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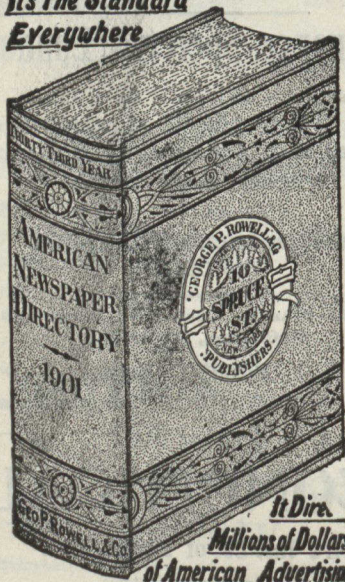
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change in conditions has taken place during the week.

Flour and Grain.—A steadier market prevails for flour, and the price for 90 per cent. patents has gone up a little, exporters now paying \$2.82½, middle freights. Manitoba flour is steady. Oatmeal is a little on the quiet side, while millfeed is steady. For wheat the demand is fair, and prices keep firm, though no actual changes in quotations have taken place. The same holds good with regard to other grains. None of the new crop has begun moving yet.

Fruit. — Raspberries are becoming scarcer, and offerings are not of very good quality, it having been affected by the heavy rains. Not many red currants are now coming in, and they sell at about 60c. per basket. Early apples and peaches are becoming more plentiful, but the demand the last few days cannot be described as good. Early plums sell at 40 to 50c. per basket. Canadian tomatoes sell at 60 to 70c. per basket, and canteloupes at 60 to 75c. Other fruits are active and prices are as follows: Bananas, 75c. to \$2 per bunch; coconuts, per sack, \$3.75 to \$5; lemons, 300's, \$3.50; oranges, late Valencias, \$4.50 to \$5; watermelons, 25 to 35c.; pineapples, \$3.50 to \$4; California peaches, \$1.50 to \$2 per case; plums, \$1.25 to \$1.75; pears, \$2.50 to \$3 per case.

Hides, Skins, and Leather.—The receipts of hides are fairly good for this time of the year, and the demand, too, is pretty good. Lamb and sheepskins are firmer. Calfskins are quiet. Tallow is easy. In leather, trade just now is quiet, but is expected to improve as soon as the farmers get through with their work.

Live Stock.—The cattle market this week was dull, and receipts light owing to a delay on the railroad. Prices for export cattle were well maintained. The demand for butchers' cattle dragged, owing to the poor quality of those offered for sale. Not much demand was experienced for feeders or stockers. The run of milch cows was only fair. Calves showed an advancing tendency. Sheep and lambs were dull under heavy receipts, and prices became a little easier.

Hardware.—For all seasonable articles the demand is very good, indeed, and wholesalers consider the present fully up to any previous season they have experienced. Some lines of building materials have advanced in price recently, while with others a difficulty has been experienced in getting deliveries made to time. In metals, the movement may be considered good.

Paints and Oils.—Lubricating oils are in good demand and they have an advancing tendency in the market. Coal oil is very firm also. Turpentine maintains its price well. Linseed oil is in good demand at the recent decline in price of 3c. per gallon. All lines of builders' materials, such as putty, paint, oil, etc., sell readily.

Provisions.—For butter, there is but little enquiry for export, and with some

accumulation of stocks, under heavy deliveries, prices are easy. Business going on in cheese is fair. Offerings of eggs are large, and prices easy. The demand for hops is dull, it only being bought for immediate requirements. The trade in hams and other smoked meats is brisk, and the market is distinctly firm.

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