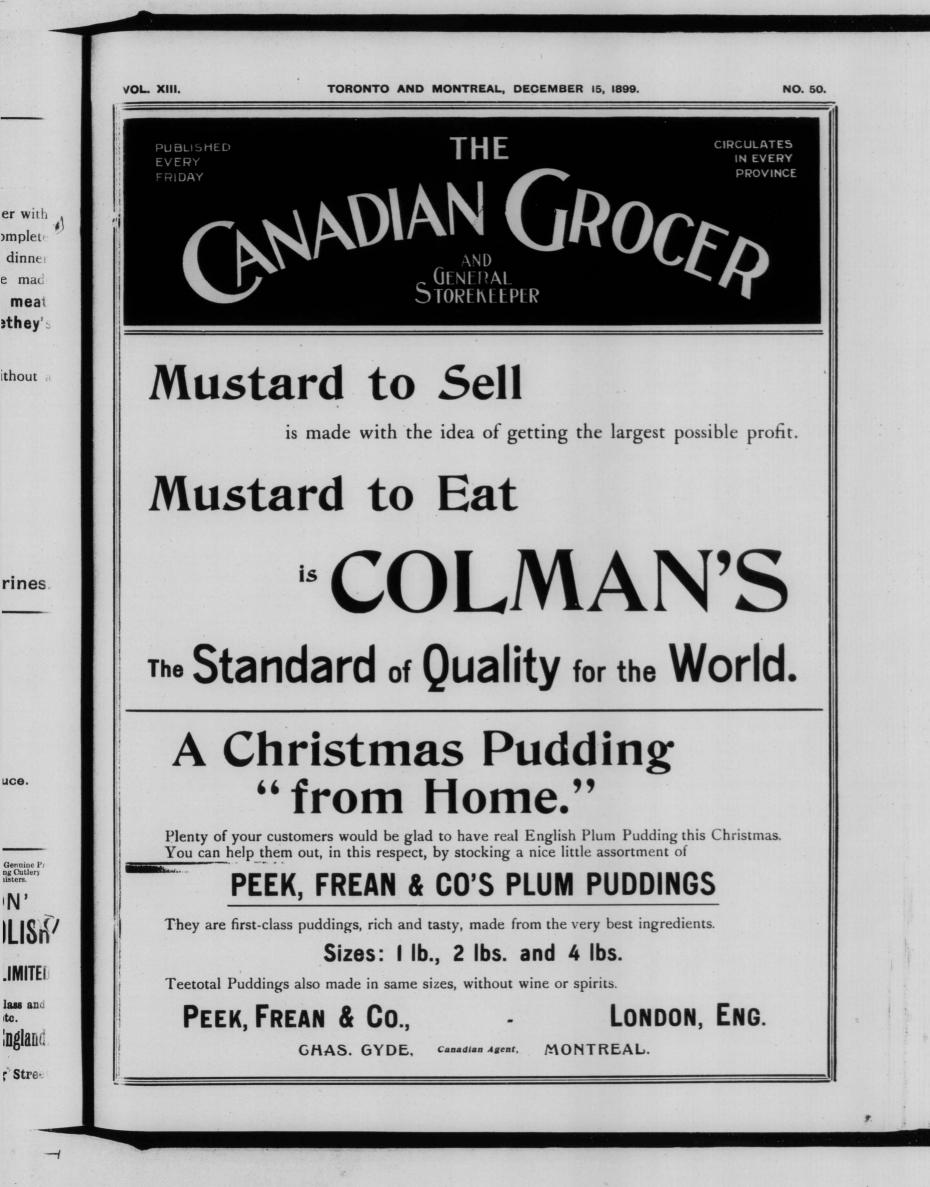
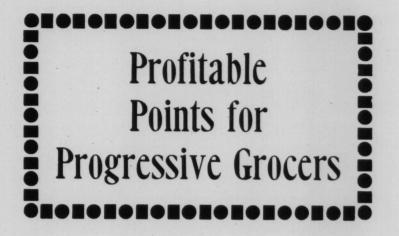
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Made by particular people for particular people. Pure Bi-carbonate of Soda.

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The year 1899, which is drawing to a close, has been a most unique one in the history of this business. The sales of our Flavoring Extracts have broken all previous records—they have gone "way ahead" of our most sanguine expectations.

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**CEYLON AND INDIAN TEAS** have forced their way year after year until to-day they are the favorites with the tea-drinking public, who appreciate the fact that they are purer, cleaner, healthier, more invigorating and thoroughly satisfying than any or all other growths.

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## **CEYLON** and **INDIAN** TEAS.

#### VALENCIA RAISINS! Here you are, Look at the assortment: Grustan's Finest Selected -28-lb. boxes.

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We manufacture everything in the Licorice line carried by the Grocery, Drug and Confectionery trades. We might mention-Y. & S. Stick Licorice, all sizes ; Acme Licorice Pellets ; Y. & S. Licorice Lozenges, in cans or glass jars; A B C Blocks; Purity & Dulce Brand one cent sticks; Bundled Licorice Root; Small Cigars, 300 to box, etc. In PLIABLE LICORICE, Triple Tunnel Tubes, Mint Puff-Straps, Navy Plugs and Golf-Sticks 100 to box ; Blow Pipes 200 to box. Write for illustrated catalogue.

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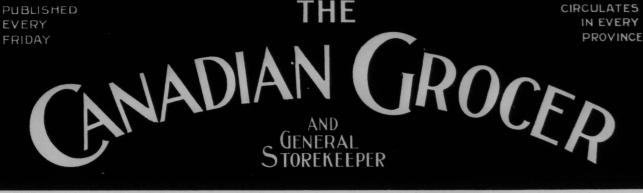
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#### SOME IDEAS AND IMPRESSIONS.

Gathered During a Holiday Trip to New York (Continued.)

NE of the most pleasant recollections of my stay in New York was with the Sphinx Club at its regular monthly dinner in the Waldorf-Astoria. I went upon the insistence of Mr. F. James Gibson, secretary of the club. The club is composed of advertising men and newspaper publishers. Why the club was given the name it bears, I tried then and have tried since, but ineffectually, to fathom. I cast my eye over each member and not one of them was cold or stiff enough, or even dumb enough to be even a forty. second cousin to a sphinx.

On the contrary, each member was as warm hearted and as genial as could be desired, and, tell it not in Gath, as talkative as could be desired. Everybody in Canada who knows Mr. F. James Gibson knows that he is no cold and enigmatic phinx. Well, he is a good type of the verage member of the Sphinx Club.

The subject for discussion after the tables had been cleared and long clay pipes rought out, was "The Metropolitan ournals as Advertising Mediums." Mr. )gden, who has charge of the advertising for John Wanamaker's big departmental store, took up the question. Mr. Ogden's conclusions were that the advertiser in the netropolitan press-which is, of course, the New York press-did not know what he

was buying. In the lengthy discussion that followed some said "yea" and some said "nay" to Mr. Ogden's conclusions. Those who said "nay" were largely from the ranks of the business managers of the metropolitan dailies, who contended that it was (1) no part of the publisher's duties to exhibit his circulation to advertisers, and (2) that quality in circulation was of more importance than quantity. The Sphinx Club is a live institution, and, from what I could judge, has good reason for its being.

One sees on a first visit to New York a good many things which he did not expect to see. I, at any rate, saw a good many things I did not expect to see. One thing I saw which I never dreamed of seeing was -a sea serpent. I was not mistaken; nor was it an optical delusion. Neither was I under "the influence," for I belong to the hot-water brigade. "Mr. Petrie can tell you the same," as Mickey Free used to sing. I cannot say it was a real live serpent, because it wasn't. And, while I am not like George Washington, who could not tell a lie, yet I will not tell one. What I really saw was the bones of one, as they were gathered up from a chalk bed in Kansas and transferred to a plaster of paris bed and hung in the Museum of Natural History. The tip of the tail of the reptile

was missing, but, allowing 2 feet 6 inches for the missing tip, the total | length of the serpent was estimated at 30 feet 4 inches. The skull measured 4 feet, the lower jaw 46 inches. In the days of the flesh it must have been a bad-looking customer; and, if there were any sailors in the prehistoric days it roamed the seas, the hair of many of them must have stood on end. Perhaps it is the ghost of this very serpent that has frightened some of our modern sailors.

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While upon ma1-scaring animals, I am reminded of another hideous reptile or fish which is exhibited in the museum. I have reterence to a specimen of the octopus or devil fish. Of the two, I think I would rather meet the sea serpent than the devil fish on the high seas. This reptile was suspended from the ceiling in one of the rooms, and covered, I should think, an area of about 18 feet square. Standing underneath it and looking up, one could imagine himself beneath a gigantic, many-colored umbrella, the ribs of which protruded in a zig-zag way many yards beyond the covering. The eyes were on top of the "umbrella." The fish is unlike any print of the devil I ever saw, but I could not help thinking that it was wellnamed the devil fish.

Suspended from the ceiling, not far from the devil fish, was a giant squid, a species to be found near Newfoundland. To me it was almost as interesting as anything I had seen in the museum in the fish line. It was, I should judge, about 50 feet long,"and

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Our packages are larger and more attractive in style than any others.

The quality of our goods is superior to anything else on the market.

#### MORSE BROS., Proprietors, Canton, Mass.

For sale by all Wholesale Grocers; also the McClary Mfg. Co., London, Montreal, Winnipeg, Vancouver and Toronto.

fully two-thirds of its length consisted of two immense feelers, flattened like tongs near the ends. How the squid manipulated these enormous feelers is past my understanding. Fringing around the mouth was another lot of feelers about three feet in length, looking much like the petals of some gigantic flower. W.L.E.

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(To be continued.)

#### "CAFE NOIR" AND OTHER BISCUITS.

ARR & CO., LIMITED, of Carlisle, Eng., best known to our readers, perhaps, as the inventors and manufacturers of "Cafe Noir" biscuits, have favored THE CANADIAN GROCER with samples of a number of their fancy biscuits and wafers, many of which are packed in newly-designed enameled tin boxes.

For the most part, the designs are prepared for this season's trade, and, from an artistic point of view, must please the most æsthetic customer. The "Crown Derby," for instance, is a neat octagon box, with a tight-fitting cover on hinges. The base is gilt, and the sides and top are decorated in very close imitation of rare old Derby china. The colors are confined to red, blue and gold. This box would look well on the table (it bears no advertising matter) or would make an ideal tea caddy.

Another pretty idea is the "Glove Box," which measures about 9¼ x 4 inches. It contains mixed fancy biscuits, and is decorated with a groundwork of cornflowers, and medallions or vignettess of Arabian scenery." The "Swiss Box," also, contains mixed fancies, and is one of the prettiest boxes in the assortment. It bears upon its sides most artistic Swiss scenes. One of them, Mont Blanc, from Chamounix, is most beautiful in its coloring. The "Calendar Box" seems quite a new idea. It is very tastefully decorated with terra cotta bas-reliefs. Upon one side of the box is a holder containing calendar cards for the year 1900,

There is also a very clever representation of a bamboo basket, called "Bamboo Box." It is casket shaped, with round corners, and is cleverly embossed to give the idea of basketwork. Dark and light bamboo are woven together, and the finishing touch is a band of ribbon, which encircles the basket and is tied at the top. For the small folk, there is a cunning little "Drop Box," with a slot for coins in the top, and, to insure complete safety, the youthful purchaser is presented with a key, with which the miniature safe may be locked. It is nicely enameled in brown and gold, and contains about ¼ lb. of fancy biscuits.

The "Cafe Noir" biscuit already referred to has been sold in enormous quantites for many years, and is still packed in the familiar oblong box bearing the Royal arms on the wrapper. "Finger Creams" are comparatively new, but are so popular that, during 10 months of this year, over 50,000,-000 have been sold. "Shortbread Fingers" are light finger-shaped Scotch cakes, a noticeable feature being that they lack the disagreeable greasiness one so often notices in this article. The last two varieties are packed in several sizes. The "Shortbread Fingers" seem to sell best in a flat box containing 20 fingers.

"Lemon Cream" and "Buffet Wafers" are also new, both being of the sandwich variety. They are exceedingly dainty, and are of most delicate flavor. "Windsor Wafers" are deservedly popular, the ones we have received being in the medium-sized flat box. They are sandwiched with flavored ice—vanilla, lemon and chocolate.

These small and attractive packages of high-class goods should be very welcome to the retailer, for he experiences no waste or loss in handling them, and his customers receive their biscuits in perfectly fresh condition. The "Afternoon Tea Box" is one which is favorably received on both sides of the counter. It is a plain box, containing about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lb. of high-class biscuits.

There are 10 varieties in each box, the idea being to give a customer a delightful assortment in a small quantity, thereby insuring that fresh crispness, without which a biscuit is no better than unbuttered bread.

Frank Magor & Co., Montreal, 'represent Carr & Co., Limited, in Canada, and are in a position to show all the lines referred to.

#### UNITED STATES TEA TRADE STATISTICS.

These figures, which are based on Government and other statistical reports, are taken from the New York Journal of Commerce. From them one may readily gather the quantity of tea on hand in the United States on June I, 1899, and the estimated stock on June I, 1900, together with the amount of visible supply on December I, 1899, and the total tea export from China, Japan, Ceylon and India to North America during the season of 1899 1900 :

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America-	Pounds.
Green tea	15,000,000
Japan	42,000,000
Fo mosa	15,000,000
Foochow and Amoy	
Congou, Shanghai	5,500,000
Congou, Foochow India and Ceylon	5,500,000

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Withdrawals, June to October 31 36,935,456	127,700,00
Withdrawals, estimated for November. 8,064,544	44,000,00
Deduct direct shipments to Canada 22,000,000 Deduct reexports and rejections 1,700,000	83,700,00
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Visible supply for United States, December 1, 1899	60,000,00
Six months' consumption to June 1, 1900, at 7,- 000,000 pounds per month, estimated	42,000,
Stock of tea in the United States, June 1, 190°, estimated	18,000,00

W. W. Sneath, of Midland, Ont., afte spending some years in British Columbi and the Northwest, came back to Midland about a year ago. In February he started in the grocery business there, and has bee so successful that he says Ontario cannot be beaten when one is choosing a busine career.

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We receive testimonials every mail from consumers in different parts of Canada, telling us they have found Grand Mogul Tea the best they ever used.

Fortify your business by pushing its sale.

Each case of tea sent out after Dec. 12th until Jan. 1st will contain Housakeepers' Want Lists, a very nice little gift to present your friends at Christmas.

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## HAVE YOU TRIED CROWN BLEND?

Our long experience in the Tea Business enables us to cater with success and satisfaction to the most critical and exacting customers.

Crown Blends are all imported from the most reliable gardens, and are always pure, full of flavor and strength.

THOS. KINNEA TORONTO. 49 Front St. East,

#### Wholesale Grocers.

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#### BUSINESS CHANGES.

DIFFICULTIES, ASSIGNMENTS, COMPROMISES.

AILLOR, ANGER & FRERE, general merchants, Ancienne Lorette, Que., have compromised at 4oc. on the dollar.

Joseph Bergeron, grocer, Iberville, Que., has assigned.

Chattel mortgagee has foreclosed Robert Dixon, grocer, Vancouver.

L. J. Collin, grocer, St. Boniface, Man., is offering 40c. on the dollar.

James Merriman, grocer, St. Catharines, Ont., has assigned to F. Parnall.

S. B. Patton, general merchant, Oxford, N.S., is offering 50c. on the dollar.

Joseph Gouin, general merchant, East Arthabaska, Que., has assigned to Lamarche & Benoit.

A meeting of the creditors of William Rourke, grocer, Montreal, is to be held today (Friday).

Amiro Bros., general merchants, Lower East Pubnico, Que., have assigned to E. H. Armstrong.

V. E. Paradis has been appointed curator of Alex. Blair and of Lacombe & Co., both general merchants, Chicoutimi, Que.

G. H. Holdsworth & Son, grocers, Digby, N.S., have assigned, and a meeting of their creditors has been called for December 20.

Cleophas Bernier, general merchant, St. Raymond, Que., has assigned, and V. E. Paradis has been appointed provisional guardian.

Paul McNally, general merchant, Campbell's Bay, Que., has assigned, and a meeting of creditors will be held on December 19.

L. O. Couture, general merchant, St. Gedeon (Chicoutimi Co.), has assigned, and V. E. Paradis has been appointed provisional guardian.

Gruhn Bros., manufacturers of cigars, Berlin, Ont., have assigned to C. S. Scott, Hamilton, and a meeting of creditors will be held on December 18.

PARTNERSHIPS FORMED AND DISSOLVED. Robert & Bernier, grocers, Montreal,

have dissolved.

E. M. Blanchard & Co., grocers, Sherbrooke, Que., have dissolved.

Fournier & Frere, manufacturers of wine, Ste. Rosalie, Que., have dissolved.

Lantagne & Provencher, general merchants, Plessisville, Que., have registered partnership.

Arthur and Octave Poitras have registered partnership under the style of Poitras &

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ants, Winkler, Man., have dissolved, P. Dyck continuing.

Heyden & Reitz, general merchants, Winkler, Man., have dissolved, E. O. Rietz continuing.

Pierre Gince and Henri Desautels have registered partnership as grocers under the style of Gince & Desautels, St. Angele, Que.

Alısdas Dagenais and Stanislas Racicot have registered partnership under the style of Dagenais & Racicot, grocers, etc., Montreal.

Euclide Desy and Louis Allaire have registered partnership under the style of The Canadian Spice Mill Co., tea and coffee dealers. Montreal.

SALES MADE AND PENDING.

A. J. Toupin, grocer, Montreal, has sold out.

T. J. Grimes, grocer, Ottawa, is offering his business for sale.

McGregor & Co., general merchants, Westville, Que., are selling out.

The assets of Fenwick Bros., tobacco dealers, Toronto, have been sold.

The stock of M. Laganiere & Cie.,

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### "Don't swap horses while you are crossing the stream." \*

This homely saying of Abraham Lincoln is solid with sense Better be safe on solid ground before trying an unknown quantity.

There are several imitations of IMPERIAL CHEESE being placed before the public-they are merely copies of our jar and label. It will pay you to think twice before placing any of these goods on the shelves where Imperial Cheese has so long been seen

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Jas. Mearns, general merchant, Koksilah Station, B.C., is offering to sell out.

The assets of E. D. R. Phillips, general merchant, Bath, N.B., have been sold.

Bergeron & Frere, grocers, Montreal, have sold their stock at 41c. on the dollar. Wm. Laidlaw, general merchant, Durham, Ont., is advertising his business for sale.

Lorenza Banghart, general merchant, Palmyra and Clearville, Ont., is advertising his business for sale.

The assets of Adelard Marcotte, cheesemaker, St. George de Windsor, Que., have been sold.

#### CHANGES.

J. C. Jones, grocer, Mitchell, Ont., has sold out to W. B. Cole.

Mrs. S. C. Bell, general merchant, Baldur, Man., has sold out to W. T. Bremmer.

Samuel G. Bartlett, grocer, etc., St. Marys, Ont., has sold out to R. B. Gill.

H. V. B. Farnsworth, general merchant, Aylesford, N. S., has sold out to C. H. Clements.

Charles R. Eden, general merchant, Gladstone, Ont., has been succeeded by W. A. Barons. Wm. McCammon, tobacco dealer, etc., Kingston, Ont., has been succeeded by G. P. Wilkinson.

J. Halenback, general merchant, O'ds, N.W.T., has been succeeded by John Sharples, Calgary.

Johnston Bros., bakers and grocers, London, Ont., have sold their grocery business to John Diprose.

Mrs. O. P. Robert has registered as proprietoress of H. Robert & Co., provision dealers, Lachine, Que.

Toombs & Co., general merchants, Carman, Man., have sold their stock to Bates & Emerick, and the remainder of their business to D. J. Graham.

#### FIRES.

Parkin & Moore, groceries. etc., Hartney, Man., have been burned out.

John Dillworth, grain dealer, etc., High Bluff, Man., has been burned out.

#### DEATHS.

James E. Burns, general merchant, Ridgetown, N.S., is dead.

Frederick Clark has opened a confectionery store in Vancouver.

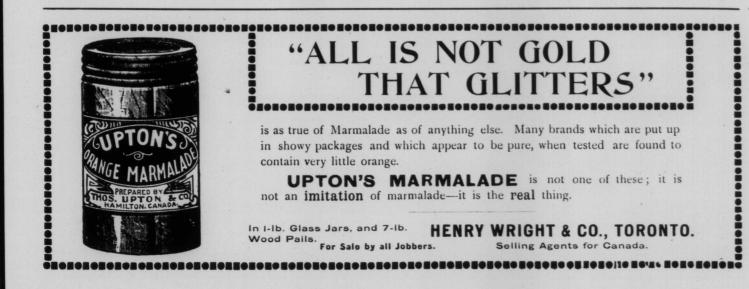
Joseph Dulude has started a grocery business in Montreal.

#### SUGAR CANE AND BEET YIELD.

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The world's entire crop of sugar cane and beet for 1899 1900 will amount to about 8,oco.coo tons, about the same amount as last year, according to carefully prepared statistics submitted to the State Department by United States Consul Dieterich at Magdeburg, Germany. The consul's figures show that so far as beet is concerned, while the beet product in Europe this year is larger than last, perhaps by 250,000 tons, the sugar extracted amounts to about the same, owing to defective sweetness. The total product of beet sugar is placed at 5,300,000 tons, against 4.947,000 for last year.

The total product of cane sugar this year is set down at 2,700 000, as against 2,851,-134 tons last year. A peculiar estimate is that in the case of Cuba and Porto Rico, where a smaller crop is predicted. In Cuba the yield is set down at 300,000 tons, against 315,175 tons last year, and in Porto Rico at 50,000 tons, as against 55,295 tons last year. The Sandwich Island product is increased by 10,000 tons to 250,000, and the yield for the United States is placed at 370,000 tons, as compared with 275,000 last year.



#### **RETAILERS' UNIFORM PRICES.**

THE regular monthly meeting of the

Toronto Retail Grocers' Association was held in St. George's Hall, Elm street, on Monday evening. President F. W. Johnson was in the chair. There were also present : Ed. Hawes, J. D. Kelly, D. Bell, B. Snow, J. A. Johnson, T. Clark, W. S. Beam, Geo. Burfoot, Fred. Thorne, W. Massen, B. Panter, A. White, R. Stewart, J. Nolan, R. Davies, W. H. Marmion, and the association's solicitor, F. H. Mearns.

Two new members, F. H. Love, 109 D'Arcy street, and D. H. Mackay, 214 Wilton avenue, were admitted into membership.

The following letter from E. A. Dalley, vice president of the F. F. Dalley Co., of Hamilton, Limited, was read by Secretary Hawes:

DEAR SIR, - I notice that you are still taking considerable interest in the Retail Grocers' Association in Toronto. As everything in the retail grocery line is advancing in price, excepting sugar, I think it is an opportune time now for the grocers in Toronto, and all over the Dominion of Canada, to get out of the old rut they have got into of cutting the life out of business. The real truth of the matter is that it is a mere matter of jealousy on their part that causes it. They are so anxious to do business that they are entiting one another's profits in selling goods at less money than the proper market value.

Now. I have just returned from the Eastern States and I find there that they have a much larger margin on their goods than in this country. In New York, they are selling 16 lb. of granulated sugar and 12 lb. of broken loaf for \$1. Now, of course this is a pretty high price for sugar, and in Canada we need not make it quite so high, but, at the same time, there should be some regular price for goods, so that a man need not spend 25 or 30 years of his existence in the grocery business, and then end up by the bailiff selling him out. I think the thing can be done through the wholesale grocery houses, spice houses, and grocers' sundry houses, if there is uniform action; but the action has got to come from and through the retailers, and they must be a party to it.

If you have any suggestions to make, I would like to hear from you. You might speak to some of the leading grocers in Toronto on the matter, and think it over. It is about time there was some money made in the retail grocery trade more than in the past in Canada.

D. H. Mackay expressed the conviction that with united action on the part of the retailers of Toronto, the prices of many commodities could be raised to a margin that would allow a fair profit to retailers.

J. D. Kelly referred to the attempt made about nine years ago in Toronto to establish a

UNIFORM RETAIL PRICE FOR SUGAR

in the city. The scheme worked with considerable success for a year, but fell through owing to the breaking of the agreement by one of the largest houses.

A. White agreed that the step would be

very beneficial, but his knowledge of grocers, his experience with competitors, was such that he did not believe the scheme could be worked.

The other speakers united in the wish that a uniform price could be established, but none had a suggestion as to how it should be done.

The secretary was instructed to write, thanking Mr. Dalley for the information he had given them, and expressing a hope that means might be suggested for the establishment of a uniform price on sugar.

#### THE EARLY CLOSING COMMITTEE

reported that they had taken the petition prepared by the canvassers before the city council, who had referred it to their committee on legislation, with an order that a police census of the number of grocers and butchers in the city be taken. The committee on legislation will have to report on the petition and the census before the council can proceed to pass the early closing by-law desired.

THE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED.

Solicitor Mearns reported that he had taken the necessary steps, and he had pleasure in informing the association that it was now an incorporated body, under the style of "The Retail Grocers' Association of Toronto."

Messrs. Johnson, Kelly, Mackay and White were appointed a committee to wait on Robert McKay, manager of the Toronto branch of "Blue Ribbon" tea, to inquire if he is interested in A. A. McKay's departmental store at 296 Queen street east, a package tea being sold there, it is charged at 16c. per lb.

It was moved by J. D. Kelly, seconded by R. Stewart, that the city council be petitioned that the salaries of civic employes should not be paid till after the last day of each month, so that butchers, bakers, and grocers may be able to garnishee their wages. At present, the salaries of policemen, and other civic employes are paid before they are due, so that attempts to garnishee their salaries have been unsuccessful. After discussion, the motion was amended to allow Solicitor Mearns to look into the law on the subject before the petition should be presented to council.

#### ENTERTAINMENT TO BE HELD.

On motion of B. Panter and D. Bell, it was decided to have an entertainment this year similar to the "At Home" held last year. Discussion resulted in the decision to hold it this winter in the Temple building, in order that it should be better in every respect than previous entertainments. The executive committee was instructed to carry out preparations for the entertainment.

#### NEW FIRMS STARTED.

Wm. Savage has opened out as grocer in Montreal.

L. B. Daniel is opening a grocery in Newton, N S.

Wm. J. McLeod has started as grocer in London, Ont.

Brien O'Brien has started as grocer in Stratford, Ont.

C. F. Bishop has started as confectioner in Alberni, B.C.

John Landry has started as fish dealer in Kentville, N.S.

E. D. Reaume has started as produce dealer in London, Ont.

McCracken & Beach have opened a grocery store in Vancouver.

Joseph W. Laird is starting in the grocery business in St. Marys, Ont.

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Lemont & Co. are about to open a confectionery store in St. John, N.B.

Emile Dugas has opened a grocery store in St. Jacques (Montcalm), Que.

Hawsworth & Co. are opening out as general merchants in Morris, Man.

Ed. Marceau is starting as wholesale tea, coffee and spice dealer in Montreal.

Armstrong Bros. have started as general merchants in Upper Thorne Centre, Que.

A. B. Burns and L. T. Daniels have opened grocery stores in Lunenburg, N.S. C. W. Eagle and Gavin Hamilton have started as general merchants in Beaver Lake, B.C.

#### "MACK" GOT THE FIRST ORDER.

Mr. John Sloan, of Galt, who is just completing one of the most modern, handsome, and up to date grocery stores in the Province, after giving Mr. Macpherson, Hugh Walker & Son's representative, of Guelph, a large order for Christmas fruits, tapped him on the shoulder, and said : "Mack, you have the honor of booking the first order I have given in my new store."

#### **OUTLOOK FOR 1900 PRUNES.**

According to The Oregon Agriculturist the outlook is for a much larger crop of prunes in Oregon, Washington and Idaho in 1900 than any which has yet been harvested : In 1898 hundreds of orchards gave their first crop, and will be capable of yielding much more heavily next year. There are enough young orchards coming into bearing to more than offset the loss of trees by last winter's freeze. The danger most to be anticipated for next year will be small fruit, as a result of lack of care and overbearing.

During The Holiday Season URGENT ORDERS HAVE OUR SPECIAL ATTENTION. WIRE OR 'PHONE THEM AT OUR EXPENSE. THEY WILL BE DESPATCHED UPON RECEIPT

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WHOLESALE GROCERS, MANUFACTURERS, Importers of teas.

#### THE LATE JOHN ARCHIBALD.

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THE death of Mr. John Archibald at Jacksonville, Florida, last week, removes another prominent figure from the Montreal business world, which has suffered rather heavily in this respect of late. Mr. Archibald, who had been in ill health for some time, went south about two weeks ago with the intention of spending several months, in the hope of recovering his health, and his friends had hopes that the change would be beneficial until the sad news was received last week.

Mr. Archibald was a native of Nova Scotia, and had his first business experiences in St. John's, Nfld. About 12 years ago he came to Montreal, and became interested in the wholesale tobacco business, and for the last four years has resided at Granby, Que., where the large factories of the Empire Tobacco Co., of which the late Mr. Archibald was senior partner, are situated.

The deceased gentleman was a member of the Presbyterian Church and always took a keen interest in its welfare.

The funeral took place Monday from the residence of his nephew, Mr. C. E. Archibald, 27 Seymour avenue, and was largely attended, the services being conducted by Rev. A. J. Mowatt, the pastor of Erskine Church, of which Mr. Archibald was a member, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Pritchard, of Granby.

The many floral tributes testified to the estimation in which the deceased was held by his friends

Mr. Archibald leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter to mourn his loss. Heartweakness was the cause of death.

#### THE CANE ESTATE.

The estate of the late William Cane, manufacturer, of Newmarket, whose will has just been entered for probate, amounts to \$75.725, and consists of stock and real property. The widow receives the use of the homestead in Newmarket and an annuity of \$640. The two daughters are each given 20 shares in The Cane Manufacturing Co. E. S. Cane, a son, gets a parcel of real estate in Newmarket; C. E. Cane, another son, 40 shares in the company. The remaining 440 shares are divided equally between three sons, H.S., J. E., and E. S. Cane ; \$2,200 is bequeathed to Frances E. Cane, granddaughter. The proceeds of the real estate are directed to be applied to the mortgage account of the company. George Cane had already been provided for.

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#### COST OF CANNING PEAS.

It was said to day by a prominent commission merchant that according to information received by him he thought it probable that New York State peas will open 15 to 17c. per dozen higher than last year. He based his belief on the fact that every item of expense entering into canning operations will be much higher than at the opening of the present season. "For instance," he said, "tinplate is \$2 per box higher, or nearly double what it cost a year ago. Cases are 2 to 3c. and may be 3 to 5c. higher. Labels cost 25 to 50 per cent. more, on account of the advance in paper, while solder is more than 100 per cent. higher. Moreover, the freight rate in this State on carload lots, as we have been officially notified, will be advanced 4c. per hundred on January 1. A number of farmers have intimated to packers a 15 to 25 per cent. advance on their products over last season, while the question of help promises to be a serious one, as labor is scarce and advancing."-New York Journal of Commerce, December II.



## Perfection Is No Trifle.

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We believe that Windsor Salt is as near a perfect Salt as skill, experience, time and money can produce.

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### Windsor Salt

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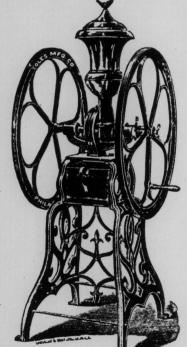
Salt that it is possible to make—one reason why this is so is because the Vacuum process is used in its manufacture.

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#### A COUPON SCHEME.

A <sup>N</sup> ingenious scheme is now being operated by a cooperative supply house in London, England. This company issues coupons with a face value of 1s. each, but good for any article in their establishment up to the value of 21s.

In order to redeem this coupon, and secure an article, the holder is required to send in 4s. for which he receives 4 other coupons which he is required to dispose of to friends who pay him 1s. each.

When these friends take these coupons to the company, each one is required to undertake the sale of another 4 tickets, and so the ball goes rolling. When the first subscriber's tickets have all been returned, he is entitled to choose his article, but if three of his friends fall into the scheme, and the fourth neglects to do his part, of course, the subscriber number I gets nothing for his trouble, except the pleasure of parting with Is., and writing several notes to friends.

It is reported that this scheme is of "American" origin, but whether or no, it certainly is a smart trick. It would be interesting to know exactly what in actual cash the company receives in return or each 21s. article which it hands out.

#### TRAVELERS' CONFERENCES.

The more we consider the question in regard to the annual conferences of the travelers of each manufacturing and wholesale concern, the more convinced are we of its importance.

In going through the country, the traveler gets a grasp of affairs that the principal at headquarters cannot obtain. And each traveler has a different experience. When they get together and hold an experience meeting, that which they have seen or heard is revealed, not only to each other, but to the principals as well.

The benefits to be derived from such conferences cannot be estimated.

#### A GAIN OF \$11,000.000.

A RAILWAY, like a bank, may be badly managed and show the consequent results, but, taken as a rule, the prosperity of a country can be pretty accurately gauged by the earnings of the railway companies which operate within its borders.

That Canada is enjoying a measure of prosperity beyond what she ever enjoyed is generally recognized. And one of the concurrent evidences of this is the earnings of the railways.

Sir William Van Horne stated a few days ago that the gross earnings of the Canadian Pacific railway had increased from a little over \$18,000,000 in 1895 to nearly \$30,-000,000 in 1899, a gain of over 57 per cent. in four years.

This is a remarkable showing, and is the kind of data we want in order to give the outside world practical evidence of the satisfactory commercial conditions obtaining in the Dominion.

#### PIMENTO POINTING UPWARD.

Pimento gives every indication of going higher at present, prices in Montreal this week between the trade for round lots being advanced to  $8\frac{1}{2}$ c., and holders believe they will go to 10c. ere long.

The quantity on the market is light, and held in strong hands. As no new crop can be obtained before July, it looks as though sellers had the best of the argument.

#### GLUT OF POOR APPLES.

HILE advices in regard to the foreign apple markets have shown improvement, as noted last week, the same is not the case with the domestic trade.

The situation at Montreal during the past eight or ten days is the most striking instance in this connection.

There has been a regular glut of stock, owing to heavy arrivals, and as low as 30c. per bbl. has been accepted for fruit, as a large proportion of the receipts were little better than rubbish and more fit for the garbage heap than for consumption.

This poor stock has militated against the improvement abroad, and while it is being worked off the market rules heavy. The few lots of sound fruit, however, are held pretty steady at \$2 to \$3.

Recent advices from Britain state that offerings of poor fruit were affecting the market there, though there was a strong demand both at Liverpool and Glasgow for sound fruit. At Han burg also sound fruit is wanted, but neither market has any use for a lot of the poor stock that has been and is still being shipped.

#### THE CIGARETTE'S REPUTATION.

F there is anything that was ever given a bad name it is the cigarette. It contains mercury, and opium, and arsenic and nearly everything also that is bad, we have been told.

Sometime ago the Lancet, the leading medical journal of the world, appointed an analytical commission to investigate the composition of American cigarettes.

The commission has now handed in its report, and the Lancet says: "There is not a single factor on which can be fairly based the allegation of the presence of any substance producing injury to health."

Cigarette smoking may not be a habit to be commended, but there is an old axiom which says : "Give the devil his due."

#### THE CHRISTMAS GROCER.

The issue of THE CANADIAN GROCER for next week will be used by many advertisers as a medium for conveying thanks to their customers for the closing year's business.

Copy for any special announcements or change in regular advertisements must be in on December 19 to insure insertion.

#### WHOLESALERS TO MANUFACTURE STARCH.

THE new starch company which is being formed in the interests of the wholesale grocery trade has received letters patent incorporating it as a joint stock company.

### The style of the concern is The Imperial Starch Company, Limited.

The applicants for incorporation were : Messrs. Hugh Blain, of The Eby, Blain Co., Limited, Toronto; F. W. Oates, Toronto; C. Kloepfer, M.P., Guelph; H. C. Beckett, of W. H. Gillard & Co., Hamilton; T. P. Coffee, Trusts Company manager, and others.

The objects for which incorporation is sought, as set forth in the application, are : "To manufacture, prepare, buy, sell and deal in starch and other food-products and articles requisite, convenient or incident to the manufacture of starch and other foodproducts and articles in the making of which starch or other food products are required or can be utilized."

The capital stock of the company is \$200,000 in 2,000 shares of \$100 each, of which \$100,000 is preference stock.

The head office of the company is Toronto, although it is not yet decided where the factory will be located. There is some talk of an effort being made to purchase one of the three factories already in existence. At the same time, however, efforts are being made to secure free site, free water and tax exemption from Kingston or Prescott. The town council of Prescott has already held a meeting in regard to the matter, and appointed a committee to deal with it.

A large starch manufacturing firm in the United States is interested with the local men in promoting the company.

Most of the wholesale grocery houses in Toronto and Hamilton are interested in the project, and they explain that they have been induced to go into it just as they were into the manufacture of soap and vinegar, namely, because the starch manufacturers were going direct to the retail trade. The starch manufacturers, on the other hand, explain that they only sold to large retailers who would not, in any event, have gone to

THE new starch company which is the wholesale trade for their supply of being formed in the interests of the starch.

#### ARBITRATION OF BUSINESS DISPUTES.

E VERYONE should think twice before he takes a dispute into court. Whether he loses or wins he will, ten chances to one, be out of pocket thereby. In view of this experience, it is strange

that more disputes are not submitted to an arbitrator upon whose decision both parties would agree to rest their case.

Take for instance partners who have got into a dispute over some matter appertaining to their business which can only be settled by a third party. Why should they not, instead of retaining lawyers and going before a court, call in an intelligent busiuess man and allow him to unravel the difficulty? He would certainly do it as well as a judge, and certainly with infinitely less expense.

This matter of arbitration has almost unlimited possibilities. There are, for instance, questions arising as to the value of stock, the valuation of accounts and numerous other particulars which might be cheaply and expeditiously settled were they submitted to a business man in whom all parties had confidence.

#### COLD WEATHER WANTED.

While all Toronto business men unite in a wish for colder weather, the fruit and produce dealers are especially fervent in their desire that the temperature shall fall to a seasonable point.

The poultry market feels the effect of the mild weather in a double way. The demand has been severely curtailed, "and much loss has ensued through the difficulty of keeping stock in proper condition.

The fish and oyster market feels the effect of weather conditions also. The demand for oysters is not nearly what it would be under favorable circumstances. Prices are consequently reduced, and a rise is looked for with the advent of a frostier atmosphere.

While the Christmas season is bound to create a good movement of fiuits, etc., yet the demand for oranges, lemons, candies, nuts, etc., is suffering the same limitations as is that of poultry and oysters.

The result is that Christmas trade has not opened as early, nor has it been carried on with the vigor that the times warrant. Should next week be seasonable, a big movement in the goods mentioned may be looked for.

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#### FAILURE AND SUCCESS.

THERE is no natural law which declares that a man should fail in business; but there is a natural law which, if a man disobeys, he shall fail.

There is a natural law which declares, (I) that a man starting into business should have knowledge of the same, (2) that he should have reasonable capital, (3) that he should devote proper time and attention to his business, (4) that he should be progres sive—keep up with the times and not allow the times to outstrip him.

Men, in failing, often blame their luck. There is no luck in business. Success and failure are the effect of certain causes. Wherever there is an effect there is a cause. Luck has neither cause nor existence. It is a myth.

#### PAYING SMALL AMOUNTS BY CHEQUE.

M ERCHANTS should not, when paying small amounts to firms outside the towns in which they live, do so through the medium of cheques.

Every cheque that is payable outside the town where it is made is only cashed by the bank upon the payment of 25c. This is obviously an unjust tax on the firm in whose favor the cheque is made.

Only the other day, one firm received a cheque for \$2, and the charge of 25c. to cash this meant a loss of over 12 per cent on this account. On a \$4 account there wa a loss of over 6 per cent.

Where the account is \$25. or less, it only seems right that it should be sent by pose, office order or through one of the exprescompanies. For amounts not exceeding \$5 a postal note might be utilized, for which the charge is only 3c.

We feel that those who are in the habi of paying small amounts by cheque onl need to be reminded of it to discontinue it or else add to the amount of the account th bank charge of 25c.

#### AGAIN REACHING AFTER WEST INDIAN TRADE.

T is announced that Mr. W. G. Parmalee, Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, is to visit the West Indies, with a view to ascertaining ways and means of developing trade between Canada and that part of the British Empire.

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Everyone who has made even a cursory study of the matter must realize that this particular trade stands in need of a great deal of developing. It is not that the Government has done nothing in this direction. Successive Governments since Confederation have made more or less effort to develop this trade by sending a commissioner to investigate, as the present Administration is now doing.

The last commissioner to visit the West Indies was Hon. Geo. E. Foster, Finance Minister in the Administration of Sir John A. Macdonald. That was something like nine years ago. About the same time, Mr. Adam Brown was appointed commissioner to represent Canada at the Jamaican Exhibition. A couple of years ago, the Canadian Pacific Railway also sent a commissioner to see what could be done in the way of developing trade with the West Indies.

But, after all the commissioners that have been sent, and after all the pamphlets and articles that have been written, trade between Canada and the West Indies has decreased, rather than increased.

The aggregate trade was, in 1898, over \$2,500,000 less than it was in 1873-the exports \$1,239,413 less, and the imports nearly \$1,100,000 less. It will, therefore, be seen that the trade is an unsatisfactory one, whichever way taken.

The following table shows the exports to and the imports from the West Indies during the ten years ending June 30, 1898 :

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1889.	 2,759,455	3 378,654
1890.	 2,719,141	3,089,048
1891.	 3,122,770	3,238,156
1892.	 3.546,559	4,092,287
1893 .	 3,145,708	4,244,669
1894 .	 3.443.761	3,677,411
1895 .	 3,725,426	4,794,020
1896.	 2,810,817	1 896,426
1897 .	 2,643,360	1,678,870
1898.	 2,749,080	1,080,266

In the term West Indies is included the Spanish as well as the British West Indies. The following table give the value of the principal articles exported to the British

West Indies during the five fiscal years ending June 30, 1898. The figures are with few exceptions for quantities :

This fact, no doubt, explains the purchasing that has been done in Japans about 12 1/2 c., which are conceded good for a 1ise on this cost.

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	1894.
Ale, beer and portergals.	35,470
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HorsesNo.	415
SheepNo.	1.371
Beansbush.	206
Oatsbush.	333,887
Peas, wholebush.	16 470
Peas, splitbush.	82 210
Flourbbls.	7.856
Carriages, bicycles, etc\$	13,501
Coaltons	5.602
Cordage, twine, rope, etc\$	4.064
Cotton, and manufactures of\$	1 250
Drugs, dves, etc	16 152
Codfish, etc	207.757
Mackerel nickled	5,703
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Herring, smokedlb.	765,991
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Salmon, pickledbbls	991
Haytons	745
Boots and shoes	14.740
Butterlb.	68,305
Cheeselb.	97,149
Bacon and hamslb.	.11.772
Porklb.	93 200
Sugarlb.	396.164
Tobacco lb.	14,800
Potatoesbush.	110,603
Planks and boards	17 591
Shingles	13,316
Shooks, box and other	15.473
Household furniture	3,701
All other wood and manufactures of	14.119

While a Government commissioner can do much toward obtaining information as to how trade may be developed, provided he be possessed of business commonsense, his mission will be abortive unless the business men of Canada are aggressive in trying to secure the markets which he has visited. The trouble with the business men of Canada in the past is that they have neither been as aggressive or as wise as they might or should have been in regard to the West Indian or any other foreign trade.

#### THE TEA OUTLOOK.

HOUGH the distributing trade in tea is quiet, attention in a speculative sense is being attracted to medium and low-grade Japan stock, especially since cables note an advancing tendency at primary markets, prices advancing this week I to 2c. per lb. This has led to some negotiation on this description of stock between jobbers and importers.

The opinion seems to be general among teamen that these medium and low-grade Japans offer the best value there is on the market at present, for the very good reason that supplies of tea at a similar cost in other descriptions are extremely light.

the same applies to Young Hysons, Ceylons and Indian teas.

The cheapest at which pea leaf gunpowder is obtainable is 161/2c., against 13c. some time ago, and in blacks 14 1/2 c. seems to be the inside figure. On the whole the tea market is firm in its general tendency, and prices seem more apt to stiffen than decline.

#### SCARCITY OF VALENCIA RAISINS.

The possibility of a scarcity of Valencia raisins during the current winter and spring months is commencing to engage attention. Importers' agents in Montreal state that their business is closed, so far as this season's crop is concerned, as there is absolutely nothing to be had at primary markets. Some attempts have been made to place orders in London, but only a few small lots could be picked up, and they will cost, laid down in Montreal, 7c. at the very least. No supplies are held in first hands in Canada, and, altogether, as all the stocks are held by the jobbing trade, and they are not heavy, it is not surprising that they are advancing their prices and will not consent to fill any orders except from their own customers.



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Should readers of this journal desire to secure between regular issues, the quotations on any staple line, they will, on application, be furnished by return mail or by telegraph; if by the latter method, at the cost of the person seeking the information.

#### ONTARIO MARKETS.

December 14, 1899.

#### GROCERIES.

TITH the Christmas holidays so near at hand, the volume of business in the wholesale grocery trade is naturally not very heavy. The different houses, however, are fairly well employed in filling sorting up orders. The principal demand is, of course, for foreign dried fruits, nuts, and other seasonable lines. Canned goods of all kinds are quiet, although prices are just as firmly maintained as ever. The coffee market continues to occupy a strong position, and a fair business is being done. For this time of the year a moderate demand is reported for sugars, prices of which are unchanged. A moderate business is being done in syrups and molasses, and the price of the latter is well maintained. A little business is being done in spices for the holiday trade. Teas are naturally quiet, and advices from the outside markets show a little steadier feeling in regard to prices. One of the principal features of the outside markets is quite a sharp advance in the price of Valencia raisins, a cable to that effect having been received within the last few days.

#### CANNED GOODS.

Very little attention is being paid to canned goods, which is, of course, to be expected this time of the year. There is a little movement in canned salmon, at steady and unchanged prices. In canned vegetables, the little demand that there is is chiefly for corn and peas. There is little or nothing doing in tomatoes. Fruits are also inactive. The only round lots of canned goods which we hear of as being offered are canned corn, for which \$1.05 net Toronto is wanted.

#### COFFEES.

The situation in regard to Rio coffees is extremely strong and prices are now fully  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $1\frac{3}{4}$  c. per lb. above the lowest point. These high prices have somewhat checked business on importation account. Business, locally, is still fairly active at quotations. Advices report a steady market for mild grades of coffees.

#### SUGARS.

The outside markets, according to latest cable advices, rule steady, although there is not a great deal being done. Stocks of raw sugar in the United States are reported to be light. In Canada, the refiners are experiencing a fairly good demand for this time of the year. Although large importations of foreign sugars are being made, the fact that higher freight rates go into force in the United States at the beginning of the year is naturally inducing purchasers of American refined sugar to bring in all they can before the higher rates go into force. One of the Canadian refineries, the St. Lawrence, is now supplying the trade rather freely with dark yellow sugar, a grade which has been scarce for some time. The local wholesalers are doing a fairly good business in sugar, particularly when the time of the year is taken into consideration. The price of sugar in Canada is unchanged, and we still quote Montreal granulated at \$4.53

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See pages 29 and 30 for Toronto, Montreal, St. John, and Winnipeg prices current.

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per 100 lb., Toronto, and Acadia at \$4.48. Foreign granulated is still quoted at \$4,40 net, Toronto.

SYRUPS AND MOLASSES.

A fairly good demand is reported for both syrups and molasses. Advices from New Orleans state that the deliveries of new crop molasses are light and that prices are decidedly strong.

#### SPICES.

The spice market generally rules firm, although we hear of no material advances in prices since our last issue. During the past week a little better demand has been experienced by the wholesale trade for such spices as are particularly used during the holiday season.

#### TEAS.

Advices from London, Eng., state that Indian and Ceylon teas have assumed a steadier tone although there is naturally not a great deal of business being done on account of nearness of the holiday season. The steamer Heath Dene, which was recently delayed through fire, is again on her way to New York. It is said she has on board 20,000 packages of tea for Canada, and that the damage by fire is largely confined to one hold. There has been some buying of Indian and Ceylon teas by the wholesalers during the past week. As far as can be learned, it is principally teas either on the way or in London. Spot stocks of low grade trade of Indian and Ceylon growth are still almost nil, while the inquiry is fairly good. Japan teas are practically in the same position as a week ago. Advices to hand this week from Japan state that the market there is practically closed, as far as teas suitable for the Toronto market are concerned. As one importer put it, "there is now nothing but trash left in Japan." Stocks of Japan tea on the local market are fairly good, while the demand is light. The market for China green teas is firm, and very little business is being done. Local wholesalers report the market quiet for teas of all kinds, but, with the opening of the New Year, they look for a large increase in business.

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#### NUTS.

There is a brisk demand for nuts for the holiday trade. Orders are, of course, largely of a sorting-up nature. A parcel of 100 bales of Grenoble walnuts landed in Toronto this week. This was a welcomed addition to the stock of nuts on the local market.

#### FOREIGN DRIED FRUITS.

CURRANTS — There has been little trade done here during the past week for importation at ruling prices. An active import trade is looked for after the turn of the year. Any spot goods which are offered are being quickly picked up by the wholesale trade. The retail demand is fairly good for sortingup lots.

VALENCIA RAISINS-A cable received in Toronto this week announced an advance of about 3s. per hundredweight on quotations which ruled a couple of weeks ago. This is an advance of equal to 134 c. per lb. Some exchanges have taken place during the week between wholesale houses at 7 1/4 c. per lb. for selected raisins. Stocks in this line are generally getting much reduced, and there are some who predict that next spring will see Valencia raisins to the retail trade at 8c. per lb. The wholesale trade is experiencing a good sorting-up demand. We still quote 61/2 to 63/4 c. for fine off-stalk, 7 to 7 1/2 c. for selected, 8 1/2 c. for extra selected and 7 1/2 c. for layers.

MALAGA RAISINS — These are selling well, and, as in Valencia raisins, there is an inquiry between houses for supplying



shortages. These inquiries are general, one house being short of one grade and another short in another.

SULTANA RAISINS -- Advices state that the finest qualities of Sultana raisins are exhausted in Smyrna. The lower grades of fruit are, however, offering at easier prices.

CALIFORNIAN RAISINS-Prices are too high on the Coast to allow of business being done here on importation account. The few Californian raisins that are on the market are selling slowly on account of the high price as compared with European raisins.

PRUNES-A cable received this week states that the market for Bosnia prunes is a little higher. At to-day's prices, it would cost about 5 1/4 c. per lb. to lay down the smallest sizes on this market. Consequently, a very little business is being done on importation account. The representatives of the Californian shipping houses state that they have inquiries for medium and small-sized prunes, but, as there is nothing on the Coast but the larger-sized fruit, no business is being done.

#### GREEN FRUITS.

The fruit trade, like most other groceries, is suffering because of the prolonged mild weather. The supply of oranges, lemons, apples, cranberries and Almeria grapes is large and, generally speaking, of good quality, yet the movement is not as large as usual at this season. The orange market is somewhat easier in tone than last week, declines of 25 to 50c. being noted in all varieties. A decline of 25c. is also noted in the price of lemons. Otherwise, there is no change in the market.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

EGGS-The feeling is still strengthening. The scarcity of really fresh stock makes 25c. a common figure for small lots of strictly fresh eggs on the St. Lawrence market. Fresh gathered stock is coming in fairly well, and is readily absorbed at 18 to 20c. Pickled stock is worth 16 to 16 1/2 c.

POTATOES-The market is weak. Cars on track are easy at 38 to 40c. per bag, and are not likely to advance until a cold snap makes it necessary to heat cars for shipping. Small lots out of store are steady at 45 to 50c. per bag.

BEANS-The market is steady, though the demand is moderate. We quote \$1.45 to \$1.50 for hand-picked, and \$1.35 to \$1.38 for prime.

DRIED AND EVAPORATED APPLES-Though the New York evaporated-apple market is stronger at the moment, the buyers there state that prices must be  $\frac{1}{4}$  c. lower for delivery after the New Year. Factorymen, however, are taking encouragement from present conditions, and are holding their stock firmly. Jobbers are quoting 8 to 8 1/2 c., a decline of 1/2 c. per lb. Dried apples are steady outside at 51/4 to 53/4 c. for ordinary No. 1 stock, and 6c. for No. 1 quarters. The jobbing price shows a decline of 1/4 c., and is now 53/4 to 61/4 c. for ordinary.

POULTRY-Receipts are large, but the demand is limited, because of the weather. As stock does not keep well, prices are easy. Turkeys are arriving in fair condition, choice lots being 81/2 to 9c., and ordinary good stock 7 1/2 to 8c. Geese are steady, at 51/2 to 6c.; ducks, at 45 to 6oc. per pair, and chickens 25 to 45c. per pair.

VEGETABLES - There is no change. We quote as follows : Spinach, 40 to 50c. per bush.; lettuce, 20 to 40c. per doz.; cabbage, 40 to 50c. per doz.; red cabbage, 50 to 75c. per doz.; cauliflowers, 40 to 6oc. per doz.; celery, 40 to 75c. per doz.; parsley, 10 to 15c. per doz.; onions, 40 to 60c. per bush. ; green beans, 30 to 50c. per basket; squash, \$1 to \$1.50 per doz.; vegetable marrow, 40 to 60c. per doz.

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BUTTER AND CHEESE. BUTTER-Creamery is firmer, an advance of 1/2 to IC. being noted in sympathy with a better feeling in the British market. The production at present is moderate, as winter creameries are just nicely started. The supply of large rolls is sufficient for requirements, and prices are steady. We quote : Dairy, large rolls, 17 to 18c. ; prints, 18 to 19c.; creamery, tubs and boxes, 21 to 22c.; prints and squares, 22 to 23c.

CHEESE-The market continues strong. The demand keeps up well, and holders are



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WOOL-The firm feeling is even more manifest this week, though no change is noted. We quote : Clothing wool and combing fleece, 200.; unwashed, 121/2 to 130.

#### SEEDS.

The alsike market is dull, and a decline of 50c. is noted. Red clover is firm and fairly active. We quote \$4.50 to \$5.15 at outside points for red clover and \$4.50 to \$6.50 for alsike.

#### TRADE NOTES.

Teas are steadier in London, England.

Creamery butter is 1/2 to 1c. dearer. Eggs have advanced 1 to 2c.

All varieties of oranges are 25 to 50c. dearer. Lemons have advanced 25c.

Whitefish and trout have advanced 1/2 to 1c. per lb. Steak cod is 1/2c. cheaper.

The finer grades of Sultana raisins are higher in Smyrna; but lower grade fruit is easier

A cable from London, England, quotes Valencia raisins equal to 134 c. higher than they were two weeks ago.

#### QUEBEC MARKETS.

MONTREAL, December 14, 1899. GROCERIES

HERE has been a fair volume of business in groceries, and, with a few exceptions, the tendency of values is decidedly upward. There has been no further change in refined sugar since the last decline. Syrups are firm, and values on molasses point to a still higher level. The same disposition is manifested in the case of Valencia raisins, and the scarcity of all kinds of nuts becomes more marked as the season advances. Further advances were asked also this week on canned corn, and all other lines are firm. Rice is strong; so is coffee, and spices are very firm, while cables note an advance in the cost price of Japan teas.

#### SUGARS

There has been no further change in the refined sugar market since the decline noted last week. Business has been of a quiet

character, though its volume is fully equal to that of last season. In raws, the market has exhibited a firmer tendency, London cabling beet firm. Prices were on the basis of 9s. 21/4 d. for present month, and 6s. 9d. for next month. Cane was steady, with prices unchanged, but fairly maintained : Java, 115. 3d.; fair refining, 10s. 6d. In New York, raw was reported steady : Fair refining, 3 13-16c.; centrifugal, 96 test, 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>c., with molasses sugar 3 9-16c.

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SYRUPS. Canadian syrup is firm and unchanged at 134 to 24 c. as to grade.

#### MOLASSES.

The Barbadoes molasses market continues very strong, and, while wholesale grocers are still supplying the trade at 42c. in carlots, and 43c. in single puncheons, the cost of round lots would almost certainly necessitate an advance on this basis. Offers of Antigua are noted at 35c., and Porto Rico is held firmer at 37 to 40c.

DRIED FRUITS. With little or no Valencia raisins obtainable in primary markets and few held here

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in first hands, the market is very firm. In fact, no fine off stalk could be laid down here under 7c. Prices accordingly are firmer this week by 1/4 c. per lb. all around, as the jobbers only have small stocks on hand, and some consider that these will not be enough to go around. We quote : Fine off-stalk, 7c.; selected, 734 c., and layers, 8c.

Malaga raisins are steady, at 7c. for 2crown, 8c. for 3-crown, and 9c. for 4-crown in 50-lb. boxes.

Sultanas remain as last reported at 10 to 12c., as to grade.

Currants are without new feature locally, a fair jobbing inquiry being noted. We quote : Filiatras, 4 1/2 c. for bbls.; 5 % c. for half bbls.; 434 c. for half cases, and 478c. for quarter cases.

Prunes meet a good demand and values are steady. Californian prunes are as folidws: 80's to 90's, 61/2 c.; 70's to 70's, 7c.; 60's to 60's, 7 1/2 c.; 50's to 60's, 8 1/2 c., and 40's to 50's, 10c. Bosnia prunes are steady also, at 6 to 6 1/2 c.

Dates are steady with a fair inquiry at 5 to 53/4 c.

#### NUTS.

The strength in regard to staple lines of these is increasing under rapidly diminishing supplies and prices point still higher. Pure Mayette Grenoble walnuts are held at 141/2 to 15c. and Marbots, 11 to 111/2 c., while shelled almonds are stiff at 28 to 30c. CANNED GOODS.

The remarkable strength in canned vegetables has had further illustration this week in the shape of another advance in corn to \$1.10 to \$1.15, and tomatoes to 90c. All other lines also exhibit strength though there are no quotable changes to report.

RICE.

There has been no change in this market, put prices are firmly held.

#### SPICES.

Inquiry for pimento has been a feature of the spice market here, and prices have advanced to 81/2 c. for round lots between importers, and prices are expected to go to 10c. Nutmegs are in demand also, and very firmly held.

#### COFFEES.

The market continues firm, and prices still have an upward tendency. Sales of 25-bag lots of Maracaibo are noted at 8 1/2 to 9c., and Rio at 8 to 10c., as to quality. Small lots of Maracaibo have realized as high a figure as 12 to 13c.

#### TEAS.

Cable advices from Japan report the market strong at an advance of 1 to 2c. per lb. On spot, business has been moderate, though some attention has been attracted

by medium and low-priced Japan stock, which has sold at 12 1/2 to 15 1/2 c. according to grade. Ceylons fetched 17c., and pea leaf greens, 17 to 18c.

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#### FISH.

The mild weather has had a bad effect on the fish market, and, with ample stocks, some anxiety has been manifested this week to realize. No. 1 Nova Scotian herring, in bbls., have sold at \$5.25 to \$5.50, and in half bbls., at \$2.75. No. 1 large round herring fetch \$5.25, and haltbbls., \$2.65. No. 1 B. C. and Labrador salmon move at \$13 per bbl., and tierces, \$17.50. No. 2 mackerel are dull, at \$15.50. and No. 1 large green cod, at \$5.25, with No. 1 \$5 and No. 2 \$4. No. 1 green haddock are offering at \$4, and No. 1 pollock, at \$3.65. Dried cod sells at \$4.75, and large dressed, \$4.50. In prepared fish, we quote prices : Boneless cod, 51/2 to 6c. per lb.; haddies, 6c. ; bloaters, 90c. to \$1 per box, and smoked herring, 12c. per box. Fresh fish range as follows : Haddock. 31/2 c. ; steak cod, 4c. ; market cod, 3 to 31/2 c. ; Manitoba dore, 6c. ; white fish 7c.; salmon, 10c., and fresh herring, \$2 to \$2.50 per 100.

#### GREEN FRUITS.

There has been very little change in green fruits, except in apples, a glut of poor stock sending the price down as low as 30c. per

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bbl. Good sound fruit, however, are steady at \$2 to \$3 per bbl. There is a very good demand for Almeria grapes, which are selling at \$4 50 to \$6 per keg, as to weight and quality. Catawbas, in small baskets, are offering at 21 to 23c. The advance in Jamaica oranges mentioned by us last week has been maintained ; the demand for them is good at \$6 to \$6.50 per bbl. The first arrivals of Valencia oranges came to hand during the week, and opened at \$4.50 for 420's, and \$5 for 714's. The first receipt of Californian oranges are expected next week. There is no change in the lemon market, which is steady at \$2.50 to \$3.25 per box. Cranberries are selling better this week on account of the colder weather; sales range between \$4.50 to \$6 per bbl.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

EGGS-The tone of the market was stronger for strictly new laid stock, and prices show an advance of IC. per dozen for such, but other grades are firm. The demand to day was somewhat quiet, owing, no doubt, to the unfavorable weather. Strictly new-laid sold at 24c.; ordinary stock at 16 1/2 to 19c.; culls at 11 to 12c.; Montreal limed, at 16 to 17c.; western limed, at 15 to 16c., and seconds at 13 to-14c. per dozen.

POULTRY - Although the weather was unseasonable to day, yet there was a good demand for poultry; and especially turkeys, in consequence prices for such were stronger and fully 1/2 c, per lb. higher. Receipts are fair, but supplies are not excessive. Good to choice turkeys sold at 91/2 to Ioc.; common, 8 to 8 1/2 c.; good to choice chickens, 61/2 to 7c.; common, 5 to 6c.; good to choice geese,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to 6c,; and common, 4 to 5c. per lb.

GAME-There continues to be a good demand for partridge, and as the offerings are not large prices advanced to-day to 70 to 75c. for firsts, and 40 to 45c. for seconds per brace.

MAPLE PRODUCT-Business in maple product was slow. Pure sugar is held at 101/2 to 11c., and syrup, 65 to 75c. per tin.

HONEY-There was no change in honey to note. White clover in comb is quoted at 12c.; extracted, 9c., and buckwheat, 8c. per lb.

BEANS-The demand for beans is fair. Choice hand-picked are quoted at \$1.15 to \$1.50, and primes, \$1.37 1/2 to \$1.40.

ASHES-There is nothing new in ashes to note. We quote: First sorts, \$4.30; seconds, \$4. and pearls, \$5.15 per 100 lb.

DRESSED HOGS-There was no improvement in the demand ; in consequence, the market is still quiet and prices steady at \$5 to \$5.50 for light, and at \$4 to \$4.50 for heavy per 100 lb., in a jobbing way.

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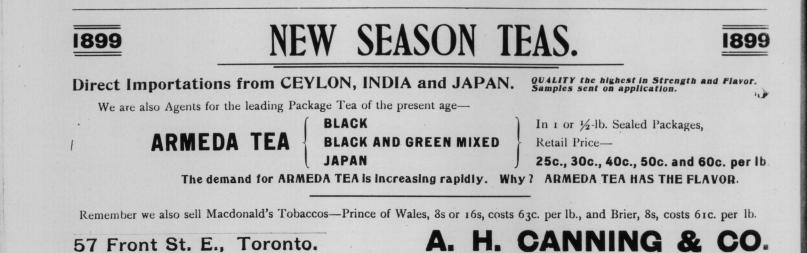
The demand for some lines on spot was fair and a moderately active trade was done. We quote as follows: Canadian short cut mess pork, \$14.50; short cut back, \$14, and heavy long cut mess, \$14 per barrel. Pure Canadian lard in pails, 7 1/4 to 73/4 c. per lb.; and compound refined, 6 to 61/2 c. per lb. Hams 10c. to 11 1/2 c., and bacon 11 to 111/2 c. per lb.

#### FLOUR AND GRAIN.

FLOUR-A fair trade was done in flour and the market is moderately active with no change in prices to note. We quote : Winter wheat patents, \$3.60 to \$3.90; straight rollers, \$3 30 to \$3.40; in bags, \$1.65; Manitoba patents, \$3.90 to \$4.20, and strong bakers', \$3.60 to \$3.70.

GRAIN-There was nothing new in the situation of the local grain market to-day, owing to the fact that business in all lines was quiet. For oats at points west of Toronto, 25 1/2 c. was bid, with 26c. asked. At points east, 261/2 c. was bid and 27c. asked. For peas, west, 57 1/2 c. was bid and 58c. asked; east, 59c. bid, 59 1/2 c. asked. Buckwheat, east, sold at 48 to 49c. On spot, carlots of oats sold at 30 1/4 c., and 65c. was bid for peas ex store.

OATMEAL-There was no change in rolled oats, sales being slow, at \$3.50 per barrel, and at \$1.70 per bag.



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FEED — The demand for feed continues good and millers in some cases are closely

sold up. Manitoba bran is selling at \$15;

shorts, \$17 per ton, including bags; Ontario

bran, at \$15.50; shorts, at \$16.50 to \$17.50,

and mouille at \$20 to \$24 per ton, in bulk.

baled hay, and there is also considerable

demand from American buyers. We quote:

Choice No. 1, \$9 to \$10; No. 2, \$8 to \$9;

and clover, \$7 to \$7.50 per ton, in carload

CHEESE AND BUTTER.

All of the cheap cheese obtainable under

1134 c. is now pretty well absorbed, and

attention is, therefore, directed to the dearer

stock, on which buyers' and sellers' views

are still apart. Prices, therefore, are nomi-

nal, but it would take 12 1/2 c., and better, to

move any large quantity of the goods in

question. The Liverpool cable advanced

6d. on colored to day, to 59s., with white

BUTTER-The market is fairly active,

with demand more than equal to the supply.

Accordingly, prices are firm at 21 1/4 to 22c.,

as to grade, for creamery. Seconds are

MONTREAL NOTES.

A glut of poor apples has affected the

Both canned tomatoes and corn are held

Cables report an advance of 1 to 2c. per

The price of pimento has advanced, and

it looks as though it was going still higher.

THE ACADIA'S PROFITS.

Acadia sugar refinery it was stated that the

company was in a better position than at

any time in its history, although the profits

were smaller this year than in 1897 and

1898, owing to unfair competition of United

States refineries, in the manipulation of the

bounty system being made to operate so

that the bounty was actually made to apply

on their exports, as well as being a gratuity

to them in the matter of manufacture itself.

The Canadian refineries are therefore at a

disadvantage in competition with outside

markets. The dividend of 4 per cent. on

preferred capital stock for the half year was

ratified, making 7 per cent. for the year-

payable December 20. The profits of Acadia refinery last year were \$180,000.

low in Stock . .

NEW SICILY FILBERTS

NEW HALLOWEE DATES

NEW GRENOBLE WALNUTS

NEW TARRAGONA ALMONDS

Herald, Halifax.

At the meeting of the shareholders of the

pound in the cost of tea in Japan.

unchanged at 57s.

selling at 20 1/2 c. up.

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very firm this week.

CHEESE-The market rules quiet but firm.

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HAY - A good local trade was done in

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#### THE CANADIAN GROCER

#### CANADIAN PRODUCTS WANTED.

The following were among the inquiries relating to the Canadian trade received at the Canadian Government Office in London during the week ending November 24:

A firm in the Midlands, having a connection with the manufacturing confectionery trade throughout England and Ireland, wish to be placed in communication with Canadian producers of fruit pulps.

The names of Canadian exporters of eggs in large quantities are asked for by a Glasgow firm.

A Scotch firm, largely interested in the export of Canadian goods, such as furniture, woodenware, hardware, provisions, etc., desire to extend their business in the export of Canadian goods to British India and the Cápe, and are therefore open to hear from houses which may wish for their cooperation.

A firm in Glasgow is desirous of being placed in communication with importers of cast iron pipes. They are now making specially for the Canadian market the following sizes :  $2 \times 5$  feet, 20 lb. each ;  $3 \times 5$ feet, 30 lb. each ;  $4 \times 5$  feet, 45 lb. each ;  $5 \times 5$  feet, 85 lb. each ;  $6 \times 5$  feet, 100 lb. each ; light  $4 \times 5$  feet, 32 lb. each.

Another Scotch house, which is extensively engaged in the manufacture of cableways, hoisting and conveying devices, cranes, winding engines, stone and granite working machinery, asks to be referred to parties in Canada who would be likely to use such goods.

Inquiry is made by a firm of mining machinery manufacturers respecting the demand for steam thawers and other similar machinery in the Yukon Territory and elsewhere.

Information in regard to any of the above paragraphs sent to THE CANADIAN GROCER will be forwarded to destination.

#### A GROCER'S RAPACIOUS OWL.

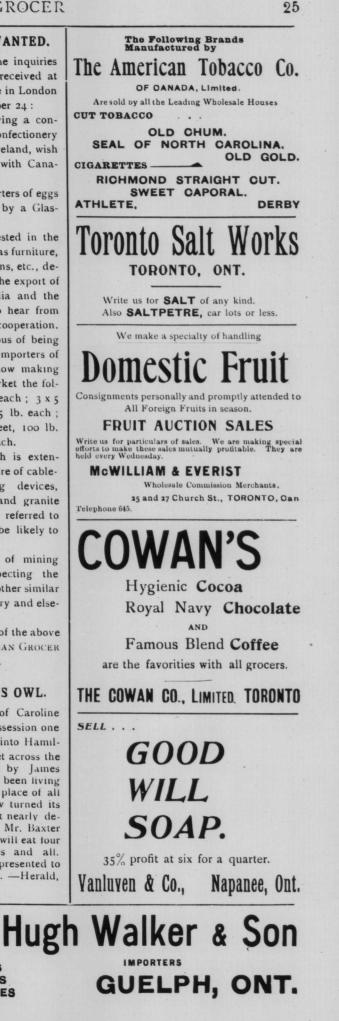
A. B. Baxter, grocer, corner of Caroline and Bold streets, has in his possession one of the largest owls ever brought into Hamilton. It measures nearly six feet across the wings. The owl was caught by James Barnes, East Flamboro. It had been living in his granary, and cleared the place of all the rats. Then the big fellow turned its attention to the hen roosts. It nearly destroyed Mr. Barnes' pet cat. Mr. Baxter The owl will eat tour feeds it on sparrows. sparrows at a meal, feathers and all. Another owl, equal in size, was presented to him by John Maley, Boid street. -Herald, Hamilton.

NEW ELEME FIGS

FANCY ALMERIA GRAPES

FANCY MESSINA LEMONS

FANCY MEXICAN ORANGES



#### NEW BRUNSWICK MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE CANADIAN GROCER,

ST. JOHN, N.B., December 14, 1899. YHILE business continues good, the wholesale trade find the rush is over. The retailers are now feeling the effects of the holiday trade. We have some particularly fine retail grocery stores. Their equal cannot be found, at least, in the Maritime Provinces, and, at this season, they look their best. In prices, the strong upward tendency continues. In some lines the advance is extreme, as with paper bags, in which the advance is 100 per cent. Woodenware has advanced, and the candy trade and other lines are affected. Brooms and brushes are both higher, and the former are particularly firm, the outlook being for still higher figures. In candy, the manufacturers are rushing, though everything was done to get buyers to place orders early. Prices are firmly held.

OIL-Dealers in burning oil have again advanced prices, and will not book orders for future shipment. In fact, they are looking for further advances, it being very difficult to get supplies, Canadian oil being sold well up to the price asked for American. In lubricating, while there has not been such a marked advance, prices are very firm, with a good business for the season. In wax, the supply is very short. It is said that shipments made to Europe before are now being brought back. Owing to the high figures ruling here in cod oil, the season is largely over. Fair prices have , ruled, but the movement is not large. In paint oils, the very high figures still continue.

SALT - The first shipment to arrive this season via direct freight steamer coming here in connection with the winter export business came to hand this week. There were some 12,000 bags. Prices are firmly held, freights being so much higher than formally. This shipment came upon a market with but a small stock and found a good demand. A small part of the shipment was for shipment west. In fine salt there is but limited business. We quote as follows : Liverpool coarse, 50 to 55c. English factory-filled, 95c. to \$1; Canadian fine, \$1 per bag; cheese and butter salt, bulk, \$2.50 per bbl.; 5-lb. bags, \$3 to \$3.25 per bbl.; 10-lb. bags, \$2.85 to \$3 per bbl.; 20-lb. wood boxes, 20 to 22c. each; 10-lb. wood boxes, 12 to 14c. each; cartons, \$2 per case of 2 doz.; English bottled salt, \$1.25 to \$1.30 per doz.; mineral rock salt, oc. per 100 lb.

CANNED GOODS—There is nothing new. All lines, except in local packed fish, are very firmly held, and the latter, except herring, command good figures. Some salmon arrived this week, and our market is now well supplied, largely with cohoe fish of good quality. While some humpback fish were offered at quite low figures, they found no buyers. This, however, was true of cohoes but a few seasons ago. Corn is still the strongest line. Canned oysters will be scarce and high. They do not sell largely here, however. Pineapple is firm at the advanced figures. Lobster packing will soon commence. While prices are likely to continue high, the outlook is not for any further advance.

GREEN FRUITS—Valencia oranges are again on the market. Quality this season is good, and they will soon take a first place. In quality, the Jamaicas now offered are fine. Prices are rather firmer. Lemons are quite plentiful and meet with a fair sale. In Malaga grapes, quality to hand is fine, and rather better prices are being obtained. Apples, while rather easier, are moving freely. For best stock full figures are asked, but there is quite a quantity of second grade on the market Cranberries hold the advanced figures, but cannot be called high. There is a good sale at this time.

DRIED FRUITS-The rush is over, and in many cases the market is quite bare. Valencia raisins are very scarce and full prices are asked. A few shipments are still expected, some of which are sold to go West. Peels are also well cleaned up. In currants, there is a fair stock, and regular shipments are arriving from New York, mostly cleaned. Seeded raisins have a steady sale at full figures, and stocks cannot be replaced at the cost of last arrivals. Buyers have been disappointed in Californian prunes, owing to delay in arrivals. Small sizes are going to be very scarce. In evaporated apples, the market seems easier. Fair stocks are held. Dried apples are scarce. Onions tend firmer, but are still low. Dates have fair demand. Figs sell slowly at full figures. Nuts are high, and sell freely. Stocks are small.

DAIRY PRODUCE—Eggs show no change during the week. There is a steady sale at even figures. Some nice limed stock is being offered. Butter also holds at same price, but best grades are in demand. It is difficult to work figures up as stocks are quite large. But little creamery is being sold in a wholesale way. Cheese moves but slowly at even figures. There is some demand for small sizes.

SUGARS — This is the one line that stays at low figures, the feeling being easy. There is quite a variety of kinds now held in stock in foreign and Canadian. Fair sales are reported. There is no doubt the com-

petition from outside has had a very marked effect on prices of Canadian sugars.

MOLASSES—Sales are falling off. Stocks in all grades are light and prices firm. Best grades of New Orleans have been advanced 2c., and reports favor still higher prices. Foreign goods are very scarce, and of but fair quality, as the best lots are not the ones that have been overlooked. Syrup finds a somewhat better sale, and some fine stock is now offered.

FISH-Sales are not as active and receipts are light. Codfish show, perhaps, the only decline in price, and they are quite firmly held. Pollock is scarce, and full figures are still obtained. Smoked herring move freely at good prices. Supply is not large. In bloaters, there is a short supply, and if stock was first-class much better prices could be obtained. Kippered herring are almost out of the market. Finnan haddies move more freely, but the fall sales have been less than for some years, largely on account of the weather. Pickled herring are confined to the smaller fish, but full figures are asked. Smelt continue to increase in quantity handled. Lobsters will soon be on the market. It is said prices will rule rather lower this season, as the American buyers have combined to pay a lower price to the shippers. The law now requires that only the fuller sized fish be caught. This will affect the supply, particularly for canners. We quote : Large and medium dry cod, \$3.75 to \$3.80; small, \$2.50 to \$2.75 ; pickled shad, \$4.50 to \$5, as to quality; haddies,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 5c. per lb.; smoked herring, 8 to 9c.; fresh haddock and cod, 21/2c.; boneless fish, 4 to 5c.; pollock, \$2.35 to \$2.50 per 100; pickled herring, \$2.10 to \$2.15 per half bbl.; bloaters, 6oc.; kippers, \$1; smelts, 5c.

PROVISIONS—In pork, prices have been advanced during the week. Some Prince Edward Island mess pork is now here, but there is no large quantity offered. Beef is very high and firmly held; generally, our dealers are making a nice profit. Lard is firmly held at the advance. There are still fair stocks.

FLOUR, FEED AND MEAL—Little, if any, change is noticed in these lines. The feeling seems easy. Oatmeal is moving more freely. Oats have a fair sale, with little change in figures. Cornmeal is still scarce and brings full price. Beans have but a fair sale. Hay is rather firmer. Barley is firm, with split peas rather higher, and the market is practically bare of blue peas. We quote : Manitoba flour, \$4.40 to \$4.60; best Ontario, \$3.80 to \$4.00; medium, \$3.60 to \$3.75; oatmeal, \$3.80 to \$3.90; cornmeal, \$2.25 to \$2.35; middlings, \$21 to \$22; oats, 38 to 40c.; hand-picked

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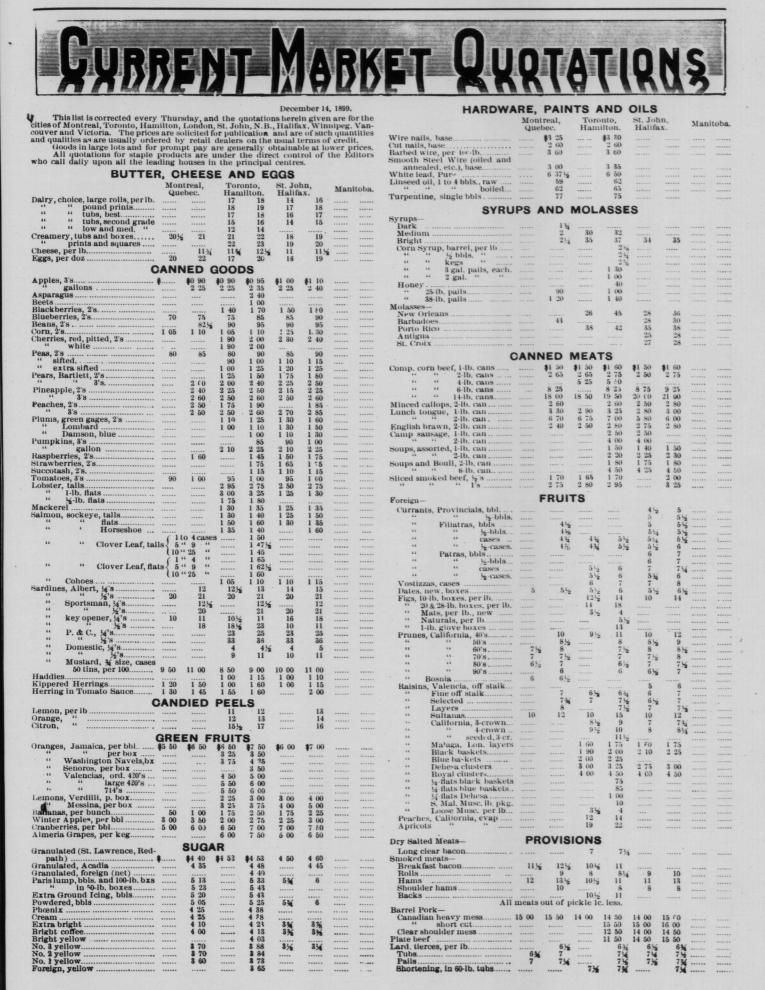
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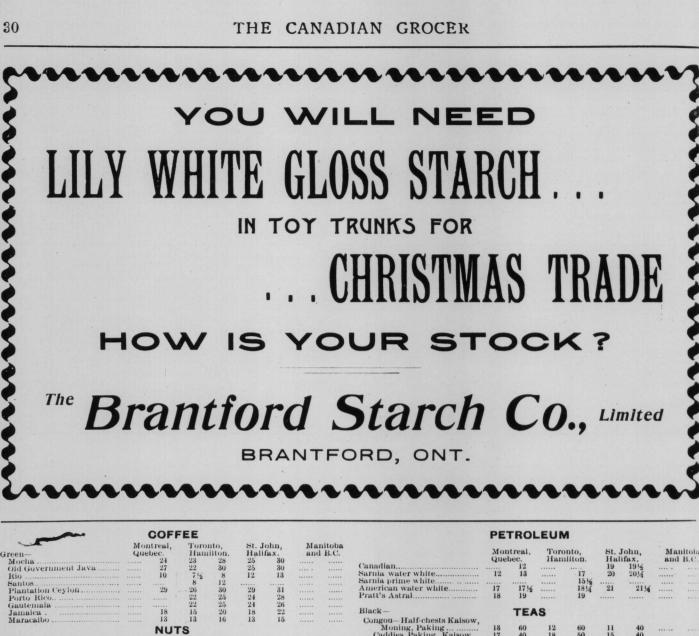
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#### HINTS TO BUYERS.

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.

H. GILLARD & CO. are offering an extra fine assortment of Valencia raisins, Eleme figs, peels, currants, etc.

Dixon Brothers, Hamilton, are offering new dates cheap.

"Novo Carpetto" is now in store with Lucas, Steele & Bristol.

A large assortment of Ceylon and Indian teas is being offered by W. H. Gillard & Co.

Canned spinach, asparagus and beets may be had by applying to Lucas, Steele & Bristol.

Dixon Brothers, Hamilton, are offering a large variety of oranges and other fruits for Christmas.

Californian prunes, all sizes from 40-50's to 100-110's, are selling well with The Eby, Blain Co., Limited.

Orders for "Circle" tea can now be filled promptly by Lucas, Steele & Bristol; also for their "Indian Empire" Pekoe.

The Eby, Blain Co., Limited, are quoting Malaga layer and cluster raisins and Eleme figs at clearing prices.

Lucas, Steele & Bristol offer "Clover Leaf"1-lb. seeded raisins for sale; also full line of C. & B. peels, bulk and 1-lb. packets.

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Aylmer boneless chicken, duck and turkey and chicken soup are selling freely with The Eby, Blain Co., Limited.

Robert Greig has received another car of Pratts Poultry Food and Pratts Animal Regulator, the third since the opening of the season.

Pure Mayette Grenoble walnuts, Marbot walnuts, Tarragona soft-shell almonds, Brazils and Sicily filberts, all new crop, are in store with The Eby, Blain Co., Limited.

A great many grocers have ordered the sample lot of Pratts foods advertised by Robert Greig, and already repeats have been received from a number.

The Eby, Blain Co., Limited, are making a specialty of crown gem jars, for next season, delivery as equired, up to May 31 next, and have already booked a large fumber of orders.

#### A NEW WHOLESALER.

E. D. Marceau, lately with L. Chaput, Fils & Cie., has commenced in business for himself at 296 St. Paul street, Montreal. Mr. Marceau will do a wholesale business in teas, coffees and spices, and, as he is thoroughly acquainted with the trade, has a reasonable assurance of success in his new venture.



Consignments and

Correspondence Solicited.

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500 tapnets Comadre Figs at (in lots of 100) 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>c. lb. 25 cases Italian Cured Peels, 7=lb. boxes,

Orange, 9

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8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>c. lb. 9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>c. lb.

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## **350 SACKS MARBOT WALNUTS**

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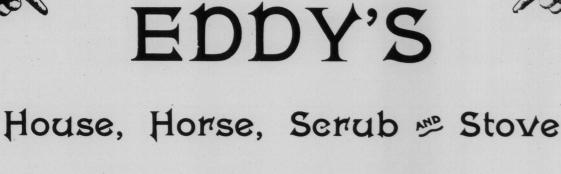
We still have a few bales of Grenoble Walnuts, Sicily Filberts, Tarragona S. S. Almonds, Bevan's Shelled Almonds.

The 1-lb. package of "Clover Leaf" brand of Seeded California Raisins is the handiest package that a grocer ever handled. Try a case.

Remember that our stock of TEAS is up-to-date.

WILL BE PLEASED TO CORRESPOND AND FURNISH SAMPLES.

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# BRUSHES

are distinguished for their **LASTING** qualities—due to the manner of their construction and the excellent quality of the materials used in their manufacture.

They are, without doubt, the very BEST on the market.

DEALERS! Are you fully stocked with Brushes of our make? if not, write for samples and prices to

# "The E. B. EDDY CO., Limited

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#### ART OF WINDOW DRESSING.

∫ THE CHRISTMAS WINDOW.

The Christmas window display is a time-honored feature of grocery retailing in Canada as well as in the Mother Country, and in the Brother

Country to the south. The British merch. ant makes excellent use of evergreen, holly and mistletoe. On this side of the Atlantic we have not a free supply of the holly and the mistletoe, but the merchants know how to use the evergreen in conjunction with their goods to make a window display which is an enticement to the housewife and an allurement to the children. The evergreen is sometimes used principally on the outside of the shop, where it is arranged so as to cover the woodwork around the plate-glass front, and to make the doorway into an archway of green. O ten it is used inside the window to form a canopy over a winter fireside or out door scene, or as an archway or pillars in a display of goods essentially associated with Christmas in Canada.

The favorite groceries for Christmas display are dried fruits, green fruits, candies and nuts. The great variety of form and coloring in these goods make it possible, with artistic arrangement, and the aid of evergreens, colored crepe tissue paper, etc., to make a unique and enticing display.

When a grocer boasts two windows, one of them is often devoted to fruits, etc.; the other to poultry. The turkey is, of course, the king of the Christmas table, but geese, ducks and chickens are all in demand, so it is found good policy to make special displays of all poultry at this season.

Michie & Co., Toronto, have A TORONTO a display of Christmas goods in their window which is WINDOW. attracting much attention. Their window is about 5 x 7 feet, and at the back is a mirror about six feet high. A platform slants from about two feet from the top of this mirror to about 18 inches from the bottom of the plate glass front. On this stand is a layer of walnuts about six inches deep. They also run down between the stand and the mirror, making it look as if the window were half full of walnuts. Reaching across the full width of the window and half way from the front to the back, is a row of small indurated ware tubs containing new pecans, hickory, almond, and Brazil nuts. Above and below these nuts, layer raisins, stuffed prunes, etc., are arranged. At the back,

or top, of the display bon-bons are shown. On a ledge above the mirror at the back, Tundi prunes are shown in bottles, tins, etc. The only cards used draw attention to the fact that the nuts, prunes, etc., shown are all new goods.

A Suggestion for a unique A TURKEY window, which is at once WINDOW. practical, seasonable and attractive, is given by "Clerk"

in The Grocers' Advocate, San Francisco. He says: "Cover the floor of the window with heavy manila paper. In the middle, draw as big as the space will permit, a turkey gobbler. You can find plenty of models in the papers.

"Cover the floor of the window with sugar, except where you have the turkey outlined. Then fill in the outlined space, heaping with cranberries, thus making a big red turkey on a pure white background. The window would be even more effective if the gobble and legs and feet of the turkey were made of cranberries, the eyes, bill and body of raisins and the tail of prunes. The different colors will help to make the window attractive.

"A motto, such as 'Merry Christmas,' or 'Compliments of the Season,' could be put into the background in letters made of cranberries.

"Along the front line of the window, separate piles of seasonable goods might be heaped. On each of these, there should be a card with a descriptive word or two and a price. The price is as important as the description word. It attracts attention and often makes a customer of a passer-by, who would otherwise have looked into the window and passed on after admiring it.

"Seasonable package goods should make up the background. Boxes of cluster raisins, with their lace paper, ribbons and pretty lithographs, always make good decorating material. Canned mince meat and canned plum pudding should have a prominent place. Nuts, peels, and dried fruits all belong to such a window, while jellies and preserves should be used in making pyramids or lining shelves, and price cards should not be overlooked here.

"A window dressed on the above lines would, I think, attract considerable attention. If the grocer knows his business, he should be able to sell something to many of

those who will stop to see what it is all about."

The man who trims the Window often finds it difficult to get up something new. WINDOW. Especially is this the case at Christmas time, as the same

line of goods must be shown from year to year. The idea is, how to arrange them so that they will attract more attention than they did last year.

A very artistic design can be arranged by building a suspension bridge across the back of the window. To make the bridge, take four empty boxes of uniform size, place them on end, one on top of the other at each end of the window, about one foot from the wall; around these build up packages of seeded raisins-these form the piers. On top of this place a plank the full length of the window; cover the edge of the plank by tacking on packages of mince meat. On top of the plank, over the piers, build the arched towers ; use two empty corn boxes with bottom and top removed, place the side toward the front of window. Also cover this with raisin packages. On top of the towers place four large bottles of extracts, one in each corner. Prunes strung on twine will answer for cable supports; place two on each side of each tower. Use cranberries strung on twine for the chain guard on the edge of the bridge, using small bottles of extracts for posts. Underneath the bridge place barrel staves standing towards the glass, cover this with light green tissue paper loosely put on; a little shredded cocoanut placed here and there will heighten the effect. A card tacked on a stick and placed in pieces of citron peel will answer for boats. The remainder of the window is built up by placing fruit, canned goods and bottles, carelessly piled up, to represent the side of a cliff at each end of the bridge. In order to make this display still more attractive a large doll might be offered to the little girl who comes nearest to guessing how many packets of raisins are used in making the bridge.

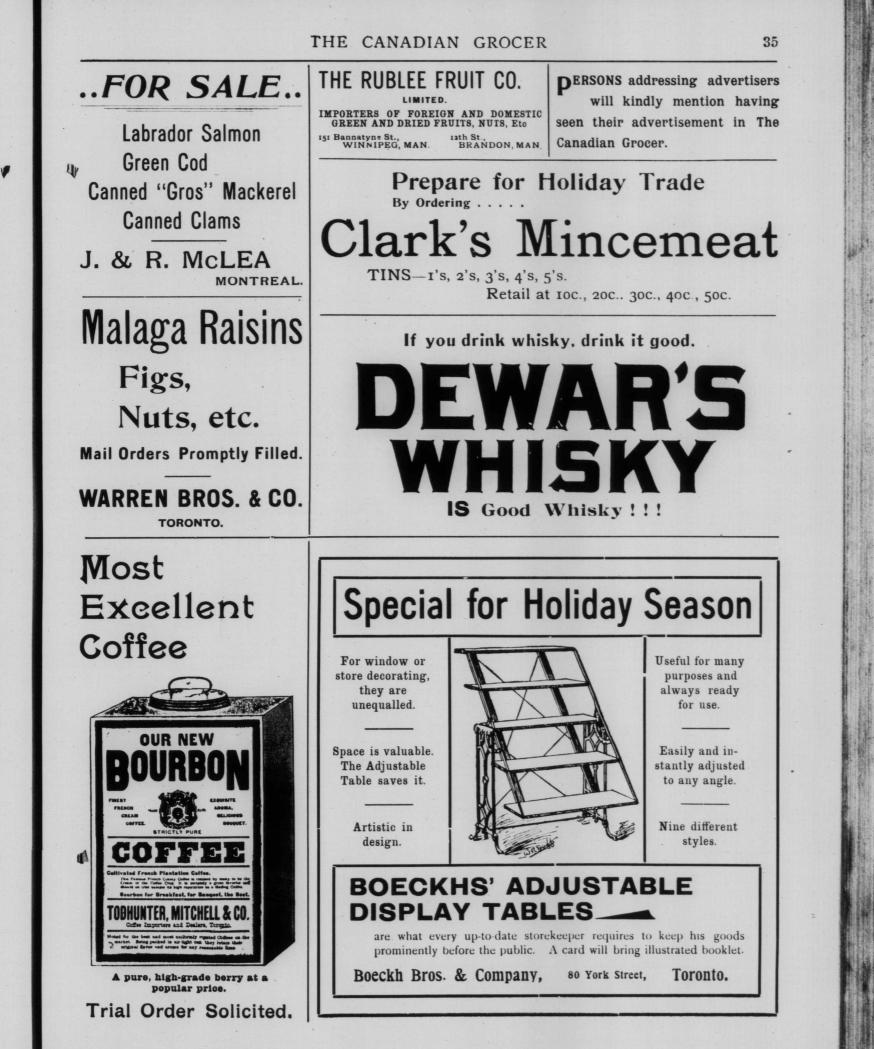
This is one of the ideas taken from a book on window dressing for grocers, sold by S. W. Carson, whose ad. appeared on page 34 of last issue.

First Lady—" What New Year's present are you going to give to your husband?"

Second Lady-"A hundred cigars."

First Lady—" And what did you pay for them ?"

Second Lady—"Oh, nothing ! For the last few months I have taken one or two out of Jack's box every day. He hasn't noticed it, and will be pleased with my selecting the right quality of cigars,"



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#### SIR W. C. MACDONALD.

CO sensitive is Sir William C. Macdonald about having his photograph appear in any public print, that even the publishers of the "Annual" of McGill University, the institution for which Sir William has done so much, have often in the past had considerable difficulty in obtaining a picture of him for their book. Nor is this desire to avoid unnecessary publicity any mere affectation on his part. Sir William is naturally a quiet and ex-

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Sir Wm, C. Macdonald

graph for the purpose of illustration is hinted at. He will not hear of such a thing. And so, the journal that wishes to give its readers his portrait has to resort to some surreptitious mode of obtaining one of the very rare photographs of this distinguished citizen of Montreal.

If system and method are elements in winning success, it is no wonder that Sir William has made a name as one of Canada's most successful business men. His private office is the tidiest and neatest I have ever been in. Verily, there is a place for everything and everything in its place.

The millionaire tobacco manufacturer is just now prominent through his princely gift of \$62,000 to establish an additional chair in geology at McGill, in memory of the late ex-principal, Sir William Dawson; but it is but yesterday that the people of the Dominion were made aware of his gift of sufficient money to establish and maintain, for three years, manual training classes in one city in each Province from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Prior to making these gifts in behalf of education, Sir William had already given \$1,650,000 to McGill University, in aid of the departments of mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, mining engineering, physics, chemistry, mineralogy, architecture, law and the professors' pension fund. Such munificence entitles him to rank as one of the great philanthropists of America; and, as The London Times has said, if the engineering and physics departments of McGill are the most perfectly equipped in the world, as is claimed, the fact is due to the generosity of a single individual, and that individual is Sir W. C. Macdonald.

Sir William is now 66 years old, and has been a resident of Montreal for 45 years. Like so many Canadians who have made a distinguished mark, he is a native of the Maritime Provinces, his birthplace being Tracadie, Prince Edward Island. He comes of Scotch Roman Catholic stock His father was the Hon. Donald Macdonald, some time president of the Legislative council of Prince Edward Island, and his paternal grandfather was Capt. John Macdonald, eighth chief of the Clan Macdonald, of Glenaladale, who, after founding several Scotch settlements in Prince Edward Island, served under the British during the American Revolutionary War as a captain in the 84th, or Royal Highland Emigrant Regiment.

Sir William, in speaking of the grant made by him for the establishment and maintenance of manual training classes, told me that there was a popular misapprehension that the object was to give technical education. The real aim was purely educational, however, and the classes would not be technical classes in any sense. They would be for the purpose of training the mind in conjunction with the hand. "As a rule, children don't like books," said he, "and these classes will help children who have this aversion. They will handle tools, learn to do things for themselves, and come into contact with reality. In the Old Country, it has been found that manual training classes do not hinder children in their book-training, but really stimulate them in it, as they afford a pleasant change, which is so gratifying to the mind that the children take to the work with avidity. The classes will be operated in connection with the public schools, and will be for boys from 9 to 14 years old.

Sir William was careful to give the chief credit for the founding of these classes to Professor Jas. W. Robertson, of Ottawa. "I found that Professor Robertson was anxious to establish such classes," said he, "and only required the means, and all I did was to put the latter at his disposal."

Thus, did this generous philanthropist make light of a gift, the amount of which he does not yet know, and will not know precisely until the close of the three years during which the classes are to be maintained J.A.T. at his expense.

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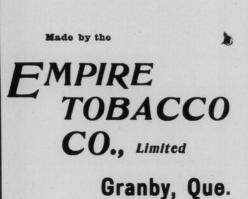
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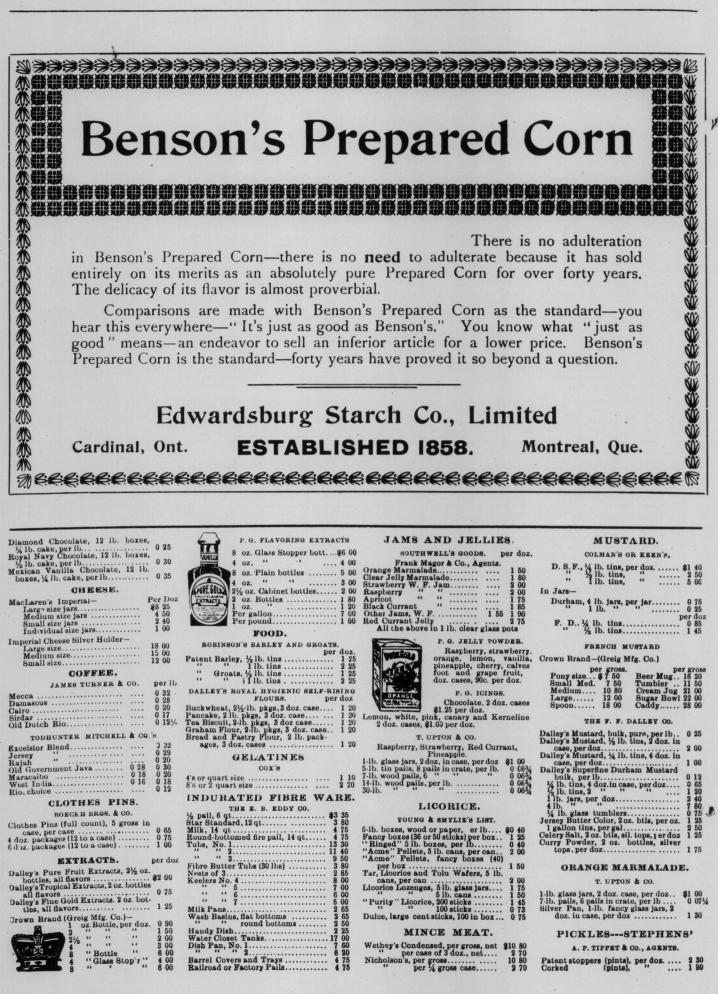
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