

to \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to \$2; Paris green, 14c. in bulk, and 15c. in 1-lb. packages; window glass, \$1.90 to \$2 per 50 feet for first break; \$2 to \$2.10 for second break.

### TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, April 16th, 1903.

**Cement.**—Prices of cement are very firm, supplies in the Canadian market being unable to meet the demand and there being now no surplus stock in the United States to draw upon. There is talk of an understanding being arrived at between various manufacturers for the purpose of rendering prices stable and furthering the interests of the industry.

**Dry Goods.**—A steady, active business is being done in practically all branches of the dry goods trade. Travelers are sending in fair-sized orders and report good prospects for the spring trade, though perhaps had the warm weather of last month continued, this would have been still more noticeable. Raw cotton retains its strength, and there is little reason to believe that it will drop, the result being that all goods into which that article enters in the manufacture are likely to continue in their present state of firmness for some time to come. Dress goods of domestic manufacture seem to be becoming more and more popular.

**Fruits.**—The Easter demand for oranges, etc., was good, and they sold at good prices. Considerable talk is going on in local fruit circles respecting the

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reported formation of a combination among Californian citrus producers with agents in every big city on the continent. The fact that prices may perhaps be advanced does not meet with so much objection as the fact that one of the rules under the new arrangement will be that fruit cannot be returned for poor keeping qualities, though a certain rebate will be offered in case the deterioration goes beyond a certain percentage. We quote prices as follows: Oranges, California navels, as to quality, \$3.75 to \$4; Mexican, \$2.50; Valencia, \$4.50 to \$6; lemons, Palermo, \$2.50 to \$2.70; California, \$3; Florida tomatoes, fancy, \$3 per crate; bananas, \$1.75 to \$2.50; Almeria grapes, \$5.50 to \$7.50; onions, Canadian, 50c. per bag; Spanish, 85c.

**Groceries.**—Sugars, granulated and yellows, have gone up 10c. all round in sympathy with higher prices and strong feeling in New York. General business has been fair during the last week. Dried fruits have received the usual Easter demand. The currant market has received a strengthening touch from the report that the Grecian Government intends to extend the retention law, so that any percentage of the crop may be retained for spirit making if deemed necessary. Before the maximum "retention" quantity was 20 per cent., but this is deemed insufficient. Teas are still strong in price, though no very great amount of business is passing.

**Live Stock.**—A very firm feeling prevailed at the cattle market this week, which, seeing that it was just after Easter, was scarcely looked for. There was a heavy run of most sorts of cattle, but they were all disposed of in short order. Choice export cattle were wanted and sold at a slight advance. Butchers' cattle, too, sold readily, though the heavy offerings militated against any increase in values. Feeders and stockers were on the quiet side. All the milch cows offered were sold without trouble. Not many sheep or lambs were on view, but trade in such was very dull.

**Hides and Skins.**—Not much business is passing in hides, though offerings are up to the average. Chicago prices are firm, and local values keep up in sympathy. Leather prices are quite steady, and prospects for a good spring trade are bright.

**Provisions.**—A fairly steady demand for eggs prevails at 12c. Choice butter, either creamery or dairy, is on the scarce side and prices lean upwards. Cheese continues strong in price, though no very large trade is passing. For poultry the demand is good for good, fresh-killed stock, but small is not coming in in large quantities. With the opening of navigation there has come an improved demand for hog products. Lard is particularly firm just now.

**Wool.**—As is to be expected at this period of the year, the business passing in fleece is very limited. Pulled wools, however, make a better showing, the mills being busy on orders and needing material.

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