TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Nov. 29th, 1900.

DRUGS, CHEMICALS, ETC.—Prices in these lines, so far as local and Canadian markets are concerned, have remained practically unchanged for some weeks past. Business continues very fair on this basis. In both Great Britain and the United States there appears to be a firmer tendency in several descriptions of drugs, and opium has made quite an appreciable advance in the American market. Large sales have been recently made in New York of Java quinine.

DRY GOODS.—Conditions in the local dry goods trade remain highly satisfactory, the cooler weather, which began a couple of weeks ago, having given a fillip to such seasonable goods as heavy hosiery, underwear, etc., which has lasted till now. The prospects across the line 45°, are also good, more particularly in the South, so we presume there is no reason to anticipate any extensive unloading of goods on us for the purpose of relieving the American market. Prices there show the same general firmness as here.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Flour prices are lower all round, and very litttle business has been done for several days. Cable reports from across the Atlantic show that not more than $2.55 would be netted to the mill for 90 per cent. patents, sent there in buyers' covers. The millers have been offering freely at $2.60, but few offers have been taken up. New Manitobas also show a falling tendency. For feed, the demand is rather slack.

GRAIN.—No particular feature has come up for comment since last report. Wheat is dull, with somewhat weaker quotations. Barley remains steady, with a good demand for export. Oats are firm at 1c. higher. Peas also are higher by 1c. Rye, corn, and buckwheat are dull and remain unchanged. Very little is being done in this market, except with oats and peas, for which the export demand is very fair. Receipts from farmers are still light owing to bad weather. We remark that in Chicago, the price reached for corn, a day or two ago, was the highest it has been for six years, namely, 50c., though it did not long remain at this figure. Other grain in the American market remains about steady.

GROCERIES.—The commencement of the Christmas trade is in full evidence. A large number of orders are going out for peels, Malaga raisins, etc., also for new nuts, which have arrived recently. Grenoble walnuts are very fine in quality this year, and the prices for the same are remarkable; in being cheaper than almonds. The latter are scarce and firm at 15c. to 16c. Valencia raisins are selling freely, preference being given to best grades of selected, which are quoted at 9 to 9¼c. New currants are coming to hand, and prove to be better in quality than was anticipated. New shelled almonds and walnuts are very firm at 40c. and 27c., respectively. Since the decline of 10c. per 100 lbs., on the 23rd inst., sugars have been moving quite freely.

GREEN FRUIT.—With the exception of apples, domestic fruits are now practically out of the market. A beginning in the Christmas trade is expected to take place next week. Oranges are coming forward in fair quantities, chiefly from Jamaica and Mexico, with a few from Florida. Jamaicas are quoted at $3.50 per box; Mexican at $3; lemons, Malaga, and Messina, are bringing $3, while some from Verdelli are selling this week at $1.75. Bananas are quoted at $1.25 to $1.75 for fancy fruit; Almeria grapes at $6 to $7 per keg. Winter apples continue at $2 to $2.25 per barrel. Cran-