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TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 27th, 1900.

DRUGS, CHEMICALS, ETC.—No change in price in any article under this heading has taken place for some time. Opium shows a tendency to vary from day to day, but this is by no means an **u**nusual state of things with this drug. Quinine re-mains firm. Fair activity characterizes business, as a general rule.

BOOTS AND SHOES .- Business in boots and shoes, locally speaking, has been retarded by the mildness of the season, but the present cooler weather is expected to assist in remedying this. There has been trouble in one of the local factories, over the rule that damaged shoes must be paid for by the last man handling them. We believe the matter was settled, however, temporarily, at any rate.

DRY GOODS .- We have nothing to add to what has been said in the past two or three issues, relative to the trade in dry goods. The holiday trade was quite up to the average, and its most noteworthy feature was the fact that con-sumers were willing to pay a good price for a superior quality of article. Pay-ments have been very satisfactory during ments nave been very satisfactory during the past few days; more so than usual, indeed. Quite a number of sorting orders for seasonable goods are coming to hand, partially due, no doubt, to the cold spall spell.

FLOUR AND MEAL.-The market for flour seems to have been a little steadier this week. At the same time, there is quite a quantity of it pressing for buyers. Millfeed and oatmeal remain pretty firm at old prices.

GRAIN.-Quotations in all lines main just the same as last week. A little main just the same as last week. A little more enquiry is being made for wheat for export. Barley is steady, while oats are in a little stronger demand. Peas are somewhat weaker. In corn, rye, and buckwheat, no business is being trans-acted, and prices are merely nominal.

GREEN FRUIT.—Supplies of oranges and lemons continue to come in in large and lemons continue to come in in large quantities, but prices are keeping up sat-isfactorily, the holiday demand having been good. We quote: Lemons, new, Messina, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per box; Verdelli, \$1.50 per box; California, \$3.75 to \$4 per box; oranges, Jamaica, \$3; Mexican. \$2.35 to \$2.50; California, navel, \$3.25; Florida, \$3.50 to \$3.75; Valencia, \$4.75 to \$5.75; bananas, fancy, \$1.25 to \$1.75; Almeria grapes, \$6 to \$7 per keg; onions, Canadian, 85c. per keg; winter apples, \$2.50 to \$2.75. GROCERIES.—The volume of Christmas

GROCERIES .- The volume of Christmas trade just passed has been of an exceedingly satisfactory nature, and wholesalers ingly satisfactory nature, and wholesafers are fairly well cleared out of goods ap-pertaining to the season. California prunes are in good supply, ranging in price, 5c. for 90-100 to 10½c. for 30-40. Valencia raisins have recovered a good deal of their firmness. Those who hold fauit of recording brands are quoting fruit of recognized brands are quoting firmly at $8\frac{1}{2}$ c. for selected; and $7\frac{1}{2}$ c. for f.o.s. Off-brands, selected, are held at $7\frac{1}{2}$ c. The currant market is somewhat easier, in consequence of the compara-tively slack demand caused by the high prices. These range from 10½ to 14c. Sugars are firm at recent advance. Some

in teas, principally in good liquoring Ceylons and Indians of medium grades. HARDWARE.—Coiled chain has advanced a little, owing to the stiffening of prices of iron, in sympathy with the American market. Business has been very good this week in spite of the holidays. All



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