

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Aug. 8th, 1901.

Drugs, Chemicals, Etc.—Business for this time of the year continues unusually active. There is no special feature to note, prices remaining steady. From Manchester, Eng., comes word that for most lines of chemicals there is but a limited enquiry, the consumptive demand being small. The heavy alkalis continue dull. Chlorates of soda and potash are somewhat easier. Exports of bleaching materials and soda salts show a further decline. On the New York market, orders are reported to be light, but a feeling of confidence prevails. With the exception of quinine and opium prices keep steady.

Dry Goods.—No new feature has developed since last report. Travellers report good enquiry for nearly all lines of dress materials and dry goods, and a heavy fall trade is anticipated. Light summer goods and thin underwear still show a good demand.

Flour and Meal.—No change has taken place in the flour market since last report. Ninety per cent. patents are fairly steady at \$2.55 in buyers' covers, middle freights. Mill-feed is firm and oatmeal steady.

Grain.—The wheat market is quiet, but quotations remain unchanged. Manitoba is a little firmer the last day or two. Corn is up about 1c. There is no chance of much business being done before the moving of the new crop.

Green Fruit.—Receipts of fruit in the local market have been large, but the demand is equally good. Raspberries are a little lower. Considerable quantities of peaches are beginning to come in. Tomatoes are weaker. We quote prices as follows: New lemons, \$5 to \$5.50 per box; late Valencia oranges, \$6 per box; California Crawford peaches, \$1.40 to \$1.50; pears, \$3 to \$3.25; plums, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Texas Alberta peaches, \$1.40 to \$1.50; apples, 35c. to 40c. per basket.

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