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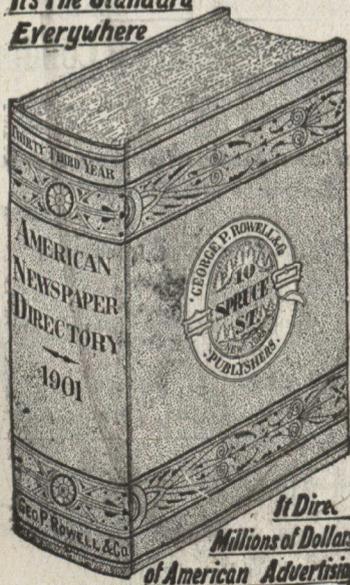
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## TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, May 21st, 1902.

Chemicals, Drugs, Etc.—Cod liver oil retains its extraordinarily high price, and buyers naturally are holding off. Opium keeps fairly steady, while quinine is without change. A fairly good trade is going on in local circles. Business in chemicals in Great Britain has been quite fair lately, especially in export branches, as the home trade is still largely of a hand-to-mouth order.

Flour and Grain.—A slightly firmer feeling prevails in flour owing to the advance in wheat, and 90 per cent. patents sell for around \$2.70 in buyers' bags, middle freights. Manitoba flour is steady. Bran and shorts are held with a fair degree of firmness. Oatmeal is slightly easier.

Fruit.—A rather more than usually active trade is going on just now in fruit circles. Oranges are still in good demand, and lemons particularly so for this time of the year, no doubt due to the very warm weather. Southern tomatoes and strawberries are still in the market in fair quantities. Prices may be quoted as follows: California navels, \$3 to \$4.25 per case; Sorrentos, \$3.50 to \$4; Messinas, \$2.50; California med. sweets, \$3.50 to \$3.75; lemons, Messina, \$2.50 to \$3.25; pineapples, Hayana, \$3.15 per case; bananas, jumbo, \$2 to \$2.50; Jamaica, \$2 to \$2.25; cocoanuts, \$3.35 to \$3.50.

Hardware.—The movement in all branches of the hardware trade is very brisk. All reasonable articles are in great demand and travellers in the country report excellent indications for a good season's trade.

Live Stock.—The market for export cattle this week was a little easier, perhaps in sympathy with Chicago conditions, where prices declined 15 to 25c. per cwt. The drop here was not more than 10c., as a good many exporters were bought for short-keep feeders. The heavy run of butchers' cattle all went well. Quotations remain unchanged. The demand for stockers and feeders continues good, and prices continue steady. Trade in milch cows was fairly active. In calves prices had a tendency to ease off. Trade in sheep and lambs was fairly good, and everything offered was sold.

Groceries.—Cut loaf is \$4.65 and \$4.63 above last week's quotations for 50's, and \$4.58 and \$4.53 for 100's. In canned fish, French sardines are hard to obtain,

and prices are high. Boneless chicken has gone up 5c. There is no special feature in the trade requiring comment.

Hides, Skins and Leather.—There is a distinctly weak feeling in hides in the United States markets and this is affecting conditions here. Sheep and calfskins are steady. Tallow has made no change. The leather market is a little unsettled, owing to the condition of the labor market, but prices are firm.

Provisions.—Liberal receipts of butter are coming forward, but a good deal of it is but poor stuff. For a really good article, there is a moderately good demand. For cheese a somewhat steadier market prevails. Eggs are easily held at about 12½c., the consumption having dwindled since the hot weather began. In hogs a considerable decline has taken place. Hog products are in good demand.

Wool.—New clip fleece is expected on this market any day now. Pulled wools are in moderate demand. For fleece the market is quiet.

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