

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, December 28th, 1893.

DRUGS.—During this last week trade has been distinctly quiet. Few changes in value are reported. Quinine is maintained at recent advances. Flax seed shows stronger tendencies. Camphor is likely to be easier. In New York menthol is advancing.

DRY GOODS.—The actual trade doing this week is confined within very narrow compass. The movement of winter goods is well over, and that of spring goods has hardly commenced. However, although most travellers are now, to a large extent, at home, by next Tuesday most houses will have their representatives on the road. In summing up the year's total trade it is generally held to be under that of last year. The first six months of 1893 found a fairly good movement; but in August trade had largely fallen off. This continued through October, and the trade of that month was exceedingly disappointing. Things picked up a little in November, but a relapse to quietness took place in December and is still being continued.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Trade in flour is still confined within very narrow limits; quotations remain unaltered. For oatmeal, however, there is good enquiry, and as is usual at this time of the year the movement is a large one; values are well maintained. "Gold Dust" is worth \$2.80 to \$3.00 per barrel in car lots, and in broken lots is selling at \$3.25 to \$3.50. There is good local demand for bran and shorts, and values, if anything, have upward tendencies.

GRAIN.—The wheat market is steady and unchanged. There is a fairly good milling demand, while some red winter has been taken for export. But there is no animation about

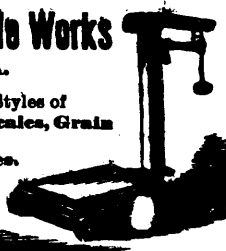
wheat. The situation in barley shows no change; a good demand exists for local malting purposes. Oats are firm and 40c. per bush, higher; both the local and export demand are good, while Ontario receipts are fairly liberal; the position is strengthened by the light crop in Manitoba and the North-West Territories, and unlike last year, no surplus can be expected from these districts. Peas are firm and offerings are freely taken for export trade. Rye is in good request, and the local demand is fully up to the supply. Buckwheat is firm and wanted in American markets.

GROCERIES.—Holiday goods find less movement this week, and interest is again centering in the staple articles. An advance of 2s. per cwt. in the prices of raisins has been reported here from Denia. Sugars and syrups have undergone no change during the week; stocks of pale syrups are reported scarce. There is some fancy imported Patna rice being shown on the market. Some nice Pekoes, Indian and Ceylon, Pekoes and Pekoes Souchongs are offering at 19 to 25c. A wholesale firm here has just received a line of standard

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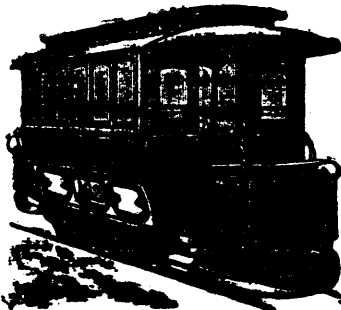
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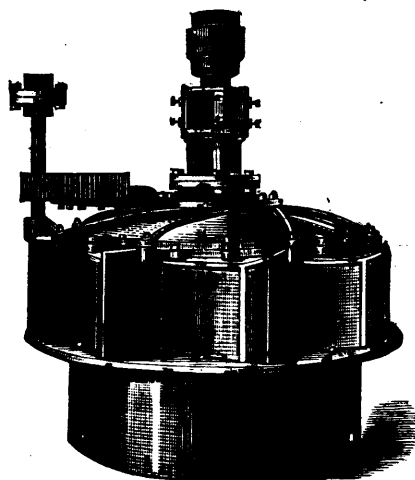
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