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TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, July 16th.

Fruit.—Strawberries are practically over now, but raspberries are supplying the demand. They have been quoted high this week, selling for as much as 15c. The new cantaloupes from Florida have given a lower price for that fruit. California and Georgia peaches are arriving in good quantities. We quote:—Raspberries, box, 12 to 15c.; cherries, eating, basket, \$1.25 to \$1.50; cherries, red, basket, 90c. to \$1.25; red currants, basket, 65 to 85c.; white currants, basket, 65 to 75c.; blueberries, basket, \$1 to \$1.25; gooseberries, basket, 85c. to \$1; watermelons, each, 30 to 40c.; oranges, Valencias, \$4.50 to \$4.75; cantaloupes, crate, \$3.50 to \$4.50; cantaloupes, crate, \$4.50 to \$5.50; peaches, 4-basket crates, \$1 to \$1.25; peaches 6-basket crates, \$2.25 to \$2.50; California plums, crate, \$1.50 to \$2; pears, Bartlet, bush, box, \$4 to \$4.50.

Provisions.—Butter is firm at unchanged prices. Eggs are fetching from 18 to 20c. per dozen for new-laid and case lots. Old potatoes are practically

out of the wholesale market now. We quote new at \$4 to \$4.20 per barrel in car lots on track, Toronto.

Wool.—Quotations at country points are:—Unwashed, coarse, 7c.; fine, 8c.; washed, combing, 12c.; clothing, 13 to 14c.; rejects, 10c.

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Montreal, July 16th.

The trade situation in the Province of Quebec shows little improvement. This is not unexpected, the discouraging feature being that the outlook, as indicated by the crops of the province, is becoming less hopeful. It is now a certainty that the hay crop will not be above an average while it is generally accepted that the oats crop will be below the average. Even the potato crop is late. Consequently, agricultural sections are not too hopeful.

Butter.—The market is advancing and 23½c. is now being paid in the country

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Cheese.—The market has held steady for a week past, though there are indications in the country of a slight advance. Prices here are 11½c. to ¼c. for Easterns, and ¾ to 12c. for Westerns. Demand from the other side is good, but shipments are slightly lighter than a year ago.

Eggs.—The market is very firm, owing no doubt to the smaller production and the deterioration in the quality of stock. Dealers are paying about 17c. per dozen in the country for straight gathered stock and selling here at 19c. for No. 1 candled, selects being 22c.

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