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POSSIBILITIES OF TRADE WITH JAPAN.

A BLUE book which the Canadian Department of Trade and Commerce has just issued contains the report of the two commissioners deputed to investigate the possibilities of trade with Japan and the Latin-American republics, As the readers of THE CANADIAN GROCER doubtless remember, Mr. George Anderson was the commissioner to Japan, and Mr. E. E. Sheppard to the Latin-American republics.

Too much space would be required to give anything like an extensive digest of even one of these reports in one issue. Reference, therefore, in this issue will be confined to Mr. Anderson's report on Japan, and to such parts of it only which deal with the grocer, provision and allied trades.

The report first takes up and gives in alphabetical order those articles with which Canada may be able to supply Japan.

Alcohol Japan imports to the value of $\pounds 8, 126,000$ sterling according to the returns of 1896, but at present Germany is the chief source of supply.

JAPAN IMPORTS BARLEY.

The knowledge that Japan imports a large quantity of barley to mix with rice, gives one hope that there may be a possibility of finding a market there for barley of Canadian growth, and thus reviving, at least to a slight extent, what is now a somewhat domant industry in this country. At present the United States supplies Japan with this cereal.

beans and peas are both commodities which Canada produces in large quantities, and both of these Japan imports extensively.

The consumption of beer is increasing in Japan, and a good deal of the product of the Milwaukee breweries is sold in the country. "There is no reason," says Mr.

Anderson, "why the Canadians should not be successful if the business was handled with energy."

BETTER QUALITY BISCUITS WANTED.

There is quite a demand for the better qualities of biscuits in Japan, which are now imported from Great Britain and the United States. "These," explains the commissioner, "are used by the foreign residents and better classes of the Japanese. They would require to be put up in nicely decorated tins, and properly sealed, that they might not be injured by the climate. This is certainly a growing trade, and our manufacturers should have no hesitation in pushing their goods." Biscuit manufacturing is being carried on in Japan, but only to a limited extent.

OPENING FOR CANADIAN BUTTER.

In 1896 Japan imported about \$50,000 worth of butter. The chief source of supply is the United States, while France, Holland, and Italy comes next. The butter is received in firkins and tubs of various sizes under one hundred pounds, and in one and twopound tins. A considerable quantity of butter is made in Japan, but the quality is far from satisfactory. "I would recommend," says Mr. Anderson, "that a uniform and attractive style of package be adopted, and branded, 'Canadian Butter.' The size of the packages should be halfpound, one-pound, two-pound tins, and ten, twenty, and forty pounds in wood. During the winter, creamery butter, put up in onepound rolls, would be quite saleable. I am quite convinced that, with cold storage facilities on ships and the butter properly taken care of on arrival, Canada can supply Japan with a large percentage of the whole quantity imported. There are cold storage warehouse at Yokohama and Kobe, the two main points in Japan."

That part of the report dealing with canned goods we print in full :

CANNED GOODS.

In vegetables, fruit, jams and jelly there is quite a fair trade done with the foreign residents. All these goods are growing in favor among the Japanese who are not conversant with the foreign methods of cooking, and prefer prepared articles. The above are all imported from Great Britain and the United States, and surely Canada, with her cheap natural products, can command a good share of the trade. The Japanese put up the following in cans: Mushrooms, chestnuts, bamboo and fish, and it might be difficuit for Canadians to compete with their canned fish, although I believe a large quantity of British Columbia salmon in tin could be sold to the best trade, on account of its superior quality. The Japanese army and navy use very large quantities of canned beef, which our packing houses ought certainly to be able to supply. There are good opportunities in this line. Canned beef, tongue, chicken, turkey, etc., are not much in domestic demand and are principally sold to foreign residents, but foreign ships buy very extensively of these at the various ports of Japan. The quantity required will certainly increase.

A market is opening up in Japan for oatmeal, wheatlets, cornmeal, pearl. barley, rolled oats and similar lines of breakfast foods, and Mr. Anderson says the introduction of a good class of cereal foods will find an increasing and permanent market.

There is one good thing which the Japanese do not yet appreciate, and that is cheese. The commissioner says the taste of cheese is repulsive to them. But there is a demand, however, although a somewhat limited one, and it is principally on account of foreign residents and for the provisioning of ships.

One Canadian cigarette manufacturer is doing a good business in Japan, but Mr. Anderson thinks trade with Canada in this line could be expanded, and he suggests that it might be well to put up the cigarettes under such brands as "Japanese Army," "Japanese Navy," etc. He further suggested that photographs of Japanese celebrities be procured and placed on the packages.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CONDENSED MILK.

Condensed milk is an article the use of which is greatly increasing in Japan, and Mr. Anderson sees no reason why Canada

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should not do a large business in this line. "An attractive label in English and Japanese languages, and well advertised, would be the correct way to introduce new brands," he says. He also thinks Canada might secure a good share of the trade in confectionery and preserves.

Japan, in 1896, imported \$150,000 barrels of flour, nearly all of which came from California, Oregon and Washington. "There is no reason why Canadian millers should not secure a fair share of the flour trade, unless it be that the long inland railway freight may, in some measure, handicap them. To properly introduce, I would advise the distribution of samples in half-pound bags to actual customers, as well as advertising in both the English and Japanese press."

CANADIAN APPLES WOULD SELL WELL.

Canadian apples, Mr. Anderson thinks, would sell well in Japan. For Canadian hams, shoulders, breakfast bacon and like products, he considers, there is a splendid opportunity.

A large quantity of rock salt is imported from Germany, but there appears to be a good opportunity of introducing table salt, and, "if our salt manufacturers will compete in price, a considerable quantity could be sold."

A specially good toilet soap, well advertised, would sell in Japan. So would a good laundry soap in attractive packages.

Mr. Anderson states that shipments of sugar have been made from British Columbia to Japan, which, on analysis, were pronounced the best ever imported into that country, and commanded a higher price than other grades.

While the Japanese are not large whiskey drinkers, yet the consumption of this liquor is increasing materially. Scotch whiskey is the kind principally used, but the leading Canadian distilleries are represented in the country.

TRADE CHAT.

THE salesmen in Fort William, Ont., are agitating for an early closing bylaw, and have retained a lawyer to look after the legal details of the movement.

Hay was selling at \$20 a ton at Deloraine, Man., recently.

Fould's confectionery store, Sarnia. is being given a fresh coat of paint.

Mr. Brennan, grocer, Chatham, Ont., recently had his face severely cut by a fall.

A London, Ont., firm proposes to establish a vinegar and pickle factory at Strathroy if satisfactory inducements are offered.

The St. Mary's, Ont., creamery is at present turning out an average of 2,500 lbs. of butter a day. Three new men have been employed.

Ed. Eagan, baker, Guelph, Ont., has disposed of his business to Powell & Co. The new firm intend to carry on an extensive business in both plain and fancy bread and cakes.

Peach trees throughout Western Ontario are reported as being in full bloom, and that the prospect for this fruit are bright, though some orchards had to be destroyed to get rid of the San Jose scale.

Learnington, Ontario, is growing. Two years ago its population was 1,900; last year it was 2,400; this year the assessor places it at about 3,000. The assessment increased \$50,000 in 1897, owing to extensive building operations.

Cantelon Bros., Clinton, Ont., are making big purchases of eggs, taking in an average of 7,000 dozen eggs each week. Some days the number runs up to 1,500 dozen. They are also buying about an average of 500 pounds of butter each day.

During seven months succeeding September, 1897, the following quantities of fruit were shipped from Brighton, Ont. : 26,000 barrels of apples, 3,166 bus. of plums, or 95 tons; 26,000 bus. of tomatoes, or 780 tons. This does not include the large quantity of tomatoes grown in the neighborhood and drawn to Trenton and Lakeport,

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The farmers and merchants interested in the establishment of a pork packing factory at Middleton, N. S., have subscribed nearly twelve thousand dollars of the required stock.

The employees of the T. Long & Bros. Co., Ltd., general merchants, Collingwood, Ont., presented R. H. Rorabeck with a handsome silver banquet lamp on the occasion of his severing his connection with that firm.

R. G. Andrews, grocer, Toronto Junction, issues a neat little newspaper, "Andrews' Weekly Store News." It contains a price list of many articles sold by Mr. Andrews, and much information both interesting and useful to housekeepers.

A RESPECTED MERCHANT DEAD.

Mr. David Stewart, senior member of the firm of D. Stewart & Son, general merchants, Thistletown, died on Saturday evening, May 7, after a short but acute illness of only three days. He leaves a wife one son and one daughter to mourn his loss. The business will be continued for the present by Mr. Geo. Stewart, only son and junior member of the firm. Mr. Stewart has been in busines at Thistletown for over forty years and was a fine business man and respected by all. The funeral was large, and was conducted by the Masonic fraternity. The Canadian Order of Chosen Friends also attended.

BUYING IN SMALL QUANTITIES.

In one of the suburbs of Belfast trade way dull, and the chief grocer in the district found his earnings becoming smaller day by day. One morning an old customer entered. In expectation of something good, the grocer jumped up from his seat and, rebbing his hands, said :

"Well, missus, what can I get you?" "A ha'pennyworth o' soap," was the reply.

"Oh," said the disgusted grocer, "ou'll be for washin' the canary to-day."

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For growing children—a relish for the invalid. There is a demand for desserts in the form of JUNKET.

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LUCAS, STEELE & BRISTOL, Wholesale HAMILTON

CANNED SHRIMPS

We have a large and well assorted stock of canned Shrimps.

"Barataria" in ½ lb. flat tins.

JAMES TURNER & CO.,

Wholesale Grocers,

- "Barataria" in 1 lb. flat tins.
- "Barataria" Dry in ½ lb. tall tins.
- "Barataria" in Tomato Sauce in 34 lb. flat tins.

To those of our friends who have handled these goods, no recommendation is necessary. To those who have not handled them, we might say they are one of the nicest lines in canned goods, just the thing for picnic, and outing parties of all kinds, an excellent addition to salads. These goods are attractively labelled and make a nice counter, shelf or window display.

FIRE NOTICE.

We regret to advise our friends that, on the morning of the 4th inst., our factory was destroyed by fire. Re-building is already well under way, and we hope to soon be ready to fill all orders.

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We carry full stock of general groceries, and our prices are always right. See our Travellers and get quotations.

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CONCENTRATED ENERGY.

HERE was not room enough for us all in Frankfort, "'said Nathan Mayer Rothschild, speaking of himself and his four brothers. "I dealt in English goods. One great trader came there, who had the market to himself; he was quite a man, and did us a favor if he sold us goods. Somehow I offended him, and he refused to show me his patterns. This was on a Tuesday. I said to my father, 'I will go to England.' On Thursday I started. The nearer I got to England, the cheaper goods were. As soon as I got to Manchester, I laid out all my money, things were so cheap, and I made a good profit.'

"I hope," said a listener, "that your children are not too fond of money and business, to the exclusion of more important things. I am sure you would not wish that."

("I am sure I would wish that," said Rothschild; "I wish them to give mind, and soul, and heart, and soul, and body, and everything to business; that is the way to be happy." "Stick to one business, young man," he added, addressing a young brewer; "stick to your brewery and you may be the great brewer of London. But be a brewer, and a banker, and a merchant, and a manufacturer, and you will be in the Gazette."

Not many things indifferently, but one thing supremely, is the demand of the hour. He who scatters his efforts in this intense, concentrated age, cannot hope to succeed.

"Goods removed, messages taken, carpets beaten, and poetry composed on any subject," was the sign of a man in London who was not very successful at any of these lines of work, and reminds one of Monsieur Kenard, of Paris, "a public scribe, who digests accounts, explains the language of flowers, and sells fried potatoes."

The great difference between those who succeed and those who fail does not consist in the amount of work done by each, but in the amount of intelligent work. Many of those who fail most ignominiously, do enough to achieve grand success; but they labor at haphazard, building up with one hand, only to tear down with the other. They do not grasp circumstances, and change them into opportunities. They have no faculty of turning honest defeats into telling victories. With ability enough, and time in abundance—the warp and woof of success—they are forever throwing back and forth an empty shuttle, and the real web of life is never woven.

If you ask one of them to state his aim and purpose in life, he will say : "I hardly know yet for what I am best adapted, but I am a thorough believer in genuine hard work, and 1 am determined to dig early and late all my life, and I know I shall come across something-either gold, silver, or at least iron." I say most emphatically, no. Would an intelligent man dig up a whole continent to find its veins of silver and gold? The man who is forever looking about to see what he can find, never finds anything. We find what we seek with all our heart, and if we look for nothing in particular, we find just that and no more. The bee is not the only one that visits the flower, but it is the only insect that carries honey away. It matters not how rich the materials we have gleaned from the years of our study and toil in youth, if we go out in life with no welldefined idea of our future work, there is no happy conjunction of circumstances that will arrange them into an imposing structure, and give it magnificent proportions .-Pushing to the Front.

IMPERIAL CHEESE IN WARSHIPS.

A. F. MacLaren, M.P., who arrived up from Ottawa on Saturday evening, showed The Herald a letter to-day from his Boston agents, Fred. B. Thompson & Co., which conveyed the pleasing intelligence that the firm had contracted to supply MacLaren's Imperial cheese to the United States warships Columbia, Minneapolis and Lehigh. These vessels are now cruising of the Middle and Eastern States, ready to intercept the Spanish fleet, should it appear thereabouts.—Herald, Stratford.

KIDNEY SAUSAGE.

Two well cleaned hog kidneys are finely chopped; 2 lb. firm pork (one quarter fat) is added and chopped up. It is necessary to chop the kidneys first, alone, as they will not become of the requisite fineness when chopped up with the meat. Spice per lb.: 154 grains salt, 31 grains white pepper, 3 grains allspice and 1 tablespoonful red wine. Knead up well, and fill into narrow hog casings to their full length. To be eaten fried. A smoked sausage is made as follows : To each I lb. of fat pork add three to four hog kidneys cooked, the kidneys to first chopped alone, and the pork then added. To 10 lb. of this mass add 4 lb. lean, raw pork, previously chopped up fine, and spice for each lb. as follows : 185 grains salt, 31 grains white pepper, 7 grains allspice. Fill loosely into beef bung guts, making globular sausages. Cook them well at about 195°; take out, allow to cool, and smoke in cold smoke for two days. To be cooked for one to two minutes .- National Provisioner.

WANT IT HARD ENOUGH TO GET IT.

A wise old New York merchant, long ago himself molded into dust, says the Metropolitan Magazine, used to say :

"Men generally get in this world enactly what they want."

"How can that be?" asked a your gster one day. "Almost everybody in New York wants to be rich, but very few of helf ever will be. I want a million or so myself."

"Ah, my boy," the old man re fied, "you want a million, but you do not ant enough. What you want at press t is pleasure, and you want it so much the you are willing to spend all your surplue tee your million as much as you want plee tre, by-and-by, when you have a bald head like mine, you would have your million." W Go to Gr Br fo Bl

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Tillson's Flake Barley is now put up in 25-pound wooden kegs. You can sell the empty kegs for from 20 to 25 cents each—other grocers are doing it.

Flake Barley for Puddings

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The Tillson Company, Limited Tilsonburg, Ont.







GRAPE WINE VINEGAR.

Mr. W. H. Seyler has now complete control of the sale of the concentrated grape wine vinegar made by the Grape Wine Vinegar Co. This concentrated grape wine vinegar is put up in demijohns of 41/6 gallons Imp., and will produce, with the addition of water, 115 Imp. gallons of XXX. vinegar, and 137 gallons of XX. vinegar, and purchasers in this form can readily see what an enormous saving of freight is made -to say nothing for extra charge for barrels, packages, and the trouble and annoyance usually had with empties. The analysis of Dr. A. R. Pyne speaks for itself, and is a reliable recommendation of absolute purity and safety. It is simple, safe, pure and economical, and every thinking grocer will readily see the advantages of handling same. Large quantities of this vinegar have been sold from the Atlantic to the Pacific since it was first put upon the market.

THE LATEST THING IN MEAT.

Smoked backs and roll bacon are fashionable this season. A fact which may not be realized by every retailer, but which is now generally admitted by large jobbers, is that taste in meats varies just as taste in dress changes every succeeding year. D. Gunn, Bros. & Co. inform The CANADIAN GROCER that last year the taste, and, consequently,

We predict an unprecedently large consumption of CANNED SALMON during the next four months. Present prices of No. 1 Fraser River and "Sockeye" Fish favor buyers. We are arge sellers and can offer you choice of BEST BRANDS in "Lills," "flats," and "squats." See our travellers or write us.

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the demand was principally for breakfast bacon and shoulder hams. This year the demand has shown the taste of the public to have turned toward smoked backs and roll bacon, which may now be said to be "just the latest thing in meats."

### **A PROGRESSIVE HOUSE.**

Rutherford, Marshall & Co., wholesale produce and commission merchants, Toronto, have again moved to much larger and more commodious premises, at No. 68 Front street east, where they will have facilities for handling their rapidly increasing business to much better advantage. The firm has been in business seven years, and this is the third time that expansion of trade has compelled it to seek larger premises. The new premises are complete in every detail, consisting of three storeys and cellar, with concrete floor full size of warehouse, giving a floor space of 10,000 square feet. The offices, which are grained in oak,

are spacious, bright and cheerful, and altogether the place presents the appearance of progress, thrift and enterprise.

THE CANADIAN GROCER bespeaks for this firm continued prosperity.

W. H. Gillard & Co. are having a brisk sale for Williams Bros. & Charbonneau's pickles, which are put up in attractive bottles.

"HE CANADIAN GROCER is indebt. ed to Mr. E. Fielding for a copy of the Levant Herald, published in Constantinople, under the date of April 13, in which the following paragraph regarding figs appears : ''Our Smyrna correspondent writes that latest advices from the figgrowing districts confirm the worst reports regarding the mischief wrought by last month's frost. In the districts of Aya-Soulouk, Karabounar, and Ormourlu, 60 per cent. of the fig trees have been entirely destroyed ; in Baladjik, 50 per cent. ; in Sultan Hissar and Demirdjik, 40 per cent.; in Erbeli, 30 per cent.; in Nazli, 20 per cent. If the trees which escaped destruction gives an average yield, this year's crop will not exceed 45,000 loads, against 70,000 last year. The annual yield of the trees destroyed amounted in value to £,100,000, representing (at 5 per cent.) a capital of £2,000,000, which one night's frost has completely swept away.'

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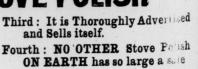
Work upon the new factory of the Truro Condensed Milk Co., to replace that destroyed by fire last week, is already well under way, and the company expects to be able to fill all orders shortly. The company is to be commended for its energy.

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Third, extra demand for Pure Grape Vinegar.

### PUT UP IN DEMIJOHNS.

One Demijohn of 416 Imp. Gallons will make 115 Imp. Gallons XXX; requires merely the addition of water to reduce to XXX or 137 Gallons XX strength. hink for a moment the saving to you in freight between one Demijohn, 75 lbs., and 3 bbls., 1,200 lbs. No empty barrels to return and make claims for.

### **READ WHAT THE DOMINION ANALYST SAYS:**

This is to certify that on analysis of the above-named GRAPE WINE VINEGAR, I found it a purely concentrated Wine Vinegar, made from the Grape fruit, free from mneral acids, metallic substance and alcohol. After dilution with pure water it should prove a most wholesome and palatable commodity, either for table or pickling purposes. A very important thing not to be lost sight of in using this article is, that by procuring the vinegar in the concentrated form in bottles, it ensures perfect cleanliness and a regular standard strength. ness and a regular standard strength. Signed, A. R. PYNE, M.B., Dominion Analyst.

Analyst Medical Health Office, Toronto.

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PROPOSED BEET SUGAR FACTORY.

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Gold Medals

Cologne, Germany, 1889

Chicago, U.S. - 1893 Berlin, Germany - 1896

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GERMAN machine manufacturing firm, on behalf of a British syndicate, is endeavoring to start a beet sugar factory at some suitable point in Ontario. The aid of the Government is sought, and the conditions asked are that the Government admit the technical parts of the machinery free of duty, and also give an average bonus of 50 cents per 100 pounds of sugar manufactured during the first five years of operation. The cost of factory to be erected would be about half a million dollars

On Friday the Wholesale Grocers' Guild was addressed upon the matter by Mr. R. H. Lawder, who for some years has taken a deep interest in the movement for a beet sugar industry for Canada. After discussing the subject the following resolution was fdomed :

R ved, that this association has learned with plea that a syndicate of foreign capitalists has d to erect a first-class beet sugar factory of larg pacity in some suitable locality in the Doof Canada, on the following conditions :

Th the technical part of the machinery, such as now manufactured in Canada, shall be adis n. mitte free of Customs duty ; that during the first five ons of the operation of the factory a bonusshall paid on all the sugar manufactured from Can n beet : One dollar for first year, 75c. for secon year, 50c. for third year, 25c. for fourth

year, 25c, for fifth year, the bonus to be based on the proportion which such sugar bears to 100 deg. of purity, per polariscope test.

That this association believes that the establishment of the beet sugar industry in Canada will prove of great advantage, especially to the agricultural interests of the Dominion, and of material benefit to its manufacturing, commercial and financial interests, and would respectfully urge upon the Dominion Government the introduction, during the present session of Parliament, of such legislation as ought to secure the erection of the above proposed beet sugar factory in time for operation on the sugar-beet crop of 1899.

And that this bonus shall only be paid as follows: During 1899, 1900, \$1; 1900, 1901, 75c.: 1901, 1902, 500.; 1902, 1903, 250.; 1903, 1904, 250

LONDON RETAIL GROCERS.

THE Retail Grocers' Association, of London, met on Monday night, with President R. A. Jones in the chair, and a large number of members present.

A communication from the Retail Merchants' Association of Canada, in reference to the forming of a branch in London, was discussed. Mr. W. H. Ferguson spoke in favor of such a movement, saying the larger the association the better the prospect it would have of carrying into effect anything which would be beneficial to the retail trade generally. He did not think, however, the Grocers' Association should merge into the Retail Merchants' Association, as the former had a work of its own to perform. At the same time the members of the association could individually support such a movement. President Jones spoke along the same line, and it was decided to take no action which might bind the association as a body, although the members may individually interest themselves in both associations.

The market gardeners asked the support of the association to a petition praying the city council to allot spaces on the market to the regular market gardeners. The association took no action, the feeling being that the matter was not of interest to the association as a body. Many of the members, however, expressed their willingness to sign the petition.

The revision of the delinquents' list was also discussed, and it was urged that the work should be done as soon as possible.

The excursion committee reported that on account of the cut in rates, the railway officials had not been approached in regard to a special rate for a grocers' outing. The committee was instructed to wait upon the railway companies' representatives and report the result at the next meeting of the association.

The British Board of Trade returns for the month of April show an increase in the imports of £5,110,200 and a decrease in the exports of £2,204,100.

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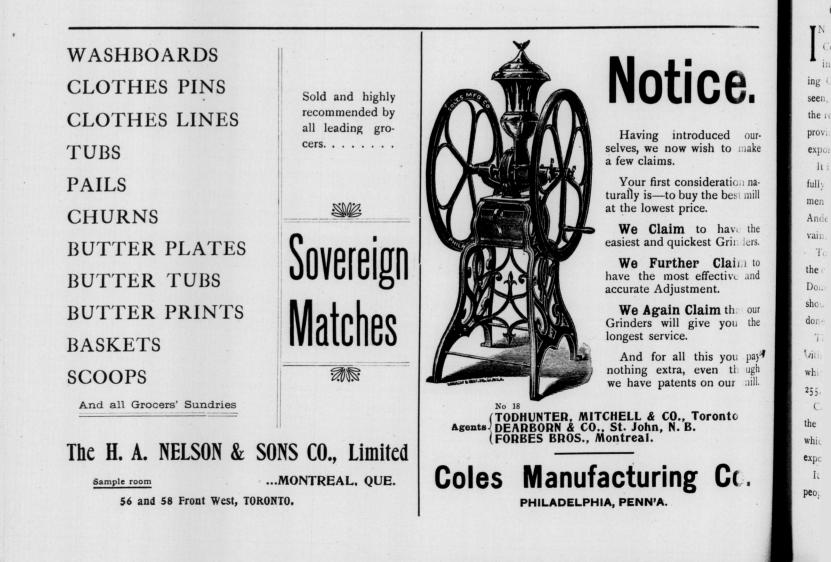
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OUR EXPORTS TO JAPAN.

N another column we print a digest of Commissioner Anderson's report of his investigation of the possibilities of extending Canada's trade with Japan. As will be seen, we have dealt only with that part of the report which treats upon the grocery, provision and allied trades in the way of exports.

It is to be hoped the report will be carefully read and considered by the business men of the Dominion. Unless it is, Mr. Anderson's journey to Japan will be in vain.

To say nothing of geographical position, the character of the staple products of the Domation are such that a larger trade should be done with Japan than is now done.

The aggregate trade of the United States With Japan last year was \$37,265,090, of which \$24,009,750 were imports and \$13,-255,540 exports.

C. ada's aggregate trade with Japan, on the ther hand, was only \$1,471,926, of whic \$1,329,980 were imports and \$141,946 exports.

It ill probably be a surprise to some people to know that sugar was last year

Canada's chief article of export to Japan, the quantity sent being 1,872,562 pounds, valued at \$71,908. This, of course, went from British Columbia. It is the first year such shipment was made, and, as will be noticed from Mr. Anderson's report, the sugar was the best ever brought into Japan, and sold at a higher price than sugars from other countries. It is to be hoped that the trade in this line, which has opened out so auspiciously, will become permanent, and steadily develop.

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Planks, boards and manufactures of wood were the next in importance, and these aggregated \$43,296. Then came coal, valued at \$11,269, while following that was tobacco to the extent of \$9,714 worth. Of cheese we sent \$855 worth.

Our efforts at supplying Japan with butter have so far been anything but fruitful. Three years ago we exported \$1,172 worth to that country, but since then shipments have gradually fallen off until they only amounted in 1897 to the insignificant quantity of 30 pounds, valued at \$10.

Fish and fish products exported to Japan in 1897 were valued at \$1,079, and fruits at \$105.

It is evident from these figures that Canada's export trade with Japan is small indeed, and it is also evident from Mr. Anderson's report that it is capable of being enlarged if the business men of this country are only enterprising and energetic enough to essay to do it.

SALES OF FOREIGN SUGAR.

Orders for foreign granulated sugars are again beginning to be placed a little more freely by Toronto wholesalers, quite a few having been given during the week.

The volume of business in this particular sugar is not nearly as large as it was prior to the new sugar tariff being brought down, but the fact that the import article promises to continue a factor in the Canadian market is not without interest.

The increase in the duty on foreign refined sugars is, taking it all round, scarcely equal to $\frac{1}{5}$ c. per lb., which is less than the representatives of foreign shipping houses at first reckoned it would be. This is leading to a more active campaign on their part.

OUTLOOK FOR HIGH PRICED TOMATOES.

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THE outlook for canned tomatoes is a matter of great importance to several traders in Montreal at present. As noted by THE CANADIAN GROCER at the time, there was active speculation in these vegetables during the month of February, and Montreal parties secured the control of a large quantity of stock which is held partly in store at Montreal and partly at the canneries in Ontario.

Estimates as to the exact quantity of these speculative goods vary considerably. Those bearishly inclined contend that from 20,000 to 25,000 cases of tomatoes are controlled by Montreal speculators, and that a large portion of this quantity cost its holders \$1.10.

This is disputed by others, who claim that if there are 10,000 cases held on speculation in Montreal it is an extreme estimate, and that in only one instance, of 1,000 cases or so, did the goods cost \$1.10, the ruling price for the bulk being \$1.

Both statements, of course, are made by interested parties, and due allowance has to be made for each, but deducting from both it seems safe to assume that there is a comparatively large quantity of high priced canned tomatoes in Montreal, and, considering what they cost, the outlook is not exactly cheerful for those who own them.

The speculation appears to have had its inception in the demand which was experienced during February on Klondyke account.

When the enquiry first made itself felt people set out to figure that the reserve supply of canned tomatoes was much lighter than it should be, and excited buying ensued, prices rapidly advancing from considerably below \$1 until, as recorded, they reached \$1.10 for round lots, while the inside jobbing range has been nominally \$1.20 at Montreal for some time.

The demand for the Klondyke has not by any means come up to expectations, and the result is the large speculative holdings of high priced goods whose profitableness is now being seriously questioned.

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THE CANNED MEAT CONTRACT.

T will be remembered that in the last issue of THE CANADIAN GROCER it was stated that no order for canned meats had been given by the Canadian Government to a United States firm. The statement was based, as it was then pointed out, upon an official statement made in the House by Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Since then, however, we have received a letter from our traveling representative in the United States, in which he says that a Chicago firm had just shipped three carloads of canned meat to British Columbia on Canadian Government account.

On receipt of this letter we immediately instituted further enquiries, the result of which is that we have discovered that while the Premier told the truth as far as he went, yet had he went further he might have given a great deal more information upon the subject.

It turns out that a large order for canned beef on Canadian Government account was placed with a United States firm, but the order did not come directly from the Government. It came from a firm in Canada that secured from the Government a contract to supply the same.

A short time ago, it appears, the Dominion Government asked for quotations for 50,000 pounds of canned corned beef, in 2, 4 and 6-pound tins. Among those asked to quote was W. Clark, the well-known packer of Montreal. As 4-pound tins of canned beef have never been put up in Canada, Mr. Clark quoted only on two and six-pound tins. He did not, however, obtain the order.

Our Ottawa correspondent, who was instructed to investigate the matter, writes that the order went to Bate & Co., of Ottawa, and the Hudson's Bay Co., and it was these companies that placed it with the Chicago packer.

In reply to a question from THE CAN-ADIAN GROCER, Mr. Clark stated that had he known the contract depended on the four-pound size he would have quoted and made this size, notwithstanding that during all his experience he had never before been asked for this particular weight. We notice by a price list issued by Mr. Clark, under date of April 30, that four-pound tins have since been added to his regular make of corned beef.

There is a strong feeling in Canada that the Government, when ordering supplies of this or any other kind, should stipulate that they be obtained in the Dominion, and that a foreign country should only be resorted to when all reasonable efforts to obtain them at home have failed. There is nothing unreasonable in this, and it is to be hoped that the Government in future be will guided by this sentiment.

THE CANADIAN GROCER understands that the Government is now asking for quotations for 20,000 pounds more of canned corned beef, in 2, 4 and 6-pound tins.

AGAINST FISH INSPECTION.

THE Inland Revenue Department do not agree with the wholesale grocery trade on the advisability of a rigid system of fish inspection.

The Commissioner of the department, writing to the Montreal Board of Trade in relation the matter, says:

There is so great diversity of opinion in respect of this matter that the department hardly feels justified in pressing it upon Parliament at present. A section will, however, be introduced this session which will protect the public against uninspected articles being passed off as inspected, so that if the inspection is honestly and carefully done, it will give an increased value to the goods. The department is in possession of a petition from leading fish dealers in Montreal urging that inspection be not made compulsory.

This is a peculiar stand for the department to take. By the half-hearted action that it has adopted it practically admits the justice of the claim made by the Montreal grocers, but, some assert, because of political considerations in some of the seaboard constituencies which sent supporters of the Government to Ottawa, it has not had backbone enough to take a positive stand in the matter.

The very vagueness of the commissioner's reply that a section will be introduced to protect the public is pretty good evidence that the whole matter will be pigeon-holed unless the grocers have sufficient influence to have the matter settled one way or another. Politics should not be allowed to interfere in a purely business question, and the business men are to blame if they stand it.

Wholesale grocers were positively defrauded this season. Barrels supposed to contain 200 pounds of fish only contained 160 pounds, and thousands of barrels of herring were sold as Labrador fish when it is now well known that hundreds only were shipped from that coast.

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66 D^{ON}," in a recent issue of laturday Night, touched upon a question which should set the Canadian people thinking, and the Canadian Government acting. We have reference to the suggestion that the British Government should appoint a few Canadian businessmen to consulships at places where the Dominion is most desirous of developing its trade.

The necessity for such appointments is not fancied; it is real.

Our export trade of late years has grown enormously. Ten years ago it only aggregated \$89,515,811; last year it had swelled to \$137,950,250, an increase of about 52 per cent. in the decade.

In spite, however, of the development of Canada's export trade, the Dominion is seldom, if ever, mentioned in the reports of the British Consuls, who are as the sands of the sea for number. Indeed, as far as our memory serves us, we cannot remember even one solitary instance of Canada, or her products, being mentioned in such documents.

But the mere fact that mention of Canada and things Canadian is persistently avoided by the British Consular reports is not the worst phase of the matter. The worst is that Canadian interests are persistently neglected. Canada might be as the United States for all the benefit she derives from the British Consular Service.

There are some people in this country who urge that the Dominion should appoint consuls of her own. Those who hold this opinion are, however, a small minority indeed, but it is the unsatisfactory Pritish Consular Service, as far as Canada is oncerned, which has created this small minority

But, while the great majority of the Canadian people, who have given the matter thought, do not want the Dominio to appoint consuls of its own, yet, they add undoubtedly favor the appointment of a few good Canadian business men to coships in such places as would be to be commercial advantage of this country.

EXCITEMENT IN MOLASSES.

THERE appears to be no limit to the advancing tendency of Barbadoes molasses in Montreal, the wholesale grocery guild marking up prices another 3c. on Monday.

This is a clean rise of 6c. in less than a forthight, and it is worthy of note that they refuse to accept any orders for larger quantities than three or four puncheons at the advance, declining to part with car lots. The jobbing basis, therefore, is firm at 31c. At the Islands it appears to be impossible to get any clear intelligence of the condition of the market.

An importer in Montreal cabled on Tuesday asking for firm offers, and got refusals in reply. His correspondents stated that while they might be able to place an order at a price if they had one in hand, the condition of the market at the Islands made it utterly impossible for them to name a firm price. Other firms who tried to get offers had a similar experience.

On the whole, the market is in an excited condition, and traders are disposed to proceed cautiously, not only in regard to selling goods, but to buying them as well.

Stocks in Montreal, carried over from last season, have been sensibly diminished during the past week or so, the upturn having turned out very profitable for some speculative holding, to which THE CANADIAN GROCER referred a month or six weeks ago.

ADVANCE IN CANNED LOBSTERS.

THE large and increasing demand throughout Canada and the United States during the past two years for fresh lobsters of finest quality has resulted in such severe competition among handlers the cof as to cause a considerable falling off in the output of the canneries, owing to lack of supplies.

At the present time, buyers, principally from Boston, which has become the great distributing centre, are offering the Nova Scena fishermen \$3.50 to \$4 per 100 pounds for sh under 10 inches, and as high as 6 to ye, each for larger, which latter figure means \$8 to \$9 per case for the meat alone, and they cannot, therefore, be packed at a profit.

This condition of things is certain to result in a sharp advance in the canned product. And we learn that the English market has this week advanced from I to 2s. per case of 48 cans for all grades, and Canadian and United States markets have also advanced in about the same proportion.

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick packers are now asking \$10 per case for good 1-lb. talls, \$11 per case for flats, and \$11.50 for 1/2-lb. flats.

European buyers are anxious to place orders at the before-mentioned advance, but we understand that packers are holding off, hoping to obtain higher prices.

The catch in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec has been light, so far this season, and reports from Newfoundland state that the prevalence of ice along the coast is preventing the setting of the usual number of traps.

Lobsters are, year by year, becoming more of a luxury, and the indications are that the present year will prove no exception. THE CANADIAN GROCER learns, on good authority, that many of the packers have already contracted to the full extent of their capacity. In view of this condition of affairs, it is evident that lobsters, either fresh or packed, are, at the present time, a good purchase.

CANADIAN FLOUR FOR BARBADOES

A Montreal despatch to The New York Post says : "In consequence of the war, and American flour being evidently out of the market, the West Indies are looking to Canada for a supply of that article, and Mr. J. N. Sutherland, general freight agent of the Canadian Pacific railway, Atlantic division, St. John, N.B., telegraphs to Montreal announcing that he has received a cablegram from Barbadoes asking him to charter a British bottom and send forward immediately a full cargo of Canadian flour. The Lake of the Woods, and the two Goldie companies have been asked to say what flour is available. It is said that a full cargo up to 20,000 barrels could be immediately disposed of at Barbadoes, Trinidad, and Demerara."

War swells business as gas swells a balloon; but, while the swelling may be good for the balloon, it is not always good for business.

THE FRUIT SALES.

HE cargo of 30,000 boxes of lemons ex steamship Fremona, was put up at auction at the Montreal Fruit Auction Co.'s rooms, on Tuesday. This was the second sale this season, and it was largely attended by buyers from all over the United States and Canada. The condition of the fruit was much better than the previous cargo sold a week ago, consequently buyers were more eager, and the bidding was more active throughout. A feature of the sale was the brisk demand for American account, there being about 12 carloads alone taken for Chicago, and it was stated that one-third of the above quantity would be shipped to the States in spite of the increased duty. Another feature was the fact that the prices realized on an average showed an advance of 50c. over those paid at last Thursday's sale, which was due chiefly to the better quality of the stock. There was considerable buying done on local account by the leading fruit merchants. Messina lemons, common to good, sold at \$1.30 to \$1.65, choice at \$1.75 to \$2, and fancy at \$2.15 to \$2.80 per box. Palermo lemons brought from \$1.25 to \$2.70, and Sorrentos, \$1.25 to \$3 per box and \$3.25 to \$3.65 per case. The principal buyers present were as follows : J. W. Lumsden, of New York ; Mr. Kneen, of Grinnell, Collins & Kneen, of Minneapolis; Mr. Daniel, of Keokuk ; G. W. Hunt and H. Brouse, of Ottawa; Mr. Steel, Mr. Mountjoy, and Mr. Shuttleworth, of London, Ont.; Walker, of Guelph; Dickson, of Hamilton ; McWilliam, Husband, Dawson and Clemes, of Toronto ; McPherson, of Winnipeg; P. Rheume, A. Legare, G. Beauchamp, L. Simard and R. Borden, of Quebec. The large local buyers were : Hart & Tuckwell, Vipond & McBride, J. F. McLean, of the Montreal Fruit Exchange ; J. Bell & C., J. J. Vipond, John Barry & Son, Bowes & McWilliams, and O. & E. Hart. There was also among those present, C. E. Thurston, of the Earl Fruit Co., of California, who was formerly auctioneer of the above company.

The balance of the Fremona's cargo consisting of oranges was closed out on Wednesday afternoon, the prices ranging from \$2.35 to \$2.95 for boxes, and 90c. to \$1.80for half-boxes. A feature of the sale was an offering of a lot from Sorrento, Italy, grown from California seed. These oranges were of fine quality and of exquisite boquet.

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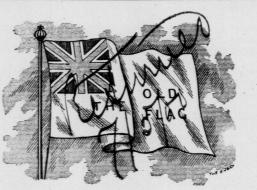
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THE PROVISION MARKET.

HERE are some interesting features on the general produce market this spring, as a rule, the prices being considerably in advance of those a year ago, and trade being in a healthier condition generally.

The condition of the wheat market is the most remarkable, the prices throughout being much higher than at any time for years, and from 43 to 58 per cent. higher than this time last year. This unusual advance may have been influenced somewhat by the war, but is more directly due to the fact that there is a scarcity of wheat and flour in Europe. Russia has prohibited the exportation of either of these commodities, and France has taken off her import duty on wheat, while in Italy bread riots are affecting nearly every part of the country. In Great Britain, too, there is a great decrease in the stocks held in the country as compared with former years. That the feeling in wheat is firm is evidenced by the fact that Ontario wheat has advanced 25 to 30c., and Manitoba wheat 40 to 45c. in the last month. It is considered that if these prices are maintained till next harvest the farmers of Ontario and Manitoba will receive over \$25,-000 000 more for their wheat this year than last. Coarser grains show a corresponding advance, oats being 13c. dearer and peas, 22c. dearer than a year ago.

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Flour, of course, has advanced in sympathy with wheat, Manitoba flour being \$2.50 to \$2.60 dearer, and Ontario flour \$1.60 to \$2 dearer than this time last year.

During the last month, buyers from many points in the United States have been in nearly every section of Ontario buying potatoes for export. They bought such large quantities that local dealers became quite interested, the result being that last week the price of potatoes rose from 6oc. to \$1, which price, however, was only maintained for a day or so. And, as this week the United States buyers have left the market, the price has fallen to 72c. for carload lots, it being considered that stocks are sufficient to meet the demand until the new crop comes in. This a much better price than last year, for then potatoes were selling as low as 20c. per bag.

The movement in beans recently has been unusually brisk, and now there is a firm feeling noted, with advance anticipated by many, though the price, \$1 per bushel for hand-picked, is a high one, last year's figure, a comparatively good figure, being 25c. less than this.

As has been frequently noted in this $pa_{\rm p}$ or, there has been very little low-grade but or on the market throughout the winter, and in every way the butter market at the

beginning of spring was in a healthy condition. As there has been a large addition to the number of creameries throughout the province, and as a number of factories did not make fodder cheese, thereby necessitating farmers making butter, the receipts this year have been muchin excess of former years. The healthy condition of the market at the commencement of the spring season, large shipping orders and an improved local demand, have tended to keep the market in a firm condition, but this large increase in receipts has weakened the feeling, a decline of 5c. per lb. being noted in the last month. Still, prices of dairy are 1/2 to IC. per lb. in advance of those ruling a year ago. Creamery, however, is about IC. below that of last year, and, as the English market is too low for export there, and, as receipts are greater than the demand, the feeling is decidedly weak.

Last year a great deal of fodder cheese was made, which was quoted at this time of the year about 10c. per lb. As is well known, there was an overproduction, and prices dropped, until the market was weak at $7\frac{34}{12}$ to 8c. per lb. about six weeks ago. The price of new cheese now coming on the market is about 8 to $8\frac{1}{2}$ c., a price considered by dealers much more favorable to them than last year's figures.

The egg market has been in a healthy condition for some time. Receipts have been large, but the demand has kept well up, and the price has been steady at about Ioc. for some time. The majority of large dealers are pickling extensively.

The following table will give an idea of the comparative value of the commodities mentioned, as compared with a year ago:

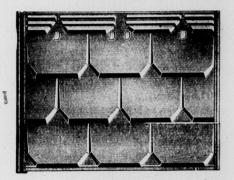
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not read newspapers. One feature of this advertising which the Morris Co. counted on was its permanency, but it now appears that in many instances it has been replaced by the signs of enterprising local cigar manufacturers.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS' SUGAR.

Willett & Gray say of sugar : "Manila. —The capture of this city, and the passing of the extremely valuable and productive lands of the Philippine Islands into the possession of the United States, marks a new departure in our history. These islands produce some 250,000 tons of sugar of low grades, particularly acceptable to our refiners, who have always been large purchasers of these sugars. If we retain the islands, as we very likely will do, the production of sugar can be increased, and will have some influence on cheapening prices of sugar to the consumers of the United States."

There are 800 fishermen on Cape Island, N.S., about one-fourth of whom are boys. Since January 1, they have caught 5,500crates of lobsters, the price of which was \$88,000, and enough for the three canneries, which packed 1,600 cases, worth about \$15,200, thus giving an income for the season of \$103,200 to the fishermen, an average of \$129 each for the four months.

HOW COFFEE IS GROWN. N a journey from San Paulo to a

neighboring coffee plantation I learned how forest land is cleared in Brazil, writes a correspondent of the San Francisco Chronicle. The forests are an inpenetrable mass of trees, vines and undergrowth. They first go through with a bill hook, cutting the undergrowth. Then, with an axe for 50 yards trees are cut half down. One tree is then felled in such a manner that it will fell all of the half-cut trees. After 40 or 50 days the land is burned over, and in the midst of whatever is left the trees are planted.

The ground is cultivated with the hoe often enough to keep the bushes from growing. For three years corn is planted between the rows of young trees. In the younger orchards the trees are planted 12 feet apart. They are never pruned until they are 40 or 50 years old, when some of the old wood is cut out and they look more like bushes than trees. On the same tree at the same time may be seen the white blossom and the green, red (ripe) and dark purplish (dead ripe and dry) berrries. These, against the dark green foliage, look very beautiful.

On this fayenda to pick the coffee a large cloth is spread under the trees. The man, woman or child then takes hold of the limb close to the base and runs the hand along, stripping the limb of everything, leaves, fruit and blossoms. The leaves are shaken out and the coffee emptied on the ground and afterwards shoveled into a measure with a shovel shaped out of the limb of a tree, and emptied into the ox-cart to go to the drying grounds. On the steepest hills the coffee is emptied into bags and brought down on the backs of men.

Whole families go into the field to pick the coffee. Seven bags is a good day's work for a man, and a family which picks 20 bags a day is in a fair way to become rich. They are paid 600 reis a bag, which according to exchange in June, would be about 9 cents. Since then exchange has

been higher so that the amount per bag has been less. The bag holds about 128 pounds.

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The coffee is brought to the "terreiro" in ox-carts drawn by 10 or 12 oxen. It is emptied into a tank and thoroughly washed. The dryest rises first, and is carried down with the water to any part of the terreiro desired and emptied into a large strainer. Here stand two men with shovels or rakes, who keep the strainer clear, piling the coffee up around them until they are buried nearly waist deep. When all has been washed and sent down the work of spreading begins. It is first spread in little mounds, almost touching, and left for several days, while the hull moulds and rots. It is said that this does not injure the seed and makes the hull come off easier in the machines. After a few days the coffee is spread in rows over the terreiro, and then turned often with scrapers made of wood and pushed by one or two men. It takes a month to dry the coffee. During the first week or two rain does no harm, but later it will cause the kernel to mold, inferior coffee being the result.

In every coffee berry there are two seeds. The Mocha, or best quality, is the undeveloped grain that grows at the ends of the limbs. The Java is the best developed, and grows about the centre of the limb. The next the trunk is the Rio. The Mocha brings the first price and the Java the second.

HINTS TO BUYERS.

This department has become so popular that many more notices than there is space for are received every week. In future only important items of information will be inserted. Contributors are requested to send news only, not puffs of goods they handle, or the arrival of standard goods that everyone has in stock, or that they are offering goods at close figures, or that they have had an unusually large sale this season.

Warren Bros. & Co. have a shipment of Porto Rico sugars arriving this week.

An importation of fancy Patna rice is in store with the Eby, Blain Co., Limited.

Warren Bros. & Co. are in receipt of a shipment of Keiller's marmalade in vacuum process glass jars. This is said to be the first shipment of the kind receive in Canada.

The Davidson & Hay, Limited, ifer choice evaporated apples at close figure

Booth's "Diamond" oysters and goted pineapple are in stock with the Eby, Jain Co., Limited.

The Park, Blackwell Co., Limited, a large quantity of September cheese with hit is offering at 81/4 to 81/2c.

The Eby, Blain Co., Limited, is in reseint of a shipment of Bosnia prunes, which can be retailed at 5c.

Brisk sales for "W. B. & C." pickles and relishes are reported by the Eby, Main Co., Limited.

The Davidson & Hay, Limited are quoting special prices on Valencia raisins, fine off-stalk and select, put up by the best packers.

"Gold Medal" baking powder in 34-lb. and 11/2-lb. gem jars, is selling briskly with the Eby, Blain Co., Limited.

The Pure Gold Manufacturing Co is putting ground coffee on the market in halfpound lead packages to retail at 30, 35 and 40c. The company's travelers have samples this week.

Close prices for California evaporated peaches and apricots prevail with the Eby, Blain Co., Limited, to which the attention of the trade is invited.

The Davidson & Hay, Limited, report large orders, during the past two weeks, for "Kurma" tea. Their new 25c. package tea "Jungle" is also moving out well for a beginner.

Spring importations of Morton's and Marshall's kippered herrings, bloaters, etc., are in stock with the Eby, Blain Co., Limited.

Recent tea arrivals with the Eby, Blain Co., Limited, include a fine range of Kaugra Valley Ceylons, Indians, all showing seendid cup quality, and Ping Suey gunpowlers in boxes, at absolutely close prices.



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ONTARIO MARKETS. TORONTO, May 12, 1898. GROCERIES.

HILE the volume of business is perhaps not as large as it was a week ago, yet, for this time of the year it is of fair proportion. There are still a good. many sugars going out, but the demand is not as good as it was. Canned vegetables are still quiet, with the demand for tomatoes still disappointing. Corn is still in a good position. Coffee is meeting with a fair demand, and the outside markets have been a little firmer during the last few days. A further advance in rice is to be noted, and tapioca and sago are dearer. Spices are firm at unchanged prices. The tea market is not brisk, but there is a firmer feeling in regard to prices. A still further advance is to be noted in currants in the primary market, and the foreign dried fruit market generally is steady. Payments are fair.

CANNED GOODS.

The feature of the market probably is an enquiry for corn, but, at a lower price than holders will accept. Some inquirers only want to pay 75c., but this is not even approximate to holders' views. We hear of wholesalers securing orders for tomatoes at \$1.20, for shipment to Manitoba, but while the general range of prices 15 \$1.15 to \$1.20, the feeling is unsettled, owing chiefly to the disappointing character of the demand. Some of the retailers, who are holding large stocks, are becoming a little nervous, and instances are reported where they have made sales to wholesalers whose stocks are light. Canned fruits are in moderate request only. The demand for salmon continues steady.

SYRUPS AND MOLASSES.

Since the advance of 3c. per gallon in molasses, noted last week, some at least of the shipping houses have temporarily withdrawn from the market. Prices locally rule firm. For half-barrels of New Orleans the idea is 35c. per gallon, and for barrels, 127., with fancy grades quoted as high as Syrups are quiet and steady. 450

SUGAR.

The sugar market was easy last week, in sympathy with declines in London, England. In New York, raws declined 1-16 to 1/8 c. per lb., but refined was unchanged. This week, however, the market is in a much better condition, several slight advances being cabled from London. Locally, prices are unchanged. Wholesalers are doing a fair business, but the refiners report trade dull. Transactions in foreign granulated sugar are becoming more frequent on the local market.

NUTS.

The local market is devoid of special interest. Advices from Liverpool report an active demand for Brazil nuts of the cheap grades and that shipments to that port up to April 21, from the beginning of the season, were 97 tons more than for the same period in 1897. Sicily filberts and shelled almonds are dearer in New York.

RICE, TAPIOCA, SAGO.

The tendency in all these lines is upwards. Rice is 1/4 c. per lb. dearer than it was a week ago, the ruling wholesale quotation for "B" grade now being 31/2 to 33/4 c. Sago and tapioca are quoted 1/2 c. dearer, and even the advanced figures are about on a parity with what it to-day costs to lay down fresh supplies. Sago is now quoted

**************************** For Prices Current See Pages 34 and 35. ******************************

at from 334 to 414 c., and tapioca at from 3¾ to 4½c.

COFFEE.

The coffee market, which had been weak, has again, within the last few days, taken a turn for the better, having advanced slightly in the primary and terminal markets. Locally, the demand keeps good.

SPICES.

Spices continue to hold a strong position. Advices from Penang and Singapore show that shipments of pepper continue to decline. As stocks are light, it is expected that prices will further appreciate as soon as London and New York begin to buy. Locally, the demand is only moderate.

TEAS.

The tea market rules firm. The first steamer with new season's Japan tea on board has sailed. She has only about 500 packages on board for Canada, which is much less than even a year ago. There is a good demand on the local market for flavory Ceylon teas, but otherwise business is quiet, although the package-tea men have been buying fairly well. Mail advices from London, England, under date of April 29, report a firm market for Indian teas, with occasionally higher prices, and firm prices for Ceylon teas in spite of large quantities offered at auction.

FOREIGN DRIED FRUITS

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CURRANTS-Another advance of 1s. 6d. is cabled from Patras. There have been a few transactions during the week on import account and wholesalers are experiencing a good demand. Prices are higher in New York, but locally, quotations are as they were a week ago. The first direct steamer for the year is nearly due.

VALENCIA RAISINS--- Wholesalers have sold more Valencia raisins during the past month than during the prior three months. Locally, stocks are getting into small compass, and there have been quite a few transactions between the different wholsesale houses.

PRUNES-California prunes are quoted 34 c. per lb. dearer by wholesalers this week. The demand is still fairly good. There are some cheap Bosnia prunes, 110's selling at from 414 to 41/2 c. per lb. this week.

CALIFORNIA EVAPORATED FRUITS -There is not a great deal doing. The tendency in the outside market is toward firmer prices on apricots and peaches.

CALIFORNIA RAISINS-Advices from New York report a speculative demand for loose muscatel raisins, with prices firmer.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

EGGS-The firmness noted last week is still in evidence, stocks being absorbed for pickling. There is an abundant delivery, and a good demand makes trade brisk. The figures quoted are the same as last week, namely, 10 to 10 1/2 c. per dozen.

POTATOES - The large movement of potatoes to the United States market created quite a bullish tendency, and as high as \$1 per bag was asked some days. This feeling has quieted down somewhat, and now carload lots can be had at 70 to 72c. per bag, which, however, is an advance of 12c. per bag. The street market is now also away up, 75 to 8oc. per hag being asked.

DRIED APPLES--The market continues dull, with prices about 3 to 4c. for choice lots. Some good stock is offered at 21/2 to

EVAPORATED APPLES-Stocks are light, and but little trade is reported, the prices asked ranging from 8 1/2 to 9 1/2 c.

BEANS-There was a great rise in prices towards the end of last week, but the feeling now is somewhat easier. especially for ordinary beans, which are not in great demand. There is a large movement in hand-picked. The prices noted this week are So to 85c. for ordinary beans, 95 to \$1 for hand-picked in ordinary lots to retailers.



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HONEY-Business is quiet, with stocks well cleaned up.

MAPLE PRODUCT — There continues to be a steady but moderate demand for syrup. The demand for sugar is good. Prices throughout are unchanged.

VEGETABLES—Prices continue to decline, as the receipts increase. The demand is good for all articles. We quote: Rhubarb, 20 to 30c. per doz. bunches; onions, 5c. doz. bunches; lettuce, 20 to 30c. doz. bunches; radishes, 40 to 50c. doz. bunches; cabbage, new, 75c.; old, 40c. doz.; parsley, 15 to 20c. doz. bunches; cucumbers, Canadian, 25 to 35c. per doz.; watercress, 20 per doz. bunches; gardencress, 20 to 25c. per doz. bunches; spinach, 75c. to \$1 per bush,; asparagus, 40 to 50c. per doz.; green peas, \$140 \$1.10 per bush.; butter beans, \$4 per bushel.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

BUTTER—Though there is a good local and shipping demand for dairy butter, the receipts continue to increase so largely that the feeling is decidedly weak, especially for large rolls and pound prints. There is a good demand for dairy tubs, which are arriving in fair quantities. The quality of all dairy offering now is improving on account of the season advancing and allowing cattle to get out on pasture. The receipts of dairy butter have been much greater than the local demand, and, as the British market is too low for export, the feeling here is weak, with prices fully Ic. lower than last week.

CHEESE—There is still a decided firmness in the tone of the local market, the price noted running from $8\frac{1}{4}$ c. to as high as 9c. New fodder cheese is coming in more freely, at 8 to $8\frac{1}{2}$ c. per lb.

PROVISIONS.

Dealers say the amount of business transacted during April and May this year is much ahead of the same period for years, and prospects for trade during the coming summer are quite bright. Prices are firm. Stocks of barrel pork, especially Canadian heavy mess and clear shoulder mess, are much lighter than usual at this season. Lard is firm, and in good demand. On account of the high price of lard there has been an active demand for compound and shortening.

GRAIN, FLOUR, BREAKFAST FOODS.

GRAIN—The wheat market is in such a peculiar condition that it is difficult to give correct quotations. There has been an advance of 13c. in red and white wheat, and 15 to 16c. in goose wheat. Quotations on cars outside run about as follows : Wheat, red winter, \$1.10 to \$1.15; white winter, \$1.08 to \$1.13; goose, \$1.06 to \$1.08. On the street market there has been a large offering of all grain, especially wheat. We quote : White wheat, \$1.12 to \$1.15; red wheat, \$1.15 to \$1.19; goose wheat, \$1.08 to \$1.09; barley, 42 to $42\frac{1}{2}c$.; oats, $37\frac{1}{2}$ to 38c.; rye, 55c.; peas, 65c.; No. 1 Manitoba hard wheat has advanced 22c., now being quoted at \$1.50, Sarnia freight. ECG:

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FLOUR—In sympathy with the remarkable advance in wheat, all grades of Hour have advanced, Manitoba flour rising \$+10 and Ontario flour 70c. in price. We quote as follows : Manitoba patents, \$7 to \$7 to ; Manitoba strong bakers', \$6.60 to \$6.85; Ontario patents, \$6 to \$6.25; straight roller, \$5.50 to \$5.60, Toronto freights

BREAKFAST FOODS—There is a bask business being done. Prices are firm, with advances of 30c. in standard oats and gatmeal and 50c. in rolled wheat. We quote: Standard oatmeal and rolled oats, \$ 50 in bags and \$4.60 in bbls.; rolled wheat, \$3.50 in 100-lb. bbls.; cornmeal, \$ 50; split peas, \$3.75; pot barley, \$3.75.

FISH AND OYSTERS.

There is a good demand for fresh sh, especially whitefish and salmon that. Ciscoes have declined 30c. in price. We quote: Fresh salmon trout, 6 to 7c.; tesh whitefish, 6 to 7c.; steak trout, 7c.; tesh steak cod, 6 to 6½ c. per lb.; fresh teke,



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HIDES, SKINS AND WOOL.

HIDES-The feeling is firm, an advance of 1/2 c. being noted. We quote : No. 1, 8c.; No. 2, 7c.; No. 3, 6c.; cured, 8 1/2 to 8 3/4 c.

are unchanged. We quote: No. 1 veal, 8 lbs. and up, 9c. per lb.; No. 2, 7c.; dekins, from 30 to 35c.; culls, 15 to 200.

SHEEPSKINS-Trade is quiet. We quote at \$1.15 to \$1.35.

WOOL-There is a free offering of unwashed at 11c. per lb. A few odd lots of. fleece is coming in at 16c. per lb.

SALT

There is a fair business being done at unchanged figures. We quote: Carload lots, \$1.05 per bbl., and 65c. per sack ; less than carload lots, \$1.10 per bbl., and 70c. per sack. At the wells we quote : F.O.B., barrels, 75c.; sacks, 45c.

MARKET NOTES.

Beans have advanced Ioc. per bushel. Potatoes are 12c. per bag dearer than last week.

Quotations on California prunes are 34 c. per lb. dearer.

Rice is ¼c. per lb. dearer. Tapioca and sago have advanced 1/2 c. per lb.

Butter is I to 11/2 c. cheaper than last week. Dairy tubs are most wanted.

The high price of lard has created a good demand for compound and shortening.

A cable to P. L. Mason & Co. notes an advance of 1s. 6d. in currants in Patras.

Hides have advanced 1/2 c. per lb. Fleece wool is coming on the market at 16c. per lb.

Rutherford, Marshall & Co. made a shipment of 11,200 lb. fresh creamery butter to the Klondyke last Friday.

D. Gunn, Bros. & Co. report a very marked increase in receipts of both butter and eggs, and predict lower prices next week.

Manitoba flour has advanced \$1.10 and Ontario flour 70c. per bbl. Standard oats

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The Wm. Ryan Co., Limited, have had an unusually brisk demand for all goods recently, shipping as much as three carloads of general provision stock in one day this week.

QUEBEC MARKETS.

MONTREAL, May 12, 1898. GROCERIES.

HERE has been a fairly satisfactory business in general groceries during the week, and the general tendency is firm. Sugar rules firm, but jobbers have not been as large buyers at the refineries as previously. Stocks of syrups are light and business is limited in consequence. The excitement in molasses continues, the fact being testified to by another jump in jobbing prices of 3c., the price now being held firm at 31c. Importers are also unable to secure any offers from the islands. Teas have ruled quiet but firm in tone. Spices are strong, especially Pimento. Coffee is as last reported, but rice has been marked up another 25c. per 100 lbs., making 50c. in less than three weeks. Foreign advices on this article are quite stiff. Valencia raisins are pointing much higher abroad, and, as a result of the strength in filbert nuts, local jobbers are asking 1/2 c. per lb. advance. Green fruits are generally steady.

SUGAR.

There has been no change in the local sugar situation, but the firm feeling noted last week is fully retained. Demand, however, has not been quite as brisk at the refineries, as buyers procured pretty good supplies during the last week or so and are now holding off. At the refineries the same figures hold, granulated being held at 4 1/2 c. for standard ; Austrian granulated, 4 3-16c.; Dutch do., 4 1/4 c.; and yellows, 3 11-16 to 4 1/2 c., as to grade. Glucose has been rather firmer in tone this week, as the refiners ask an advance. In New York : Raw, quiet ; fair refining, 3 %c.; centrifugal, 98 test, 4 3-16c. Refined market quiet at decline. Mould A, 5 % c.; standard A, 5¹/₄c.; confectioners' A, 5¹/₄c.; cut loaf, 5 7-16c.; crushed, 5%c.; powdered, 5%c.; granulated, 5 %c.; cubes, 5 %c.

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SYRUPS.

Refiners have little or no stocks of syrups, and, with none to offer, business is light, while prices are unchanged.

MOLASSES.

The molasses market continues excited, and further advances have been cabled from the Islands. In fact, importers here who tried to place orders this week could not do so. Brokers at the islands said they might be able to fill an order if they had one in hand, but the condition of the market made it utterly impossible for them to make any firm offer for future shipment. The wholesale grocers, as noted last week, advanced their price to 27c. for car lots and 28c. for puncheons. This week, they have marked prices up another 3c., and refuse to accept any order for a larger quantity than three or four puncheons, for which prices are firmly held at 31c. As stocks on spot are exceedingly light, and the quantity afloat for this port, so far, lighter than usual, still higher prices are not unlikely.

CANNED GOODS.

Aside from the firmness in canned meats there is little to report about this market. Canned vegetables show an easy tendency owing to large speculative holdings, while there is nothing yet to report in connection with salmon.

TEAS.

There has been no fresh news in the tea market. Demand is of a moderate character, but the tone is firm for reasons already noted, the chief being the light stocks in hand so that there is no disposition to urge sales despite the dulness. Some round lots of Japan have left first hands at 16 to 17c. for medium to fine, while low grades have been taken at $12\frac{1}{2}$ c. Gunpowders have also been turned over at $11\frac{1}{2}$ to 13c.

SPICES.

Spices all round continue firm, and an

advance has been established in the case of Pimento for which 14c. is now asked.

COFFEE.

There has been no change in the spot situation of the coffee market, though outside advices, in some cases, have shown a firmer tendency. Only a moderate demand is being experienced by roasters.

RICE.

The rice market has advanced 25c. per lb. all round at the mills, as a result of the strength abroad. This is an advance of $\frac{1}{2}$ c. in the past three weeks. New crop rice has arrived and is being placed on the market, the quality being remarkably good. Cable advices from Europe are strong. We quote : Crystal Japan, \$5.50 to \$5.75: standard B, \$3.75 to \$4.; Patna, \$5 to \$5.50; Carolina, \$7.25 to \$7.75; choice Burmah, \$4.50 to \$4.75, and Java kinds. \$4.75 to \$5.

DRIED FRUIT.

Currants are steady to firm, but there is no change in spot quotations.

Importers who made enquiry regarding Valencia raisins in London this week were asked an advance of 2s. 6d. on previous offers, or $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ c. per lb. Stocks here, while not heavy, appear to be sufficient in the jobbers' estimation for future wants.

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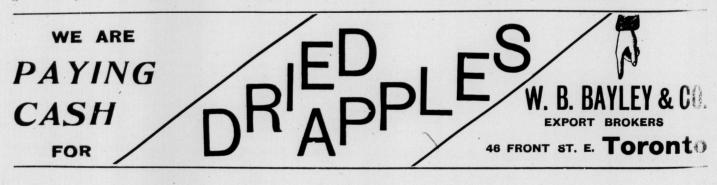
The prune market remains much as it was last week, the firm tendency being retained by all descriptions of stock.

Figs and dates are as last reported.

Evaporated fruits continue steady with demand only moderate, however.

NUTS.

Cable advices are quite firm in regard to filberts and Tarragona almonds and Valencia shelled almonds. In fact, some commission men here have been unable to get



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GREEN FRUIT.

The first auction sale having passed off, the second this week comprises a much larger quantity of fruit. In a regular way we quote : Lemons, \$2.50 to \$3 per box for fancy, and \$2 to \$2.50 for good; oranges, \$5 to \$3.50 for fancy, and \$2.50 to \$3 for pood. New southern strawberries were offered this week at 14 to 16c. Pineapples are unchanged at 8 to 15c., and bananas, \$4.50 to \$1.75.

DRIED APPLES.

Dried apples rule firm at 4 to $4\frac{1}{2}$ c., and Waporated, 9 to 10c., as to grade.

APPLES.

Quiet and nominal, at \$3 to \$5 per bbl. COUNTRY PRODUCE.

EGGS-The demand for eggs continues ir and the market is moderately active, ith no change in prices to note, sales eing made at 9c. to 10c. per dozen, as to hality.

BEANS—Beans were dull and unchanged 70c. to 75c. for primes, and at 85c. to 90c. for choice hand-picked per bushel. HONEY—The demand for honey is slow and the market is quiet. We quote : White clover comb. 11c. to 12c. ; dark, 8c. to 10c. ; white strained, 6c. to 7c., and dark, 4c. to 5c.

MAPLE PRODUCT—Maple product is quieter and prices have an easy tendency, syrup in wood selling at $4\frac{3}{4}$ c. to 5c. per lb., and in tins at 45c. to 5oc., as to size. Sugar moves freely at 6c. to $6\frac{1}{4}$ c. per lb.

PROVISIONS.

There has been a firm feeling in provisions, but supplies are ample to fill all requirements. We quote : Canadian pork, \$15.50 to \$16 per barrel ; pure Canadian lard, in pails, at $8\frac{1}{2}$ c. to $8\frac{1}{2}$ c. ; and compound refined at $5\frac{1}{2}$ c. to $5\frac{3}{4}$ c. per lb. ; hams, $11\frac{1}{2}$ c. to 12c. ; bacon, 12c. per lb.

FLOUR, GRAIN, ETC.

There is no abatement in the excitement and activity in the grain market, which continues exceedingly strong, in sympathy with European advices. The demand for wheat from foreigners is brisk, and all the offerings put forward by cable are promptly accepted, with further enquiries for round lots. The demand from local shippers is also active, and the amount of stuff turned over enormous. The latest feature is the advance of 15c. per bushel in the price of Manitoba No.

I hard wheat since Friday, buyers to-day bidding \$1.45 freely afloat Fort William, which is equal to \$1.53 here, but holders in most cases are asking \$1.50 afloat Fort William, and seem to think they will get it in a day or two. Sales of No. 3 hard Manitoba wheat were made at \$1.37 afloat Fort William. There continues to be a brisk demand for Ontario red wheat and purchases were made at western points, at prices ranging from \$1.10 to \$1.18, which figures show a further advance of from 2 to 9c. per bushel over what was paid last Saturday. One shipper alone bought 130,000 bushels in the past two days. Millers are paying at country points in Manitoba \$1.25 for No. 1 hard wheat. Oats were again active, and show a further rise of 1/2 c. per bushel, with a large business done at 41c. afloat. There was a firmer undertone to the market for peas to-day, which was due chiefly to an improved demand, and several sales of fair-sized lots were made at 70 1/2 c. afloat, with holders at the close of the market asking 71c. Rye was scarce, and, in the absence of any business, prices are withheld.

The demand for flour is brisk, and the market active and strong, with a large volume of business doing. The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. report that the offers

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made to London on Saturday of all grades of flour were, contrary to their expectations, accepted, as the price put on each grade was beyond, in their opinion, what the Englishmen would pay. Not only did they accept, but also cabled to make daily offers of all grades of their flour. The quantity placed to-day was 2,000 sacks. They marked up prices 25c. per barrel on all grades, and on receipt of cables this afternoon, made a further advance of 25c., as they claim they are not only justified in doing this on account of the price they are receiving for export orders, but also due to the rapid advance of 12 to 18c. per bushel in the price of wheat in all the leading markets of the world. Besides the above, this company have been asked to put under offer from 200.-000 to 500,000 bushels of No. 1 hard Manitoba wheat at a price which would net them much better results than manufacturing wheat into flour at present prices. W. W. Ogilvie sold all the flour for shipment to Australia during the months of May, June and July that he could possibly deliver, and Mr. Ogilvie stated that he was offered today's price for August shipment to the above point, but did not accept it. We quote : Winter wheat patents, \$5.65 to \$5.75; straight rollers, \$5.45 to \$5.55; bags, \$2.65 to \$2.75; Manitoba patents, \$6.90; strong

bakers', \$6.50; extra, in bags, \$2.35 to \$2.45.

The tone of the feed market is firm, and the demand is good for the season. We quote: Ontario winter wheat bran, \$13.50 to \$14.50; shorts, \$16 per ton in bulk; Manitoba bran, \$14; shorts, \$16, and moullie, \$17 to \$18 per ton, including bags.

The receipts of hay are not large, but ample is coming forward to supply all requirements, and prices rule steady at \$10 to \$10.50 for No. 1, and at \$8 to \$9 for No. 2, in car lots.

CHEESE AND BUTTER.

Cheese continues quiet in Canada because there is very little stock to trade in. The April make for the entire country will hardly exceed 5,000 boxes, and this has already all passed out of the control of first hands, chiefly on the basis of 7 % c. at the factory, which is equivalent to 81/8 c. on spot. All the old cheese is sold, so that with the new make to date disposed of and no old goods to trade in business is bound to be dull. In New York also, desirable grades of old cheese are gradually narrowing down, and 834 to 87% c. was realized for this stock there the other day. Receipts of new cheese continue moderate at New York and exporters have bought the most of

them and, it is notable, at higher prices than have been realized on this side the line, 8½ c. being paid for white, and 8½ c. for colored in New York city.

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The butter market is without change, business being moderately brisk. Creamery in tubs sold to-day at 17c., but it can be had for less money, as 16½c. was accepted in some cases. Townships' dairy is coming in and realizes almost as much as creamery, 16c. being freely bid for it. Western rolls move quietly at 15 to 15½c.

MONTREAL NOTES.

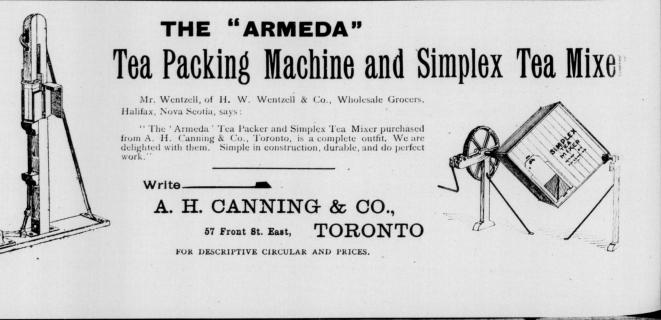
New crop rice was placed on the market last Thursday. The quality is said to be exceptionally good.

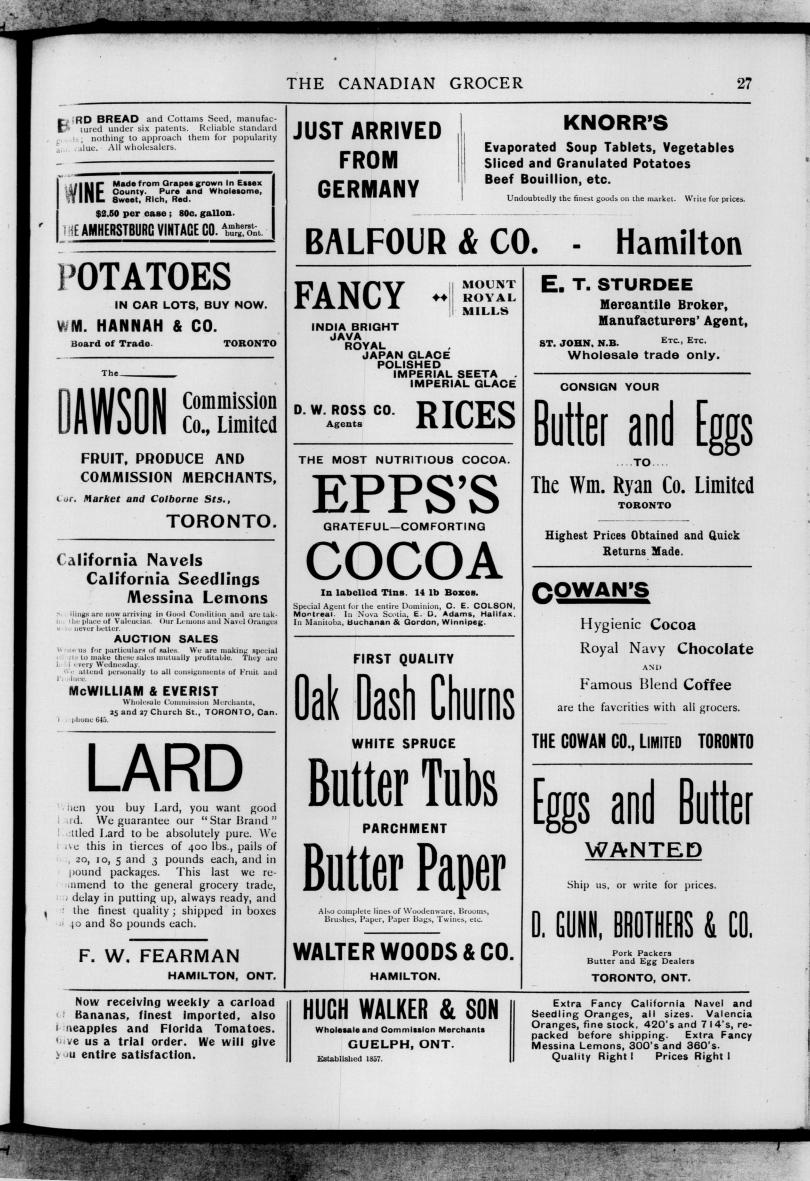
The price of rice has been advanced 25° . all round, which makes a rise of $\frac{1}{2}c$. per pound in less than three weeks.

Cables from London ask an advance of 2s. 6d. for Valencia raisins, or about $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ c. per pound higher prices than a week ago.

First offers of new southern strawberries were made this week. The quality is excellent, and they have been selling at 14 to 16c.

Cables are strong in regard to filberts, and local jobbers are asking an advance of





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 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per pound, and may put them up another peg before the close of the week.

The jobbing range on Barbadoes molasses has been advanced 3c. per gallon, and only single puncheons will now be sold, sellers refusing to part with car lots, the basis being firm at 31c.

NEW BRUNSWICK MARKETS.

Office of The Canadian Grocer,

ST. JOHN, N.B., May 10, 1898. THE week has been quite a busy one.

Markets are firm, and in many cases are higher. Flour, particularly Manitoba, has again moved up. Our schooner men are finding rather improved freight rates, there being a demand for British vessels. In tea, there is some business in Indians and Ceylons, but Chinas are dull. Prices are rather firmer all round. The chances for profit this spring are much ahead of last, and dealers are not handicapped with large stocks At present there are hardly any lines held except those showing advanced prices. Pork and beef have no large sale, but are in light supply, and show good value.

OIL—While our oil people look for higher prices, owing to expected advance in crude, which would effect both burning and lubricating oils, there is a steady business in burning oil, but it is lubricating that now occupies chief attention. The spring business is reported a good one.

SALT-A good, regular demand is noted, and a fair stock is held. There is one cargo due of upward of 6,000 bags, including coarse, fine and bulk rock salt. Prices tend higher, and buyers should have orders in to be filled on arrival. A second cargo, about the same size, is expected in about a week. The sale of rock salt is light in this market. Canadian salt has steady sale. particularly butter and cheese salt, and 10 and 20-lb. wood boxes. We quote : Liverpool coarse, 45 to 48c.; English factoryfilled, 90c. to \$1; Canadian fine, \$1 per bag; cheese and butter salt, bulk, \$2.50 to \$2.60 per bbl.; 5-lb. bags, \$3 to \$3.25 per bbl.; 10-lb. bags, \$2.85 to \$3 per bbl.; 20-lb. wood boxes, 20c. each; 10-lb. wood boxes, 12c. each; cartons, \$2 per case of 2 doz.; English bottled salt, \$1.25 to \$1.30; mineral rock salt, 6oc. to \$1.

CANNED GOODS — Meats, particularly corned beef, continue to advance. American canners in soms cases will only sell limited quantities at present prices. Very little American is now brought here, and in Canadian our dealers are well stocked Other lines are quiet. The low prices of Canadian peaches have about shut American out of our market. At best, however, the sale is small. Salmon is still low. There is quite a range in quality of stocks held. In condensed milk and coffee a fair business is noted. Lobsters are still light sale owing to high prices. Oysters are slowly moving up, and pineapple is firm.

GREEN FRUIT—This is one of the busy lines. Bananas are now a large sale, and stocks arriving are good. California oranges are also moving freely; prices tending higher. A carload is to hand this week. There are still a few good bloods and regular Messinas offered. In the latter a grade known as doals is particularly good. Strawberries show little change, though tending lower. Rhubarb is arriving in better quality, and at lower prices. Valencia oranges are about out of the market. Lemons are still low, and have rather better sale. Grape fruit is a light seller here. Apples are practically out of the market.

DRIED FRUIT—Currants have a fair sale at full prices; demand is for cleaned. A few raisins are selling. Some very nice California three and four-crown goods are here. Two-crowns have a limited sale. California evaporated fruits are higher, particularly apricots. Quality of late arrivals is hardly equal to that received earlier in the season, which was fine. There is rather less demand. Dried and evaporated apples are light stock and dull. Onions move freely. New Egyptian and Bermudas are offered. Nuts show little change, though filberts and peanuts are firmer.

SUGAR—Sales have been more free of late. Prices are rather higher, but local dealers are still offering at prices rather below refiners' figures. There are rather good sized stocks now held, but no particularly large movement.

MOLASSES—Market shows little change during the week, but is firm and is likely to go higher. Only a fair stock of Barbadoes arrived by steamer this week. There is a good demand. The high price of Porto Rico aiding the sale of the latter. There is still some old stock in the market.

DAIRY PRODUCE — Butter tends easier, but best grade has good steady sale at good figures. Dairy prints as well as creamery are now offered in 1-lb. bricks and in printed parchment. Fair quantities are arriving. Eggs are still low, though rather firmer. There is just fair steady sale. Cheese is still dull with a fair stock of old on hand. No new yet here.

FISH—Fresh still have the chief attention. Gaspereaux are freely received. They still have a large sale for bait; also smoked and kippered. Some are being pickled. Halibut shows fair receipt; also fresh cod and haddock. Shad and salmon are beginning to be seen, and will soon be a feature in the market, particularly the latter. Dry cod are scarce and price higher. Receipts will be light for some time. Mediums are preferred. Pollock show no change. Pickled herring are very dull, though price is maintained, as stock is light. Smoked herring continue firm. Finnan haddies have a fair sale.

PROVISIONS—There is an increased u_{ij} -ward movement in prices in pork and beef. There is but light stock here and not much movement. In smoked meats there is a fair sale at even prices. Lard is firmer; fair stocks are held.

FLOUR, FEED AND MEAL - The local market in flour is about millers' prices. This is the case particularly in Manitoba flour, which, in some cases, is quoted below millers' prices. Manitoba has moved up about \$1.50 a barrel, which is rather more than Ontario. The latter is having an improved demand, on account of the high price of wheat. In oatmeal, prices are up, and stocks are much lighter than flour. Oats are higher and have fair demand. Cornmeal is at last in the procession, and is again quoted higher this week, and the tendency is upward. Beans are also rather higher again this week. There are only fair stocks held here. Barley, split peas, and blue peas are all light stock and high, with a fair sale. Hay is dull and low. Seeds show no change in price, but are a large sale. We quote as follows : Manitoba flour, \$6.50 to \$7; best Ontario, \$5.80 to \$6; medium, \$5.65 to \$5.75; oatmeal, \$4.35 to \$4.45; cornmeal, \$2.25; middlings, \$20 to \$22; bran, \$18 to \$19; oats, 40 to 45c.; handpicked beans, \$1.30; prime, \$1 to \$1.20; yellow eye beans, \$1.75; split peas, \$3.80 to \$3.90; round, \$3.25 to \$3.40; pot barley, \$3.80 to \$3.90; hay, \$9 to \$9.50; timothy seed, American, \$1.70 to \$2.15; do., Canadian, \$2 to \$2.40; mammoth clover, 6 to 7c.; alsike, 734 to 81/2c.

ST. JOHN NOTES.

Bowman & Angevine have received a shipment of "Paragon" cheese.

David Hatt has sold out his interest in the grocery firm of Hatt, Morrison & Co., Limited, Fredericton.

The exhibition this fall with open Sept. 13 and close Sept. 23. Our upper Canadian firiends should make a note of this.

While the firm of Macdonald, Hanrahan & Co., of Sydney, C.B., have assigned, it is said the estate will pay 100c. on the dollars

John Sealy reports the receipts of fice be Gaspereaux large this week. All orders can be promptly filled; also for smoked kippered. He will very soon be in a postion to supply fresh shad and salmon. few have already been received.

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Mrs. M. L. Bonnell, doing a retail business, under the name of Bonnell's Grocery, has made an assignment to Mont. McDonald. Liabilities said to be \$6,000; assets, \$2,500.

THE CANADIAN GROCER, talking to Robt. Jardine about the brokerage business this week, was told that Pure Gold spices, etc., could always be counted on to add largely to his commission. These goods have a large and growing sale through this province.

The West India steamer, Taymouth Castle, landed, among other goods, the following : 25 casks St. Croix molasses; 40 packages tamarinds; 150 casks Barbadoes molasses; 70 barrels sugar; and 460 bags Trinidad cocoanuts.

MANITOBA MARKETS.

WINNIPEG, May 9, 1898. HE talk is still war, war, to the exclusion of almost everything else. The war has been a veritable Godsend to newspaperdom. Wheat has touched the highest point reached since 1888. in fact, even in that banner year such good prices were not realized. The market closed on Saturday \$1.35 afloat Fort William, or about \$1.23 Winnipeg. This price is regarded as speculative, and it is thought will not be maintained. In sympathy with wheat, flour has advanced 10c. per sack all round. It is expected, that owing to the advance of flour and bread, biscuits will advance. The market is firm, but no advance has as yet been declared. Cereals are scarce.

The Klondyke has been so overshadowed by war news, that it seems to be forgotten, but, as a matter of fact, parties are preparing and going out almost as regularly as before. Mr. Pindeel, the agent of the Hudson's Bay Co., in Chicago, reports that he is fairing besieged with crowds wanting information, particularly as to the all-Canadian routes, and several large parties are arranging to start within the next ten days or two weeks. The early opening of the Yukon is also giving a fresh impetus to the rush to the "Golden North."

Seeding being practically over, farmers are rushing in any wheat which they may have to spare, and deliveries at some country points have been quite heavy. The amount of wheat actually in the country, however, is small.

Business is very good and prices are being well maintained.

CURED MEATS—Market firm, and practically little change from last week. Long clear, dry salt is a little firmer and seems hard to obtain. Limited quantities are offering, but the prices are higher, being quoted to-day at 9½c.; smoked ditto, 10½c.; breakfast bacon, 11½ to 12c. Hams are plentiful and very reasonable in price, 14 to 16-lb. average selling at 11c.

LARD—Market firm. Pure lard in 20-lb. pails, \$2; composite, \$1.45; 3-lb. tins, in cases, \$6.

BUTTER—No Manitoba creamery offering, though, as some of the factories are now open and the weather warm, there will probably be some small offerings at the end of the week. Dairy butter grows more plentiful, though the increase of supply is not as great as anticipated. Round lots of fresh dairy bring from 17 to 18 ½ c., according to grade.

EGGS—This produce is plentiful, and is now traveling a downhill road in the matter of price. Jobbers are selling at 10c.

CANNED GOODS—Tomatoes are a little easier, showing, in fact, a slight decline in prices offered from the east. The fact is, that when tomatoes go past a certain figure, people will not buy them, and a drop in price, to some extent, at least, must follow. Peas and corn, however, still hold stiff, and no change is anticipated until new peas are in. Tomatoes, \$3.10 to \$3.20, according to brand; corn, \$2.10 to \$2.20; peas, \$2.20 to \$2.25. Canned fruits show no change in price, but the demand is a little more active. Canned meats have advanced from 10 to 15c. per case during the week, and corned beef is now worth \$3 per case.

FLOUR—We quote per 98-lb. sack patent at \$3; strong bakers', \$2.80; 2nd bakers', \$2.35; XXXX, \$1.60.

CEREALS—This market shows a sharp advance. Rolled oats, \$2.20 to \$2.25 per sack. Granulated oatmeal is almost out of the market. Cornmeal, \$1.55. Beans have advanced 15c. during the week, and are now selling at \$1.30 to \$1.35. Dealers who bought early, and in large quantities, now have an opportunity of unloading at a handsome profit.

RICE—Situation unchanged. Japan rice is out of the market. Some China rice now in transit will reach here this week and is expected to take the place of the Japanese. India rice is almost as scarce as China.

DRIED FRUITS — California muscatel raisins look cheap just now, when we remember that no Valencia stocks can reach here for some time at least. Evaporated fruits remain without change for the week. Market on all lines is stiff.

COFFEE—Market firmer ; No. 5 Rios at 10½c. This price will be maintained, but will not likely go higher.

TOBACCO — No change in this situation. Havana cigars are a scarce commodity, and dealers holding stocks are asking large figures for them. SUGAR — Market is firm. Granulated, 5 % c.; bright yellow, 4 3/4 c.

GREEN FRUIT - Expected advance in oranges has not taken place, indeed, it now looks as if there might even be a decline in price. Quotations are : Navels, \$3.75 10 \$4; seedlings, \$3 to \$3.25. Lemon situation is a little peculiar. California lemons are just about done, and Messina fruit has not arrived, though it was billed to arrive neally two weeks ago. When in, they will probably run from \$3.75 to \$4.25. Apples are about where they were three weeks ago. Good stock will bring from \$4.50 to \$6, according to condition. Poor stock, of which there is a great abundance, cannot be given away, Southern pie plant is selling freely at \$1.50. Bananas have not advanced in price, nor does the supply show signs of falling short; \$2.50 to \$3 per bunch is the idea as to price Pines are out of the market at present, but a shipment is expected on Monday. Tomatoes are also temporarily out of the market Southern supply is apparently exhausted, and intermediate points are not yet ready to ship. Egyptian onions are now in stock, of very good quality, and selling at \$4.25 to \$4.50 per cwt. Strawberries are more plentiful and a little lower, being now \$5.50 for case of 24 quarts. Fresh lettuce, radishes. cucumbers, cress and the like are all on the market.

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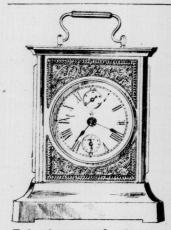
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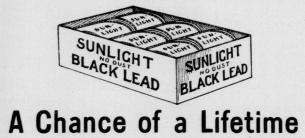
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THE TOWN OF MITCHELL.

THE Board of Trade, of Mitchell, Ont., has just issued a small booklet giving a resume of the proceedings at the recent annual meeting, together with interesting information regarding the town.

Mitchell is a town of 2,200, twelve miles from Stratford, on the Buffalo and Lake Huron division of the G.T.R. It has fine, wide streets, a first-class system of waterworks for fire protection, and an arc electric light system. The debenture debt of the town is \$36,780, on an assessed valuation of \$682,000. It has a high school, a public school, a public library of 3,000 volumes, and two weekly newspapers. It is an outpost for the collection of duties, has four hotels, a branch of the Merchants Bank, a post office, two telegraph offices, and an opera house capable of holding 900 people.

A good export trade is done in Mitchell, a large number of cattle, and large quantities of pork products, grain, flour, oatmeal, tweeds, and hosiery being shipped therefrom annually. There are openings for several new manufactories, and the town would give exemption from taxation for a time to any new industry employing a number of hands. The creameries in the neighborhood had a successful season



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Masons and Builders-Samuel Edwards, John Way, Wm. Jackson, John Avery, Louis Yarco. Photograph Gallery-W. W. Burgess. Dentists-H. S. Anderson, J. B. Gerry.

Auctioneer and Implement Agent-Jas. Jone Implement Agents – Jas. Hutchinson, John Walsh, Arthur Mutton, Wm. Lashbrook.

Machinist-Robert Bell.

Conveyancer-Hugh Campbell.

Lawyers-Dent & Thompson, G. S. Goodeve Doctors-E. G. Wood, A. D. Smith, R. W.

Cooper-Wm. Ryan.

Carriage Trimmer-Edward Robinson.

Marble Works-A. J. Blowes.

The officers of the board of trade for the year are as follows :

President, W. G. Hinds; vice-president, S. Stuart; secretary-treasurer, Isaac Hord; conne Wm; Forrester, J. W. Cull, Wm, Barley, T Ford, W. G. Murphy, F. Dufton, A. Camer J. Jones, A. Burritt, W. Ryan, John Whyte, W. W. Hicks.



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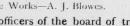
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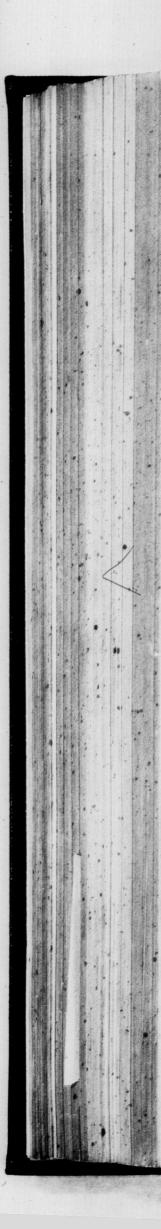
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MEETINGS OF RETAIL GROCERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

TORONTO ASSOCIATION.

THE Toronto Retail Grocers' Association held its regular monthly meeting

I on Monday evening, a good and representative number of members being present. The president, W. H. Marmion, was in the chair.

One new member, T. Holmes, 994 Bathurst street, was received.

THE PICNIC.

The report of the committee appointed to secure information as to a suitable place for the annual excursion, and the rates a boat might be secured for to various points, was received, and created quite a lengthy discussion, the three places suggested as suitable and desirable points being Port Hope, Cobourg and St. Catharines. No satisfactory conclusion could be reached, so the motion put on the minutes at the March meeting that the excursion should be by boat was rescinded, and another committee consisting of Messrs. Sykes, Bond, Kelly, Gibson, Butcher, Davies and Bell, was appointed to secure further information, and report, a special meeting to be called if necessary.

The special committee appointed to revise the constitution and by-laws of the association gave its report. The report was left on the table for detailed consideration at next meeting.

THE HUCKSTER NUISANCE.

A communication was received from the Toronto Retail Merchants' Association asking that the Grocers' Association appoint a committee to confer with that organization in regard to the huckster nuisance in the city. President W. H. Marmion, Vice-President F. W. Johnston and Messrs. Sykes, Clarke, White, Mills, Williamson, Kelly, Butcher and Gibson were appointed the committee.

A letter was received from the Hamilton Grocers' Association asking the Toronto association to co-operate in bringing influence to bear on members of Parliament that the bill in regard to the garnisheeing of civil servants' salaries should not be shelved. It was decided, on motion of Messrs. Gibson and Clarke, to write to the Toronto representatives, to the Hon. N. Clarke Wallace, and Mr. Featherstone, of Peel, asking them to use their influence to have the bill passed.

On motion of Messrs. White and Sykes, the following resolution was passed unanimously: "That in the opinion of this association the proposed extensive improvements to the Toronto market would not be in the interest of the merchants or the citizens of Toronto generally." It was decided to send a copy of the resolution to the Mayor.

AGAINST TRADING STAMPS.

Messrs. White and Johnson then moved the following resolution : "That we, as an association, disapprove of any scheme of giving bonuses to our customers in the form of trading stamps, coupons, or any such tning."

A. White, in support of the motion, expressed his opinion that all such schemes tended toward unfair business methods. He thought it a mean way to try to get other merchants' customers, and if followed to its legitimate outcome, i.e., all merchants adopting it, the result would be loss all round, with no advantage. There was no guarantee that customers would be satisfied with the goods they received in return for stamps or coupons.

F. S. Roberts was opposed to the principle of any such scheme. Though it cuts the retailer's profits down at least $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., it does not give an equal return to the customer, for as \$99 of trade has to be done before a book is filled, and in many instances stamps, coupons or books are lost, the customer gets no return for these stamps or coupons, though the grocer has to pay for them. He would have nothing to do with them.

J. G. Gibson said no man in the grocery business could give away 5 per cent. of his profits and live. He would give 5 per cent. cold cash back to his customer rather than allow any outsider to have any finger in his business. That is what he would do if his competitors tried to take his business by any such scheme.

1. S. Bond had had a good deal of experience with such schemes, and his experience was such that he would advise all retailers to have nothing to do with any of them and to get out of all such as soon as possible. It was as bad as the cutting system, which everyone admits is hurtful to trade.

W. J. Sykes thought that such a scheme was apt to create unkind feelings among merchants, and tended to lower the tone of trade generally. And it could not pay in the end, for if grocers in a neighborhood found one man taking trade by such means they would follow suit, the result being that profits all round would be decreased, and no such scheme could possibly increase business.

John Butcher considered it an impossibility to give five per cent. of one's profits and do business on honest lines. And the association had no desire to encourage dishonesty of any nature. D. Bell had given the trading stamp scheme a trial, and, so far, had found is to work satifactorily. It had increased his cash trade largely, though it did take same of his profits. At present he was not prepared to condemn it.

F. W. Johnston had little to say regaring the scheme, but what he said meant something. He said: "When the representative of this scheme called on me, I opened the door and told him to get out. He got out." (Laughter.)

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D. J. Kelly, of Kelly Bros., stated that they were making a month's experiment of the trading stamp scheme, and were not yet prepared to personally condemn it. They had refused to approve of it, but would be prepared to express an opinion at the end of the month. The scheme had taken \$18 out of their business in the last week.

After other members had briefly expressed their disapproval of the scheme, the resolution was put and carried, all voting in favor of it except Mr. Bell.

REMEMBERING AN OLD MEMBER.

As Mr. Robert Mills, a member of the association, had accepted the position of representative of the Pure Gold Manufacturing Co., Toronto, in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, it was decided, on motion of Messrs. Gibson and White, to present him a memorial on behalf of the association.

MONTREAL ASSOCIATION.

The regular meeting of the Montreal Retail Grocers' Association was held Thursday evening, May 5, in the Monument National Hall, President John Seanlan interthe chair.

The secretary read a list of names of wholesale merchants connected with the trade to whom circulars will be mailed asking subscriptions to the annual picnic, which has been fixed for July 13. It was decided that the society prepare its own programme this year, and that no sub-agents be authorized to solicit advertisements for the same. A letter was read from Mr. Rene Bauset, assistant city clerk, stating that, at the request of Ald. Gagnon, the question of enforcing the pedlars' lice.se law had been brought to the attention of the market committee, and a motion to that effect was now before the council.

Ald. Turner, who is a member of the grocers' association, said that some rebates had been granted in the past, but he could assure the meeting that the practice in d been stopped and that the by-law would rigidly enforced in the future.



OUR OTTAWA CORRESPONDENCE.

THE SALMON CANNING INDUSTRY.

TTAWA, MAY 11, (SPECIAL) .--One of the fatal blows to salmon canning in British Columbia has been struck by the bringing into force of item 106 in the Customs tariff, of 1/2 c. per lb. duty on fresh salmon. The collection of this Customs duty has been suspended year after year, until now, when the Customs Department have issued a circular putting it into force from March 15 last. To properly understand this question, a brief sketch of the contiguous countries and conditions is necessary. The western coast of British Columbia, adjacent to the international boundary line between British Columbia and the United States is characterized by a nearly land locked body of salt water, elongated in shape, extending in a general direction north-west and south-east, a distance of over 200 miles. At the southern end this body of water penetrates for 50 miles into the Territory of Washington, U.S., while its central and northern portions lie between Vancouver Island on the west, and Washington Territory and the mainland of British Columbia on the east. The northern portion of the sea is known as the Gulf of Georgia, and the southern part Puget Sound. The Fraser river, 740 miles in length, lies wholly within British territory. The international boundary strikes the gulf a few miles south of the Fraser river. On the Fraser river salmon fishing is conducted on a large scale, and it is on this river that the Canadian Government established and maintain fish hatcheries. The fish on their way from the sea to their spawning grounds in the Fraser river pass successively through the waters of both countries and are fished for on both sides of the boundary line. The spawning ground of most of the fish is the Fraser river, toward which the greater part of the entire run 1s directed. Salmon enter the gulf and Puget Sound from the ocean through the Straits of Fuca, but avoid the central channel and hug the United States shore as they proceed toward the Fraser river, which is the only river to which the best salmon resort extensively, and the species used in canning depends mostly on that river for its spawning grounds, and hence, for perpetuating the main supply.

The principal fisheries are carried on in the Fraser River and Gulf of Georgia. On the Canadian side the only form of net permitted is the drift gill nets, while, in Washington Territory, salmon fishing is carried on by trap nets. In 1895, 24,445,421 lb. were canned on the Fraser River, and the output of Washington Territory, for the same year, was 5,375,000 lb.

It can be readily understood that trap nets, as used in Washington Territory, are much cheaper fishing than by gill nets. Heretofore, the canners have brought in from Washington Territory, duty free, the salmon caught by trap nets, and canned them on the Frazer river. By this arrangement, a large amount of additional labor was employed in the Canadian canneries, not only directly in putting up the fish, but in the manufacture of the cans, boxes, etc. By the imposition of this duty of $\frac{1}{2}$ C per lb., the whole, or the greater part of the canning industry as far as United States fish are concerned, will cease, and the canners will move their plant, as some of them have already done, to the United States side, and there carry on their canning, which will be a great loss to labor in the Canadian canneries.

As the Customs duty of a $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per lb. is collected on the bulk, it would appear but reasonable that the canners should be allowed a rebate for the weight of the waste, which is computed to be $\frac{1}{3}$ of the weight of the fish handled, some even asserting that it is as high as 40 or 50 per cent. This would give some relief.

The material interests of the Fraser River and Washington Territory are identical, and whatever might affect the fishing advantageously on the one would be equally harmful to the other. For, so long, therefore, as trap net fishing is permitted on the United States side while prohibited on the Canadian, it would appear to be in the interests of Canada to suspend the collection of Customs duty on fresh salmon used for canning purposes. F. J. D.

GARNISHEE BILL KILLED.

Mr. Richardson's bill to render civil service salaries liable to attachment for debt was withdrawn on Monday night. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that he approved of the principle of the measure, but that it would have to be entirely recast, and was being murdered by the law officers of the Crown. He therefore asked that it be not pressed.

Mr. Richardson asked if the Premier would undertake to make it a Government measure next session.

The Premier replied that he could give no such promise. He merely declared that the principle was good, and ought to become law.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. H. Seyler & Co., have been appointed agents for the cocoanut products manufactured by L. Schepp of New York and Toronto

Mr. Robert Mills, for many years one of Toronto's leading retail grocers, will travel in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island for the Pure Gold Manufacturing Co., of Toronto.

Mr. H. S. Hewitt, assignee of the Burford Canning Co., has wound up the estate and declared a dividend of 6c. on the dollar. The assets are \$349.92 with liabilities of \$5,808.90.

Lucas, Steele & Bristol, of Hamilton, are making a specialty of "Tanglefoot" sticky fly paper.

Seville orange marmalade is being much sought after by the trade again this season, W. H. Gillard & Co., who are the agents for this preparation, making large shipments daily.

TORONTO GREEN FRUIT MARKET.

HE spring fruit trade is beginning to get into full swing. The first carlead

I lots of strawberries were received on Wednesday this week, two cars arriving. Pineapples are arriving in large quantities from Florida, and are selling well. Receipts of tomatoes are also increasing. The movement of bananas, lemons and oranges has been brisk all week, especially bananas. It was rumored around the street this week that the U.S. Congress is considering putting a war duty of 10 to 15c. per doz. on bananas.

On Wednesday, the largest auction sale of the season was held at the rooms of the Toronto Auction Co., when 1,500 boxes lemons, 2 cars seedling, and 2 cars Mediterranean sweets were sold. There was a large number of buyers represented, including merchants from Galt, Guelph, Woodstock and Newmarket. The seedling oranges were slightly wasty, and sold as low as \$1.25 to \$2.50. The most desirable sizes of Mediterranean sweets, 150's and 216's, sold at \$2.65 to \$2.90, and other sizes at \$2.15 to \$2.50. The lemons were the bargain of the sale, selling at \$1.65 to \$2.75, the good keeping qualities bringing the outside figure. To-day (Friday), a sale of one car of cabbages and half a car of tomatoes will be held.

THE GROCER DID IT.

Henry Wright & Co., Toronto, say that they have received enquiries from all parts of Canada, the United States, Great Britain, etc., from their advertisement in THE CANA-DIAN GROCER. Here is the latest :

GENTLEMEN, -Enclosed find your ad., cut from The CANADIAN GROCER, and ten cents. If you have any printed matter on the handling of cheese, please mail us samples.

Very truly yours, THE M. HALLORAN CO., Staple and Fancy Grocers.

INTRODUCING MAYPOLE DYES.

Mr. J. Hartley Tippet, of A. P. Tippet & Co., Montreal, was in Toronto several days during the past week. His object was to introduce the "Maypole" soap dyes. These dyes were introduced in the Province of Quebec about a year ago, and they have taken well, and, judging from the success which attended Mr. Tippet's initial trip to Toronto, they promise to take well here also. Mr. Tippet is now visiting Hamilton, London and other towns in western Ontario.

NEW WHOLESALE GROCERY.

Lumsden Bros., wholesale grocers and spice manufacturers, Hamilton, have opened a branch warehouse at 45 Colborne street, Toronto, under the management of Ma Paul Lumsden, where a full stock of generat groceries will be carried. The warehouse is a compact and convenient one, while the sample room is one of the prettiest in the "Queen City."

ST. JOHN WINTER PORT.

The winter port business of St. John, N.H., has closed. The value of the shipments for the season was \$4,842,710. Nearly 11,000 head of live stock, and upwards of 4,000,000 bushels of grain were moved, besides general cargo. we fin care it

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CAUSES AND EFFECTS.

When we seek the causes of great successes in all business we find them to be honesty, close attention to all details and also the greatest care in putting forward only the best as well as the most attractive goods.

The ever increasing sales of Gonzalez Brandy and Hoppe "Night Cap" Gin are a proof that the makers and distillers of these liquors have possessed these qualities to a very high degree, as not only have their goods been awarded gold and silver medals, diplomas of honor,

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We represent Messrs. Gonzalez Staub & Co., of Cognac, France, makers of this fine Gonzalez Brandy, and Mr. P. Hoppe, of Amsterdam and Schiedam, distiller of this choicest old "Night Cap" Gin.

We have also secured the control of Messrs. Boulestin & Cie's Brandies. This is a wellknown brand which has always given satisfaction. We mention especially their "One Star," a fine mellow old brandy, as pleasing to the taste as it is wholesome to the system.



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TRADE IN OTHER COUNTRIES THAN OUR OWN.

AIL advices from Seattle, Wash., confirm the telegraphic advices of the combination of the sockeye salmon packers on Puget Sound, to be known as the Puget Sound Salmon Packers' Association. The meeting at which the combination was effected was said to have been most harmonious. All but one or two small concerns have joined the association.

Advices from France state that the outlook for the crop of all fruits is very poor, owing to frosts and continued cold weather.

Siemssen & Co., in their circular dated Hong Kong, April 6, say of cassia lignea that the new season's yield is estimated at 60,000 piculs and a good quality is looked for.

IMPROVEMENT IN CANNED SALMON.

A London, England, exchange of April 30 says : "There has been a decided improvement in the demand for salmon, and, while prices can scarcely be quoted as higher, there is certainly a hardening tendency. The position of salmon and its present relative cheapness as food, when compared with other imported provisions, which in almost all instances show a considerable advance in price, is certainly very attractive. The question of replacing present stocks must also be considered, and the increase of treights and insurance risks taken into account. At the present moment there is not much eagerness to buy, as retailers' stocks, in consequence of the delivery of forward purchases, are fairly heavy, but, on the other hand, there does not appear to be any desire on the part of holders to sell except at full prices."

A 19c. ADVANCE IN WHEAT.

The advance in wheat here since Monday this week on May was 19c., and on July 55%c.; in Chicago 19c. and 6c. for same months and period. Since April 15 New York May has advanced 35c., and July 193%c.; Chicago for same months and period advanced 28c. and 16 5%c. Since a month ago, April 5, New York May advanced 84c., and July 203/8c.; Chicago, 32c. and 16c. respectively. This is a record that cannot be beaten, if equalled, in the history of the wheat trade.-N.Y. Journal of Commerce, May 6.

A RECORD TEA SALE.

The sale on Tuesday was exceptionally heavy, being even greater than last week, and proved to be one of the largest on record. Owing to this fact, and to the absence of outside operators, whose buying the previous week had so inflated the

market, prices were in most cases easier, the only exception being in the lowest grades, which were very firm and fully maintained recent values. Although the market generally has shown less strength, it is not probable that prices will return to the very low rates prevailing before Easter, as the supplies for some little time will be less and not more than can be easily taken by the trade. The public auctions comprised about 35,400 packages, nearly all of which passed the hammer .- Produce Markets' Review, London, April 30.

GOOD OUTLOOK FOR CURRANTS.

During the early part of the week a very considerable business was reported in currants at full prices, and, although towards the close the demand from the dealers was not quite so active, the tone of the market was by no means weaker, and it closes without any change in values. The readiness with which the grocers responded to the lower rates of a fortnight or so ago, brought about solely by the desire of a small number of holders to force sales, has undoubtedly given what may be regarded as a fair index of the probable course of the market during the next two or three months. It has shown, almost beyond doubt, that the trade generally are not large holders of stock, and, this being the case, there appears to be justification for the idea that there will be a steady demand from week to week to supply the grocer's requirements until the eve of the new season. The dried fruit trade is admittedly one of surprises, and is one in which it is more difficult accurately to forecast the future, than is the case in some other articles of produce. So far, however, as recent indications can be accepted as a guide to future probabilities, a firm market seems likely. Stocks are short throughout the world, and the small crop of the currant season has had the effect of removing the heavy cloud which for three or four years hung over the article, and which at one period seemed likely to force the producers to grub up their vineyards, and to turn their efforts into entirely different directions .- Produce Markets' Review.

CALIFORNIA PRUNE SITUATION.

The California Fruit Grower reviews the situation in prunes as follows, in its issue of April 30: "Prune market is firm, with an upward tendency. Small sizes, 90's and upwards, are closely cleaned up; nothing offered below 2c. At present quotations eastern buyers are taking everything offered in car lots, regardless of size. In the districts outside of the Santa Clara Valley there

remain but few prunes, either unsold or for shipment. The country north of this city has been practically cleaned up. Buyers are now in Oregon picking up prunes. With four to five months to new crop and light stocks on the Coast, and still lighter stocks in the east, dealers recognize the strong position, and are buying accordingly. If the demand continues, prunes must go higher in price. Reports from the San Joaquin Valley are not encouraging. The frost, and the hot spell that followed, damaged the crop 50 per cent. or more. Other sections report favorable conditions thus far. It is too early to say just what the result of the dry, hot weather may be. We hope for the best.'

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SHIPMENTS OF RICE.

The following is a statement of this year's exports from Saigon of white rice, cargo rice and paddy :

	Previously.	March 1, 1898.	Total Picu's.
Hong Kong	. 792,350	729,400	1,521,75
Singapore	26,750	34,200	60,95
Sourabaya	55,850		55,85
Europe		271,600	399.70
Japan	479,550	365,400	844.95
Tonkin and Annam	41,000		41,00
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Wm. G. Hale & Co., in their circular dated Saigon, March 28, say of rice: "Our market has advanced steadily under a fairly strong and well maintained demand from Hong Kong and Japan, and mills are engaged forward into May ; although supplies are 65,000 piculs daily, there are some 20 steamers loading, and there is consequently no accumulation of stocks. Prices having gradually advanced, considerable difficulty is experienced in forcing sellers of paddy to carry out existing contracts. Some failures among them have already occurred, and more are likely. Those of good standing refuse new contracts, unless at enhanced prices. At the close market is very firm, with rising tendency."

CANNED TOMATOES DEARER IN THE U.S.

There has been an active demand for spot canned tomatoes during the past week and prices have advanced. A week ago spot goods were obtainable in Baltimore at 87 1/2 to goc. and did not seem to be in large demand, though there was considerable enquiry, but since then buying interest has been greatly increased in view of the prospect of a short crop this year, the good demand from consumers for spot goods and the revival of speculative interest. Spot prices in Baltimore on Maryland tomatoes have advanced under fair sales to 921/2 ... net, which was the inside price at the close,

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and little for immediate delivery was offered. Delaware spot tomatoes at primary sources have also advanced, and 95 to 97 1/2 c. net cash for spot lots there was reported to be inside. Jerseys on the spot in primary

\$1, and some brands are held at \$1.121/2. There is reported to be an active demand from the consuming trade in the Eastern and Middle States markets, and local distributers also are showing much more interest, having allowed their stocks to run low and being instigated to renew their supplies by the growing demands of consumption and the uncertainty as to the coming crop.

Tomatoes being a staple for which there is at all times a large demand it is expected that growers will not neglect the crop this year, although it is intimated that as potatoes promise to be more profitable the farmers in Maryland and Jersey will devote more attention to them this season, and that the acreage in tomatoes may be consequently considerably curtailed. This view is emphasized by the fact that sellers of futures have greatly reduced their offerings, although previously they had shown a disposition to contract freely.

Futures are decidedly higher. Up to 67 1/2 c. net has, we are informed, been paid for round lots of future Marylands, and now 70c. net is said to be the lowest at which future sales would be made, while a number of the larger packers, it is understood, have sold all that they care to and have withdrawn from the market. At the close the market for both spot and future tomatoes was very firm, and offerings for both im-mediate and future delivery were limited. The spot supply here is chiefly in second hands, and is said to be the highest for several years past .-- New York Journal of Commerce.

DELIVERIES OF COFFEE.

The deliveries of coffee in the United States and Europe for 10 months ending April 30 were 12,113,280 bags. Allowing 800,000 bags for the deliveries in the United States during May and June and 1,380,000 bags for the same period of time in Europe, which are the average deliveries for the past ten months, it shows a total of 14,293,280 bags for the crop year, against 12,429,902 bags for the season of 1897-98 and 12, 194, o22 bags for the season of 1897-95 and 12.944 would indicate that the low prices ruling the past year have been conducive to a material increase in the consumption of coffee.

TEA SALE IN NEW YORK.

The interest of the trade was centered in the auction sale which occurred on Thursday, May 5. As was generally expected, prices showed a reaction from the highest figures of the recent advance, the average decline being about IC. per pound. Busi-ness has been quiet, as neither the local nor out-of-town trades have been buyers beyond actual requirements. The market for invoices has been practically neglected. - N.Y. Journal of Commerce.



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The tea-drinking public will only be satisfied with the pure, healthy, invigorating, cleanly made teas of Ceylon and India.

Grocers! what the people want should be sold. Sell Ceylon and India teas and increase your tea trade!

BUSINESS CHANGES.

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DIFFICULTIES, ASSIGNMENTS, COMPROMISES.

D AVID W. SMITH, general merchant, East Mines Station, N.S., has assigned.

Albert Leveille, trader, St. Laurent, Que., has assigned.

Henry Sharp, grocer, Kingston, has assigned to John Nicoll.

Mrs. M. L. Bonnell, grocer, St. John, N. B , has assigned.

S. N. Burns, grocer, Delta, Ont., has assigned to Omer Brown.

Finkall & Moran, confectioners, St. Stephen, N.B., have assigned.

W. S. Porteous & Co., general merchants, Pugwash, N.S., have assigned.

E. Bourgoin & Fils, general merchants, St. Flavie Station, Que., have assigned.

Welsh & Nightingale, grocers, Vancouver, B.C., have satisfied a chattel mortgage of \$2,800.

PARTNERSHIPS FORMED AND DISSOLVED. Gaudet & Frere, bakers, Montreal, have dissolved.

L. A. Bourget & Co., grocers, Lauzon, Que., have dissolved.

Capell & Paul, grocers, Winnipeg, Man., have dissolved, Robert Paul continuing.

Angus & Hill, general merchants, Stockton, Man., have dissolved, Thos. Angus continuing.

Keddy & Kenny have bought out Hodgson Bros & Co., general merchants, Alexandria, Ont.

Kirkpatrick & Cookson, produce and commission merchants, Montreal, have dissolved, Arthur Cookson continuing.

John A. Ford and Malcolm M. Ford have registered as partners, under the style of Ford Bros., produce dealers, Montreal.

W. H. Scullion and Oscar L. Patrick have registered as partners under the style of Scullion & Co., green grocers, Quebec.

R. F. Cream & Co., flour jobbers, Quebec, have dissolved, J. Rattray retiring and R. F. Cream continuing under the old style.

A. M. Boutillier & Co., grocers, Halifax, have dissolved, Rupert W. Boutillier retiring and J. Frank Crowe being admitted as partner.

Henri Gauvin and Gedeon A. Leclerc have registered as partners, under the style of Gauvin & Leclerc, general merchants Quebec.

Charles E. Colson and Charles H. Colson have registered as partners of the firm of C. E. Colson & Son, general merchants, Montreal.

Moses Schleifer and Hyman Schleifer have registered as partners, under the style of M. Schleifer & Son, general merchants, Montreal.

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SALES MADE AND PENDING.

Roch Benoit, grocer, Valleyfield, Que., has sold out.

The stock of W. W. Farley & Co., general merchants, Toronto, has been sold.

The stock of W. N. Everingham, general merchant, Humberstone, Ont., is advertised for sale by auction on the 18th inst.

The balance of the assets of Pierre Gelinas, general merchant, St. Alexisdes Monts, Que., are advertised for sale on the 13th inst.

CHANGES.

Harrington & Co., grocers, Nelson, B.C., are selling out.

John F. Wilson, grocer, Alliston, Ont., is giving up business.

The Montreal Grain Elevating Co., has obtained a charter.

Wm. Theakston, grocer, Halifax, has gone out of business.

Frederick Wright, grocer, Brantford, has sold out to H. Bellhouse.

John Hickman, grocer, Toronto, has sold out to W. A. Gardner.

A. McVarnish, general merchant, Arichat, N.S., has sold out to S. T. Leblanc.

The Wentworth, Ont., Growers' Canning and Preserving Co., Limited, have obtained charter.

James Lowrie, general merchant, Leskard, Ont., has been succeeded by S. B. Dobson.

The Greig Mfg. Co., manufacturers of flavoring extracts, Montreal, have obtained a charter.

Angeline Gaudreau has registered as proprietress of the firm of L. Guimont, grocer, Quebec.

J. E. Richards, general merchant, Rock-

lyn, Ont., has sold out to George Crabtree, who takes possession August, 1898. Rose D. Lebeau, wife of Joseph S. P.

Guy, has registered proprietress of the firm of J. P. Guy & Co., grocers, Montreal.

The stock of Martin & Co. (J. P. Millar, jr., proprietor), Pembroke, Ont., has been transferred to Maria A. Martin, who will continue business under the old style.

Elizabeth S. Galbraith, wife of Archibald Ward, has registered as proprietress of the firm of Thomas Ward & Co., general merchants, etc., Chambly Canton, Que.

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W. Y. Cannon, general merchant, Sharbot Lake, Ont, has been burned out.

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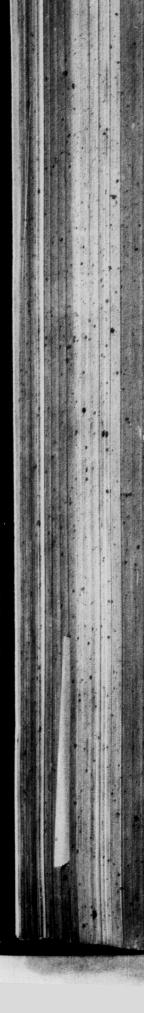
DEATHS.

Nelson Fountain, of Fountain & Bachus, grocers, Simcoe, Ont., is dead.

D. Stewart, of D. Stewart & Son, general merchants, Thistletown, Ont. is dead.

NEW FRUIT TABLET BUSINESS.

Herdt & Co., of Montreal, have recently bought out the Sicilian Fruit Tablet Co., and that the new proprietors have succeeded in making these tablets in such a way that the drinks made with them will require no further sweetening than they themselves contain, has already been demonstrated The various varieties, including sweetened lemonade, orange effervescent, strawberry effervescent, plain soda, etc., are being put up in small three inch glass tubes, each tube containing ten tablets, weighing about 24 to the ounce. Each tablet is sufficient for a full glass. It will thus be seen that they will be most convenient and easy of carriage for picnic parties, and for use on long bicycle rides, etc.



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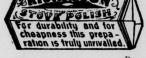




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