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TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Jan. 30th, 1902.

Chemicals, Drugs, Etc.—The drug trade is in a normally active state for this time of the year. Quinine and opium both remain steady. Shellac is firm, but no further advance in price has been made. Across the line a good business is being done, but reports from Great Britain speak of great slackness in chemicals, especially in the export demand.

Flour and Meal.—Flour is again on the dull side. Holders ask \$2.90 for ninety per cent. patents, but buyers seem unwilling to give more than \$2.85 at the most. Bran and shorts are very firm, and oatmeal is steady. Cornmeal is unchanged.

Grain.—Wheat is very dull, at unchanged figures. Barley is the same. Oats have gone 1c. lower. Peas are 2 to 3c. lower. Corn, rye and buckwheat remain nominally unchanged. There are little or no receipts from the country.

Fruit.—Trade is about the same as usual, without any very special feature. We quote prices as follows: Oranges, extra fancy, California navels, \$3.50 per box; Florida, \$3; Valencia, \$3.50 to \$4.75 per case; Jamaica, \$2.50 per box; lemons, new Messina, \$2.75 to \$3 per box; Malaga, \$3; grapes, Almeria, \$5.50 to \$6.50 per keg; apples, \$3.50 to \$4.50 per barrel, bananas, fancy, \$1.50 to \$1.75; cranberries, \$3.50 per box; \$10 per barrel; onions, Spanish, \$3.50 per case; Canadian, \$1.15 per bag.

Groceries.—All grades of sugars have made an advance of 10 cents, and there is a very strong feeling. There may be another advance very shortly. Dried fruits continue in good demand, and in some lines, notably Sultanas, there is considerable scarcity. Teas are selling freely and in young Hyson there is quite a scarcity. Canned goods are firm, more especially tomatoes, and the general idea is that there will be a considerable advance before long. Fair activity prevails in most lines of general groceries.

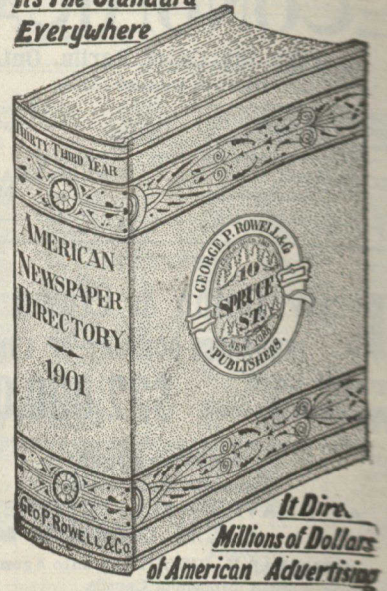
Hardware.—Values remain generally steady, but there is nothing of special importance to record. Glass is in good demand. Trade through the country has improved since the snowstorm ameliorated the condition of the roads. The discount on brass has been increased 5 per cent. For harvest appliances and other spring goods there is already considerable enquiry.

Live Stock.—The offerings of cattle at the market this week were large, but the demand was keen and prices were well maintained. Butchers' cattle were firm. Export cattle, too, were in good request, though receipts were quite large. High quality veal and heavy lambs for export were needed.

Provisions.—There is not much change to note. Butter continues to come in freely, though the quality of much offered leaves a good deal to be desired. The hog market continues in about the same state and carloads are offered at \$7.60. In the price of hog products there is no change. Eggs are in good demand, new laid selling at 23 to 24c.; held, at 19 to 20c.; and No. 1, limed, at 20c. For choice fresh killed poultry, there is a good demand, but little is coming in, most of the receipts being of frozen birds, which are in poor request.

Wool.—Practically no demand exists for export, and the trade is very dull. Holders refuse, in the great majority of cases, to part with their wool at the prices named.

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