

CANADIAN FLOUR IN JAPAN.

An Ottawa Baker at the Osaka International Exhibition.

Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. No Kingdom on the face of the earth, in either ancient or modern times, has forged ahead more rapidly than Japan, not only in civilization in its commonly accepted sense, but industriously in its fullest commercial meaning. A quarter of a century ago Japan was practically known as a large and many small islands off the northeastern coast of China, where people employed their time in growing tea, inlaying trays, and deftly embroidering silken garments with golden threads. To-day Japan is an empire worthy of the name, comprising an area of 162,655 square miles, with a population of 44,000,000 people. While not more than

One-sixth of its area is cultivable, the soil is very productive where it can be utilized at all, and there it teems with every variety of agricultural produce. Tobacco, tea, cottons, rice and wheat are all grown in its fertile kingdom in rich, beautiful and varied but not plentiful abundance, but for the most part of poor quality. Japan has 2,672 miles of privately owned railways and 768 miles of Government lines, on which last year a net profit in the aggregate was made of \$3,734,885.

Japan possesses an army of 300,000 men, and her war with China cost about \$225,000,000, of which \$80,000,000 was repaid by indemnity. She has a well equipped navy, manned by 19,000 men, and her mercantile marine is worthy of her progress.

Exports and Imports. During the last fiscal year, Japan exported to the United Kingdom, copper, curio, drugs, jute, silk (raw and manufactured), and raw cotton to the value of \$1,494,764, while during the same period her imports from the old country in all kinds of arms, carriages, cotton, yarn, cotton goods, machinery, metals, ships and ship machinery, and woollens, reached the value of \$8,619,101.

During the same period Canada exported to Japan only \$188,653 worth of goods, while she imported therefrom materials to the value of \$1,629,963. But this is in process of change. Four years ago the Hon. Mr. Nossie, now Counsel-General for Japan, in British North America, with headquarters at Montreal, was despatched to Canada by his Government for the purpose of advocating the Federal Government's disallowance of certain legislation passed by the Province of British Columbia, prohibiting the admission of Japanese into Canada. Mr. Nossie's successful intervention was followed by the natural desire on the part of his Government to cultivate international trade.

Relations Between Canada and Japan and the latest outcome of his diplomatic mission has been the decision of Hon. Sydney Fisher, the Dominion Minister of Agriculture, to co-operate in furthering the success of an international exhibition to be held in 1903 in the kingdom of the Mikado, by the furnishing of a section illustrative of a most everything grown or produced in Canada. Mr. William Hutcheon, exhibition commissioner of the Canadian Government, will be in charge, and one of the main features of the Canadian exhibit will be the making on the spot of bread from Canadian flour, by Mr. Jameson, an Ottawa

expert baker, who is calculated to prove an expert demonstrator.

Canadian Flour of the sort that will be exhibited contains by actual analysis about one-tenth more of albumenoids than the best quality of Hungarian flour; and the albumenoids or gluten being more tenacious yield a dough which rises better and hold its position in the baked loaf. When this is seen the demonstration in Japan will be followed as elsewhere by a demand for Canadian flour in that country far in excess of the paucity of \$4,10 worth exported last year.

From Canadian flour bakers can make not only the best quality of bread, but likewise the largest quantity per barrel. Three independent tests made by first class bakers with strong Canadian flour have given the following results: Each using 100 pounds of flour, they obtained respectively 146, 152 and 151 pounds of bread.

Adaptation of Canadian flour by Indian corn flour or any cheaper inferior substance is entirely unknown, and for sweetness, whiteness and strength this flour is unsurpassed. In the matter of the exports of wheat, flour, cheese, butter, apples, lumber of all kinds, fish and fish products, carriages, raw and manufactured cottons and woollens, Canada is Japan's natural next door neighbor, controlling the whole "red line" route from east to west, and from the momentary to the furthest confines of the Pacific.

Less Than Three Weeks will transfer cargo from the Atlantic to Yokohama wharf and the Canadian Government system of cold storage, both on the railway cars and on the steamships renders the transportation of such perishable articles as butter, cheese, fruits and meats as safe and as easy as the carrying of the roughest imperishable lumber.

Whatever Japan requires in the way of imports, Canada is prepared to supply on the most mutually advantageous terms, and when Canada comes to the assistance of Japan with a brotherly readiness as has been the case, the least that Japan can do is to reciprocate by bestowing her commercial patronage where she has not sought in vain for fraternal knowledge. She knocked at the door of this Dominion, and it was instantly opened wide for her reception, and that of the very best quality, and Japan will now have an opportunity of practically manifesting her appreciation of our generosity by placing her orders where she did not hesitate to place her application for favors.

The Site of the Exhibition. Osaka, the site of the proposed exhibition, is an active manufacturing city, its principal exports being tea and silk, and it is the chief commercial centre of Japan, containing a population of 476,271. It is what is commonly termed a "show" city, its principal sights comprising the temples, the Mt. Fuji temple and pagoda, the mint, the arsenal, the Hongwanji temple, the Haku Batsu or commercial bazaar, the theatres, and a multiplicity of curio shops. The Haku Butsu will be open at night, and condensing all the shops and factories of the town in that one place, the Canadian and other visitors may equal the delight of the natives and it is the joy of every visitor to follow its tortuous mazes without a thought of fatigue. Osaka is most delightfully located and has not inaptly been termed "the Venice of Japan," for it possesses no fewer than 300 bridges. Formerly Osaka was a military capital of Japan, and within its castle walls much of its history has been made, for therein were played the final acts of the Shogunates, and with the surrender of 1868 the Restoration began. W. H. Coard.

DARING FEATS OF SOME WORKMEN.

They had been watching a man ascend to the tenth story of the framework of a new bank building by the simple expedient of standing on a large beam and hoisting on to the hoisting rope. "It's against the rules," explained the contractor, "but they will do it. You can't stop 'em. It is just as quick for a fellow to go up by the ladders as to risk his life in that way, and mighty little more trouble, but familiarity with danger breeds contempt of it. That's why there are very few big buildings put up in this town without at least one man being killed in each. "Only the special providence which watches over the reckless as well as over babies and drunkards prevents a whole lot more deaths among these house-smiths. The insurance companies hate to take them as risks at any price, and I don't blame them. There's a hairbreadth escape a day, at least, on one of these tall buildings. "Some of the things I've seen myself I'd hardly have believed if any one had told me about them. I'll tell you just one and I thought I don't expect you to credit it, my reputation and liked him as a good foreman. When he went over the edge of the framework I was horror struck. "It was a minute or two before I recovered my self possession. Then I hurried down expecting to find his mangled body in the street. "As I went down the ladder I met him coming up, bruised but unhurt, and as he was thinking of how he could best tell the men who let the beam slip what a narrow escape he had had from death as I can conceive of a man's undergoing, he went right back to work and bossed the gang for the afternoon, after fixing the man who he

believed was responsible for the accident. "Some folks were surprised to read of the bridegroom and house-smiter, who only thought of being paid for their services when they went back with the firemen up the tower of the East River Bridge and fought the fire, standing on the burning bridge while they hacked away the timbers. I wasn't, I know the kind they are, and for sheer reckless daring they're hard to beat."

CROSSED FINGERS

When I crossed the first and second fingers on each hand and then hung my hands down by the side of my chair so that Cynthia could not see them. This little formally attended to, I looked at Cynthia with a bright smile that was much forced and said: "I am glad, Cynthia, that you are so fond of Phil Mainwaring." "Oh, are you?" asked Cynthia in surprise. "Why, I thought you didn't approve of him." "Didn't approve of him?" I said, in simulated surprise. "How in the world did such an idea as that enter your head?" "I don't know," responded Cynthia, doubtfully. "Perhaps it was because you took such pains to cut him dead at the hop the other evening and because you once said that you wouldn't marry him, did not put him in the reform school?" "Oh, well," I answered, "that was all in the past." I made sure that my fingers were in the proper position, and then said: "I regard Phil as a splendid young man of great promise. A man who is essentially and in everything manly. You should be proud of his friendship. I don't wonder that every girl he happens to meet fairly throws herself at his head. I am not surprised that you are no exception to the rule, and I congratulate you on your good taste." "Oh, I had finished this speech I leaned back in my chair and mentally patted myself on the back. I regarded Phil Mainwaring as effectively settled. I expected Cynthia to pout. But she did not. Instead, she rushed over and caught my hand and pumped it enthusiastically. "You are just as good as you can be," she said. "I like to meet a man who is not jealous of other men. I wish I could tell Phil all about it. You know I am going with him to

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the party to-morrow night at the hotel. "But I thought you were going with me," I put in wrathfully. "Oh, no, Phil asked me first. You said something about going to the theatre Thursday night, but there was nothing definite, and so when Phil asked me I said yes to that. "But you've known him only a short time, and— "But if he is all the things you said," put in Cynthia, "I don't see what difference it makes, and you are my best and dearest friend, and of course your estimate of any one is equal to a year of acquaintance. "He's a rank snob!" I snapped, angrily, "and the last man— " "Why," said Cynthia, opening her eyes widely, "and you called me a snob?" "I know what I said," I responded. "But I had my fingers crossed at the time. I know that if you warn a woman against a man she instantly takes his part, while if you gush over him and tell her how good the woman throw themselves at him and that she is just like the rest she'll tire of him quickly. "And you think I am just like other girls?" "Well, yes," I said, lamely. "Then why did you undo your work and say Phil was a snob and that you had your fingers crossed when you said he was nice and was?" "Because," I answered, "because in spite of what I said you didn't turn from him, but commenced to tell me all the places he was going to take you."

"Then you will admit that I am not like other girls?" said Cynthia. "I'll have to," I said. "Anything to keep you from going around with Phil Mainwaring?" "But I don't like the least idea of going with him," said Cynthia. "And you said— " Cynthia looked down at the pattern of the rug. "I had my fingers crossed, too," she answered, shyly.—Chicago Tribune.

The Amanuensis Job. A London typewriter and stenographer tells a number of queer stories about the eccentricities of stationery clerks. One of the men who do not know how to put their thoughts into good English. One day this writer had read back some notes to a certain employer. "Yes, but I also said so and so," said the dictator, rolling off a long passage of notes. There was no trace of it in the notes. "If you said it," said the dictator, "I did not hear it." She said this for politeness, being positive in her own mind that it had not been said. It is easy to miss out a word or a phrase, but scarcely a whole paragraph. "Very well," roared the dictator, "next time you don't hear, make a note of it."

Useless Teeth. Pearson's Magazine. "Johnnie" Mack was a bit of a character in a country village in the north of Scotland. He lived on the charity of the villagers, but sometimes found it particularly hard work to do so. One day, when the springs of sympathy seemed to have dried up, "Johnnie" made his way to the house of the local doctor and said: "I've come to get a my teeth taken out, doctor." "Dear me," said the medical man. "What's wrong with them?" "Oh, they're all right, but I've no use for them; I've nothing to eat." "Yes," said the doctor, who saw the joke; "here's sixpence for you to get a loaf."

A Surprise for George. Detroit Free Press. "I hear that George is to be married next week to that black-eyed girl he became engaged to at the seaside," said Camo. "I thought that was one of those temporary summer engagements," said Cawker. "George thought so, too."

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Minard's Liniment Relieves Neuralgia. Montreal Herald.

Do Not Like the Egyptian Cotton. A report from Texas states that experiments for the eradication of the Mexican cotton boll worm have demonstrated that this disastrous insect will not touch Egyptian cotton. The department has been experimenting with Egyptian cotton for several years, with marked success. If this last report proves to be true, it will undoubtedly result in the planting of Egyptian cotton in Texas in the future, for up to the present time no satisfactory method has been discovered of preventing the destruction of ordinary cotton by this pest.

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UNJUSTIFIABLE MEANNESS.

Chicago News. "The old gentleman played a mighty mean trick on me," remarked the young hopeful. "What was it?" "Well, you know I've always carried an old watch that no pawnbroker would even look at, and father promised me a new one for my birthday." "Well?" "Well, he gave it to me, but he had my name engraved on the case."

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Similar. Judge. "Bellingham's religion is like his property," said Trivet to Deer. "How's that?" "It's all in his wife's name."

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