

per gal.; straw ditto., 45 to 47c.; castor oil, 7½ to 8c., for machinery; pharmaceutical ditto, 8½ to 9c.; lead (chemically pure and first-class brands), \$4.75; No. 1, \$4.50; No. 2, \$4.25; No. 3, \$4; No. 4, \$3.75; dry white lead, 4¼ to 4½c. for pure; No. 1 ditto, 4 to 4¼c.; genuine red ditto, 4 to 4¼c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c.; putty in bulk, bbls., \$1.80; bladder putty in barrels, \$1.90; ditto, in kegs or boxes, \$2.40; 23-lb. tins, \$2.55; 12½-lb. tins, \$2.65; London washed whiting, 45c.; Paris white, 75 cents; Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25 to \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to \$2; Paris green, 14c. in bulk, and 15c. in 1-lb. packages; window glass, per 100 ft., \$3.50 for first break; \$3.70 for second break, and \$4.20 for third break; per 50 feet, \$1.95 for first break; \$2.05 for second break.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, October 22nd, 1903.

Chemicals, Drugs, etc.—Few features of interest are to be noted just now in the local drug market. Business is normally active, and prices remain firm. In New York the demand for drugs is fair. Quinine is in good request, but stocks of German are light. Opium is dull and a shade lower. Manchester advices report a fairly good export trade going on, but a slackness in the home demand, especially for future delivery.

Flour and Grain.—At \$3.10 the usual price quoted for ninety per cent. patents in buyers' bags, middle or east freights, a fairly good business is going on. No particular change has taken place in mill-feed. Wheat is about 1c. higher and in good demand for milling. Barley is dull, at a 2 to 3c. decline. Oats are the same as last week. Peas are 2 to 3c. lower, and dull at the decline. Corn and buckwheat keep nominally the same.

Fruit and Vegetables.—Considerable domestic fruit is dragging on the market, such as peaches, etc. Grapes sell pretty well, as they are not in over supply. Quotations are as follows: Oranges, Jamaica, \$2.75 to \$5.25 per box; Toronto, \$1.50 to \$3.50; lemons, Verdelli, \$4.50 to \$5; cranberries, Cape Cod, \$10; Jersey, \$9.50 per bbl.; grapes, Concord, 35 to 40c. per basket; pears, 30 to 40c. per basket; peaches, yellows, 40 to 65c., white, 30 to 40c.; celery, 35 to 40c. per dozen; egg plant, 25c. per basket; tomatoes, 25 to 35c. per basket; peppers (green), 40c. per basket; apples, fall, \$2 to \$2.50 per barrel; winter, \$2.25 to \$2.50; onions, Canadian, \$1.25 per bag, Spanish, \$2.50 per case; sweet potatoes, \$3.25 per barrel; Bananas, \$2 to \$2.25 per bunch.

Hardware.—At the early part of the present month there was a slight slackening off in orders, probably due to the mild season, as orders received at this time of year are on winter account. Latterly, however, since Thanksgiving

more particularly, business has been fully up to the normal. Taken as a whole trade has been fully up to last year's aggregate, but probably it will be found not to have exceeded that. At the same time, last year, it reached a point never before known. A feature at present is the extra good call for goods for the West.

Live Stock.—A ready sale met the offerings of cattle at the market this week. Of exporters, buyers would have been disposed to take more than offered if it had been there. The price ascended slightly. Butchers' cattle, too, especially those of good quality, were in very good demand.

Provisions.—Dairy pound rolls are coming forward in larger quantities, but quality is not as a rule very high. Good dairy tubs and creamery prints are in demand. An upward movement is traceable in cheese. The present price is about 12 to 12½c. Eggs are high-priced and a considerable percentage of those coming forward are not strictly fresh. Owing to the warm weather and the fact that too many scrubs are coming forward, the poultry on the market for hops is dull, Canadian new cannot be described as brisk. The demand for hops is dull, Canadian new crop being quoted at 18 to 20c. Provisions hold firm, and smoked meats are in somewhat scanty supply.

Hides and Skins.—Hides are low in sympathy with the recent decline in Chicago, and there may be a decline shortly. Sheepskins are steady at 60c. Tallow is dull.

Wool.—American buyers have been making enquiries about Canadian fleece lately, but little or no business has resulted. For pulled wools, a firm market obtains, the demand from the domestic mills being quite fair.

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