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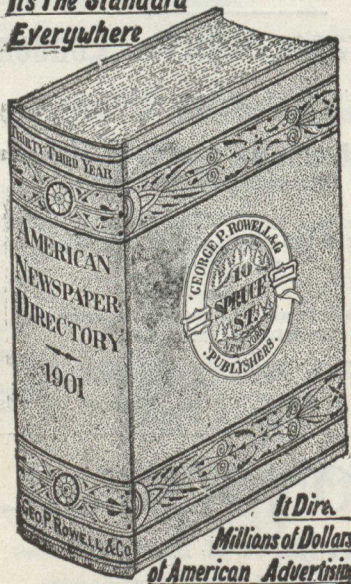
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Wool.—Importers of raw wool report a comparatively light business, and since the reduction on yarns to 15 per cent. millmen are using a much larger proportion of imported yarns for the manufacture of tweeds, etc., instead of making the yarn themselves. Capes are quoted at 18 to 20c., and some business is reported in Natsals at 26c. Fine B. A. scoured would cost about 45c., and ordinary 30 to 35c. per lb.

### TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, August 13th, 1903.

Chemicals, Drugs, Etc.—Opium and quinine both continue firm, and the former still has a distinctly upward tendency. General trade is moving fairly freely, and prices are well maintained.

Dry Goods.—This being the holiday season both for travellers and for the retail merchants, the volume of business has not been particularly large, though fully up to the average for this time of the year. Prices of all staple goods are firmly maintained. Payments have been good.

Flour and Grain.—The flour market is steady with an inclination upwards. The price of 90 per cent. patents is \$2.87½ to \$2.90 in buyers' bags, middle freights, with extra choice brands a few cents higher. Manitoba flour is steady. Not much business is being done in oatmeal. Bran and shorts are steady. For wheat the demand is a fair one, but prices remain unchanged and quotations for other grains are likewise unaltered.

Fruits and Vegetables.—The fruit trade has had an active week of it, and while offerings have been large, the demand was sufficient to dispose of it without any dragging. Raspberries are about over and have sold for 7 to 7½c. Thimbleberries are becoming more in evidence. Apples, too, are becoming quite plentiful, and prices have dropped to about 13 to 20 cents per basket. Early peaches are coming in in more liberal quantities. They sell around 20 to 30c. per basket. Canadian tomatoes still

fetch 30c. per basket, or a little more, they are rather slow in ripening this year. Cukes are 15 to 20c. per basket. California fruits are a little higher in price, in view of smaller arrivals.

Groceries.—Sugars have made no further change, and the movement is rather slow. Teas in the London market—that is Ceylons and Indias, for Chinas cut comparatively little figure there nowadays—are decidedly strong in all grades. Here, however, the tea trade is very quiet and buyers hold aloof. It is remarkable indeed to what an extent Canadian tea buyers can hold back on a rising market. In canned vegetables, peas are the only 'new goods' coming into the market yet. In the other lines, prices remain nominal. Opening prices for dried fruits have been fixed in California, but it is too early as yet to forecast as to what direction the market will take. Buyers and sellers hold apart for the present. General trade is not very brisk, travellers being on their holidays. A fair sprinkling of mail orders continues coming in however.

Hides, Skins and Leather.—A steady market for hides prevail, under fair receipts and average demand. Lamb and calfskins keep steady. Tallow is still dull. Leather conditions have improved somewhat and more enquiry is noted.

Live Stock.—Trade at the cattle market this week was duller. Few export cattle offered, but prices dragged as vessel space is short. A good demand was noted for butchers' cattle, but good animals were scarce. Stockers and feeders were not plentiful, nor was the demand good. Milch cows were quiet.

Wool.—We hear of no sales for export and trade is very dull. The ideas of holders of fleece and buyers are divergent. Pulled wools are steady.

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