

Our Trade With Jamaica.

The present agitation in Jamaica for either the federation or the commercial union of that colony with the Dominion of Canada is worthy of serious consideration in that country. The Jamaica planters desire to find a free market in Canada for their sugar, lemons, oranges, bananas, coffee, ginger, spices, logwood, etc. etc., in return for which they would purchase from us oats, split peas, soda and fancy biscuits, tin and enamelled ware, boots and shoes, organs, furniture, agricultural implements, ropes and cordage, paints, lumber and other building material, metallic roofing, canned goods, live stock, butter, cheese, tallow, bacon, ham, flour and other food stuffs and manufactures. According to the report of the committee of the Royal Jamaica Society of Agriculture and Commerce and Merchant's Exchange:—"The natural conditions of the respective colonies are all in favor of mutual trade. Each country is the natural complement of the other in natural products, and it is high time that the feeling which has so long existed in favor of improved trade relations should bear good results. The principal drawback to the interchange of commodities is the lack of a rapid, up-to-date, frequent and direct steamboat service. The direct trade between the two countries has largely increased since the advent of the "Canada-Jamaica" line from St. John, N. B., but this new service, although decided improvement, is but a monthly one, carried on in far from up-to-date steamers, occupying from eight to ten days between St. John and Kingston, Jamaica.

The extension of trade in live stock and live stock products is of particular interest to me and in this connection I beg to submit a letter received from Mr. W. Simpson MacCormack of Kingston, Jamaica, dealing with the requirements of their markets in these lines.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Sept. 4th 1902.

Dear Sir,—Your esteemed favor of March 4th last was duly received, and I began to thank you for information contained therein. At this time butcher's sheep were too high, and the season too bad to import. I am now however, in communication with Messrs Gordon and Ironsides of Montreal, as to how to get down a carload, connected to Halifax, October boat.

I note your remarks regarding the high quality of Canadian bacon, butter and cheese and the desire of your department to establish a market in these islands for these products. You also expressed the hope of hearing from me "from time to time, telling what the outlook is for the building up of the trade between Canada and Jamaica."

I would state that considerable attention is now being directed to the superiority of Canadian products by importers here, but I regret to say that Canadian producers appear disinclined to bring themselves into line of our market conditions as to size packing and promptitude in filling orders and general existing conditions.

BUTTER—What is required is (1) choice creamery put up in one half, one and five pound tins, also in kegs of about 34 lbs., costing about 19-23 cts per pound f. o. b. Halifax, also good dairy butter put up in small ten pound tubs, and 24 lb. kegs costing from 15-18 cts per lb. f. o. b. Halifax.

CHEESE—Large sizes are not saleable but a lively demand exists for the best qualities, in strong boxes of four, weighing about ten pounds each, also singles put up separately in strong boxes weighing about 18 to 25 lbs. each.

BACON—Slips from 8 14 pounds, also sides from 40 48 pounds, and middles (cut from side) of from 18 24 of superior mild cured extra lean selections (pea fed) will always find ready sale, and there is also a fair demand for mild cured, rolled spiced breakfast bacon and slips from 2 ½ to 8 pounds boneless (firm).

HAMS—Mild cured extra lean (pea-fed) also smoked and pale dried, from 8 12 pounds. A market would also be found for picnics (shoulder hams) from 5 to 10 pounds and what are known as Bath Chops 3 to 4 pounds also have a demand.

Referring to the last two mentioned articles there should not be the least difficulty in building up a direct trade, for I know as a fact that quantities of the articles arrive here from Bristol and other English ports re-bagged and represented as of English manufacture, but which I have good reason for knowing owe their origin to the Canadian farmers. Probably the principal and most important shippers of these goods give their attention to the British market, being of course vastly more important, but if you could induce perhaps some of the smaller men to direct their attention to the details of the requirements of this market for the articles as referred to above, I am satisfied the consumption, demand, and the importation would be a revelation. I would mention that the Pickford and Elack steamer which sails from Halifax on the 15th of each month is accommodated with refrigerated cold chamber enabling printed butter and rolls to be shipped. I cannot too strongly impress upon you the importance of this market to your dairymen, and I am prepared to give every assistance to appreciably place their products, provided as previously men-

tioned they are prepared to meet the market on local conditions.

HORSES—You referred to these in your letter. There is however no demand for heavy stock, what is required is lightly built carriage horses of not less than 15.2. I shall be glad to hear from you on this subject, and also on the general subjects of this letter. Products and manufactures must always be quoted f. o. b. I think there should be hardly any difficulty in your finding some responsible producers to take up the matter. Again thanking you for your previous communications and hoping that this may lead to some practical results, I am,

Yours truly,

(Signed) W. SIMPSON MACCORMACK.

A few planters interested in the improvement of live stock on the islands of Jamaica, St. Kitts and Trinidad, have imported pure-bred horses, cattle, sheep, swine and poultry, in limited numbers from Nova Scotia, but as these animals require to be acclimatized after their arrival in the Indies, many of them are lost. On this account buyers do not care to pay very high prices, but they find that the imported animals which survive acclimatization effect a great improvement in their herds and flocks, and they declare that they will persevere until the standard of quality is greatly elevated. Since 1897 some four or five horses, Clydesdales, twenty-five cattle, Shorthorns, Herefords and Ayrshires, one hundred sheep, Shropshires and Southdowns, and about one half dozen pigs, Berkshires and Tamworths, have been sent to the West Indies by the Nova Scotia government. These were all pure bred stock but a considerable amount of ordinary stock has been shipped. For the first eleven months of 1901, according to the reports of the steamboat agents, there were ninety-five horses, thirty cattle, twelve hundred sheep, nine swine, and one hundred and twenty-five coops of poultry shipped from Halifax to the West Indies. There is now fairly good steamboat accommodation from Halifax boats running twice a month regularly, and although this trade is yet only in its infancy, it would seem to be capable of considerable development. According to the newspapers, a fast line of steamers between Canada and Jamaica is likely to be subsidized in the near future, which would no doubt greatly increase trade between the two colonies.

F. W. HODSON, Live Stock Commissioner.

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A special article in the Deutsche Zeitung of Vienna, which is noted for its devotion to German interests, contains some remarkably interesting statements concerning the widespread discontent with the existing state of affairs which prevails in Germany. The writer says that the Emperor is of an impulsive nature, and does not invariably see things at first in their true light. It is questionable, therefore, whether every imperial utterance ought to be regarded as an act of state. No doubt the Emperor would like to express his views occasionally in a private capacity, but, this, now, he cannot do. It would be a good thing if there were some way of knowing what are the private opinions of the Emperor, and what the opinions for which his Ministers are really responsible. The writer then proceeds to point out "that, when the Emperor is repeatedly convicted of making mistakes, it does not contribute to promote his prestige. It only too easily leads to mistrust of his methods of government. But an open and honest war against the erroneous views of the Sovereign would be preferable to the present custom in Germany of 'arbitrarily' interpreting his utterances and with 'veiled' insinuations attacking the Emperor under cover of the Chancellor." Next he suggests a remedy which is simply the display of a little backbone by the ministers. "It is well known that the Emperor is an energetic man, but it is not true that he cannot tolerate contradiction. Contradiction, however, must be well founded. If every minister declared that he could only be responsible for such utterances of the Emperor as he had previously agreed to, and if each of them, invoking the German and Prussian Constitutions, placed his portfolio at the disposal of the Sovereign as soon as he was called upon to take the responsi-

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bility for a statement of which he had no previous knowledge, everything would soon be in the best of order." On the whole, perhaps, it is well for the author that he is in Vienna.

The Paris letter in the Philadelphia "Post" tells of two blessings of Western civilization it is the ambition of an educated Japanese girl to take home to her land. It was at one of M. Delcasse's receptions in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. She came with the Japanese Ambassador's party, and she was winsome as a flower, this delicate Japanese girl—oh, an amber girl!—dressed in the silken splendor of her race. Therefore was it almost uncanny to hear her talk with a Down East accent. When you gasped she said, "Why, I'm a Wellesley girl, you know." "And you are going home?" "Yes, back to Japan." The small face grew very serious. "I want to teach my people two things when I get back," she said—"ice cream and the Gospel."

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EMERY.—At Chattahoochee, Florida, Sept. 1st, suddenly of clogged blood vessel or clot of blood on the brain, Byron, aged 30 years, third son of J. G. and S. E. Emery, of Woodstock.

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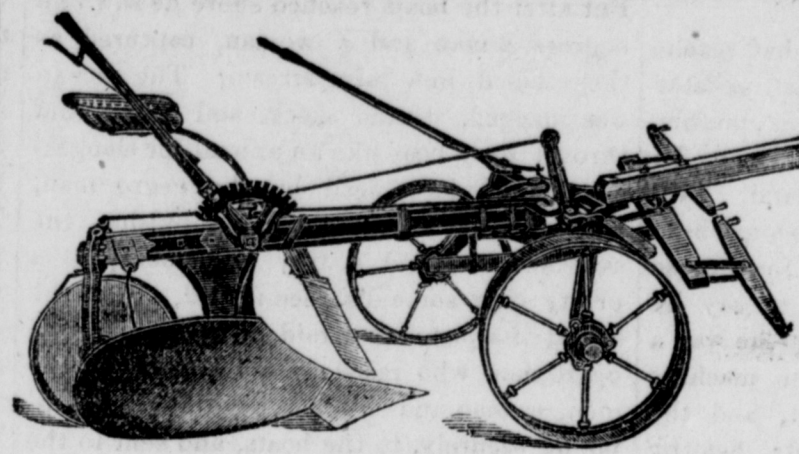
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