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TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Oct. 15th, 1902.
Chemicals, Drugs, Etc.-What was said last week respecting local conditions in the drug trade remains good for this. Business is fairly active, and prices in most lines of goods are steady. Quinine has advanced a cent or two in sympathy with the New York and primary mar kets.

Dry Goods.-A rushing business is being done as a consequence of the preliminary touches of winter. Perhaps the uncertainty regarding fuel, too, is a mainspring to the people's desire to be well clothed. Cotton goods of all descriptions are very firm, owing to the statistical position of raw material.

Flour and Grain.-Wheat is firm at un changed figures. Barley is dull and nominal. Very little is moving now Oats are Ic. higher and quite firm. Peas, rye, corn, and buckwheat are all unchanged. A fairly steady market prevails for flour at $\$ 2.621 / 2$ to $\$ 2.65$ for 90 per cent. patents, in buyers' bags, east or middle freights. Shorts is easier, but bran continues firm. Oatmeal keeps steady.

Fruit.-It is now getting pretty late in the season for domestic fruit, but still it continues to come in in fair quantities A good enquiry is being experienced for high-grade sorts, and prices keep up pretty well, though peaches are becoming easier. Quotations are as follows: Apples, per barrel, $\$ 1$ to $\$ 1.50$; per basket, 10 to 20 c .; peaches, common, 20 to 30 c . ; choice, 30 to 40 c .; pears, per basket, 30 to 35 c .; per barrel, $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 3$; plums, 30 c . to 50 c .; cauliflowers, per dozen, 75 to $90 c$.; cucumbers, per basket, 30c.; gherkins, per basket, 40 to 60 c .; grapes, Moore's early, per small basket, 20 to $22 \mathrm{I} / 2 \mathrm{c}$. per large basket, 30 to 35 c .; Concord, per large basket, 30 to 35 c .; Delawares, per large basket, 40 to 50 c ;

Niagaras, per large basket, 30 to 35 c muskmelons, per basket, 20 to 25 c . tomatoes, basket, 20 to 30 c .; bananas, $\$ 1.25$ to $\$ 2$ a bunch; oranges, Jamaica, per barrel, $\$ 6.50$ to $\$ 7$; per box, $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 3$; egg plant, 25 to 30 c .; sweet potatoes, per barrel, Jersey, $\$ 2.75$ to $\$ 3$; Maryland, $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 2.75$.
Hardware.-All seasonable goods are in good demand, and hockey sticks, skates, saws, axes, stoves, sleigh bells, etc., are selling freely. Cut nails have been advanced $2^{1 / 2}$ c. per cwt. Sash weights have gone up 25c. per cwt. Glass is tending upwards, owing to uns ttled feeling in Belgium factories. Harvest tools may advance owing to the keen demand. Metals are moving freely locally as well as in the States. The tone of the English pig iron market has been a little easier, with a fair turnover of warrants. Further orders and enquiries continue to come from America. Local consumers in Glasgow are buying more freely, and makers are being pressed for delivery of iron.

Groceries.-The local grocery houses have been quite busy the last few days, though no special feature of importance has come up. Valencia raisins are very scarce, and report says there are but few even in Spain. It will be noticed that our price current contains an additional grade in sugars, viz., granulated, which is quoted at $\$ 3.58$; extra granulated being quoted at $\$ 3.73$ to $\$ 3.78$. Shelled almonds have gone up. Canadian hops, also, have made a big advance.
Paints and Oils.-The gradual contraction of outside work has rendered trade a little quieter in staple lines of paints and ciis. Linseed oil is a little lower in consequence, but turpentine is firm.


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