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TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Nov. 5th, 1903.

Chemicals, Drugs, Etc.-The situation in the local drug market remains much the sane as for the last month or more. Business, while showing no very noteworthy features, nor being especially active, is quite up to the average for this period of the year. Prices keep steady. October was a dull month for chemicals in Great Britain, according to reports recently to hand. Transactions were neither numerous nor large. At the same time, prices were steady and being already low, some improvement may be looked for. At Baltimore, a very light demand has been experienced for ammoniates.

Dry Goods.-Mild weather has kept the demand for seasonable goods from taking the dimensions of a rush, but considering this, business has been quite good. The knitting mills are all very busily engaged, and in some cases are unable to keep up with the orders coming in. The sale of dress goods, etc., With a little more seasonable is large. weather, the prospects for a good season's trade may be considered good.

Flour and Grain.-No appreciable change has taken place in flour, and ninety per cent. patents still sell at \$3.10 for export, in buyers' bags, middle freights. Manitoba flour is steady. Bran and shorts are steady, both in pretty good demand. Prices of wheat since our last week's quotations have been quite unchanged, and comparatively little business in grains has transpired. Receipts have been light.

Fruits and Vegetables.-The apple market has been on the quiet side this

week, with winter fruit, carload lots, quoted at \$2 to \$2.50. A cable from Liverpool, reaching here Wednesday, stated that the market there for good quality apples was very active, greenings fetching 15s. to 18s.; Baldwins, 15s. 6d. to 17s. 6d.; spys, 16s. to 20s. 6d.; russets, 16s. 6d. to 20s. 6d., and King's, 18s. to 22s. London figures quoted were a little lower than these. Some domestic grapes and even a few peaches are on the market still, but supplies are lessening daily. Pears are plentiful. We quote: Grapes, Concords, 20 to 30c. per basket; Niagara, 35 to 40c.; pears, 20 to 30c.; peaches, 30 to 6oc.; Almeria grapes, \$4.50 to \$6 per keg; cranberries, per barrel, \$9 for Cape Cod; \$8 for Jersey, oranges, Jamaica, \$2.75 per box; Sorrento, \$2; lemons, Verdelli, \$3 to \$4; bananas, \$2 to \$2.25; celery, 25 to 35c. per dozen; egg plant, 20c. per basket; tomatoes, 20 to 35c.; peppers, 35 to 45c.; sweet potatoes, fancy, \$3 per barrel; onions, Canadian, \$1.10 per bag; Spanish, 8oc. per small case; beans, white, \$1.75 per bushel; Lima, 6c. per pound.

Groceries.-The price of tapioca has gone up fully 3/4c. per pound owing to rise in primary markets. Dried fruits have now become more settled. Prices are about as follows for raisins: Malaga, \$2.25 to \$6; Valencias, 7c. to 8c.; Sultanas, 5c. to 14c.; California, 8c. to 11c. Other fruits remain without feature. The price of peanuts has advanced, o to roc. being asked for green, and 10 to 11c. for roasted. In teas not a very great deal of business is being done, though prices are high. It is expected that Japan teas will feel the benefit of the proposed abolition of the bounty on Ceylons, which in the past has pushed the sale of the latter at the expense of the former. Sugars remain unchanged, with a fair movement.

Hides and Skins .- As anticipated in our last, the prices for hides have declined by 1c. Moderate supplies of calfskins are coming forward, and the market remains as before. Sheepskins have gone up 5c. Tallow is quiet at unchanged prices.

Live Stock.-Dullness prevailed at the cattle market this week. Most of the export cattle offered were of secondary quality, and not well finished off, consequently prices were easy. Choice butchers' found a fairly ready sale, while other sorts, which were in the majority, dragged. Light stockers, though not offered in any quantity, were not easy to sell. A light demand was noted for sheep, and lambs declined a few points in price

Provisions.-A pretty good demand exists for choice butter. Strictly new laid eggs fetch 23 to 24c., and limed 17 or 18c. Cheese is quiet. Poultry, which was looking up owing to the cool snap of early last week, is very easy again, owing to the return of warm weather.

Wool .- Prices keep steady, and practically no business for fleece is passing. Pulled wools are in moderate demand from the domestic mills.

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