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SCOTT & WALMSLEY, ESTABLISHED 1858. Managers and Underwriters. they opened. On spot, there is but a quiet business doing, occasional small sales be-ing reported of Capes at 14 to $14\frac{1}{2}c.$, and B.A., scoured, at from 28 to 35c. Some domestic pulled wool is reported to have been sold lately at 16c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 19th, 1901.

Drugs, Chemicals, Etc.-A steady trade brugs, Chemicals, Etc.—A steady trade is being done in the local drug market, though no special features present them-selves for comment. In Great Britain chemicals remain quiet, without any change in price. Across the line, condi-tions are dull, and there is a tendency to make concessions in order to move goods. The general feeling, however, is steady. In spite of the lack of demand for quinine the market continues very firm. In opium, too, there is an upward tendency.

Breadstuffs.—Offerings of flour are fully equal to the demand, which is light. are fully equal to the demand, which is light. It seems impossible to get on a real ex-port basis, as Old Country millers do not appear willing to pay the price asked for Ontario flour. They are able to get stronger, or just asst rong, flour at pro-portionately lower prices from Kansas and other places in the Western States. Oute a number of ups and downs have Quite a number of ups and downs have occurred recently to Toronto firms in the coarse grain business, some having made considerable money and others hav-ing met with serious losses. Oats are the down grade now again. The market for wheat is I to 2c. higher. Barley is up 1 or 2c. Peas are 2 to 3c. higher and firm at the advance. Rye 15 Ic. higher and in good demand. Buckwheat and corn remain unchanged. Oatmeal is very steady, while there is a great scar-city of bran and shorts. Indeed, it is almost impossible to obtain these in any quantity.

Fruits .- The wholesale houses are very busy with the Christmas trade, which promises to result flourishingly. Oranges are coming in in large quantities from Jamaica, and to an increasing extent from Jamaica, and to an increasing extent from Florida, and are selling at very fair prices. Local prices may be quoted as follows: New Messina lemons, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per box; Malaga, \$3.75; Florida, \$3 to \$3.50; Mexican, \$2.50; Valencia, \$4.25 to \$5.50 per case; Jamaica, \$2.75; Almeria grapes, \$5.50 to \$6.50; apples, \$3.50 to \$4.50 per barrel; bananas, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per bunch; cranberries, \$9 and \$10 per barrel; Spanish onions, \$3.50 per case; Canadian, \$1.10 per bag. Canadian, \$1.10 per bag.

Groceries .- Dried fruits for Christmas are naturally the principal feature in the greecry business just now. Currants have gone up about 2s. in primary markets, and in London, though we have heard of no change here so far. In Valencia raisins, the considerable shortage referred to last week is making itself more and more felt. Cables from Spain speak of the exhaustion of this crop. For sugar, the demand is slack, but prices remain the same. Prices for canned goods are still firm, though the demand cannot be described as brisk. There have been some more shipments of tomatoes to the States. Practically all grades of teas are high and in good request. Canned fishes and meats are not moving very freely.

Hardware.-Seasonable goods are moving out in quantities fully equal to the average for this time of the year, especiaverage for this time of the year, especi-ally skates, cutlery, sleigh bells, etc. No special feature calls for comment in the heavy metal trade, which is quite brisk. From Glasgow comes word of an idle market for Scotch pig iron, only a few warrants changing hands. In Cleveland warrants, a fair business is being trans-acted. Little fresh business has been done with consumers although makers done with consumers, although makers

