

small, the aggregate of business being done will probably be found to be fully as large as usual. The chief feature has been quinine, in which considerable strength has developed at advanced prices. Menthol made a big advance also a few days ago, while morphine also is tending towards higher figures. Camomile flowers are easier. Cod liver oil is becoming firmer. British reports concerning chemicals speak of a fairly steady market with no noteworthy price-change.

Dry Goods.—A very good sorting trade is being done, and the wholesale houses are very busy. All that is needed to bring a rushing fall business is for a spell of cool weather to come on. The one or two warm days at the beginning of this week were enough to break into this state of things to some extent temporarily, but the change since then has remedied matters. Millinery is a feature which seems to be selling well throughout the country as well as the cities. The indications favor a very profitable season. Styles are very distinct from those prevailing last season. Prices in all lines are very firm.

Flour and Grain.—A quiet market prevails for flour, ninety per cent. patents being held for \$2.65 in buyers' bags, mid-

dle freights, though very few offers come to more than \$2.60. Manitoba bran is a little lower; shorts remain about the same. Oatmeal is quite firm still at old figures. Wheat is steady at about 1c. higher, owing to a good demand from local millers. Barley is steady and unchanged. Oats are weaker and are nominally unchanged. Peas also are weaker. Rye is 1c. lower and dull at the decline. Corn and buckwheat are about the same.

Fruits.—No important feature comes up for notice in the fruit trade. Receipts have been large, but the local demand was brisk enough to absorb it all. Peaches, owing to their plentifulness, are a few cents lower. Plums are firm, and grapes are about the same, and are quite steady. We quote: Apples, per barrel, \$1 to \$1.50, per basket 10c. to 20c.; peaches, 20 to 60c.; pears, 20 to 35c. per barrel, \$2.50 to \$3; plums, 30 to 35c.; cauliflowers, per dozen, 75 to 90c.; cucumbers, 10 to 20c.; Lawton berries, 5 to 7c.; grapes, per lb., Moore's early, 2 to 3c.; champion, 1¼ to 1½c.; small basket, Moore's early, 25 to 30c.; champion, 15 to 20c.; Delawares, per large basket, 50 to 60c.; Niagara, per large basket, 35 to 40c.; muskmelons, per basket, 20 to 35c.; tomatoes, basket, 20 to 30c.; watermelons, 15 to 30c.; bananas, \$1.25 to \$2 a bunch; oranges, Jamaica, per barrel, \$6.50 to \$7; per box, \$2.50 to \$3; green corn, per doz., 7 to 8c.; egg plant, 25 to 40c.; sweet potatoes, per barrel, Jersey, \$2.50 to \$4; Maryland, \$2.50 to \$3.

Hardware.—We know of nothing particularly new to say, under this heading this week. Trade continues brisk, especially in such seasonable lines as sporting goods, plows, etc. Metals are moving freely. Glasgow reports speak of a firmer market for pig iron warrants, the bulk of the business continues to be in Cleveland, which, owing to further enquiries and reported sales to the United States are rather firmer. Makers' prices continue firm, and iron is somewhat scarce for prompt delivery.

Hides and Skins.—The hide market has grown considerably easier owing to the drop in Chicago. Declines in prices are looked for here at an early date.

Groceries.—Sugars remain as before, with a fair movement in progress. A greater demand has set in for syrups and molasses. Raisins very firmly held and so are currants. The position of canned goods continues very steady with no particular new development.

Provisions.—Butter is a little firmer, and choice quality is held at 16c. Cheese also is firmer at 11 to 11¼c. In hog products there is no change. The demand is good, and stocks are becoming very low. Eggs are firm at 17c.

Wool.—The situation in wool is unchanged. A fair quantity is changing hands, but profits are but small at prevailing prices. At the last London sales the attendance was good and bidding keen. Prices ruled 5 per cent. for merinos and fine crossbreds. Coarse crossbreds were unchanged and slipes a little weaker.

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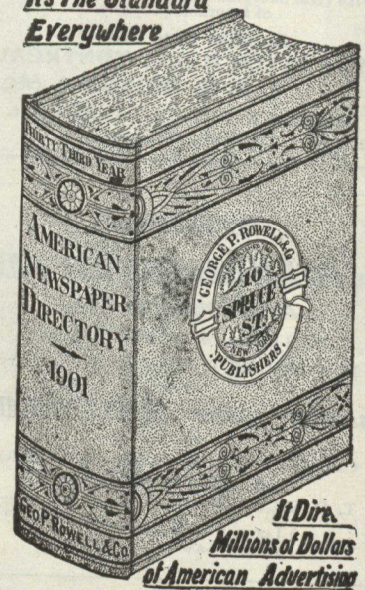
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