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**TORONTO MARKETS.**

Toronto, April 18th, 1901.

**DRUGS, CHEMICALS, ETC.**—There is nothing particular to record under this heading. A fair business is being transacted, and prices remain steady. Owing to the comparatively light shipments of cinchona bark from Java, quinine is very firm in the American market. Opium has advanced slightly in New York. General trade there is about normal.

**DRY GOODS.**—Seasonable weather has brought about an early call for dress goods, and the turnover, for this time of the year, is very good. The linen situation continues strong, and the demand for most lines is active.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—In the flour market, the views of buyer and seller are at present widely divergent. Millers claim that, on account of the high prices they paid for the wheat which they have in stock, they cannot manufacture 90 per cent. patents for \$2.60, in buyers' covers, at main line points. Old Country offers amount to from \$2.50 to \$2.55, net. Probably the reason for the slack demand from Great Britain is the report of the possibility of the imposition of duties, on foodstuffs, which, however ill-founded it may be, is causing buyers to wait before sending their orders. The demand is light from all parts. Newfoundland, which usually takes some 300,000 barrels, is out of the market just now, owing to the government of that island having promised to take off the duty on flour in May. It is hardly probable that this change will come into effect, however, much before June or July. There is little likelihood of there being any further deliveries of wheat until after the seeding. Millfeed is in good demand at steady prices.

**GRAIN.**—Ontario wheat is steady at 1c. higher than last week's quotations, owing to increased demand for export, while Manitoba is 1c. lower. Barley is firm at unchanged figures. Oats are steady at 1c. advance. Peas, rye, corn and buckwheat are nominally unchanged. Receipts in the country are nil, the farmers being busy with their seeding operations.

**GREEN FRUIT.**—Quite a degree of activity distinguishes the fruit trade. Apple shipping is, of course, finished. The chief feature is lemons, which are coming in in large quantities. One important topic for discussion among fruit wholesalers is the Montreal fruit sales. Several lemon steamers are now on their way to supply that market; one more than the usual number. The sales will be held during the coming month. The Verdelli crop of lemons is light. Lemons, however, will probably fetch but moderate prices in the near future, owing to the large supplies from Messina and other sources; though, after this first cut is exhausted, they are liable to be somewhat scarce on account of injury to the blossoms, through rust, frost, etc. Messrs. McWilliam & Everist quote: Lemons, new Messina, fancy, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per box; California, extra, \$2.50 to \$2.75; oranges, California navels, \$2.75 to \$3; Valencias, \$5.25 to \$6.25 per case; marmalade, \$2.75 per box; bananas, \$1.50 to \$2 per bunch; cranberries, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per box; Canadian onions, \$1.15 per bag; Egyptian, \$2.75 per sack.

**GROCERIES.**—The feature in the grocery trade is the strong position of sugars, in which an active business is being carried on at firm prices. It is not improbable that another advance will be made before long. Otherwise, there is nothing special calling for mention. The general movement has improved during the past few days, and now a fair business is being transacted. Sultanias show an upward tendency. Teas are moving with some degree of freedom.

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