Trade agreements.
- 12. Proprietary brands versus privation brands.
- 13. Terms and discounts.
 - a Should long term credits be dicouraged?
 - b Is strict conformity to terms de sirable?
 - c What are reasonable terms or canned goods, staples, special ties?
 - d Should cash discounts enter into the cost of goods?
- 14. Should wholesalers make exclusive contracts with manufacturer that will prevent fair and square trade relations with other manufacturers?
- 15. Are schemes and dealers desirable? a Trading stamps.
 - b Free deals?
 - c Rebates to retailers from manu facturers?
 - d Subsidizing salesmen?
- 16. Should the trade in general support the trade press?
 - a Trade papers?
 - b House organs?
- 17. Should the jobber discourage the establishing of irresponsible retailers in business?
- 18. Should these associations assist in educating retailers as to the true cost of doing business?

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a Advise limited credits?

b Advise keep stock moving?

c The importance of making a profit? d How can we improve conditions?

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Breaking of the Barriers.

While the actual decisions arrived at by the conferees are not such as will probably work immediate solution of the numerous tender spots in intertrade relation, it is probable that the two days of discussion will result in incalculable good for all concerned. It was a frank, face-to-face talk, in which elements of trade, usually scarcely on speaking terms, met and in friendliness and mutual respect sought to arrive at the truth of each other's contentions. At the close all factions agreed that the proceedings had been extremely illuminating, had done a great deal to break down the barriers of selfishness and misunderstanding and would pave the way for future conferences when greater achievements may result.

The three great questions: Who is a consumer-a retailer-a wholesaler? furnished the great main thread of the discussion. Naturally it was impossible to arrive at a conclusion which all would assent to. In the main, there was evidently little difference of opinion where the classification was glearly defined, but it appeared again and again that there were mixed classes which were the basis of much controversy, and as to which neither side appeared to be entirely in the right. It also appeared in the discussion that local conditions vary and tradition and practice in certain localities, to which all elements in those localities assent harmoniously, would cause the utmost hostility and controversy in other sections.

Those Who Are Consumers.

The outcome of the whole question was a vote that it was "the sense of the conference that hotels, restaurants, steamship lines, railroad companies and public institutions are consumers," but -and this was on the amendment of one of the wholesalers—"without regard to their source of supply." This latter was to stamp the classes named academi-cally as "consumers," without jeopardizing the other issues, of where they should buy their goods, a somewhat emasculated definition. Even at that one of he leading jobbers declined to vote for the definition and it turned out afterwards that he did so because such a vote would have placed him under a unique position of inconsistency under the constitution of the National Wholeale Grocers' Association.

This definition of "What is a wholesaler?" as adopted by the National Association, reads: "Any person, firm or corporation, which distributes goods to retailers and wholesalers, but which does hot sell to consumers."

Because many of the largest wholesalers do openly sell institutions, hotels, etc., it was manifest why some of the

wholesalers declined to vote to designate them as "consumers."

Left for Local Settlement.

It was decided that the question "From whom should hotels, restaurants, etc., buy their goods," be voted to be a local question, to be settled by the agreement of "interested parties" in their several localities. The direct question of whether quantity on such goods should regulate the price was eliminated from the programme. So was the question of what is a jobber's or a retailer's fair profit.

It was settled that a retailer is one who buys in original quantities and makes a business of subdividing into small quantities; a grocer one who buys to sell to the consumer.

The determination of what is a department store was eliminated. So was the warmly debated question as to when a retailer is a manufacturing retailer and what value a manufacturing retailer is to the manufacturer.

A manufacturing jobber was finally agreed to be "a person, firm or corporation who manufactures from raw material a finished product and markets it under his own label."

On the question of whether the "exclusive jobber" is entitled to further consideration than the "manufacturing jobber," there was a strong disposition to vote in the affirmative, but so many refused to commit themselves that it was finally eliminated without determination.

Fixing of Prices.

The conference expressed its opinion that specialty manufacturers should fix the consumers' prices on specialties, but that the price should not be placed upon the package.

There was much discussion regarding the best selling price plan. There was a strong sentiment that the factory-tofamily plan was demoralizing and in that connection the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved That it is the sense of this conference that we are opposed to the "factory-to-family" plan, because it is a trade demora¹izer and, in itself, is degrading;

That the conferees representing various interests here acquaint their members with the danger of this movement and that they urge them to instruct their employes to do what_ they can to educate the public as to the fallacy of the theory that the "factory-to-family" plan means an economy to the family and that the regular channel of distribution is from the retailer to the consumer and the same is the most economical means of delivering goods to the consumer; and is, in that manner, a protection to the consumer.

Premiums Discouraged.

Trading stamps, premiums, free deals, secret rebates to retailers by manufac-27

turers on goods bought through the jobber, were all discouraged.

The following resolution expressed the views of the conference on the "Trade Press":

Resolved. That it is the sentiment of this conference that the Trade Press should be loyally supported by the associations represented and by the individual members; also that the Trade Press be looked up to as a guide and counsellor in the many important questions which are constantly agitating the grocery trade.

The conference voted to discourage the establishment of irresponsible retailers in business by the jobbers. A vote was also passed recommending that these associations assist in educating the retailers as to the true cost of doing business, especially in limiting credits, keeping stock moving and making a profit.

The conference dissolved in a general spirit of mutual congratulation and expression of cordial good fellowship, and the hope that other sessions may be held.

FINISH OF BIG FINE.

American Sugar Refining Co. Pay Over Remainder of Amount They Are Alleged to Have Defrauded the Government.

By the payment of the sum of \$342,-960.89 on April 9, the American Sugar Refining Co., of New York, completed the payment to a collector of customs of the United States Government of \$1,239,088.38 in reliquidation of duties on sugar entries in consequence of the recent decision of the United States Circuit Court.

Added to the \$134,000 fine for conviction of fraud in weighing cases, the Government has thus far recovered from the American Sugar Refining Company the sum of \$1,373,088.38. The prosecutions against the sugar trust now pending will, it is believed, result in the additional collection of about \$2,000,000.

Parsons, Closson & McIlvaine, counsel for the American Sugar Refining Company, state that the payments were made under protest and that an appeal will be taken. In order to have the privilege of appealing, it is required that the amount assessed by the collector be paid in full.

The United States Government also claims that it has been defrauded out of about \$500 000 in duties on importations of sugar weighed at the Jersey City refinery and has also been defrauded of about \$500,000 on importations weighed at the refinery of Havemeyer & Elder prior to December, 1901. Legal steps are now being taken by Messrs. Stimson and Denison on behalf of the Government to enforce the collection of these duties, which aggregate upwards of \$1,000,000 without including the additional penalties, which would increase the liability by a large amount.

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Construction of a Lighthouse Window Display

Anchors, Life-buoys, Boats and Lighthouse the Features—Appropriate at This Season in View of Opening of Navigation—May be Easily Constructed From Cartons.

For a grocery store, and particularly one located in a village, town or city near a lake or river, a "lighthouse" window would be appropriate at this season of the year. Such a display opens a wide avenue of thought for the window-dresser and gives splendid opportunities for him to show his originality and constructive ability.

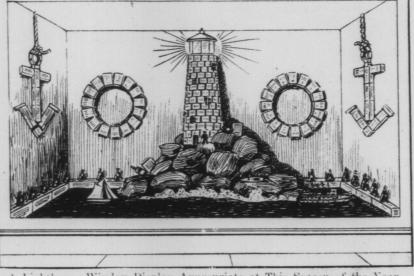
The ice is now clearing in the rivers and lakes and the boats are getting on their new spring coats of paint in preparation for the opening of navigation. Therefore, now is the time to arrange a lighthouse window display.

The accompanying illustration should serve to present a few good ideas. The display is simple, easily constructed and one that should hold attention. The central feature is, of course, the lighthouse itself, which can be created out of cartons of almost any package goods sold It rises from the strong, rocky foundation which can be constructed of real stones with little difficulty or with bags of coffee, and to make the situation look Almost any grocer or grocery elerk can construct such a vindow with comparative ease. It is one seldom used and therefore would present a novelty in any town or eity where it has not previously been seen.

Package teas, cereals or soap could be easily worked into a display of this nature. The effect will be all the more striking, however, if only one article is used in a window. It must be simply constructed so that the attention of the intending purchaser will be fixed upon a single article. Where attention divided it is always more difficult to concentrate. The window-dressing artist should always take this into consideration. It is often desirable, of course, to work in something in a display for the sake of relief or as a background, but that should not necessarily man an article fr. sale.

Make Preliminary Plans.

Before beginning the work of constructing a display it is always wise



A Lighthouse Window Display Appropriate at This Season of the Year.

more real the whole is surrounded by water and some miniature vessels. Foam at the base of the rocks can be made with the use of a small quantity of cotton-batting.

Anchors and Life-buoys.

The anchors on either side, also made of cartons, are suggestive of a lighthouse scene and serve to lend additional effect. At the rear of the window are the life-buoys, which, of course also form an appropriate portion of the scheme.

At night an electric light placed in the cabin on the summit of the lighthouse finishes a display which is bound to attract attention. to do some planning. Symmetry is important. The lighthouse, anchor, boats and life-buoys suggest a story in themselves, as every display of this nature should.

CANADA-MEXICO ROUTE.

Elder-Dempster Co. Decide to Run Steamers Between the Two Countries.

That phenomenal ruler, Porfirio Diaz, of Mexico, has in his dreams of empire, pictured a railroad across the narrowest part of his country which would unite the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. To do this, a railroad would be at least 170

miles long, as the crow flies. His dream has come true and an iron belt now spans this narrow neck of land between these two great oceans. If a map of the western hemisphere is consulted, it will be seen that, if a line be drawn from the eastern and western limit of Canada to a point on the eastern coast of Mexico, at the narrowest part, we have roughly an inverted equilateral triangle. This short railroad represents the apex of the triangle, and the base is indicated by the distance across Canada. Eastern shippers and western consumers find this long railway journey across Canada enhances in an inordinate way the price of goods shipped either west or east. The Canadian Manufacturers' Association discovered that the freight rates charged on English goods shipped from English ports to Vancouver, and other Pacific coast points, via Mexico, were about one-half less than was paid on goods shipped to the same destinations from Eastern Canada, via an allrail route. These conditions have determined the action of the Elder-Dempster Co. to place steamers on the route

Although freight will be much longer in transit, the rates will be practically cut in two. It is significent, in showing the great difference there exists in water and rail routes, that before the construction of this railway in Mexico. freight from England in some cases, was sent east by the Orient to Pacific ocean points in America, in preference to sending it straight across the Atlantic and Canada to its destination.

The New York raw sugar importers have been using this route for months past to secure the product of their possessions in the Southern Pacific in preference to the San Francisco route. The Elder-Dempster Co. are now drawing up their schedule of rates for this new service.

From Victoria, B.C., as well as in Montreal, there is a rumor that the Blue Funnel Line is preparing to enter the same field. There is, however, no of ficial confirmation of this report yet. They will put passenger boats into the trans-Pacific service, during the coming season. Heretofore they have confined their attention to the carriage of freight principally.

NEW COMPANIES.

The J. S. Richardson Company, Tilbury, Ont., has been formed to carry on the business of wholesale and retail merchants.

A company known as the Farmers' Feed Company, of Toronto, has been formed to manufacture foodstuffs, fertilizers, proprietary medicines, etc.

An Ontario license has been granted to R. V. Delapenha & Co., incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey to grow, import and can food products including their ingredients, in Ontario. Herbert G. Wookey, Toronto is the company's attorney.

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Business Items From the Western Provinces

Horse Show and Cattle Sale at Calgary — Winnipeg Grocers Criticize Modern Day Clerks—Condensed Milk Manufacturing Co. in British Columbia Sues Company for Selling Under Fixed Prices.

CALGARY.

April 13.-The first of what is to be an annual horse show is being held here this week, favored with warm, bright weather and a large attendance which assures a successful result financially. The quality of horse flesh on exhibition is quite in keeping with the Calgary district. The breeds most in evidence are Clydes, Percheron, Suffolk and Hack-neys. The latter are favorites with a number here since the famous Robin Adair, a hackney of renown, was raised by Messrs. Rawlinson Bros., just west of Calgary. This same horse secured the honors at the New York horse show and has since been sold for a handsome figure to an eastern admirer.

The annual spring show and sale of pure-bred cattle is also being held this



J. A. NOLAN. A Calgary Grocer Making a Success of His Business.

week. The offerings were not so numerons as in past seasons but the quality is fine. The sale took place yesterday atternoon, and with a good attendance bidding was brisk, and the prices realized were quite satisfactory to all concorned. Forty-four shorthorn bul's averaged \$107 per head. Buyers were here from all parts, and the presence of one from the Peace River district would indicate that settlement is steadily pushing into the north country and that quality is appreciated there.

Business has been stimulated by the large influx of visitors from outside points, many of whom are coming from the Middle States.

There are few changes to note in grocery lines. Prices are firm on most commodities, and reports are of a steadi-

ly increasing trade with an excellent outlook for a big summer's business. In fresh fruits, bananas and strawberries are coming in freely. The latter are, however, rather too high in price to induce large consumption as they are retailing 25c and 30c for a very small box. California celery is still being offered but the season is now about over.

F. Skinner, of the Charlottetown Condensing Co. is in the city at present booking up business for his company's brands.

WINNIPEG.

April 13.—There is one particular point upon which almost every retail merchant in Winnipeg will agree. At any rate the grocers are quite unanim-ous in their opinion. It is this—that it is an exceedingly difficult matter to get good clerks. In the average store, said a retailer recently, 60 per cent. of the trade is done by telephone service, and frequently dissatisfaction is expressed by the customer at the method in which the order is taken and filled. When ask-ed what was the cause of this lack of expert clerks, the same dealer said they are not of the same calibre to-day as they used to be. They are not willing to serve apprenticeship, he said, at a moderate wage, but ask top wages from the beginning and then all they endeavor to do is to come as late in the morning as they dare, and leave as early in the evening as they can, and draw their pay on Saturday. Not long ago a young man who came out from Ireland applied for a position as clerk in a grocery store representing himself as a first class clerk. When asked of his experience in the business, he said he had driven a delivery waggon for the past nine months. One of the oldest retailers in the city said it was simply remarkable the change in the nature of clerks in the past twenty-five years. Today a clerk feels as though he could manage the business after being in ser-vice about one year. A few years ago a clerk was willing to serve three years in learning to open the door for a lady customer. There seems, he said, to be that uneasiness in the lives of men today to plunge into the business arena by a single bound rather than taking the safer and saner method of mount-ing the ladder round by round. "It can be taken as a fact," he remarked, "that when inexperienced men enter places of trust, the line of business which they are to serve will deteriorate.

This is an age in which the world is advancing along lines of scientific specialization. Laboratory science is only a phase of the greater and more general science that is required in all branches of life." It would be interesting to hear the opinions of the clerks on these observations.

A considerable quantity of commercial paper fell due on April 4, and as the fourth this year fell on a Sunday

the paper did not actually come due until the fifth. Wholesalers, therefore, do not yet know just how the paper was taken care of, as advices from country points have not yet reached them. One of the bankers said that the first of the month paper had been fairly well met. "Normal" was the term used.

Collections have been just fair with the majority of merchants. Those who trade with mechanics, who work only a part of their time, are somewhat unfortunate in this regard. Those who have accounts against spasmodic toilers are quite hopeful however. According to the amount of building and other civic contracts to be done this season there will be little excuse for any unemployed, and many whom the grocer has been carrying for a year or more will have an opportunity of helping the trade by paying their debts. Those who depend upon their day's work to supply food for the next day do not, as a rule, deal in the larger stores.— They reside in certain sections of the city where little grocery stores are numerous. We are inclined to despise these small stores, but they reflect exactly the conditions with which they have to cope. Many of them have amazingly heavy ac-counts on their books, and they are heroic in the service. They are rendering the city their assistance in feeding those who cannot pay for bread.

VANCOUVER.

April 13 .- E. C. Stark, of the B. C. Milk Condensing Co., of New Westminster, was in the city to-day, and stated that his firm has entered action against Dixie, Ross & Co., of Victoria, for cutting the price of their product. This is a question which has agitated retailers and manufacturers for a considerable time, and the outcome of this case will be watched with interest. The regular selling price of the product is two cans for 25c, and Dixie, Ross & Co. sold it for ten cents. The B. C. Milk Condensing Company has entered suit for \$2,-500 damages, and is applying for an injunction to prevent the firm selling this brand below the regular fixed price.

Competition is keen in this market among the manufacturers of soda biscuits. Christie's used to be 35c, but it was reduced to 30c to keep alongside of Mooney's, Perrin's and others, which were getting a portion of the local trade. Ramsay's also sold at 30c. They were jobbed at a little less than the eastern article, but not enough to make them so they 'could be sold at 25c. However, some time ago, a cut to 25c was announced, as it was found that the eastern biscuits were beating out.

The commission man has been on more than one occasion the cause of the retailer getting an advantage on certain lines of goods. avoiding the middle wholesaler's price. This is at present evidenced in the Pure Gold goods, which are supplied through a local commission man, and the saving of a few cents per package makes it worth while to the grocer.

Potatoes are elimbing up, and locals to-day are worth \$40, with the best quality at \$45. It is stated by those

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corporated of New can food edients, in ', Toronto who hold stocks that the price will go up to \$50, because of the scarcity.

The store of Cashion Brothers, grocers, at Cedar Cottage, was destroyed by fire, the loss being over \$3,000, mostly covered by insurance.

There was a rumor in the city early last week that because of the story that eight cents per pound import was to be charged on tea entering the United States, large buying was taking place in Vancouver, and that local stocks were being sold out and even cornered. Chas. J. Peter, manager of the G. F. & J. Galt Company, says the rumors are unfounded and he does not see what gave rise to them.

Whether or not there is any truth in the story that the Swift Company and P. Burns & Company are striving for the command of the meat trade in the West, the fact remains that both sides are strengthening up. The latest move is the purchase of the four meat markets, two in Victoria and two in Vancouver, of R. Porter & Sons, by P. Burns & Co., the price being stated at \$300,000. This will mean the advent of the Burns Company to Victoria, which will give them a foothold in all the large centres of the province. The Porter Co. was in existence **37 years**.

The farmers of the Duncan district, on Vancouver Island, held a meeting last week and discussed co-operation in egg selling, along similar lines to those of the co-operative creamery, which has been a success on the lower mainland and on the island. Mr. Marker, of Calgary, who assisted in the formation of the creamery ten years ago, addressed the meeting. It was decided to have an egg collecting station in Duncan in connection with the creamery. Among the rules proposed, so as to ensure the eggs being as fresh as possible to the consumer, was: That eggs sold must be clean, that they must be gathered every day, and that each farmer's eggs shall be designated by a number: the eggs are to be tested and to be guaranteed by a man in charge.

The Okanagan Preserving Company is getting ahead with its fruit cannery at Kelowna. It will be two storeys in height, and at the outset will be able to handle 25 tons of tomatoes per day. The specialty of the factory, however, will be the preserving of fruit in syrup in glass jars.

Lieut. Hallett, R.N., of Procter, Kootenay, has returned from a trip to the Old Country, and while in London studied the apple question thoroughly. He interviewed the Covent Garden wholesalers and commission agents and the retailers in fruit shops in different parts and everywhere heard golden opinions concerning the first-class quality of the product of British Columbia. Apples from this province retailed at three pence each for cooking purposes. Baldwins and Jonathans. threepence each. and Spitzbergens at sixpence each. He paid these prices himself. Covent Garden dealers stated that there was a large and increasing demand for certain varieties of apples. such as Cox's

Orange Pippins, the yellow Newton Pippin, the Jonathan, and a scarce, but remarkably good cooking variety, the Wellington. The B.C. Gravenstein was in active competition with the product of Nova Scotia, but Lieut. Hallett was told that the competition was on an even basis.

Notes From the Maritime Provinces and Quebec

Nova Scotia Gets Beef From Ontario—Question of Carrying Freight by Street Railway Under Consideration in Montreal—Seed Inspector Visits St. John.

HALIFAX.

April 13.—The Easter trade was good this season, most of the dealers reporting business brisk in all lines. Canned goods were in quite heavy demand, but sales of these goods earlier in the season were slow. It is stated here that several of the dealers still have large stocks on hand, and that there will be no shortage of this class of goods this season. The market is well supplied with fruit, the apples and oranges now offered for sale being of very fine quality. Bananas are fairly good for the season of the year.

The local victuallers imported large quantities of beef from Ontario for the Easter trade this year. Heretofore it has been the custom to buy Nova Scotia beef, but the stock this year was scarce and the price so high that the local men preferred to import beef from Ontario. Outside of a few fowls, all the poultry offered for sale came from On-This stock is costly to the contario. sumer, but the dealers have to handle it as no othere is available. Halifax is now a good customer of Ontario in the meat line the dealers importing it fresh, corned and smoked, and some of it from as far west as Hamilton.

Vegetables wintered well this year, and the stocks on hand are of good quality. Several vessels have been chartered to bring cargoes of potatoes from Charlottetown to Halifax at the earliest opportunity. Cabbage are scarce and high. Dealers are asking from 15c to 18c per head, and then the quality is only fair.

Better conditions prevail in the fish markets now than at the same time last year. There is an increasing demand due to the lower prices and the market shows general improvement. Inquiries for bank fish have been much better recently, the sale has been good on the whole and the greater part of last season's catch has now been sold. The West India markets have shown a marked improvement recently. The local market is well supplied with fresh fish of all kinds. There is some scarcity of halibut and lobsters. Most of the latter are being sent to Boston, the shipments totalling about one thousand crates per week

Eggs were in heavy demand last week and all the fresh Nova Scotia stock was quickly bought up. Not as many eggs were marketed as during the previ-

ous week and in consequence the price held firm at 18c per dozen. After the rush is over it is expected that the price will go lower, but the commission menare doing their best to keep the price up. Butter is in good supply and the price continues low. Good fresh-made butter can be bought for 21c. There appears to be an abundance of old but ter on the market for which there is no sale.

MONTREAL.

April 13 .- The death occurred on Sat urday, April 10, of J. Alfred Dupuis, of Dupuis Freres. Mr. Dupuis was in his 49th year, and leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters. He was a brother of Recorder Dupuis. He was a native of St. Jacques de l'Achijan, Que. Coming to Montreal when he was eight yearold he was educated at the Catholie Commercial College, and commenced his business career with Dupuis Freres In 1888 he left the firm to take up th duties of a customs official, returning in 1896 as a partner. The late Mr. Dupuis has been in failing health for the last six years, suffering from asthma and internal complications.

L. Lorne Stewart, the agent of John Taylor & Co., Toronto, has moved from 32 Renouf building, St. Catherine St. West, to larger and more commodiouquarters, Room 514, in the Coristinbuilding. This move will make Mi Stewart better able to get around among his customers down town.

A. H. Brittain has been spending few days in Toronto lately.

Andrews, Gillespie & Co., Coristinbuilding, have opened an office at Room 22, 8 Colborne St., Toronto, H. H. Ridd, late of the Montreal staff, is in charge.

The old question of moving freight by the Montreal Street Railway is again on the tapis. The city council are about to consider this proposition in conjunction with the removal of snow from the streets next winter. As before stated in The Grocer, a number of Montreamerchants have drafted a petition to the city council showing that there are times when it is impossible for then to get freight moved promptly, and ask ing that an arrangement be made with the Street Railway Company so that it will take up a portion of this work. In regard to the freight matter the company is prepared to take up the work, comparcient J the oth state t hard b the prspirit time. R. J St. Pe

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R. J. Sharpe, with W. P. Downey, 23 St. Peter Street, has left for an extended trip to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario, in the interests of his firm.

Liptons have closed their demonstration at Dupuis Freres, St. Catherine St. East, and will move to Dionnes, Westmount.

W. J. Wilson, with S, H. Ewing & Sons, Montreal, has returned to Montreal from a trip to the Maritime Provinces.

So great a success have become the tea rooms of the Castle Blend Tea Co. that they have opened a new wing to their establishment on the property recently secured by them at the corner of Stanley and St. Catherine Sts. Not only has this establishment achieved distinction among the feminine portion of Montreal, but gentlemen on their way uptown have patronized it largely for the refreshing beverages which it is noted for. Charles Fuller, manager of the Castle Blend Tea Co., who has had much experience in this connection in England, speaking of the growing custom of afternoon tea among the business men, said recently that it was a natural outcome of the English habit, strengthened by a real demand produced by modern business and social conditions. It was to meet this demand, he said, that the Castle Blend Tea Rooms had been established, and the fact that within a short time the premises had to be enlarged to accommodate patrons was the best proof needed that

a real want was being supplied. Albert W. Bullock, grocer, of Georgeville, and wife, spent the Easter holidays in Montreal.

During the past week the following buyers were noticed in the eity: M. J. St. Laurent, St. Ours, Que.; A. E. Dubue, of Cote, Boivin & Co., Chicoutimi, Que.; J. A. Forest. St. Jacques l'Achiran, Que.; M. Raymond, St. Hyaeinthe. Que.; J. Dufour, Chateauquay, Que.; A. Brun.t, St. Lazare, Que.; J. D. Rene, St. Jean Baptiste de Rouville, Que.; A. Brossard. Laprairie, Que.; Francois Lamarche, Mascouche, Que.; D. Bougie, of Pointe Clairs, Que.; J. A. Tremblay. St. Lambert, Que.; C. D. Gervais, St. Constant. Que.; J. Brunet, St. Julie. Que.; C. O. Gervais, St. Constant, Que.; Aug. Beausoliel, Terrebonne, Que.; J. P. Rocheleau, Pauline, Que.

ST. JOHN.

April 13.—Manitoba flours have again advanced and are now quoted at \$6.95. On Monday the price was raised 35 cents a barrel. Ontario's, which jumped 10 cents last week are selling at \$6.10 and it is expected will go still higher. Since the 1st of January Ontario's have

advanced 50 cents and Manitoba's have gone up 60 cents.

Business generally, both wholesale and retail is reported good. The schooner trade with Bay of Fundy ports is opening up and the river is expected to be clear of ice and open for navigation in a week or two at the latest.

Easter business was reported very good. Eggs were quoted at 21 to 23 cents and there was a good supply of butter, bacon, poultry, meats and vegetables of all kinds. Some carcasses of spring lamb sold at \$3 to \$6 according to weight.

ing to weight. The seed business has opened up and sales are reported brisk. The retailers have arranged their stock in racks specially constructed or in pails, tubs, etc., and though the frost is not all out of the ground sales are being made of considerable quantities. The government inspector of seeds was here from Ottawa last week and examined the stocks and reported that the seed shown was exceptionally good.

was exceptionally good. In the death of Jacob D. Underhill which occurred on April 7, St. John lost a respected citizen. Mr. Underhill was a lieutenant-colonel in the artillery and some years ago was in the grocery business. He was a son of the late B. J. Underhill who was a member of the old grocery firm of Hannah & Underhill. Col. Underhill was formerly in the wholesale grocery and flour business on the south wharf.

the south wharf. For the month of March, the receipts of Canadian potatoes at the Bangor customs house totalled 106,128 bushels. The U. S. government received \$26,532 in tariff charges.

Some Interesting Ontario Grocery Correspondence

Brantford Grocers Establish Collecting System Similar to One in Guelph—Many Flowers Sold by Chatham Grocers— Trouble Over the Licensing of Peddlers in St. Thomas—Half Holiday in London Again—Splendid Easter Trade in Ontario.

BRANTFORD.

April 14.-Brantford is to have a collecting system similar to the one now in operation at Guelph-at least that was the decision of those present at a most enthusiastic and representative meeting of the merchants of the city in the K. of P. Hall last evening. F. C. Harp was chosen chairman and in a few brief remarks stated the nature of the gathering and introduced D. A. Scroggie, of Guelph, the ocial collector of the Guelph Retail Merchants' Association, who addressed the meeting. Mr. Scroggie, in his opening remarks, referred to the progressiveness of their association which, he said, was the result of definite plans and hard work. Because they had been successful in one particular field of the work-that of collecting-their fame had spread from ocean to ocean, shown by extracts the speaker read from letters he had received from New Brunswick, New York State and Vancouver. Mr. Scroggie explained in detail their plan of keeping the accounts and that of the monthly reports, which showed accounts received during the month, the amount collected during each month and those who had paid their accounts in full during the month. These reports are typewritten and sent to each member. The collector banks all moneys collected and pays by cheque pro ratio amount collected. Mr. Scroggie related a number of very amusing experiences he has had on his rounds, but stated, the people as a whole are delighted with the opportunity of paying their accounts on the instalment plan, with no extra cost to the people. The most of the merchants seemed to regard the protection as the main feature. They would all like to do business on a cash basis, but when they cannot, they would like to be reasonably sure whom they are trusting, so that they will get their money without trouble. The merchants seem to be the most benevolent people in the city, for they keep hundreds of men when they are not working in order that they may be here when the manufacturers want them. The working man when he is out of work never thinks of going to the manufacturer and asking him to advance his pay, but he does not hesitate going to the merchants and asking for credit until they get to work. It was rather a different matter to finance the scheme for the first year in regard to the amount to assess each member.

In order to get the thing going in Brantford this year an equal assessment will be used—\$10 per member—and there were enough willing to join at the meeting to assure it a success. It was moved by Messrs. Thompson and Willitts that a vote of thanks be tendered Mr. Scroggie for his kindness in coming to address them. An executive committee was appointed and it was left in their hands to complete the details and secure the collector.

KINGSTON.

April 14.—The Easter displays of meats in Kingston were about the average. Many fine windows however, were in evidence. Anderson Bros. have built up a phenomenal trade for meats and they may in the near future sell meats exclusively. They claim there is not the percentage in groceries there ought to be, owing to the trade being over run with shops. Anderson Bros. have just completed a, cold storage plant.

Lou Glover who has been doing the "Marathon" for about 20 years has sold about a ton of cream of tartar here. When Lou makes his effort to sell an article he seldom takes out his little book and pencil in vain.

Harold Buck has opened a grocery on Earl Street with a bright new stock of groceries. He is in "hot company" and will gain experience.

James Crawford has secured the contract for supplying the penitentiary. It seems to be simply a lottery tendering to supply ten thousand dollars worth of goods and running chances of rises or declines in prices. A good many learn this by experience.

Mayor Dan Couper, has placed in his window an electric coffee mill. James Ridden secured the contract

James Ridden secured the contract for the supplying of the Battery. James, it is said, has been offered some good political jobs, but James would not be happy if he wasn't smelling tea or coffee He has spent 98 per cent of his time in the grocery business.

the grocery business. Andrew Maclean, wholesale grocer, is a proud man these days. He has another heir added to the list.

B. McCarey after a sojourn in the North West has settled down again and opened a large grocery on Ontario St. He expects to do a big boot business also.

Mrs. Webster is still demonstrating cocoa here and is doing good work for her firm.

A. Boyd has engaged with J. Gilbert as clerk. There were over thirty applicants and it was a hard matter to choose from the many good ones who sent in applications.

B. W. Robertson is spending Easter with his son George at St. Catharines. George is a graduate of the Guelph Agricultural College and owns a large fruit farm.

W. G. Craig is enjoying the California climate around Pasadena. It is indeed a grand place to spend a few weeks of our winter in the south and come back to meet our spring. The pleasure of snuffing the zephyrs that play through the orange and lemon groves, of feasting the eyes on apricot and peach blossoms, and of rubbing up against eucalyptus, cactus and calla lilies is one not soon to be forgotten. We expect to see a few columns in The Grocer from Mr. Craig's pen shortly.

Samples of coffees from a few merchants were bought by government officials some time ago and analyzed. The result was that a percentage of chicory was found with some and recorded against them on the blue books.

Some merchants make a specialty of good coffee, but do a jobbing trade with small stores when a cheaper grade is demanded and thus get caught. If a grocer gives the consumer a high grade blend of coffee with two ounces of English chicory costing 28c and retailing at 35 or 40c, is he not doing the consumer a greater favor than the merchant who sells a pure coffee mixed with cheaper stuff which costs him 22c. Governments can peg away with their laboratory and analyses all they like but if the man behind the counter is crooked they are wasting time stamping scales, sampling his goods, etc. They should stop the manufacture of compounds if they wish to get rid of them.

This season's maple syrup is coming in freely—good, bad and indifferent. Some looks like and tastes sweetened rain-water. The best comes from Elgin, Delta, Athens and near by villages.

INGERSOLL.

April 14.—W. M. Scanlon who engaged in the bakery and confectionery business here about a year ago, and sold out a few months ago, has purchased a business in Fergus. In his new stand it is understood Mr. Scanlon will carry a general line of confectionery, fruits, tobaccos, etc. Many friends here will wish him success.

A business change of interest took place last week when the Pickard Cc., of Niagara Falls, acquired the confectionery business formerly conducted by L. Tanner. The new firm took possession on Saturday.

Considerable judicious window-dressing was noticeable in the grocery stores during the past week. Although always up-to-date in their window displays, the grocers showed exceptional care in arranging their windows for the Easter trade, and they were very attractive and appropriate to the season. This is certainly good advertising as the passerby will invariably stop to look at an attractive window and many sales are doubtless made as a result.

The maple syrup season has been much shorter than usual, and the output considerably below former years in the territory surrounding Ingersoll. The season was late in opening and it was brought to an abrupt termination by the several frostless nights last week. The drop in the temperature during Saturday and Sunday started the sap flowing again the early part of this week, but the makers predict that the season is practically at an end. The quality of the syrup was never better than this season, but the supply has been altogether too small for the demand. The bulk of the sales have been made at \$1.25 per gallon.

Fifteen-cent eggs for Easter are but an echo of bygone days. At the market Saturday hundreds of dozens were offered but the price did not get below sixteen cents, and many sales were made at 18 cents.

HAMILTON.

April 14.-General regret is felt by the grocers' association here that the amendments proposed to the Division Court Act, relative to an easier mode of collection of small accounts, was not considered seriously by the legislature this session. The cost now of suing for an account is high, both for debtor and creditor. In some cases for small sums the cost runs up to three or four dollars, where fifty cents ought to be ample. It seems a pity that a more general expression of opinion in regard to this matter from all Ontario merchants should not be placed before the legislature. The Retail Merchants' Association took the matter up and proposed to look after it, but the grocers here think that the movement lacked energy. No opinion on the matter has been expressed by the Retail Merchants' Association They hold only annual meetings, here. and if the interest in the work is as

dead in other places as here, we cannot expect much help from those in power. The Hamilton Grocers' Association have been discussing this question for a long time, and fully intended to send a deputation to the Attorney-General's department to press their cause, but were assured by E. M. Trowern, the secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association, that being on the spot he would let them know when to go down. But alas! the message never came, and they now find that they made a mistake in not following up the job themselves. Better luck await them next session.

At their next meeting Mr. McIntosh will offer a paper on the subject of Canned Goods to the grocers' association. This fact having been announced through the press, Mr. McIntosh has received a large number of suggestions and enquiries from canners, wholesalers and others which have aroused considerable interest, and as he is expected to give an exhaustive opinion on the question, particularly on points that affect the retailer, all the grocers are keeping an open date for that night.

Maple syrup and sugar are coming in very slowly and the price is ruling high. One firm is reported to be selling at \$2 per gallon, which is pretty high for this market.

H. P. Boyd, vice-president of the retail grocers' association, has sold his business to Gordon McInnes, late manager for Peebles-Hobson & Co.

Robt. Horton, also of Peebles-Hobson & Co. has opened a fine new store in the west end.

John Lampman, grocer, South Queen St., has purchased a 40 h.p. automobile. This purchase is probably why new stores are starting up in his section. Well, "Jack" worked hard for it and deserves it all right.

PERTH.

April 14.—A representative of one of the large condensed milk companies was in Perth this week. He says, as far as he knows, there is less condensed milk and cream sold in this town than in any town he has visited.

Maple syrup is bringing 75c to \$1 gallon. Though the supply is just about the average or below, there is much more for sale than can easily be disposed of. Some farmers unable to sell have had to take syrup home again. A great deal of last year's syrup was carried over. This probably accounts for the 'lack of appetite'' of Perth people for the maple product. Maple sugar brings Sc to 10c a pound.

H. M. Shaw held a demonstration of some particular lines of jellies and coffee in his grocery department last week.

Bread is 6c per $1\frac{1}{2}$ -lb. loaf in Perth. In most surrounding towns we are told it is 5c per loaf.

In considering the cash system of doing business a local merchant looks at it this way: "If at present my bad accounts amount to, roughly, one-half of one per cent. of the business I do, and when tomer, I u his busine me is, Wil one-half p system and accounts, f get credit Croft &

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Croft & Son, of Middleville, advertise that they are going out of business.

Grocers here are complaining about the poor quality of the navel oranges they have received this winter. Many of them arrive lacking the juice. They are spongy and dry and have not their usual sweetness. Some loss is experienced because of this.

J. V. Watson for some years a clerk with G. E. Armstrong, has given up his position. He has received the appointment of customs officer for Perth district.

LONDON.

April 14.—Retail grocers report business very good during the past week. In the surrounding country, according to travelers' reports, trade was fair.

Brokers state that sugar is still very firm, though there has been no change in prices. Teas of all grades also continue very firm. There is very little Japan in the country, nor will there be before the arrival of the new crop in July. The canned goods market is in a demoralized condition here. There seems to be so much in the hands of canners and wholesalers that they are evidently willing to sell at any price they can get. Currants at the point of growth are reported higher.

The highest honor to which the average London Irishman aspires is that of president of the Irish Benovelent Society, the leading organization of the kind in the city, and one noted for its great charitable work and the splendid pienics which it annually holds. This week the society holds its annual meeting, when the presidential prize falls into the lap of E. J. Ryan, of Ryan & Russell, grocers, an ex-president and. now treasurer of the Retail Merchants' Association. Mr. Ryan has filled the office of vice-president of the I.B.S. during the past year and the presidency comes to him by right of succession. That he will fill his new position acceptably to the members as a whole no one who knows Mr. Ryan has the slightest doubt.

John Rennie, for some time traveler for R. C. Struthers & Co., has taken possession of Goodge's grocery, corner of Dundas and Maitland Streets, which business he recently purchased. One of Mr. Rennie's first acts on engaging in his new line was to join the Retail Grocers' Association.

For some years past the grocers of London have closed their places of business every Wednesday afternoon during the months of June. July, August and September. A more is on foot to make the weekly half holiday season begin with the first Wednesday in May. Whatever is done as to this, it is cer

tain the weekly half holiday will be continued by the London grocers during the coming summer.

"Does the handling of daily newspapers and postage stamps pay?" was asked of a north end grocer to-day. And the answer was: "Not in themselves, for the profit in both cases is very small. But for the convenience of our customers we carry both stamps and papers, and the benefit to us is that people who come for them, buy other things in the store. These, under different circumstances, might go elsewhere to buy."

Londoners paid 18e to 19e per dozen for their Easter eggs, which is about 3c lower than a year ago. Best butter sold on the market for 25e to 26e per lb., and poultry brought 12e to 16e per pound.

GUELPH.

April 14.—The week before Easter was marked by special and elaborate preparations by consumers and merchants. Commencing Monday trade became brisker until Thursday and Saturday. The latter day was apparently a record one. Business was fast all day until after 10 p.m., there being no break or slackness. Although it was very cold, there was a large contingent of people from the country, and Wyndham St. showed a very ''animated picture'' to the ''looker-on.''

A. J. Groom is showing some "good quality" maple syrup in jars, which is having a good sale.

Geo. Williams had a splendid display of spring vegetables on Thursday and Saturday which had a ready sale. The display reflected great credit upon the responsible party.

Saturday was "egg day" on the market and there was a big rush for the Easter supply. There was a large supply of eggs, but it was not equal to the demand, consequently the result was a stiffening in the prices. The market throughout was on the same basis, and there was an upward tendency in the prices all along the line. Eggs went up to 17c and 18c, and butter, in good demand, remained firm at 24c and 25c. Poultry was scarce and high in price. Potatoes sold at 70c and 75c per bag. Maple syrup was offered at \$1.40 per gallon and 40c per quart.

ST. THOMAS.

April 14.-Both markets were small on Saturday considering the fact of its being Easter and the produce offered was all disposed of. Eggs were the principal feature and opened at 18c per doz. but the tardy buyers were lucky as they dropped to 15c per dozen before the close. Butter sold readily at from 25c to 28c per lb. Maple syrup sold from \$1.25 to \$1.40 per gallon, according to quality. One farmer had a large quantity for sale and a neighbor stated that he did not have a maple tree on his place. If a grocer were to offer for sale that kind of stuff he would be fined. There was no change of price in

other produce. The millers paid \$1.07 per bushel for wheat—the highest price reached here in years. Flour has advanced 10c per 100 lbs.

The by-law depriving the grocers from buying on the markets until ten a.m. has been evaded, it is said, by one firm of grocers. It is stated that another party buys for them and that their wagon has been seen to call and get the load of produce from a man whose duty it ought to be to see that the by-law is enforced. Some of the grocers have interviewed the chairman of the market committee and he stated that an information should be laid before the magistrate. If this is done it is an injustice to the grocers who observe the law and it should not be tolerated.

Our police magistrate has dismissed two more cases brought before him of "peddling without a license" and as the Ontario Legislature has, it is understood, put off till next session the amendment of the act, although passed by the committee, no relief is likely and the local merchants who pay their business tax have to suffer from this injustice till next session. If the grocers of Ontario were properly organized and their case fairly presented no doubt action to remedy this condition of affairs would hav met with immediate success and the delay would have been avoided.

There are many good reasons why grocers should have an organization of their own and one of them is to study their relationship with jobber and manufacturer. Other grievances are the paying of cartage at the point of shipment as well as at destination; church tickets, price-cutters, Christmas presents, etc.

The grocers report that Saturday's business was ahead of last year and the local customs receipts for March were also ahead, which spells encouragement.

CHATHAM.

April 14.—Grocers unite in declaring that the Easter business this year was the best on record, Easter week, and particularly the Saturday before Easter Sunday, being far in advance of the corresponding days last year. Grocers are anticipating a big summer, all the signs pointing that way.

Flowers were features of most of the grocery offerings this Easter, and floral window displays proved very attractive. In most cases the flowers were taken on commission for local floral firms, and, though as a consequence of the competition, the floral trade was pretty well divided, most of those handling flowers found that they fairly paid for their trouble. Hitherto, Wm. Anderson has been practically the only grocer to carry a regular line of potted plants.

Fred Ward, of Harry Andrews' grocery staff will be in Petrolia this Thursday, April 15, attending the wedding of his son, Fred J. Ward, to Miss Maude Tanton, formerly manager of Parsons' Fair here.

Saturday saw a busy and crowded market here, with most prices high.

Poultry is expensive just now, chickens ranging as high as 60c each and a few turkeys offering for \$2.50. Eggs sold at 16c, and butter at 24c and 25c. Potatoes brought 85c a bag. Live hogs went up to \$7.10 per cwt., deliveries being considerable. Fresh vegetables, homegrown, are making their appearance on the market, lettuce, radishes and rhubarb being in evidence.

Reports from the country indicate that the farmers are well advanced with their spring work. Plowing is pretty well completed, and seeding on elay lands is nearly finished in most sections, though on sand it is coming on slowly, being held back by cold weather. Much corn ground has been already plowed. The recent warm spells have had a very beneficial effect upon the wheat which has picked up wonderfully, while one Raleigh farmer reports oats already up. This last is a record breaker.

That, as a consequence of the failure of the ice crop this winter, ice this summer will cost twice as much as last year, was the prophecy made last week by a local ice dealer. All Chatham's ice this year has to be imported.

A movement looking to the establishment of a government experimental cold storage station here for the handling of apples is in progress. and is being actively championed by D. A. Gordon, M.P., in the Dominion House. One grower declared to a Grocer representative that the encouragement of cold storage would probably mean the salvation of the industry, adding that, although Kent had probably more apple trees than any other county, owing to the insufficient means of taking care of the product the county is this spring unable to supply her own demands, let alone to export.

The big gale last Wednesday did quite a bit of damage in this section. In addition to tossing delivery rigs in all directions, it pretty well wreeked the roof of the Tilbury eanning factory, and the west wall of the main building, the damage being estimated at \$1,000. The fire wall of J. S. Richardson's general store at Tilbury was also damaged to the extent of about \$350.

Mitton & Campbell have opened their new grocery and general store at Ridgetown, in the premises formerly occupied by the Northway Company.

The proprietors of the St. Thomas Canning Company purpose establishing a branch at Ridgetown this summerbusiness men of the town having subscribed money to rent the Harrison building near the Pere Marquette for their machinery. While they expect to put up only tomatoes this year, they will handle peaches if the crop warrants the move.

C. L. Robertson, of Rutherford, has disposed of his grocery and general store to Mr. Talbot, of London.

John Grass, of Ridgetown, advertises that he is giving up the handling of crockery in connection with his grocery business, and is disposing of that line by bargain sale.

The Dresden Basket Factory, which has been carrying on business in the Hicks Block, has been compelled by rush of orders to move to larger premises in connection with the Mahler evaporating factory. A New Idea egg basket, designed to hold 18 dozen eggs and fit benath a buggy seat, has had considerable to do with the rush, though the company manufactures baskets of all kinds.

R. Heyland's grocery, at Dresden, was the scene of a small chimney fire last week, the damage bein^o slight.

Dresden's new flour mill will have a capacity of 250 barrels. The company is capitalized at \$50,000, and \$20 000 worth of machinery is being installed. The town subscribed \$3,000. C. C. Morrison, of Guelph; Leslie Morrison, of Hensall; Jas. Morrison, of Wheatley; John Dodd, of Alton; and Melvin Hunt, of Barrie, are the men behind.

E. H. Kuttan, Wallaceburg, has erected a handsome new awning in front of his grocery.

S. J. Helmer has purchased the Sombra bakery from Geo. W. Meyers, who is leaving for the Northwest.

Wm. Piggott, the South Side, Wallaceburg, grocer, is able to be out again after several weeks' illness.

The Merlin Creamery conducted by Wm. Parker, opens for business on April 15th.

A milk route is being inaugurated at Wheatley by Geo. R. Robertson.

Snuff tobacco promises to be the next novel product of the south-western counties. A Tennesseean named Wall is now experimenting in the growing in Essex county of a grade of tobacco suitable for the purpose, 20 acres being under cultivation this year.

The Dominion Government has taken a wise and important step in establishing an experimental tobacco station on the farm of A. R. Ferriss, near Harrow. W. A. Barnet, B.S.A., will be in charge. What the Canadian tobacco growers need most is expert instruction on growing and curing the weed—especially the latter—and the experimental farm should have a good effect in improving the quality of the Canadian-grown weed.

That the Tilbury canning factory will operate this year was the statement handed out by Manager H. H. Shaver last week. in contradiction of many widespread rumors. Mr. Shaver says the 1908 output will be doubled this year.

D. M. Edmonds, of Tilbury, recently sold his grocery business to W. A. Johnson, of the same place. Irvine Wallace, formerly manager of the grocery department of the W. C. Crawford store, who recently relinquished that post to accept a position in Amherstburg has been secured by Mr. Johnson to manage his new venture, and will remain in Tilbury.

The Pease evaporating factory at Wallaceburg will henceforth use natural gas as fuel, arrangements for its instalation having been completed. Wm. McIntosh, a Wallaceburg baker. has left to take a position in Barrie.

Bruce Gonyou has resumed his position in Ruttan's grocery at Wallaceburg, after an extended illness.

Mitton & Campbell, who are this week opening a new grocery in Ridgetown, have made big improvements in the store front.

The old-established grocery and general business of J. S. Richardson, at Tilbury, has been incorporated as a joint stock company, under the name of the J. S. Richardson Co., Limited. Mr. Richardson retains active control of the business, which is the oldest business concern in Tilbury, having been started in an unpretentious fashion in 1879, and since grown to very large proportions.

Henry Everest, who formerly conducted a small grocery in Chatham, on Grand Ave. West, passed away recently, an Contiac, Mich, aged 73 years.

The rows that the committee of the Legislature had approved the bill introduced by P. H. Bowyer, M.P.P., to parwit the sale by greeers and general me. chants of ordinary household remedies. has undoubtedly proven a source of much gratification to merchants in this vieinity. It was in this county that most of the original prosecutions tool. place, and many a country merchant wh had to eash up \$20 and costs for selling five cen's' worth of quinine will be glud to learn that the obnoxious restrictions are practically down and out. Incidentally, the stand taken by Secretary Trowern of the Retail Merchants' Association, will hardly meet with the approval of many of the active members of the local branch. Though the restrictions fell most heavily on country merchants, they were deeply resented by members of the grocery trade in this city-and grocers have always comprised about fifty per cent. of the active membership of the local association. Prior to the passage of the act in questionand possibly since-Chatham druggists did a considerable jobbing business in drugs and "patents" with country merchants, and it is doubtful if the measure. originally designed. it is understood. to hit the departmental stores, was much appreciated by the local men who were supposed to benefit. The incident may lend impetus to a certain underlying movement to make the local branch of the R.M.A. a purely city affair.

ST. CATHARINES.

April 14.—Mrs. Jno. Kilroy has disposed of her grocery stock and given up business.

J. T. Petrie is having the Simpson store in Thorold, which he recently purchased, refitted. The store will be thoroughly up-to-date. The grocery section will be fitted with Walker bins and counters. A handsome plate glass front is also being put in. Mr. Petrie expects to have this store opened as a branch store about May 1.

G. G. Gamble, general merchant, of Fenwick, has assigned.

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TORONTO.

April 14.—J. Patterson, 19 Howard St. is constantly re-arranging his store, which gives it always a new and attractive appearance.

A. L. Thurston has bought out Mr. Swain, 1232 College St. His bright young daughter is taking an active part in the management of the business.

A grocer was seen the other day waiting on a customer with his pipe in his mouth—he ought to know better.

Geo. Rutledge, a successful young clerk for years in Parkdale, has started a store of his own with entirely new goods. Everything looks cheerful in the store and he is bound to be a winner.

P. D. Dunn opened a new store at 1646 Queen west two months ago and is doing a good business.

J. P. Cowan, from Dundalk, has purchased the business of Mrs. Maybee, 1362 College St., and has prospects of a good business.

A College St. grocer is actually the limit. He has come to the conclusion that The Canadian Grocer is not worth the two dollars and the only reason he gives is that he does not read it.

A west-end grocer recently kindly supplied a customer with goods on credit. In course of time he asked for some money, but instead he claims he received abuse. He then wrote her a letter and demanded payment for his goods, but in answer to this she appeared in the store with vengeance in her eyes and threatened to bring him up in the police court. Getting abuse for his kindness was more than he could stand, and he helped her out of his store. For this he had to pay ten dollars and costs. The sympathy of those who know something about the affair is with the grocer, who feels that he deserved better treatment.

W. J. Sawyers & Son, 429 Yonge St., has arranged a very attractive window with canned milk. The rivalry in the city now is not who can sell the cheapest, but who can have the cleanest and most attractive store and give the best service.

Teasdale Grocery Co. are making a great display of canned apples. This is a good business move as green apples are very scarce and dear, and now, before the fresh berries come in canned apples are in season.

Brittain L. Hill, 668 Bloor St. West. is doing a good business, much better than he expected when he started last June.

OTTAWA.

F. W. Forde took over the store of Forde Bros. on Bank St. on the first of the month.

The Hull Electric Company is being prosecuted under the Meat and Canned Foods Act for unlawfully transporting one dressed hog from Ottawa into Quebec. These Hull people seem to be getting fussy. In Ottawa there is a dressed hog on nearly every end seat of the "ars in summer.

Miller & Watson, grocers and butchers, have opened on the corner of Bay and Gladstone Ave.

The store of R. Baird, Somerset St., is closed, the owner having gone west. It will be remembered this store was very badly damaged by fire and water some three weeks ago, and the manager, A. Nellin, has been reducing the stock since that time.

PETERBORO.

April 14 .- One of the city's influential grocers states that there has been a great deal of last year's butter sold during the past winter by grocers who have either had it in storage or who have bought it from those who have thus kept it. This butter was purchased last autumn and not a little is reported to have been bought in the early summer, a June make being found. As a result the quality of the butter was not what it should be but setill a number of the grocers are said to have had no scruples in selling it. The informant states that if the grocers want to build up their butter trade and cut in on the market business they should draw the line at selling an inferior grade.

The time has at last arrived for the show windows of our grocers to give a good place to seeds and many of the grocers have already done so. A few more weeks and the demand will be at its height. Flower seeds, as well as vegetable, are kept in stock.

White & Gillespie being the centre of the dairy supply trade for this city, report a good business so far. The cheese factories are getting ready to open up for the summer and are laying in a stock of requisites for the work. They are selling many cream separators throughout the country, Mr. Gillespie being well known and the firm's integrity being a good advertisement.

The small stores in the outlying parts of the city had their annual sale of hot-cross buns on Good Friday. They objected to the keeping of their stores open on Friday and in vain endeavored to get all their deliveries of orders made on Thursday evening.

The merchants state that the farmers of this section are asking the highest price for maple syrup in the province. The price is 40c a quart or \$1.50 a callon, and the quality is said to be nothing out of the ordinary. The weather has not been of the right kind thus far for a bountiful flow of sap, but there is a chance yet of the season redeeming itself.

It has been learned that Ald. Geo. Gillespie, of White & Gillespie, recently made a secret journey to New York on an important municipal matter.

John T. Donoghue, corner Sherbrooke and Rubidge Sts., has begun to make an addition to his grocery store.

Market prices of butter and eggs last Saturday were 27c and 18c respectively. Butter is expected to remain about these figures, as the supply will just about meet the demand.

Will Grady, a young man who is occupying his own store in the south end of the city, and who was recently married states that his business is comine along nicely and although practically new in the grocery business he is pleased with his experience so far.

The brightening prospects of the spring have brought increased business to the merchants in general and the grocers report that they have been affected and are looking out for bills being paid better in the near future on account of the building boom that is expected and which is already being realized.

The local flour mills are doing a good business judging from the fact that the Central Milling Company are doubling their capacity and adding the machinery to meet the demand of their increased business. The Peterboro Cereal Co. have also added to their flour department.

R. C. Braund and Mrs. Braund cele brated their crystal wedding on Monday evening, April 12. They received a large number of presents and the congratulations of a host of friends. About 70 people were present at the affair and Mr. Braund and his wife proved themselves most delightful hosts. Mr. Braund conducts a large general store in the south end of the city which he started at about the same time as his marriage and he attributes his success to the help and inspiration received from his wife. Bert Hunter, who opened a store of

his own some months ago, is disposing of it this week and will leave on an extended trip to the West.

Henry Cross proprietor of a small store near the C. G. E. works, has sold his business.

Jas. R. Bell, grocer, was in Toronto on Wednesday on a buying trip.

BRACEBRIDGE.

April 14.—Easter decorations among the different merchants this year were excellent. Among the neat grocery windows noticed were Armstrong & Gillespie, showing a large display of fruits and flowers; Hutchison Bros., an Easter window of bacon, hams, cheese and eggs, making an effective display; Kirk Bros.', windows were pretty with flowers and fruits, and Jos. G. Meyers had a large display of eggs and meats.

• All day Saturday the streets were thronged with people. Merchants and clerks were kept on the jump till late at night.

"The best Easter trade ever," they all exclaim.

Some, at least, eat macaroni in this town. We noticed 130 eases of this toothsome foodstuff unloading at Hutchison Bros.' store on Thursday.

Some of us hope for the starting of the movement in Ontario "for more daylight." Your correspondent questioned the merchants, clerks, and other men of this town and all speak greatly in favor of the clock advancing one hour during the summer. It will give the man behind the counter daylight to enjoy the numerous sports and other

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pleasures that at present he is barred from.

A SUBSTITUTION.

The claim is made by the Schram Automatic Sealer Co., of Canada, that their product, the Schram sealer, which was introduced into this country last year is being misrepresented by other firms selling fruit jars. It is stated that some parties are selling what they claim to be Schram jars but which in reality are entirely different. The above mentioned company did a considerable trade in Canada during their first year doing business here and it is probable that it is just another case of a good thing being imitated.

PARTNERSHIP FORMED.

A change has been made in the brokerage business of J. Walter Snowdon, Montreal, he having taken into partnership W. George Borland. The firm will in future be known as Snowdon & Borland and will maintain offices in the Guardian Building.

Mr. Snowdon has been connected with the grocery trade in Montreal for many years, having been for some time sales representative in Montreal of the Quaker Oats Company, and latterly having conducted a brokerage business of his own. He has a fine connection with both wholesale and retail trade.

Mr. Borland began his business experience with the Royal Bank, by whom he was engaged for some years. While there employed he met many influential business men, with many of whom he has had dealings later on in his business career. He resigned from the responsible position of purchasing agent for one of the largest industrial concerns in Montreal, in order to go into the brokerage.

Both young men are progressive, and the partnership will enable them to look after the interests of their principles most satisfactorily. They have several first-class agencies.

PURE FOOD SHOW AT COLISEUM.

A pure food show will be held at the Coliseum, Montreal, beginning May 17 and continuing until May 29. The site selected is an admirable one, being in the heart of the town. The building contains 36.000 square feet of floor space, with no posts. Duquette & Robertson are earrying out the interior arrangements. Somewhat of an innovation will be provided in the shape of a vaudeville performance. A first-class orchestra will also be in attendance. The proceeds of the show will be devoted to charity and in this connection a rather novel scheme has been adopted. One thousand tickets will be sent to each charitable institution, and they are to sell them at 10c each, and keep the proceeds.

Many manufacturers in Toronto and elsewhere displayed an Easter spirit by allowing their employes a holiday from Thursday until Monday. Among the leaders in this regard was E. W. Gillett Company, Limited. The Preparation of Prunes From Plums — How They Are Gathered, Dried and Made Ready for the Market—The Sources of Supply and Differences in the Fruit—France a Great Prune Country.

The Grocer's Encyclopedia From Week to Week

PRUNES—The word prune, is derived from the latin word prunum, a plum, and may be more specifically defined as the fleshy varieties of the common plum, of firm texture, which are easily dried whole either in the sun or by artificial heat without fermenting at the pit. In fact the common English name, for dried plums is "prunes" but in French "pruneaux." Prunelloes is a name generally applied to the larger, lighter colored and finer flavored of the ordinary prunes, and mostly come from Tours.

Prepared From Plums.

In preparing prunes and prunelloes, the fresh gathered ripe and thick skinned plums are dried first in the sun till soft. Sometimes they are spread on hurdles and then left about twenty-four hours in a slow brick oven. After cooling they are put in a warmer oven and again a third or fourth time till sufficiently dried. Great care has to be exercised that the skin be not broken, and that the fruit be not packed until all surplus moisture between the fruit has entirely disappeared; for if packed while damp it will mould in the package.

A skilled packer can tell by the touch just when the fruit is fit for packing, and when it is not. Some prunes may be noticed to have a smoky flavor, from having been dried over wood fires, especially those from Servia, Hungary and Bohemia. The Italian or Fallenberg prune is a well-known sort. It has a rich acid flavor, and dark color, with blue tint and is nearly round. Bosnia and Herzegovina prepare 40,000 or 50,-000 tons of prunes yearly. They resemble the Italian product, but are not quite so large, and are generally highly cooked.

Prunes are also extensively prepared in Germany, from the Quetsch plum, which is best known as the German prune. These contain considerable acidity, but the most widely celebrated prunes of all are the Catharine variety of French or "Imperial plums," which reach England from Bordeaux. The tree thrives best in claycy and calcareous soils, and does not require loam of profound depth. The finest flavored are prepared around the little town of Brignoles in Provence. They are known commercially as Pistoles, and Pruneaux de Brignoles, and comprise the Pendrigon blanc, and Pendrigon violette. The Pistoles variety is a superior grade to the Brignoles. The centre of the French prune industry, however, is at Agen in the Southwest. Immense quantities are put up in the fertile departments of Lot-et-Garonne, Dordogne and Lot. The prune d'Agen or d'Ente (date

The prune d'Agen or d'Ente (date grafted plum) grown in the valley of the Lot, has long been highly esteemed. "Ente" means grafted by a special method. In travelling from Avignon to Furnel through the valley of Lot whole plains are seen covered with these grafted plum trees which furnish the famous Prunes d'Ente and Robe Sergent. They are sun dried, and are exported to the remotest corners of the earth. Other

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well known varieties are the Reine Claude, Mirabelle, Petit Damas or French St. Julien chiefly used in medicine and used in the valley of the Loire, whence also come the "Tours Prunes" above referred to. Lorraine produces an immense quantity of the kind known as Quetschs, which are one of the best for ordinary preserving, but their flavor is very inferior to their appearance.

Of late years, large quantities of prunes from Servia have been imported into France, and re-exported as French at considerably higher prices.

Differences in Prunes.

The processes employed for curing are very primitive, although plums are one of the chief resources of that country. Every grower cures them at his own orchard. Spain and Portugal also prepare prunes. California raises over 60,-000 tons a year, a great number of which are packed and exported in boxes of 10, 25 and 50 lbs. each. The Californian are said to contain a less proportion of stone and skin than French prunes, while the meat and saccharin matter is much greater. They are also said to be superior in flavor, and to keep better and longer without sugaring.

Oregon prunes are large and acid of the Italian type. The Dosch prune is also large and acid but as a rule people prefer the sweeter kinds.

Fruit Gathered at Mid-day.

In France, at Agen, when the prune is rich, full and thoroughly ripe, it is covered with a sort of glaucous powder, called "flower" which greatly adds to its value as a table fruit. The fruit is usually gathered in the middle of the day after the sun has dissipated the humidity of the night, and straw is generally spread under the trees to prevent the fruit from getting bruised or dirty through coming in contact with the soil. Sometimes a canvas cloth is held or suspended under the tree. Only such fruit as readily falls when the tree is shaken, is gathered; as soon as it is harvested the fruit is taken to a building where it remains a day or two to mature.

In Europe, Bordeaux is the principal export centre of the prune industry. America is now a strong competitor with Europe in this product. The system of drying the fruit, in the latter country has the best results, and several French firms have adopted the American method and found it to answer admirably.

Prunes are a favorite fruit in manufacturing districts both for culinary purposes and dessert. They are considered very nutritious and slightly laxative. Stewed in water they form a good remedy for costiveness and feverishness, as does also the liquor as a drink.

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THE "SHORTS" AND THE MILL-ERS.

The situation in the wheat and flour trade is rather unique at present. At any rate it is most interesting.

As those who are conversant with the market are well aware, prices of wheat are unusually high and strong, with little or no indication at present of a lower market, as the high prices which are being quoted for next year's crops indicate.

Shorts are being particularly hard hit by the wheat market. Many have sold May wheat at \$1.03, and on Tuesday of this week, prices for that option touched \$1.271, or 241c. above the price for which they had sold. Consequently, they are feeling uncomfortable and are praying for "night or Blucher."

Naturally, in view of these conditions, the situation of the millers is by no means comfortable. The smaller millers are feeling decidedly uncomfortable. To buy wheat to turn into flour with prices now ruling is not at all inviting. Most of the millers are what might be termed "lying low."

Then to make matters still worse for the average miller, there has been a good deal of price cutting during the last few months by the large milling companies. With their large equipment, the large mills are naturally able to manufacture at a lower cost, and taking advantage of this, they are quoting lower prices than the smaller millers can quote. This has so handicapped the latter, that some of them at any rate have been buying flour from the larger millers rather than manufacture their own flour at a loss.

It is evident, therefore, that whatever may be the outlook for high prices for the farmer, for the miller it is not at all bright, for plus the high price of wheat, there is the demoralizing influence of price-cutting.

ILLEGAL LABELLING.

The action of some companies in labelling their products in such a manner as to deceive buyers in the country of their production is something to be strongly condemned. It has been brought to our notice that at least one such case exists in Canada in which a Canadian manufacturer represents part of his goods as coming from a foreign country. Their particular product has a tax imposed on it coming into Canada so that their scheme is readily seen. They seek to enhance the quality and value of their goods by an illegal label and at the same time to create a demand for goods purporting to be manufactured in a superior manner to their own.

From a national standpoint such a scheme should be emphatically opposed. We have Canadian manufactured goods which may be just as good as any imported, sold as foreign. Such manufacturers are almost bound to lose in the end. Jobbers knowing such goods are being misrepresented will not pay the price and ultimately the consumer will find it out. Why cannot Canadian manufacturers who have the facilities for turning out a good article not let that fact be known? It is more to their credit to do so and to the country's advantage as well. Morally, too. the action is wrong and contrary to the fundamental principles of an honest business.

We are not aware as to the exact nature of the law and the penalties that may be incurred but it appears that each province looks after its own offenders. As such a condition of affairs affects the business of manufacturers of similar products in the various sections of the country it seems advisable that a general law should be enacted to protect home manufacturers as well as importers who pay their legitimate dues. It is an unfair competition and dishonest business.

THE CLERK'S ROAD TO SUCCESS.

There are few men who have served the greater portion of their lives in the grocery trade who will not admit that the various demands upon the clerk are stringent, but absolutely necessary. It almost invariably takes years of work and concentration to develop a good clerk. As one man said a few days ago. "I have been in business for 35 years and I am still learning."

Any who overlook the necessary qualifications are, from the nature of the case, going to lower the standard which the industry has set up by means of its continual progress during the years that have passed.

To refer more particularly to the grocery trade it is not a too sweeping statement to say that a grocery business will probably depend upon the clerk above all else. The business will rise or fall according to the ability of the man behind the counter, who meets or who doesn't meet, the highly specialized requirements of the patrons. He must start at the bottom and work up-the trade demands it. Some may be more fitted to bring about a speedy development, according to the nature of their lives, prior to entering their vocation, but the quicker a clerk grasps the opportunities to show his mettle the more rapidly will he rise towards the summit.

CLEANLINESS IN THE STORE.

There isn't anything in connection with food products that appeals so much to the consumer as "Cleanliness" in the store she visits.

It impresses her at once with the idea that what she buys is clean and good.

There is the comforting feeling that her grocer is paying tribute to her own taste and habits.

Time was when any kind of a grocery store would suit her. There was little or no attention paid to the proper arrangement and display of goods.

With the improved conditions and requirements of modern life and the elevation of taste, things have changed and now the best arranged, best equipped and cleanest store gets her custom.

This elevation is due to the modern grocery store with its bright shelves, clean counters, handsome show cases. silent salesmen, practical refrigerators, computing scales, cash registers, clean windows and bright fixtures.

The inventive genius of the present day store outfitter is seen in the furnishing of the modern grocery store.

The Canadian Grocer since its inception twenty-one years ago has been a strong factor in bringing about these improved conditions in Canada. It has advocated the installation of every kind of practical, useful and cleanly tixture and equipment.

It has pointed out to the grocers the value of such improvements and it is largely due to its educational campaign in this direction that Canadian grocery stores are to-day the equal of any similar stores in the world.

ADVANCE IN FLOUR PRICES.

The bonds binding the price of flour during the past few weeks have been broken, and on Monday there was a general advance in nearly all the large centres in Canada. This has been the feature of the past week's markets and was directly due to the high figure at which wheat has been selling. This advance was not unexpected, but was rather late in arriving, the time having been prolonged on account of a war among some of the stronger western millers.

It is now to be expected that the bakers will raise the price of bread, and the advance in flour warrants a change of two cents in a six-pound loaf. Bread, however, has not yet been advanced, but if the present price of flour is maintained there is every likelihood that it will.

HOTEL INSPECTOR IN QUEBEC.

It is now almost certain that the government of the Province of Quebec will take definite action in the matter of appointing an inspector of hotels. The executive of the Dominion Commercial Travelers' Association has been in close touch with the officials at Quebec, and, to be of further possible assistance to the government, on Saturday morning last formed a special and a strong committee to offer to act with the authorities in any way deemed advisable.

This committee is composed of the men who look after the interests of the association, which is composed of 6,500 men—commercial travelers who are on the road eight to eleven months a year—and as every member of the committee has traveled himself in the past, or is traveling now, their co-operation will enable the government to select a first-class man to fill the new position, and to properly instruct him in his duties.

Great interest in the project is being evinced by both the government and the opposition, both parties seeing that the appointment of a really good inspector, a man who would know his business, would be for the benefit of the public as well as the commercial traveler.

BROOM CORN PRICES UP.

The three advances of twenty-five cants each in the prices of brooms since December, have not, according to prices quoted this week, covered the advance in the price of the broom corn, the material used in the manufacture of brooms.

One manufacturer, for instance, bought two cars of broom corn this week, paying \$130 and \$135 per ton for the material, whereas, last fall the same stock could be secured for \$60 to \$65, the advance being over one hundred per cent.

In a standard line of maderate-priced brooms it requires at least 23 pounds of corn to make a dozen brooms and this at present prices of $3\frac{1}{2}c$. per pound would equal about 81c. per dozen, or six cents over the advance made by manufacturers, lines which formerly sold at \$2.75 having advanced to \$3.50. The manufacturers, therefore, are being hit by the advance as well as the consumers, and as the market is cornered in strong hands, no relief is in sight until a new erop is marketed next fall.

THE EFFECT OF UNITY.

When men associated with any particular line of business get together, they have presented to them the only opportunity of satisfactorily attending to their differences. What hope is 'there for the manufacturer to work alone and settle his business so that it will meet with the entire approval of the wholesaler and retailer ? What hope has the wholesaler to form rules and regulations that manufacturer and retailer will be satisfied with? And a similar question may be asked as to the retailer. The course he decides to pursue will necessarily cross the paths of the others and instead of having business run smoothly along there exists a feeling of distrust among the three.

On another page of this issue there appears a report of the conference held last week in New York, at which were officially represented the National Retail Grocers' Association, the National Wholesale Grocers' Association, and the American Specialty Manufacturers' Association. Men of these three associations met to discuss together the things that could be made beneficial to all concerned. Permeating the debate there was the spirit that the different interests were much in common, that such a conference had the tendency of bringing the various factors into a closer relationship and of clearing the way to a better understanding.

Apart from the business benefits to be derived, the social aspect of such a gathering of men is worthy of consideration. How often are our prejudices against the men we meet on the street changed to admiration for them when we are privileged to come into closer contract! Such an instance has come within the experience of almost every business man, who learns to know how little foundation he has had for many of his secretly formed dislikes.

A conference of men similar to the one referred to cannot fail to be attended with good results. It brings forth in free discussion the grievances of them all, thus presenting the only

chance to adjust matters satisfactorily. The manufacturer, wholesaler and retailer, when they unite, do not do so with any idea of formulating plans to practice extortion methods on consumers. They come together to consider what shall constitute the proper channels through which trade shall flow and other problems of general interest. They rub against each other and get new ideas, all of which tend to their private advantage as well as to the advantage of the association to which they belong.

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KEEP THE STORE WELL LIGHTED.

The lighting of a store is always a problem. Both daylight and artificial light should be supplied in an ample degree. In the congested quarters of the cities it is not always possible to get sufficient daylight, but it is always possible to have a good quantity of artificial light. When the days get short, the well-lighted store is the one that commands attention, and beginning at the front door, which should always be well lighted, the window should be resplendent, of course, taking for granted the dressing is attractive, otherwise the lights ought to be as dim and few as possible. The efficacy of good lighting in the store itself is obvious. First, there is the psychological effect on the customer when he comes into a flood of light where everything seems to speak a welcome full of warmth. Secondly, in ill-lighted stores dirt and rubbish are more likely to collect and lead to an unsanitary condition. Thirdly, there is the general satisfaction to he derived from working in a well-lighted store, as compared with work anywhere in a dim and insufficient light. Electricity is undoubtedly the best form of light, as it is the cleanest, least cumbersome and most easily taken care of, requiring very little attention Gas and acetylene come next, and coal oil last. There are many kinds of acetylene plants, and some of them give a very brilliant light, but they require considerable attention.

BUSINESS MAXIMS.

By Plato, Jr.

¶ The early bird at the store picks up the wide-awake customer.

¶ He who is always late to business usually ends up a lap behind at the close of his commercial career.

•¶ He who is in love with laziness can never expect to win the approving smile of success.

¶ Time has his eye on the loafer who is eternally watching the clock.

¶ The onus for failure in life is usually charged by the lazy man to the discrimination of opportunity.

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Canadian General Markets and Market Notes

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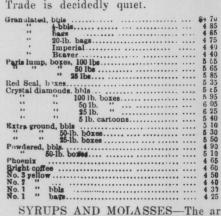
Canned Goods-Moving well.

Sugar-Market quiet. Molasses-Decline in prices.

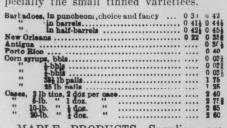
Montreal, April 15, 1909.

Business in the country is slack owing to the bad condition of the roads and many of the farmers are devoting their attention to sugar-making rather than patronizing the stores. A comparatively quiet time may be expected for some time now until the opening of navigation, which will be two weeks earlier than usual, as the ice is nearly clear of the river. Dried fruits and canned goods have been moving well. The demand for fish has been better sustained since Easter than for some seasons past. Beans, peas, molasses, syrups and maple products are going into consumption fairly freely. The paper under discount at the banks has not been met as well as expected, as some good customers who never asked favors before, have had to obtain renewals. This is usually a quiet time for remittances and collections, but after the opening of navigation, and the new dairy season, an improvement may be safely expected,

SUGAR—The sugar situation is displaying no novel features this week. Trade is decidedly quiet.



SYRUPS AND MOLASSES—The arrival of new stock molasses has depressed the market from two to three cents. Choice and fancy are quoted at the same figure. Demand is first-class. Syrups are a little stronger and in good demand, especially the small tinned varietiees.



MAPLE PRODUCTS—Supplies are large of both sugar and syrup, and demand is good. Ten and a half-pound tins of syrup are being quoted at 70e to 75e this week.

TEA-What few teas that are left are in good demand. While the volume of business is not relatively large, trade may be said to be active.

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COFFEE—Locally, some coffee which was bought for shipment to the United States, when a duty looked imminent, is being thrown onto the market here. It has not, however, had any effect on prices, which remain steady.

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DRIED FRUITS—Last week a good general demand was reported and this has been well maintained since. Practically everything on the list is having a call these days. Prices have not altered since last quoted.

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SPICES—In discussing the spice situation with a dealer, he stated trade was quiet, owing to the fact that buyers were waiting for better transportation facilities—that is, water, and an improved state of the roads in the country. Spices is one of those commodities which dealers can wait uptil a favorable time to buy.

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RICE AND TAPIOCA—The jobbers report a falling off of business in rice since Easter, which is not significant. Tapioca has suffered some, too. and is quiet now. No changes in quotations have been reported during the week.

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BEANS AND PEAS — Market is steady and unchanged for both beans and peas.

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CANNED GOODS

MONTREAL.—Canned fruits, with the exception of peaches and pears, are going into consumption rapidly. Vegetables are meeting with only a fair demand. Canned fish, with the exception of sardines, are dead. Meats are very quiet just now.

TORONTO. — Business in canned goods, generally speaking, has been brisk. There is reported a scarcity in two-pound red raspberries, and 2's and 3's in peaches. Gallon apples are moving freely with no change in prices. The scarcity of peas is one of the features of this market, but tomatoes are apparently in large stocks. A local broker disposed of two cars of the latter goods during the week, and also 1,200 cases of canned pumpkin, which, he stated, was selling better than a short time ago. He attributed this to the lowering of the price of eggs, there being more consumed.

The warm weather will bring a better demand for fish. The market in the better grades of salmon in the United States is very firm, and stocks are reported light, there being very little in first hands. Some Toronto wholesalers have difficulty in getting the better classes. With the pink salmon, however, it is different.

ONTARIO MARKETS

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SUGAR-Raws easier. CANNED PUMPKIN-Selling freely. DRIED FRUITS-Good demand. PEPPERS-Firmer in price. RICE AND TAPIOCA-Quiet.

Toronto, April 14, 1909. Some disappointments were experienced among wholesale grocers here regarding the extent of their Easter trade. They were expecting a better business

than they realized, and attribute the cause to the poor roads in many sections, and to the fact that the farmers in many of the country districts have been too busy to make frequent visits to their town. The cold spell with Saturday as its centre had a great deal to do with disappointments among some retail men. Collections are reported to be only fair.

Very few changes have occurred in the grocery prices during the week. The feature of all markets was the advance in flour. Raw sugar is a little easier than it was last week, but brokers here do not anticipate any lower prices for refined in the near future. Prior to the last couple of advances, many secured heavy stocks of sugar, so that the demand is not great at the present time.

The announcement that there would be no duty on teas and coffees coming into the United States, does not excite local dealers much. They got rid of some surplus teas and have still plenty to supply the trade. Of course, this elimination of the duties does not become law till the president puts his pen to the bill as amended, and other changes have time to occur.

The strong market in prunes, apricots and dried peaches may be considered a minor feature this week. This is probably due to the low prices of these goods. Canned goods are moving fairly well so far as fruits are concerned. The canned fish season comes strong with the warmer weather in May and June.

SUGAR—The market is a little weaker than a week ago. The raw market is reported steady, at a decline of onethirty-second, and advices state there has been no pressure on the holders to sell. Heavy rains have occurred in Cuba, which may seriously interfere with the balance of the crop. The visible production to date, is estimated at 1,068,000 tons, as against 1,110,000 tons in 1907—the year of the last heavy crop. Prices in Europe are reported a fraction easier since the holidays, at a decline of three farthings per cwt. in beet sugar. The demand for refined sugar is unusually light, and locally, the recent heavy purchases have not been disposed of.

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MOLASSES AND SYRUPS—There is a firmer tone to the molasses market, although prices can scarcely be quoted at an advance over a week ago. Molasses in cans have to a large extent taken the place of bulk goods, which are a little more awkward to handle. Syrups remain quiet.

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TEA—The situation in tea this week presents few new phases. It does not now appear that there will be a duty on tea going into the United States. To-day, however, a local broker received a communication from a New York correspondent, which stated that this was not entirely settled. The senate will, he stated, have the revision of the amendments in their hands and that it would be probably six weeks before a final decision was reached. There was, he said, a belief among some that there would still be a duty on coffee, and if so, a duty on tea was inevitable. United States buyers who come to Canada for tea are not likely to lose, whether the duty stays off or goes on.

DRIED FRUITS—There must be an immense amount of dried fruits consumed in Canada, considering the steady demand. Prunes are still moving freely, although the northern construction camps and general merchants laid in large stocks some time ago. Dried peaches and apricots are also good sellers. Currant prices are firm with the primary markets a shade higher. The raisin market is quiet, although there has been a large sale of valencias. Few dates are moving.

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RICE AND TAPIOCA—There is little doing in the rice market and less in tapioca, the demand not being very great. No changes in prices have occurred.

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SPICES—About this time a year ago there was a drop in the prices of peppers, but this year the market is different. All peppers are firm just now. Other spice markets are quiet.

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BEANS—There seems to be a scarcity in beans at present, and prices have a tendency to be firmer. There are few reported in the hands of farmers and it is possible supplies will be pretty fairly cleaned up.

EVAPORATED APPLES—This commodity has not been the fast-selling article expected some few months ago. There are plenty in stock, the price being still at 7½c., but probably easier.

MANITOBA MARKETS

Winnipeg, April 10.—The past week was not a remarkable one in the retail trade here. Monday and Tuesday being Jewish holidays, and Wednesday and Thursday being prior to the close of Lent, the holiday business was restricted. Thursday developed well along some lines. The Easter trade is always more or less limited to eggs, bacon, hams and fruit and such products. That tendency was quite marked this year, and it is on that account that no particular boom can be recorded. To-day is looked to as the great day of the season and if the weather is fine, the volume of business done will surpass any other day's trade for several weeks.

The streets and rural roads have taken on a differeent aspect within the past week, much to the gratification of all particularly concerned. The drivers have discarded their rubber boots, and are better able to keep the conveyances clean, and better still, they do not have to bear those "scoldings" from customers who were often annoyed over "late deliveries." It has been noted also that the eity was visited by many farmers and their wives during the past few days, some of them driving in a distance of thirty miles with their produce. Among the more noticeable changes in the market this week are advances in cereals and brooms.

SUGAR—Brown sugar has been the heavy selling product this week for cooking purposes. The prices remain unchanged, but the market is very firm and wholesalers have heard rumors of advances in the near future. If this ad-

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SYRUP AND MOLASSES—Syrup is selling well. This is a bachelor's table commodity, consequently there is a large demand for it all over western Canada. The trade in molasses has been good during the week, as was expected. The prices are firm as follows:

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MAPLE PRODUCTS — Probably the greatest surprise in the local market this spring is the lack of demand for maple syrup and sugar. A mother may buy a little sugar for her child if she happens to have one with her in the store. and occasionally she will buy a pint of syrup for tea. These are about the size of the lots sold by retail.

FOREIGN DRIED FRUITS — The new French treaty has imposed a duty on dates, but as yet the price has not been affected. The expected advance in prunes and currants has not been made, but the market is firm. We quote the prices as follows:

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it is stated, will advance on May 15, on account of the new freight tariff. Notification has been issued by the railway companies to the latter effect. The advance will be 10c per 100 lbs. Orders at the following prices will be filled until that date:

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EVAPORATED APPLES—The market is in a demoralized condition. They are wholesaling at 71_{2} to 81_{2} c, according to quality.

HONEY—It is reported that there is no honey in wholesale stock and very little in retail. The price is a shade firmer, but it cannot be quoted above that of last week.

SPANISH ONIONS—Very few are in stock in the city and the demand is weak. The price, however, is unchanged at \$1.15 per crate.

NUTS—The sale has been good for some days. It is expected that advances will be reported soon. The folhowing prices stand firm:

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ROLLED OATS—The market is firm with no advances over last week.



CORNMEAL-The cereal market as reported last week was very good. An advance is quoted in cornmeal this week of 10c per sack.

Cornmeal, per sack

BEANS-The recent advance has caused a dull trade in this commodity. Hand-picked are quoted at \$2.25 per bushel

POT AND PEARL BARLEY-A still further advance is quoted on these cereals. Pot barley is quoted at \$2.70; pearl barley at \$3.90 and half sacks at \$2.05. The advance is about 5c per sack.

BROOMS-The expected rise has taken place and these prices will likely remain until the new corn comes in. They



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are quoted at from \$3 to \$4.25 per doz., making a total advance of 75c. TUBS-The following prices remain

unchanged. The market is weak.

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CANNED FRUITS AND VEGE-

TABLES - Retailers have decreased their old stock and are buying carefully. These goods will move more freely from now on, it is expected. We quote the

following unchanged prices: GREEN FRUITS AND VEGE-TABLES — Vegetables are coming in slowly. Oranges and bananas are moving satisfactorily, and the trade in these will remain good. The last barrel of apples in the city in the hands of produce men went to a retailer this morning for \$5.50. More will arrive soon.

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MEATS-Since the disturbance in last week's prices there has been no change. Although the trade is not good, some dealers are making a few cents to get rid of old stock and this has stimulated the trade somewhat.

EGGS-The heavy Easter demand for eggs has had a tendency to raise the prize. To-day they are firm at 19c and there is little or no difference in quality.

BUTTER-The poorer lot of butter is going slowly at 13c. Few want it for cooking, not to mention it for table use. No. 1 butter, including good dairy and creamery, is quite firm at 25e to-day.

A FACTORY IN CANADA.

The McCaskey Account Register Co., of Hamilton, Ont., is one of the latest additions to the Canadian industrial arena. This concern began the manufacture of registers at Alliance, Ohio, about six years ago, with a force of six em-ployes. To-day they are employing about 650 people.

Their register system was originally intended for handling the accounts of the retail merchant and they have over 50,000 of these registers in use in the United States. The simplicity and ease with which accounts are handled has attracted people in different lines of business so that to-day their registers are in use in nearly all kinds of retail business, also among the professions and in manufacturing establishments.

The McCaskey is known as the original one-writing, total-forwarding system. It eliminates errors and disputes, stops all forgetting to charge goods. saves the merchant hours of labor in the copying and posting of accounts, thus giving him time to look after important details of his business where he can be earning money.

Owing to the demand for these registers from Canadian merchants and in order to save merchants the duty, this company have opened a Canadian factory in Hamilton and are engaging competent salesmen at this time to represent them in all parts of the Dominion.

PERSONAL NOTES.

A. P. Taylor, of the John Taylor Co., Limited, manufacturers of soaps and perfumes, left Toronto last Saturday for a couple of weeks' visit to Atlantic City.

Wm. Meen, of Minto Bros., Toronto, has been confined to his home for the past three weeks with an attack of pneumonia. Members of the family are also ill from scarlet fever, but accord-

also ill from scarlet lever, but accord-ing to a phone message to The Grocer on Wednesday, Mr. Meen is recovering and will be out again in a short time. J. C. Horner, of the "Salada" Tea Co., left on Easter Monday for the coast. He will be gone about two months, and will visit all the big cen-ters. Business out west has been on the ters. Business out west has been on the

ters. Business out west has been on the increase during the past few years and many companies are paying especial at-tention to that portion of the country. H. D. McCarty, of H. D. McCarty & Son, grocers, Ingersoll, has been ill for some time. The trade will be pleas-ed to learn that after a course of sani-tarium treatment at Battle Creek be is tarium treatment at Battle Creek he is expected home shortly very much im-proved in health.

BUYERS IN TORONTO.

BUYERS IN TORONTO. Among the buyers in the Ontario capital during the past week were the following;: W. I. Colwell, Beeton, Ont.; B. H. Turner, Manitowaning, Ont.; Mr. Towns, Aurora, Ont.; E. W. Hay, Falconburg Station, Ont.; Jas. R. Bell, Peterboro, Ont.; R. A. Dutton, Peter-boro, Ont.; W. A. Curry, Alma, Ont.; E. E. Emerson, Mongolia, Ont.; N. A. Malcolm, Malton, Ont.; Lyman Larway, Wexford, Ont.; G. M. Lyons, Weston, Ont.; Horace Davidson, Unionville, Ont.; H. Taylor, Huttonville, Ont.; Wm. Car-rol, Hamilton, Ont.; G. McIntosh, Co-balt, Ont.; J. Sargent, Westwood, Ont.

TRADE NOTES.

A company is being formed in Nel-son, B.C., to erect a factory for the manufacture of Coledyke baking powder.

Strasburg, Silver & Co., of Aberdeen, Md., U.S., say in their weekly review of the tomato situation that the contract prices of packers for tomatoes this year with the growers will range from \$8 to \$10 per ton.

The Robitaille vinegar factory, situated in Bijouville, just outside the limits of St. Malo, Quebec, was totally destroyed by a fire which broke out on Sunday morning and which raged with more or less violence during the entire day.

Two of Winnipeg's leading wholesale grocery brokerage houses are about to open branches in Regina. Nicholson & Bain and Tees & Persse have come to the conclusion that the growing importance of the Saskatchewan capital as a wholesale centre makes this step necessarv.



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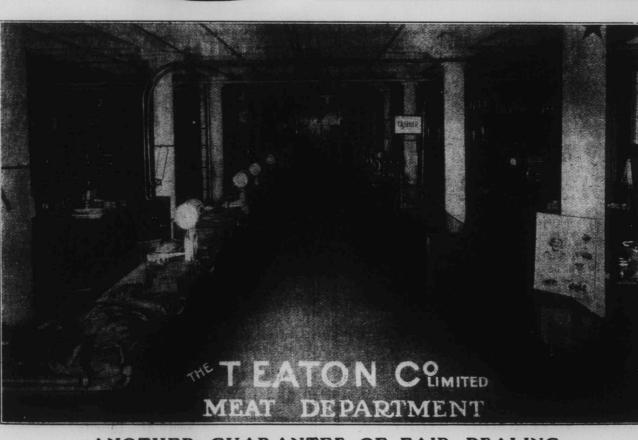
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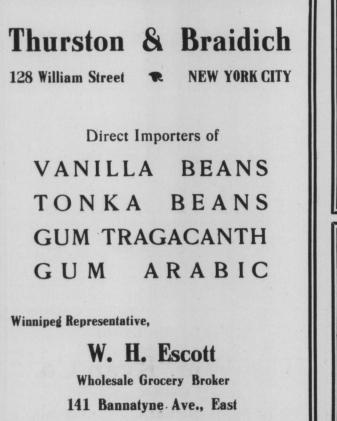
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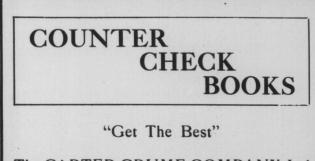


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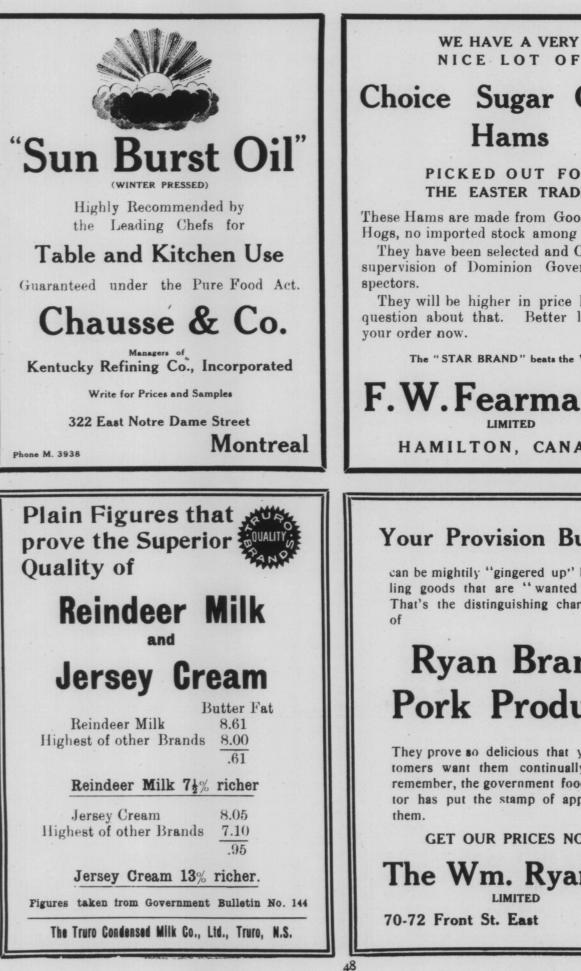
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Provision Prices at Present Time as Compared With Those of the Last Decade of the Nineteenth Century—Calm in the English Butter Market—Cheese in Demand at Rising Prices.

In considering the provision situation it will be interesting to compare the present prices of hogs with what was paid some years ago. To-day dressed hogs are selling at $9\frac{3}{4}c$ and 10c a lb. In 1894 they sold at $4\frac{1}{4}c$; in 1895 at 5c; in 1897 at 6c; in 1898 at $5\frac{1}{2}$; in 1899 at $5\frac{1}{4}c$, and in 1900 at 7c a lb. Then when farmers, as a rule, were not as well fixed financially and had debts to pay they raised more hogs than they do at the present time. With about do double the price now, they are not sa-tisfied and have interviewed the Minister of Agriculture to give them a free trip to Denmark to find out whether the Danes have discovered a process by which they can raise hogs and at the same time sell their grain, which they claim is too dear to feed to hogs and at the same time dispose of them at the "low" price of 10c a lb. It is not only for hogs that the farmer gets far more than he did some years ago. In 1897 the following prices appeared in The Grocer: Potatoes, 35 to 40c a bag; onions \$2.50 a barrel; eggs, active at $9\frac{1}{2}$ to 10c a dozen; apples \$1.75 a barrel; lard 6 to $6\frac{1}{2}c$ a lb.; bacon $10\frac{1}{2}$ to 11c a lb.; creamery butter 191c a fb., and store packed butter from 8 to 13c a fb. In succeeding issues we shall look further into the condition of the retail grocers and see how much better or how much worse they are off than they were years ago.

Reports from England state that there is an unwonted calm about the butter market which it is not easy to explain. Supplies are not generous and the demand is not much disturbed thereby. For the last six weeks imports have been steadily declining, yet buyers do not seem the least bit inclined to lay in stocks to provide against the time when the market must advance, if the same state of things prevails much longer. The reason is, that they do not believe in the scarcity cry, and they are inclin-ed to buy from hand to mouth, in consequence of the sun having been shining a bit warmly this week with its promise of flush pastures and big milk fow. It is no use talking to butter luyers and telling them that the season is backward and that the home supply will not hegin to swell for some time yet. They are indifferent to prophecies and simply wont be quick enough to make the market lively. It may be that the cold-storage has not yet been emptied, though it is currently believed that the supplies in refregerators must have been long since exhausted. If that is the case, it would explain to a large extent the phenomenon of falling imports being accompanied by falling prices-cer-tainly a most unusual thing to contemplate.

Advices from England state that Canadian choese has at last reached the 70s. quotation. It however is only for the brick red sorts, which are few in number, that this price is plaid. The rest of the cheese offering is in good demand at rising prices, as stocks are getting into very small compass and the new make is a decent way off yet. Fin-

est white, is bringing 63s, to 64s, colored 66s, and deep red 70s.

MONTREAL.

PROVISIONS—There is no change in the condition of live hogs, prices being firmly maintained under a good demand and light supplies. Sales of selected lots were made at \$7.90 to \$8, and straight lots at \$7.80 to \$7.85 per 100 lbs., weighed off cars. A fair trade continues to be done in dressed hogs, and prices rule firm, with sales of abattoir fresh-killed at \$10.50 to \$11, and Manitoba dressed at \$10 to \$10.25 per 100 lbs. The cured meats and lard business is quiet and prices are unchanged. Compound Lard—

Tierces, 375 lbs		0 09
Parchment lined boxes, 50 lbs		0 09
Tubs, 50 lbs		0 49
Wood pails, 20 lbs. net		0 09
Tin pais, in cases		019
Heavy Canada short cut mess pork, in bbls		23
Selected heavy Canada short out clear boneless		
pork	24 00	24
Very heavy clear pork		25 1
Plate beef, 100-1b. bbls		7
" 200 "		15
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Pure Lard-		
Tierces, 375 lbs		0 13
Boxes, 50 lbs., grained		0 13
Tubs, 50 lbs., "		0 13
Pails, wood, 20 lbs., parchment lined		0 13
Tin pails, 20 lbs., gross		0 13
Cases, tins, 10 lbs. each		0 13
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Dressed hogs, fresh killed 10	0 50	10 75
" " Manitoba 10	0.0	10 25
Country dressed	90)	9 5)

BUTTER—Several new factories are opening and new butter is arriving fairly freely. The demand for fall creamery is good at unchanged prices. Rolls are scarce, but demand is light, as there is plenty of old dairy tub on the market. Receipts for the season have been 425,-401 packages against 417 212 packages for the corresponding period of last season.

CHEESE—The cheese market is steady and unchanged in price. Receipts for the season have been 1,959,870 boxes against 2,054,111 boxes for the same period of last year. Cheese is quoted in an export way at 123e to 13e.

 Oheese, old
 0 155 0 16

 '' large
 0 132 0 14

 '' twin
 0 14

 '' small
 0 14

EGGS—Receipts are large and prices have lowered one-half to one cent. Demand after Easter is not so large and prices may ease off again. In the country, 16c to 16¹/₂ is being paid.

New laids 0 19 0 19) HONEY—This market is dull and featureless.

White clover comb honey	0 13	0 15
Nover, strained, bulk, 30 lb. tins	0 10	0 11

TORONTO.

PROVISIONS-The supply of hogs is still not sufficient to meet requirements

Long clear bacon, per lb	0	121		151
Smoked breakfast bacon, per lb	0	15		15
Roll bacon, per ib	0	11	0	111
Light hams. per lb		14	0	141
Medium hams, par lb		131	Ô	14
Large hams. per Ib			ě	18
Shoulder hams, per 10	0	104	õ	11
Backs, plain, per Ib	0	16	0	16
	0	161	0	17
Heavy mess park, per bbl		00		
Short out, per bbl	23	50	24	00
Lard, tiéroes, per lb	0	13		
" tubs "	0	13	0	134
' pails "		13		
" ovrapounds, per lb		08	ñ	11
Dressed hogs	g	51		
Live hog, f.o b	. 6	75		00

BUTTER — The butter market is steady, with a fair demand for good stuff, and looking for buyers for the inferior. With the excellent facilities of holding butter in cold storage a good deal of the surplus has gone out of sight but not out of mind and it is supposed to make its appearance again, when it will be in better demand. Quite a number of cheese factories have started opcrations, and will take a large portion of the milk which otherwise would be made into butter, and therefore it is not likely that much change in price will take place.

	0	2	ι	26	
Oreamery solids	0	20		21	
Farmers' separator hitter	0	21	0	13	
Dairy prints, choice	0	18	0	19	
ordinary	0	15		16	
tubs, choice	0	16		17	
Large rolls	0	16	0	17	
Baking butter	0	13	Ö	15	

CHEESE—New cheese is coming in now and as the stock of old cheese is light very fair prices will be paid, at least for several weeks for the new. Although not considered by cheese men to be compared with good old cheese in quality, it is remarkable how many people like a mild soft cheese. New cheese sells at about 13c a lb.

HONEY AND MAPLE SYRUP-It will now be in season to cut honey entirely out and put maple syrup in its place. The honey season is over and maple syrup is in its full swing. The yield this year is somewhat above the average. and of good quality, if you are fortunate enough to get the right kind. The prices run from \$1.05 to \$1.10 per imperial gallon in tins, and in bulk about 95e.

POULTRY—Even with eggs at 20c a dozen, a poultry dealer claims that a hen at from 16c to 20c a lb. is worth more dead than alive. This accounts for the fact that farmers are selling them when it is the duty of every hen to lay eggs.

EGGS—This year the usual slump immediately after Easter did not take place, and eggs are quoted the same as last week. This is owing to several

causes. The dealers, as a rule, are all financially strong and are not forced to sell them to get the money to pay for them, and they have also the cold storage facilities to hold them. This being the case they can largely regulate the market and avoid those disastrous drops which used to occur and which often crippled many of the dealers. The egg market is in a healthy condition and prices are not likely to get much lower. The farmer seems to have everybody "by the neck." If eggs are not the price to suit him, he kills off his hens at 20c a lb. and his more unfortunate town friends can do without them or pay the price he demands.

Fresh Eggs

A SUCCESS IN ROSSLAND.

Manager of Co-operative Store Writes From the Pacific Province.

Editor Canadian Grocer,-Being a constant reader of The Grocer, I have noticed that for several weeks past you have given considerable space to the subject of Co-operative Stores, and when I read your editorial in The Grocer received recently, under the heading "Inference to be Drawn," I felt as if Linust reply. First any person reading the account of the attempt to form a co-operative association at Picton appearing in a previous issue of your paper, would conclude that the English co-operative movement was a comparatively small concern, and not much of a success at that. There are a few facts in connection with the English movement for fiscal year ending June, 1908.

Membership, 2,500,000; sales, over one billion dollars; profits, over one hundred million dollars; capital, nearly two hundred million dollars. So much for English, now for Canada.

In your article referred to above, "Inference to be Drawn," you say it does not appear that they can thrive in Canada, and the idea of placing money in these concerns should be discouraged whenever possible. Now, Mr. Editor, I would like to know why co-operative associations cannot be successful in Canada? I will own there have been failures-but why? In nearly every case it could be accounted for in two words, "bad management." I do not mean altogether bad management of the actual store business; it may have arisen in different forms such as commencing with insufficient capita¹, imperfect organizing, bad buying, dishonest employes, managers who did not know the first thing about handling merchandise, and trustees who thought they knew it all. These, and many more causes, could be summed up in the two words mentioned, "bad management."

You apparently know of a number of associations that have failed, but I would like to say a few words about two successful ones; namely, at Trail, B.C., and Rossland, B.C.

The association at Trail has been started some eighteen months and has paid ten per cent. dividend to shareholders on purchases and three per cent. to non-shareholders, besides 5 per cent. per annum on share capital. Some person may think higher prices are charged: not at all. The prices are practically the same as charged by the Trail merchants. This association has, as manager, an up-to-the-minute grocer.

But it is the Rossland association that I am most familiar with, having been manager and secretary since its incorporation. We started business last May with a capital of a little over \$3000 and our first month's sales were a little over \$800. To-day our capital is nearly \$8,000 and we are doing a grocery business of over \$4,000 monthly. We have paid on an average 8 per cent. dividend on purchases to shareholders and 3 per cent. to non-shareholders, besides 5 per cent. per annum on share We try to make an average capital. profit of from 20 to 25 per cent, and run our business on a 10 per cent. to 12 per cent, working basis. We are proof against bad debts. Some person may think Rossland is an outlandish place beyond the reach of comwould refer petition. 1 anv such person to the issue of The Grocer of March 26, page 34, and last portion of the middle column, where I think they will be convinced we are not here alone. Mr. Editor, can you tell me why our business should not continue to increase, and our association become even more successful?

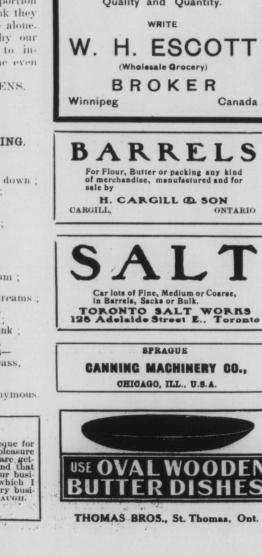
I. H. STEPHENS. Rossland, B.C., April 7, 1909.

WHEN TO STOP ADVERTISING.

Will a merchant who is wise Ever cease to advertise 5 Yes-when the trees grow upside down; When the beggar wears a crown ; When ice forms on the sun ; When the sparrow weighs a ton ; When gold dollars get too cheap ; When women, secrets keep When a fish forgets to swim ; When Satan sings a hymn When girls go back on gum; When the small boy hates a drum; When no politician schemes ; When mince pie makes pleasant dreams ; When it's fun to break a tooth When all lawyers tell the truth When cold-water makes you drunk When you love to smell a skunk ; When the drummer has no brass When these things all come to pass, Then man that's wise Will neglect to advertise.

-Anonymous

The Canadian Grocer, Toronto, Ont. : The Canadian Grocer, Toronto, Ont.: Gentlemen. - Enclosed please find cheque for amount of subscription. I have much pleasure in remitting this smooth, as I feel we are get ting extra value for our mey. We find that your journal is a great help to us in our busi-ness. It has many useful writings which I think valuable to anyone in the grocery busi-dess. Yours truly. D. M. WAUGH. Summerside, P.F.I. 1112 spilling ton line 50 dt



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News of the Flour, Feed and Cereal Markets

Advance Takes Place in Canada in the Flour Market-Differences Among Western Millers Apparently Settled - Demand From Eastern Provinces, Newfoundland and England-Some Excitement Prevailing-Feed Reported Scarce.

April 13.-As forecasted in The Grocer during the past few weeks, the price of flour has advanced. This condition of affairs was somewhat slow in arriving on account of the war among some of the strong millers of the West, but at last the advance has occurred-due to the increasing price of wheat. The change occurred yesterday and was of a general character. so far as Canada was concerned. In Newfoundland, from where several inquiries have come during the week the prices have gone up about half a dollar a barrel and advices from Winnipeg say that the ad-vance there is 30 cents. Montreal and Topronto prices are also higher from about 30 to 40 cents. Inquiries arrive from London, Bristol and Leeds and orders are being filled at the increased prices. An advance of this nature has generally the tendency to curtail the demand but as yet bakers have not raised the price of bread. "They ought to," said one miller, "and likely will." The dealers in flour throughout the country are now thoroughly stirred up and are taking active interest in the market.

The cereal market is quiet but there is still a shortage observed in shorts and bran.

MONTREAL.

FLOUR-Owing to the strength of the European situation, the flour markets have advanced. One of the large milling companies have put up prices 35c per bbl. and others are contemplating an advance soon.

ROLLED OATS-The rolled oat market is firm, under a good demand. A local jobber stated that the immediate future was hard to forecast. Prices have not changed since last quotation.

Fine oatmeal, bags	2 72
Standard oatmeal, bags	2 60
Grapulated " "	2 00
Golddust commeal, 98-1b bags	2 10
Rolled oats bags	2 55
bbls	6 35

FEED-Shorts and bran continue scarce, especially the latter. Some of the larger firms expressed the fact that they were having difficulty in keeping their regular customers in good humor. Quotations are unchanged, but this may change suddenly now.

Ontario bran		21 50 22 00
Ontario shorts		25 00
Manitoba shorts		24 00
" bran		22 00
Mouillie, milled		. 15 60 17 00
" straight	rained	
Feed Sour		1 60 1 60

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FLOUR-The expected happened on Monday of this week. Flour advanced in price from 10c to 40c per bbl., and

the western war has apparently subsided. This upward movement in prices seems to be general in Canada. In Newfoundland they advanced 50c a barrel from what they were a week ago. The firm wheat market has been the cause as wheat now is about as high as it ever was. The prices since the change are firm and one miller stated, "We would not shave them a cent." So far as is known, the bakers have not yet advanced the price of bread but it is expected they soon will. Notwithstanding the advance the demand is good, as dealers have been somewhat short.

Manitoba Wheat.

Winter Wheat.

CEREALS-As the weeks pass by and warmer weather arrives the demand for cereal goods falls away. There have been no material changes in prices during the week, but it is possible an advance may occur in rolled wheat.

 Bolled wheat in barrels, 100 lbs.
 2 85

 '' oats in bags, per bag \$0 lbs.
 2 60

 (ratmas, tandard acod granulated, in bags 98 lbs.
 2 85

 Rolled wheat, car load.
 2 65

 '' oats
 2 60

 Oatmeal, car load.
 2 65

CANADA AND THE WEST INDIES.

Good Trade Likely to be Worked up Between These Two Countries, Says Milling Man.

"Trade between Canada and the West Indies is a very live question at present, and one that deserves the consideration of business men in both countries.'

So spoke F. W. Thompson, vice-president and managing director of the Ogilvie Flour Mills Company, Limited, Montreal, to The Canadian Grocer, on his return to Canada after a three months' trip to the West Indies.

The greater part of the time he was away Mr. Thompson spent in Nassau. He stated that it was surprising the amount of interest displayed by business men in the Bahamas in the matter of better trade relations between Canada and the West Indies. Sir William Grey Wilson, governor of the Bahama Islands, and a very progressive man, is earnestly endeavoring to promote bet-ter commercial relations between the two countries

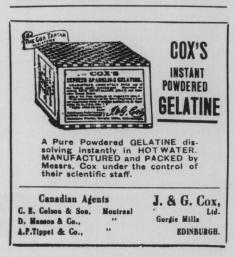
That something definite will be done in the near future appears now to be certain, for it is understood that the governors of the different colonies will meet in London next June, when it is likely that a committee will be formed



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CANADA STRATFORD.



for the purpose of approaching the Canadian Government to discuss the matter.

Mr. Thompson stated that a primary step to facilitate trade would be the establishment of perfectly satisfactory steamship connections between the various islands and the St. Lawrence and Atlantic ports. As to the possibilities of trade development, he thought these were unlimited. The necessities in foodstuffs could be supplied the West Indies by Canada without a doubt, while fruits and other products of the islands, not produced in Canada, would load returning vessels. Of flour alone not less than 52,000 barrels a year was sent into the islands, and this business was transacted chiefly by American business men because of the better transportation arrangements between the United States and Nassau, as compared to those existing between Canadian ports and the Bahamas

Wm. E. Nims has purchased the Maple Leaf grocery at Brandon recently. managed by B. C. Neil. Mr. Nims contemplates an entire re-arrangement of the interior of the business premises, which will make them more commodious and up-to-date. He will also add largely to the stock heretofore carried, making the grocery one of the most efficient and up-to-date in the city.

Use of Benzoate in Jams and Jellies Condemned

Winona Manufacturer Endorses Views of Government Analyst —Thinks Sugar is Good Enough as a Preservative—Benzoate of Soda Might be Used for Catsup But Amount Should be Stated on Bottle, He Says.

By E. D. Smith.

I was very much pleased, indeed, with a letter in The Canadian Grocer from Mr. McGill, government analyst and chemist at Ottawa, in your issue of the first week in April. It seems to me that Mr. McGill has stated the case very fairly. There can be no question, it seems to me, in the face of his statement, and that of Prof. Wylie, probably the best authority on preservatives in the United States, that benzoate of soda is injurious to health—and benzoate of soda is regarded as the least injurious of all preservatives that are used to preserve pulps, jams jellies, or other food products.

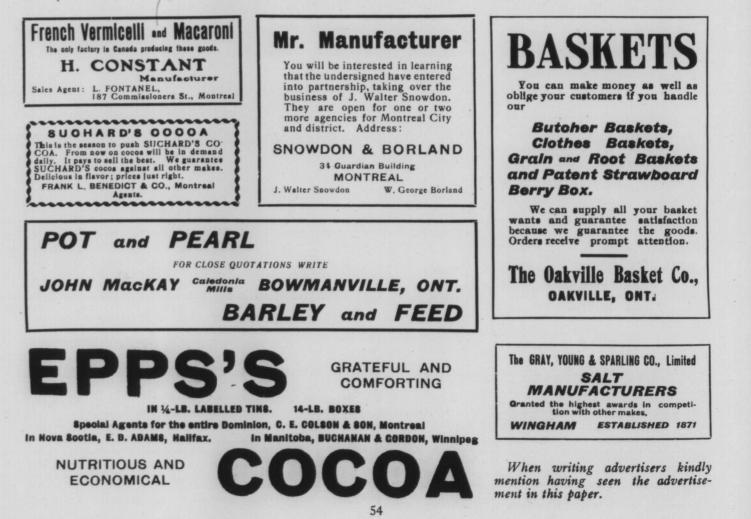
There are food products in which it is used in very small quantities, such as catsup and sauces, and it may well be that the small quantity of benzoate of soda that would be consumed by an individual in using these, would not affect the health to any appreciable extent, and there are things where some preservative is really needed, perhaps in nothing more than catsup. It is an article that stands on the table or around the house in the bottle exposed to the air, perhaps for several days, and no pure fruits or vegetables that are not preserved by something will stand exposure for several days in a warm atmosphere without fermenting.

This is why it may be necessary to use benzoate of soda in catsup, but I maintain that since this is injurious to health if used in considerable quantities, the quantity put in the catsup or whatever article it is used in, should be stated on the label, and a statute providing for this should be put on our statute books. But when we come to jams and jellies and fruit preserves, there is no earthly excuse whatever for the use of benzoate of soda except to cover up negligence or carelessness, and I think it should be made prohibitive to use any preservative or coloring matter in jams or jellies unless the exact quantity and varieties of these that are used, are stated on the label.

The sugar in jam preserves it if it is pure sugar, and it will keep on the

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The Quality of Christie's Biscuits and what it means to you-

I N buying goods there are three cardinal points that you consider carefully. They are:

1. How quickly can I turn these goods over and get my money out of them?

2. Are they the best that I can buy?

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3. Do I get a fair margin of profit?

The merit of the goods very properly takes precedence over the matter of price, although, of course, the latter is important.

However, quality has more to do with profits than some merchants think.

Fundamentally, quality determines the success of any article, just as the success of every merchant depends upon the quality of the goods he handles. Christie's Biscuits measure up to the very highest quality standard. There is no acceptable substitute for them on the market. Therefore, Christie's Biscuits are as staple as sugar and salt in the grocery stores that cater to particular trade.

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They have proved, too, that Christie's Biscuits sell more than biscuits.

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table and around the house without spoiling or fermenting, so there is no excuse whatever for the use of any kind of preservative. Some jam makers load their pulp up with benzoate of sodathat is the pulp out of which the jam is made-in order to keep it from month to month in anticipation of the time when they require it for making jam. but as I said before this is absolutely un-necessary, and is only resorted to because of lack of skill or lack of knowledge on the part of the jam manufacturer, and in all fairness to the consuming public when any of these articles injurious to health are used the quantities should be stated and the manufacturer should be held responsible that the quantities are correct as stated on the label.

I hope The Canadian Grocer will use its best endeavors to bring about these improvements, and have things as they are in the United States.

A REPLY TO F. C. HIGGINS.

A London Grocer Advocates Formation of an Ontario Grocers' Association.

Editor Canadian Grocer,-I read with much interest the letter from F. C. Higgins in your paper of March 25 in which he gives the Retail Merchants' Association the exclusive credit for accomplishing so many reforms.

He speaks of the many dead and buried one-line associations, of the past.

Let him name some of them. What does he think of the following list of very much alive one-line associations in existence at the present time:

1. The National Retail Grocers' Association of the United States.

2. The National Wholesale Grocers' Association of the United States.

3. The United Master Butchers' Association of the United States.

4. The Retail Implement Dealers' Association of Western Canada.

5. The Retail Hardware Dealers' Association of Ontario.

6. The Wholesale Grocers' Guild of Canada.

7. The Wholesale Grocers' Guild of Ontario.

At the last meeting of the National Retail Grocers' Association held last May in Boston, nearly every state was represented by delegates from State associations. Surely this is ample proof that there are a few live one-line associations who have organized to look after their own special interests.

I know, Mr. Editor, that you are voicing the sentiments of hundreds of Ontario grocers, when you advocate the forming of an association of retail grocers to further our own special interests. We certainly cannot expect this overworked retail merchants' association to take up our burdens, as they will have their hands full to look after the rest of the retail merchants of Canada

What do some of our manufacturers

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care for a grievance sent by a single city or town association?

It is promptly filed and never considered; but if the same request was sent by an Ontario association it would not take them long to send a reply.

Much good also could be done by discussions in open convention.

In conclusion I must say that I think the stand you have taken is the proper one and can assure you that Mr. Higgins' views are not endorsed by many retail grocers who are alive to their own interests.

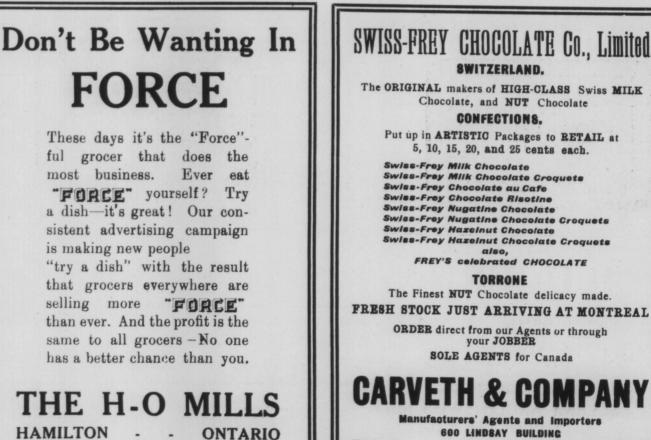
Hoping that other Ontario grocers will express their views on this important subject, I am,

A LONDON GROCER.

TRADE NOTES.

During the heavy wind storm last week the roof of the Niagara Falls Canning factory was partly torn off and carried for a distance of about two hundred yards. It fell with terrific force on the roof of the Shredded Wheat Co.'s factory, damaging it considerably.

Mrs. Dr. Parke, of Feversham, Ont., has leased the store so long occupied by Mrs. Heitman, corner of Sixth and Hurontario Sts. Mrs. Parke has filled one side of the store with a nice fresh stock of groceries while the other side is devoted to millinery. Having had a number of years' experience with her father in Feversham, Mrs. Parke should make a success of her venture.



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THE LABOURER is worthy of his hire. No man can deliver a dollar's worth of goods and charge fifty cents and make money. Half a barrel of flour is worth only half the money, half the quality only half the price.

¶ A flour cannot be good without good materials—and good materials cost money. Quality can be shaved at a dozen points, and cheap wheat means a saving—but not for your customer.

¶ You couldn't sell us cheap wheat; you couldn't sell us soft wheat, rusty wheat, musty wheat, or smutty wheat. There's only one class of wheat fit for FIVE ROSES—the flinty, plump, ripe, red, spring berry so wondrously transparent, with a thin. transparent skin, proclaiming its surpassing strength and purity, only the cream of the Manitoba crop.

1 We could have mixed just a little soft wheat, white wheat, at 20 cents a bushel under our self-imposed standard. That's one way to check competition—not the FIVE ROSES way. A little that is pure is worth more than much that is mixed, and FIVE ROSES is all pure. If there's anything grown better than our ripe, red wheat—our immense facilities, skilled knowledge and money have failed to locate it—and we began searching twenty years since!

I No matter how seeming strong, any statement you can make about FIVE ROSES the flour can back by proof. Using FIVE ROSES the housewife has acquired a habit she does not want to break—it is all she likes in flour. Do you know a man selling ROSES that wants to give it up? The fellow who sells it will be a formidable competitor of yours; if you sell it, you will be a formidable competitor of the man who doesn't.

I What are you going to do about it?

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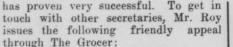
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IDEAS ARE WANTED.

Jas. Roy, the New Secretary of Retail Grocers' Association in Vancouver, Issues Request for Aid.

Vancouver, April 13.-Secretaries of retail grocers' associations in Canada, who have ideas to exchange, or who can give a hint to make an association better, are invited to correspond with James Roy, the new secretary of the Vancouver, B.C., Retail Grocers' Association. Mr. Roy has recently taken over this work and his ambition is to make the Vancouver association second to none. With this object in view he seeks the co-operation of those who have been successful in the maintenance of similar organizations in the Dominion.

Mr. Roy is a Scotchman by birth, and has been in Vancouver for two years. Previous to that time, he spent thirty years in the South of England. Since



'I want to get in touch with you, and to learn about your work. I want to know about your difficulties and how you get over them. Do you suffer from cut prices? How do you fix the matter? Can the members of your association secure a legitimate profit on the goods they sell? How have you been able to beat the deadbeat? Have you a system of account collection? Have you had any trouble with the wholesaler selling to the consumer? Tell me about your work, about your troubles and worries. It will help you to do so and help me also. If you will, I will tell you all I know, what I am doing and what I intend to do."

This is the glad hand that Mr. Roy holds out, and sympathizing secretaries of other associations will meet him in friendship.

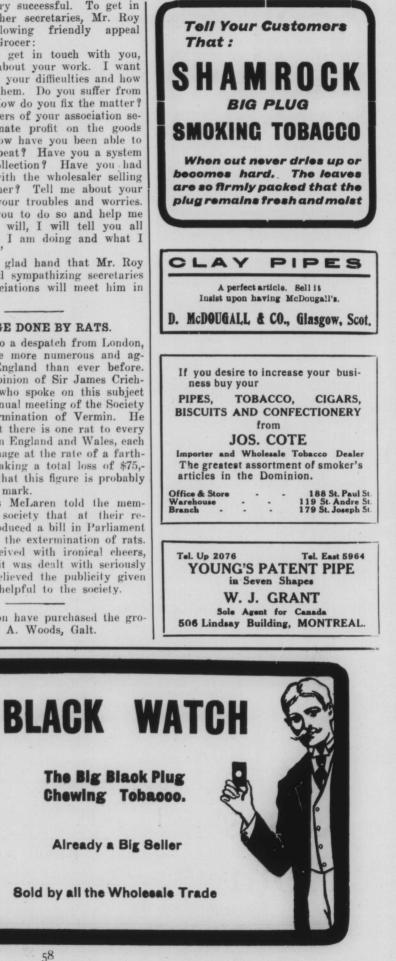
DAMAGE DONE BY RATS.

According to a despatch from London, Eng. rats are more numerous and aggressive in England than ever before. This is the opinion of Sir James Crichton Browne, who spoke on this subject at the first annual meeting of the Society for the Extermination of Vermin. He calculates that there is one rat to every acre of land in England and Wales, each rat doing damage at the rate of a farthing a day, making a total loss of \$75,-000,000, and that this figure is probably short of the mark.

Sir Charles McLaren told the members of the society that at their request he introduced a bill in Parliament last week for the extermination of rats.

It was received with ironical cheers, but whether it was dealt with seriously or not, he believed the publicity given it would be helpful to the society.

Jones & Son have purchased the grocery of Mrs. A. Woods, Galt.



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JAMES ROY.

coming to this city, he has been with the B. C. Telephone Company. His work there was highly appreciated by the management, and his resignation was received with regret with the assurance of the good wishes of the general manager for success in his new position. His duties with the Telephone Company brought him into contact with the business men, not only of Vancouver but of other cities of British Columbia, and was an excellent preliminary for the work he has now undertaken.

That he has been successful since March 1, when he started in, is demonstrated in that he added a dozen new members to the list before the end of that month. He is taking the initiative in many lines, and has the hearty support of the executive. For instance, despite the extra expense he has added a male clerk to the staff so that the office would at all times have some one in to attend to visitors and extend the hand of welcome to any who might call. This

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Although prices are little higher, the demand is heavy and can fill your order with our justly celebrated Rose and Volunteer Brands, which are giving good satisfaction.

TOMATOES

are coming in fine shape and at prices quoted are cheap. Have three cars to arrive this week. Lots of Strawberries, Asparagus, Cabbage, Pineapples, etc.



J. J. McCabe

Toronto

Canadian Fruit, Vegetable and Fish Markets

Arrival of the Pineapple Season—United States Importing Canadian Potatoes—Fish Men Nearing Close of a Splendia Season —Preparing to Handle Fresh Caught Fish.

MONTREAL.

GREEN FRUITS—The fruit trade was brisk during last week, and the first part of this, but is quieter just now. Apples are getting into small compass. Strawberries are coming forward more freely, but the prices remain firm. Other lines are unchanged.

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VEGETABLES — Vegetables have been in good demand during the week. The holiday season stimulated trade quite considerably. Some of the local dealers took advantage of the cheap trip to New York to inspect stocks offering there. Some have secured representatives on the spot to enable them to bring forward only the very best stock. Only very slight changes have taken place in prices, mushrooms and sweet potatoes being quoted a shade lower. Other lines are unchanged.

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Cucumbers dozen		3 00
New carrots, bunch	0 15	0 20
Tomatoes, crate	2 15	4 00
Oyster plant doz		0 75
Artichokes, bbl		3 00
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Parsnips, bag		1 00
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String beans, basket		6 5
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FISH—The Lenten demand is over, but there seems to be fairly good business following in its wake, when compared with other years. Fresh lines continue to sell fairly well. The demand for dried, and smoked has fallen off considerably. Prices on some lines have declined and on others a small advance is recorded.

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TORONTO.

GREEN FRUITS—The fruit men are all well satisfied with their holiday trade and although the usual lull has followed the market shows a firm feeling with an improved tendency. Apples are getting pretty well sold out and are still creeping up higher. Navel oranges are also dearer and receipts lighter. The large quantities of pineapples on the market show that the pineapple season has arrived. For the first heavy ship ment, they turn out in excellent condition. Grape fruit is in abundance. Louisiana strawberries are now sold at 12½ e a pint box.

In the January 22nd number of The Grocer a description was given of the abogato pear, but very few people have yet ever seen or heard of it. On Tues day a sample was shown to a represent ative of The Grocer by a commission company in Toronto to whom a small box was shipped to find out what could be done with them on this market. From its appearance, it being the size of a large pear, with a large seed inside, and considering that it will cost from 30e to 50c apiece, it is not likely that it will find ready sale for a time, or create for itself a large demand in this coun-However, it will be remembered try. that not more than ten years ago the first grape fruit were seen on the Toronto market, and now they are almost as common as oranges. So far it has not found any special favor. and some are speculating in their own minds, as to whether it might not be the nut or seed which is the eatable part of it. After tasting both, the idea occurred that either one or the other might be poisonous, and further experimenting was not deemed advisable until more was discovered about them.

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VEGETABLES—Potatoes are higher and the market is active. A sharp export demand has developed from the States, which causes a hustle among potato men. The price has gone up about 20e a bag. Cabbage is also scarce and high. Florida tomatoes are plentiful, but last week's prices are well maintained. Rumor has it that on account of a very heavy rain storm the tomato crop in Florida has been seriously damaged. A quantity of red peppers has just arrived from Italy and are sold at 25e a lb.

FISH—After a long spell of great activity in the fish market, the rush is over, and the fish men are squaring up the winter trade and are getting ready to handle the fresh-caught stock which is the only kind now in demand. As both the demand and supply are light, the dealers are rather enjoying the quietness of their business after the continuous rush for many weeks. Frozen stock is practically all sold.

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The Method in France of Preparing Glace Fruits

Their Manufacture Becoming Extensive in that Country— The Glacage Makes Them Dry and Easy to Eat—Sulphuring Process Described—The Use of Sugar and Glucose.

Over in France a great deal of attention is paid to the manufacture of what is known as "glace" fruits. The glacage of fruits is done so as to make them dry, agreeable to the eye and easy to eat, and the process is one that has proven interesting to all who have had the opportunity of seeing it. There are, of course, different methods used in the manufacture of these fruits, but the preliminary preparations are usually the same.

The fruits must be just ripe; if they are too ripe they cannot be well prepared on account of their softness, and if they are green they have a bad appearance. The manufacturers buy fruit throughout the whole of Southern France; they sometimes buy cherries even as far north as Dijon. Cherries, apricots, figs, greengages, pears and almonds are the fruits principally used.

The Sulphur Treatment.

When the fruit is received their first care is to treat it with sulphur. This is in order to improve its appearance and to destroy any microbes possibly lurking in it. There are two processes employed for this purpose. The one commonly used is to expose the fruits in cases or small baskets in a small room about six feet high. They then insert in a jar from four to ten pounds of sulphur, according to the quantity of the fruit. For a room containing three or four tons about eleven pounds of sulphur would be required. If there has been much rain and the fruit consequently is soft, less sulphur must be used and more in the case of hard fruit. The idea is to secure complete impregnation of the fruit by the sulphur, which has also the effect of bleaching the fruit.

The second method is not often used. It consists of treating the fruit with a solution of about seven ounces of oure sulphurous liquified acid to 220 pounds of water. The water thus strongly impregnated with the acid is used for bleaching the fruit, which is placed for that purpose in jars, into which the solution is then poured. According to the quality of the fruit, they leave it exposed for two to ten hours to the action of the liquid. They leave apricots one or two hours only, but cherries would remain from night to morning. The same results are obtained in the United States with sulphate of lime. The fruit is then placed in clear water for two or three days, the water being frequently changed during that time, after which it is considered sufficiently bleached. They then place it in steam kettles and boil it for ten minutes to one hour, according to the hardness of the fruit;

it must be brought to such a state that the sugar syrup about to be applied may penetrate readily into it.

Application of Syrup.

After the fruit has been boiled, they begin the sugar process. The fruit is removed from the water and drained for ten to twenty minutes, then placed in earthenware jars containing a certain quantity of sugar syrup. Some manufacturers use sugar at 20 degrees Baume concentration, some at 25 degrees, and others at 28 degrees. This is a question of personal appreciation and depends also on the condition of the fruit. If the cherries appear soft, they make the syrup more concentrated; if they are hard, they use it at 15 to 20 degrees concentration. The contents of the jars are emptied after a few hours into steam kettles containing sugar syrup. By boiling, part of the syrup evaporates and is replaced by an equal quantity of syrup in order to preserve the percentage of syrup and fruit. The fruit is left in the jars for one day, and is again boiled in the kettles on the second day, then remaining in the jars for two days.

After the second operation the fruit remains in the jars three days, and so on for five, six, or eight boiling operations, the interval between them being longer each time, the fruit sometimes remaining from six to eight days before the final boiling. At each addition of syrup the concentration is made greater. The application of the sugar should not be done hurriedly, otherwise the fruit, instead of absorbing the greatest possible amount of sugar, will shrink and become corded in the interior, thus spoiling its appearance. It is to the manufacturer's interest to apply the largest possible quantity of sugar, as the more syrup the fruit contains the greater the profit.

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Six Weeks' Duration.

They boil the fruit at least six or eight times, according to the size, the operation covering a period of at least six weeks, during which time it absorbs the largest possible quantity of syrup. At the final boiling the syrup is concentrated to 35 degrees Baume, and after this operation the fruit is regarded as capable of being kept for a long period. It has been known to remain in good condition for two or three years. However, if kept too long the appearance suffers, though the eating qualities remain unaltered. After the final boiling the fruit is allowed to remain in the highly concentrated syrup, in a cool place, not too dry nor too damp, and of even temperature. At this stage the fruit is known to manufacturers as "fruit confit."

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On receipt of an order from a client, a sufficient quantity of the fruit is removed from the jars and drained of its syrup. This is done by placing it in willow baskets and allowing the syrup to drain through the openings of the baskets. They then proceed to the operation of glacage, which is the final stage of the preparation of the article for the market.

For this operation the fruit, drained of its syrup, is placed in a solution of pure concentrated sugar, at about 45 degrees Baume concentration. While it is in this solution the nature of the liquid is changed by an operation known as the "masse." This consists in rub-bing one side only of the inside of the kettle with a piece of wood about 2 feet long by 11 inches thick as a result of which the syrup at that point becomes chemically changed and turns white. The fruit is then brought into this white liquid, where it remains for a few minutes only. It is then removed and placed on iron grills. The coat of sugar remaining on the fruit dries rapidly in the air. The fruit thus prepared is known as "fruit glace," and

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When the fruits are intended for shipment to points beyond the equator, it is necessary, in order to render them more durable, to submit them to a further treatment known as "crystallization." The fruits are taken and placed in a dry oven at 60 degrees centrigrade, and at the end of one or two days are placed in receptacles of iron, known to us as "candissoirs." While here a syrup at 35 degrees centigrade is poured on them and the "candissoirs" placed in a hot oven where they remain for about twelve hours. At the end of that time, under the action of the heat, the sugar syrup forms small crystals on the fruit, and then, when the operator sees that the crystallization is sufficient, he empties the syrup, and after a few hours the fruits are dry and ready for shipment, being then known as "fruits crystallises."

Glucose Necessary.

Manufacturers have found it very difficult, if not impossible, to make these fruits without a certain proportion of glucose, as the exclusive use of sugar. which is cheaper than glucose in France, would render the fruit too hard or candied, and therefore unsalable. The use of glucose prevents this.

The percentage of glucose used is about 20 per cent. with 80 per cent. sugar, but this varies according to the manufacturer.

PROVINCE WANTS CONTROL.

Vancouver, April 12.—The question of the right of the Province of British Columbia to regulate the salmon fisheries in its tidal and non-tidal waters, authority which is disputed by the Dominion Government, is to be carried before the Privy Council in June for ultimate decision.

That such action has been determined on by the Provincial Government is made manifest by the receipt by the supreme court registrar of a series of questions propounded by the Attorney-General, and to be presented to the full court for decision. Should that court answer the questions in a manner favorable to the case of the Provincial Government. the Federal authorities are sure to appeal. On the other hand, should the opinions of the court be against the Provincial Government the latter is certain to carry the appeal to London. Under these circumstances an appeal to the Privy Council is certain to occur, and argument on the matter will in all probability take place in London in June.

Briefly, the Provincial Government is asking the full court whether the fisheries of British Columbia are not the property of the province, and has not the province the sole right to authorize fishing?

W. C. Holmes & Co., general merchant, Selkirk, Ont., is succeeded by E. R. Holmes.

Legitimate Premiums and Those that are Lotteries

The General Public Must Know Exactly What They Are Paying for—Cases That Have Come Under the Observation of a Police Inspector—Chance Element Must be Eliminated in All Cases—Fine Lines Exist Sometimes.

The chance element in the giving of premiums as inducements to prospective buyers was at one time extensively used by manufacturers, wholesalers and retail business men. The law existing at the present time, however, eliminates the lottery phase in doing such a business, but it may be interesting to many to know just exactly when the giving of premiums becomes a lottery and when it is legitimate. The line is not always firmly drawn and probably there still exists the chance element in the carrying on of many businesses of which the proprietors are unaware.

It is yet within the memory of almost everyone, the manner in which the "grab-bags" and "popcorn bags" were sold so that every purchaser was sure of a prize. These premiums, which often had a great deal to do with inducing buyers to invest, are now against the law. This is true with one exception if all the premiums are the same the sales come within the law and are legitimate.

The enforcement of the law in this regard becomes the duty of the police departments of municipalities and in the city of Toronto the attention of James M. Stephen, staff inspector of police, has been called to conditions once existing which had to be righted.

Must Know What They Buy.

In an interview with Mr. Stephen a few days ago he explained to The Grocer what was illegal in respect to the giving of premiums and what constituted legitimate business.

ed legitimate business. "'About a year ago," he said, "I was told of a firm doing a package business (the name of which The Grocer withholds) which gave premiums in the form of money. They advertised that in each package there was a cash rebate and this extended all the way from one cent to a quarter of a dollar. It was just a chance that a customer buyin^o a package secured the rebate of twentyfive cents or one cent. The purchaser therefore did not know what he was going to get and that made it illegal. I spoke to them about the matter and of course they corrected it."

Inspector Stephen did not believe the company knew they were doing something against the law—it was merely a case of not knowing what was legal. If the firm placed the same amount of money in every package as a rebate their business then became within the meaning of the law. If they always placed, for instance, one cent in a twenty-five cent package and always two cents in a 50-cent package, they would also be doing a legitimate business the same rebate for the amount of money expended.

"This," he explained, "would eliminate the chance element; people would know exactly what they were gettingit simply would mean a rebate of one cent on twenty-five or two cents on fifty cents.

Different Prizes Illegal.

Another example was cited by Inspector Stephen. There was a company doing business in Toronto, but located elsewhere, which advertised a prize in every package of its goods. "Sometimes the purchaser might get

"Sometimes the purchaser might get a string of beads or a stick-pin, etc., but there also existed the chance element. You never knew what was coming next. This was brought to my notice and by quietly informing the company that they were not exactly complying with the law they immediately changed their plans and now they have the same premium in every package."

"Of course you know," continued the inspector, "that I am not supposed to meddle unnecessarily with trade affairs and only when such a matter has been brought to my observation can I act. If, however, there is a fraud worked openly upon the public; why, then we get right after it."

Ignorant of the Law.

In many cases where premiums are given illegally, the inspector thought that those responsible for them were not familiar with the law. This was true sometimes even when legal advice was secured.

"You have no jurisdiction outside of Toronto," was suggested.

"Oh, no," he explained, "but it is not likely any company will change its course to suit Toronto alone. When they find they cannot sell their goods here if the law is not complied with they will make the necessary arrangements to be allowed to dispose of them anywhere."

He emphasized the point that the consuming public must know exactly what they were getting and in a reminisect mood recalled the days when everybody was "done" in their purchasing when they purchased something on the press ium plan.

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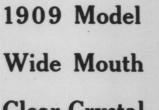
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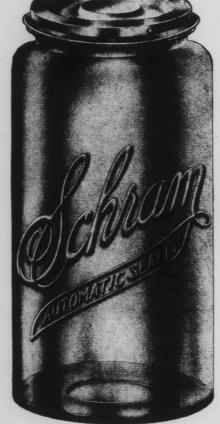
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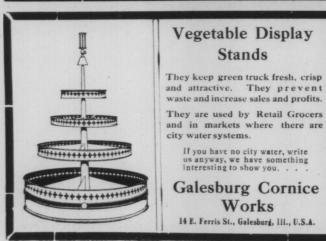
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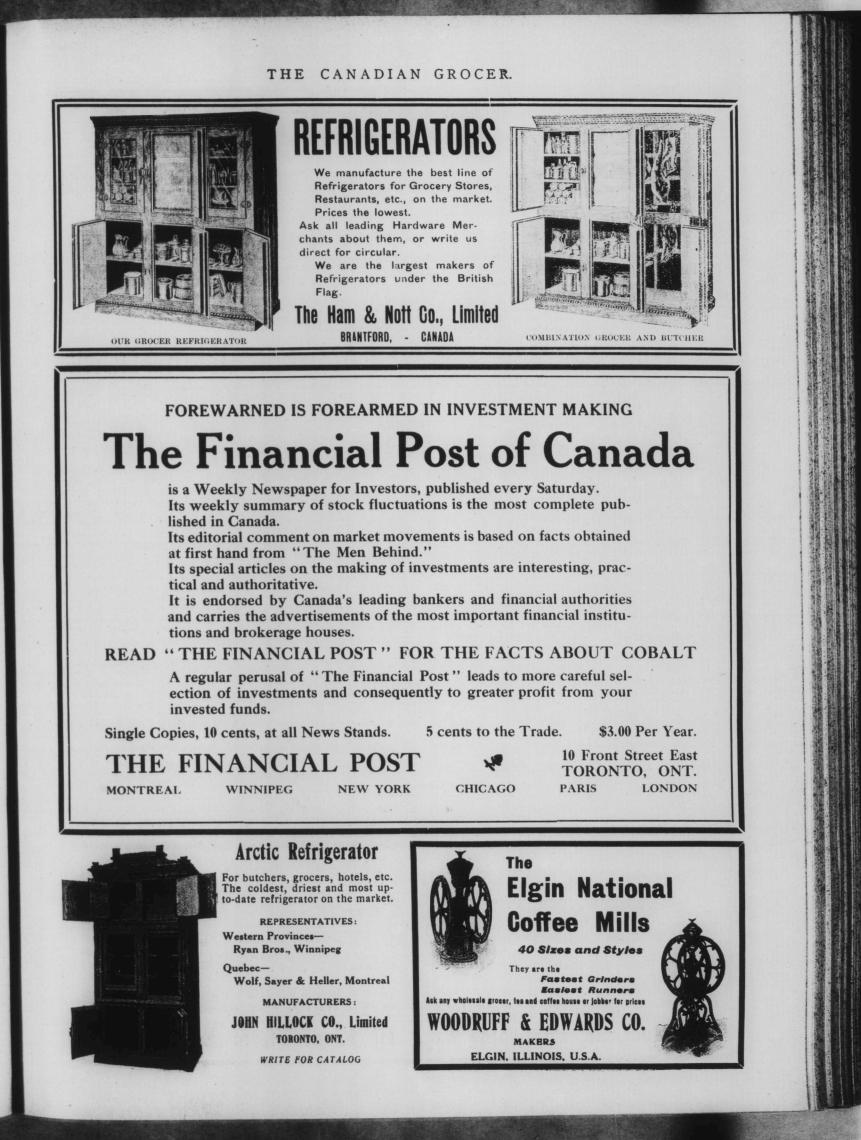


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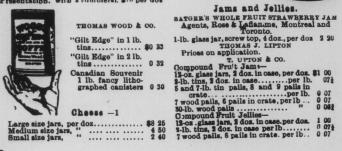




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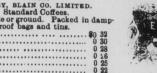
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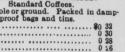
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