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SOLD BY ALL LEADING WHOLESALE HOUSES.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, April 27th, 1905. Drugs, Chemicals, Etc.—While no very striking feature presents itself for notice in the drug trade, local business circles may be said to be experiencing seasonably good conditions. Quinine still hangs fire, notwithstanding the recent decine in price. Opium is in large supply, though in primary markets considerable damage to crops is reported. Carbolic acid and Jamaica ginger have advanced slightly, while vanilla and nutmeg are easier. Codliver oil is also easier. Bromides are in fuller supply. Camphor is a lit.le lower to meet the Japanese competition.

Flour and Grain.—Dullness preva'ls in the flour trade. Ninety per cent. patents are selling around \$4.35 to \$4.40. Manitoba is steady. The prices of bran and shorts are still very stiff. Wheat has made quite a slump since last report, owing to the sudden fall in May options in Chicago. Two to three cents is the drop in the local market on all grades. Other grains continue practically the same. Oatmeal is not quite so firm as it was.

Groceries.—Business is more active with the opening of navigation, and its volume is fully up to average for this time of the year. Payments are better than they were from the country districts. There is no further change in sugars, and there is some cessation of interest in it. Rice, tapioca, and spices are in normal request. Canned goods continue in very great strength. Coffees are quite firm.

Hardware.—In no line of trade has the opening of navigation exercised a more invigorating influence than in the hardware, both shelf and metal branches. Wholesalers report a highly satisfactory influx of orders, and they are sufficiently rushed in making shipments. Builders' and plumbers' supplies are in particularly good demand, and the season promises very well. Iron is beginning to make good movement, and it, as well as other metals, are held at steady prices.

Hides, Skins and Leather.—Sheepskins are now quoted at \$1.25, and this is about the only change in market conditions since last report. Hides are steady in price, but there is no feature of particular note. The leather trade is rather unsettled as to prices. In volume it has been fairly good, but scarcely up to expectations.

Provisions.—Butter is coming in more freely, but there is not much change in quotations. Cheese is firm at 12 to 12¹/4c. Potatoes are easier with more abundant receipts. The demand for eggs is slackening somewhat, but the receipts are fully as or more abundant. In sympathy with advancing prices for live hogs, smoked meats and such products are firmer in value.

Live Stock.—While butchers' cattle were in good demand at this week's market, exporters were less keenly wanted, and prices for the latter were a little easier. For butchers', in some cases they ranged a few cents higher. Stockers and feeders were quiet. Calves are coming in in large quantities, and their quality, as a rule, is



not super-excellent. Values are dwindling therefore. Sheep and lambs sell less freely.

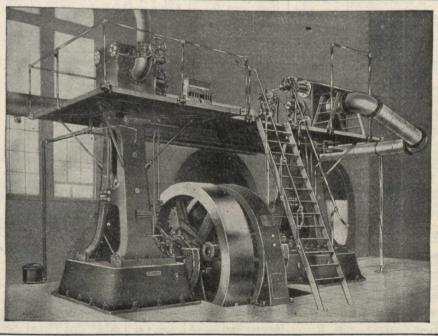
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MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, 25th April, 1905.

Ashes.—Offerings from makers continue to be very light, and as there is now some enquiry for export, values are firm. We quote \$5.50 for good tares of No. 1 potash; seconds, \$4.95 to \$5; pearls, about \$7.25 to \$7.50, though there has been really no late business in the lastnamed line to establish definite figures.





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