

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, March 22, 1905.

Chemicals, Drugs, etc.—No change has taken place of any moment with local drug trade since last report, and a fairly good business is going on. Quinine is quite firm, and so is opium. Camphor is advancing. Iodine is held very firmly at the recent advances. Acetic and tartaric acids also are strong. In New York normal trade conditions are reported. In English chemical markets some degree of dullness is reported, especially in connection with the textile branches. The export trade with Canada and the United States, however, is reported to be in good condition.

Dry Goods.—All the indications for a good season's trade in general dry goods are distinctly good. Orders for all lines are arriving with a very satisfactory degree of rapidity. Prices keep quite firm for cotton goods, and particularly so for woollens and linens. The domestic dress goods trade seems to be in a flourishing condition, the demand for these goods being very keen, indeed.

Flour and Grain.—A somewhat brisker feeling is discernible in the flour trade, and ninety per cent. patents are held at \$4.40 to \$4.50 in buyers' bags, eastern or western freights. Millfeed retains its firmness, though no further upward movement has taken place. Oatmeal is a little upward in its tendency just now, owing to an improved demand in the States for the home-made product. A more active demand has sprung up for wheat, especially for the Ontario article. Some think it will advance. Corn is firm at an advance of 1 to 2c. Buckwheat is wanted. Other grains are nominally the same.

Hides and Skins.—No change has occurred in hides since last report, and the market is about as last reported. Tallow remains as before.

Groceries.—Wholesale grocers report there is an increasing demand from the country for general groceries. Sugars keep as before, but the feeling is still quite firm. A seasonable trade is going on in dried fruits, but nothing worthy of special comment calls for attention. Teas and coffees are a little on the dull side. Canned goods, especially corn and tomatoes, are quite strong, owing to their scarcity.

Live Stock.—While the offerings at the cattle market this week were rather scanty, the quality was poor, so that trade was by no means brisk. Prices for exporters held fairly firm, however. For butchers', all kinds seemed wanted to a certain extent, but choice were in very small receipt. Some good feeders were offered, and went early, with firm prices. The demand for sheep and lambs was good. Calves had an advancing tendency. Hogs are firm.

Provisions.—Butter is still in light receipt, and, the demand being very good, prices still seem to go up. Cheese is

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A Winnipeg despatch says that the tender of the A. E. & Roy Barrett Company, of Seattle, has been accepted for the erection of the tourist Hotel Victoria for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. The price is just under \$500,000, and the work on the building is to be started in April, by which time the foundation will be completed.

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firm and unchanged in price. Eggs are steady at 17 to 18c.

Seeds.—A good trade is being done now in seeds, and prices keep firm. The shipments to the country are in full swing. Not much export enquiry is being experienced, the prices here being too high.

Leather.—A good active trade is reported throughout Ontario. In the North-West some complaint is heard respecting payments.

Wool.—It is too early yet to make quotations on new clip, which is hardly