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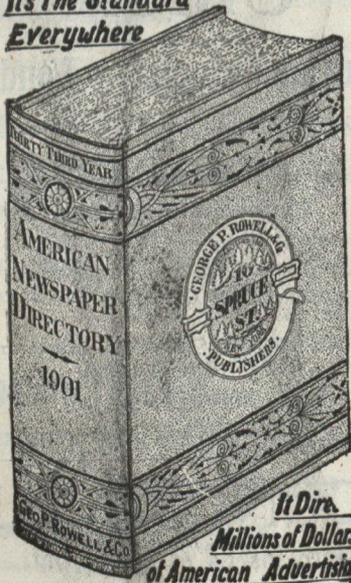
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**TORONTO MARKETS.**

Toronto, May 28th, 1903.

Chemicals, Drugs, Etc.—No new feature has developed in the local drug trade. Prices remain fairly firm. Opium and quinine are both somewhat on the dull side. Castor oil has dropped ¼c. in New York. Menthol is a little stronger. The chemical market in Liverpool, England, is steady, according to latest reports, and prices remain unchanged, except for copper sulphate, which is cheaper. Cream of tartar and sulphate of ammonia are a little higher.

Dry Goods.—A satisfactory state of things prevails in the dry goods trade. The warm weather of the last few days has stimulated the demand for all sorts of light dress goods, outing shirts and blouses, and indeed all lines of summer goods. Travellers report that merchants in the country show a keen interest in matters connected with the fashions in vogue, and they are doing a good sorting trade. Prices all stand very firm.

Flour and Grain.—In grain, prices have made no change since last week, and little or no business is being done. Only a few cars of wheat are selling for milling purposes, and there is no export demand. Farmers are bringing in hardly any loads yet. Flour remains very much as reported last week, with 90 per cent. patents ranging around \$2.67½, middle freights, in buyers' bags. In bran and shorts, no change has been made. Oatmeal is steady.

Fruit.—Extra activity is the order of the day with the wholesale fruit merchants. Lemons have been in very brisk demand, stimulated no doubt by the summer weather. Prices as a consequence have been quite steady. Prices range about as follows: California navels, \$3 to \$4.25 per case; Sorrentos, \$3.50 to \$4; Messinas, \$2.50; California med. sweet, \$3.50 to \$3.75; lemons, Messina, \$2.50 to \$3.25; pineapples, Havana, \$3 per case; bananas, jumbo, \$2 to \$2.50; Jamaica, \$2 to \$2.25; cocoa-nuts, \$3.35 to \$3.50.

Groceries.—Sugars remain as quoted, with the advance of last weeks. They are in a little better demand however. Molasses continues quite high. In dried fruits but little is being done. Canned vegetables and fruits are steady, without special features being noticeable. Teas are firm, especially China Congous, and some Japans.

Hides and Skins.—For hides a steady market prevails. A better grade of sheepskin is now beginning to come into the market, and prices rule better accordingly. Calfskins are steady. Tallow is a little easier.

Live Stock.—There was a comparatively light run of offerings at the market this week, and prices ruled firmer accordingly for both export and butchers' cattle, though no actual changes occurred. In Chicago, however, an advance of 20c. per cwt. took place early this week. For thoroughly good butchers' cattle, \$4.60 would be given and possibly a few cents

more. Trade in stockers and feeders was a little quiet. For good-grade milch cows the demand would be very good. Sheep and lambs at last market showed an upward tendency.

Provisions.—Offerings of creamery are moderately plentiful, but dairy rolls have fallen off owing to the hot weather. Prices for both dairy and creamery, provided they are good stock, are fairly steady. The moderately good demand for cheese continues. The consumption of eggs has fallen off, as is usual with the advent of hot weather. New-laid are quoted at 12½c. Trade in hops is dull just now, and the price keeps up pretty well in accordance with reports from the Pacific coast. There is a good demand for all kinds of hog products.

Wool.—Very little new clip is coming forward, but conditions are favorable for an augmentation in the supply shortly. Fair quantities of unwashed are coming in. In fleece no change in the situation is to be noted. Pulled wools are steady.

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