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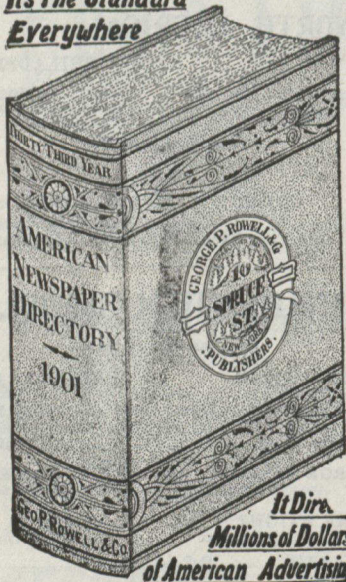
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TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, June 5th, 1902.

Chemicals, Drugs, Etc.—No new feature has developed in the local drug or chemical market. Prices remain steady and business is being transacted in normal proportions. Opium and quinine both remain in poor demand. New York reports say that the cinchona bark shipments from Java were heavy in May, but that the local market so far remains uninfluenced. Dealers say there is a fair jobbing demand for opium, but little or no call for case lots.

Flour and Grain.—Ontario wheat has gone down in price from 1 to 2c. Oats are from 1 to 2c. higher. Corn is between 2 and 3c. above last week's quotations. Buckwheat also has advanced 1 to 2c. Barley is nominal. Manitoba wheat remains unchanged. Peas and rye are about the same as at last report. Flour is steady at \$2.90 for 90 per cent. patents, middle freights, buyers' covers. Millfeed and oatmeal remain steady.

Fruits and Vegetables.—Considerable activity prevails in the fruit market. Strawberries are becoming cheaper, and are coming forward in large quantities. Pineapples, too, are quite plentiful. Oranges are comparatively scarce, but lemons are still in good supply. The demand in all lines is quite good. Prices are quoted as follows: Oranges, fancy, Mediterranean sweets, \$3.75 to \$4.25; St. Michaels paper rind, \$2 per half box; Mexican, \$3 per box; Sorrento, \$4. Lemons, Messina, \$2.50 to \$3 per box. Bananas, fancy, \$1.50 to \$2.25. Canadian white beans, \$1.30 per bushel; Lima, 7c. per lb. Cocoanuts, \$3.50 per sack. Pineapples, \$3.50 per case. Egyptian onions, \$3.50 per sack. Strawberries, 15c. to 17c. per quart. Cukes, \$1.20 per doz.

Groceries.—The general groceries trade this week has been fair, though in some lines, notably sugar, the movement is still slow. Canned goods are mostly firm. Teas, especially medium grades of Japans, show an improved demand and prices have an upward tendency. Payments are reported to be up to the average.

Hardware.—There is complaint as to the slow delivery of some goods, such as lawn mowers, window screens, screen doors, etc., the demand for some time past having exceeded the capacity of the factories. Prices in all lines continue firm, and business is very active. The manufacturers of building papers met last week and advanced the prices of the cheaper grades of paper, both plain and tarred, by 5c. per roll.

Hides and skins.—Owing to the half-dollar drop in hides in Chicago, cured have gone down to that amount in the local market. As yet there is no change in green, though a decline is likely to take place in the near future. The receipts of calfskins are fair with a steady market. Tallow is somewhat scarce and in good demand.

Live Stock.—In spite of the heavy offerings, prices were as high as ever at the cattle market this week. The demand for export cattle was especially good, and extra choice fetched particularly good prices. Butchers' cattle, too, were in brisk demand. Sheep and lambs fell off a little.

Provisions.—Dairy rolls are becoming scarcer. Choice new rolls are in demand at good prices. Creameries are in fair request. There is a normally good demand for cheese at 10½ to 11c. for job lots. Eggs are coming in hardly in sufficient quantities to meet the demand. The market for choice poultry is steady, but receipts are small.

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