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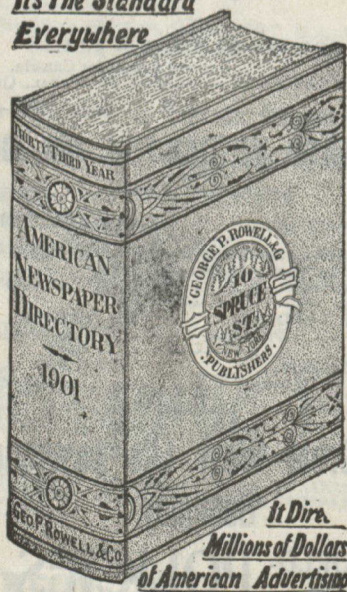
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will have to be cut down very materially for export purposes, as it is unlikely shippers will be able to afford more than 30c. per bushel for it. The flour market is on the dull side, the price for 90 p. c. patents in buyers' bags, middle freights, being \$2.90, and something extra for choice brands. Manitoba flour is steady. Oatmeal remains about the same. For bran and shorts the market is steady.

Fruits and Vegetables.—The chief feature of the local fruit market is the arrival of early peaches and plums, which range from 40c. to 60c. per basket. There is no special rush for them, however, the weather, though pleasant, not having been sufficiently warm to induce heavy purchases at high prices. Lemons are still quite plentiful, and to this fruit these same remarks will apply; cool weather has militated against heavy consumption. We quote prices as follows: California late valencias, \$5.50 to \$5.75; lemons, choice to fancy, \$2.25 to \$2.75 per box; bananas, fancy, \$1.25 to \$1.75 per bunch; red bananas, \$1.50; water melons, 22c. to 30c. each; Canadian early peaches, 40c. to 50c. per basket; plums, 50c. to 60c.; Lawton blackberries, 8c. to 10c per box; black currants, 90c. to \$1.00 per basket; beans, Canadian, \$1.30 per bushel; Canadian tomatoes, 35c. to 40c. per basket; cukes, 40c. to 50c. per basket; Canadian cabbage, \$1.00 per bbl.; potatoes, new, 50c. per bushel.

Hides and Skins.—A steady market prevails for hides. The receipts are ample, but the demand is sufficient to take them up. Lambskins also are in fair supply. Tallow is in brisk demand. Chicago buyers continue to give a fair amount of attention to the market for packer hides. The volume of business, however, reported transacted is limited, due to the very moderate offerings of hides and the extreme prices packers are naming. Prices are firm at 14½c. for native steers, 15 to 15½c. for heavy Texas, 13¼c. for butt brands, 13c. for Colorados, 11¾c. to 12c. for heavy native cows, and 10¾c. to 11c. for branded do. Country hides are firm at 9½c. for No. 1 Buffs.

Groceries.—Nothing new has come up in the general grocery trade since our extended report in last issue. Sugars remain without change in price, though a somewhat improved demand has sprung up to the last few days. Canned fruits and canned vegetables continue very strong, owing to reports of scarcity, through bad weather conditions, etc. Valencia raisins are wanted.

Live Stock.—Large supplies of cattle came to hand at the local market this week, but notwithstanding this, prices generally held steady. One noticeable feature has been the improvement in the quality which has been for sale the last week or so. All stock sold out, the only portion which dragged at all being lambs. Export cattle sold at about \$5.75 to \$6.45 per cwt.; butchers' at \$5.50 to \$5.75 for choice, but the average was \$5.

Provisions.—The receipts of butter this week have been light, farmers being busy with other operations. Prices, however,

have not mounted, as the demand has not been brisk, and cold storage stocks had accumulated somewhat. In cheese the demand is only fair. Eggs are steady at about 15c. for selected tub, with somewhat less for ordinary store. Potatoes are steady with a good demand at average prices. The enquiry for poultry is very good for this season of the year.

Wool.—Aggregate rates have been fairly large, though individually but small sales have been made. Local dealers are not enthusiastic in their views. The fourth series of London wool sales opened with good spirit, Australian merino wool selling well on a par with May closing rates. The tendency was in favor of sellers, and as the sales proceeded the market gradually gained in strength, prices for better classes of grease and scoured, especially for fine wools, ranging from par to 5 per cent. above the level of the preceding series. The same may be said of fine crossbreds, which were in good demand at hardening rates; but coarse wools, of which the supply was heavy, suffered a decline, at first of 5 per cent., later on of 10 per cent. Towards the close, however, a stronger tone set in again for this class and a small part of the decline was recovered. For Cape wools prices ranged from par for inferior and heavy wools to 5 per cent. advance on good grease and scoured. Throughout the series the competition was animated and the sales closed with a firm tone.

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