

# SWEET CAPORAL



## CIGARETTES STANDARD OF THE WORLD

**SOLD BY ALL LEADING  
WHOLESALE HOUSES.**

### TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Jan. 11, 1906.

Chemicals, Drugs, etc.—No appreciable change has occurred in the position of drugs and chemicals on the local market since last report. Quinine and opium continue to be bought at steady prices, but the demand is not markedly active. Other staples are about the same. Across the line business presents few noteworthy features, and is a little on the dull side. Baltimore advices on the fertilizer situation, however, are strong. A letter from Manchester, Eng., says: It is always dangerous to prophesy as to the course of trade, but looking at the position in all parts of the world, we ventured twelve months ago to indicate that 1905 might be expected to be a year of better trade, and that indication has been quite justified. In the early months of the year—and indeed up to the end of June—the volume of business in the home trade was less than had been expected, but there was always a good tone and a sanguine feeling that better times must soon come. During the second half of the year there has been a strong improvement and a heavy business done, many articles appreciating considerably in value, and the demand has continued until late in the current month. Export trade has been good throughout the year: the board of trade returns show the total exports of chemicals, drugs, dyes and colors to have been £13,403,269 during the eleven months ended November 30th last as against £12,503,280 during the corresponding period of 1904, an increase of £899,989 or about 7 per cent.

Dry Goods.—While perhaps the mildness of the season this winter has done something to subdue activity in many branches of dry goods, most wholesalers agree that seldom or never before have they experienced such an active demand at good prices. With favorable climatic conditions, the general impression is that the season's business would have been extraordinarily good. The undoubted cause is, the general prosperity of the country which thus far shows no sign of weakening. The chief feature in city warehouses is the sorting out of receipts for the spring trade for which all reports bespeak favorable prospects. Fawns, brocades, shirtings are all shown in particularly wide variety. Dress goods are also shown in all colors and designs and qualities, but in the latter connection, it may be said that good grades are specially noticeable.

Flour and Grain.—Comparatively little Ontario wheat is coming forward, and millers are making some complaint. Manitoba is moving more rapidly. No change in value has been made in either since last report. In fact the only change in grain prices since last report has been in barley which dropped one to two cents. In flour not a great quantity of business is passing, though the price has come down a fraction. Ninety per cent. patents are quoted at \$3.10 in buyers' bags, but this is too high according to the ideas of export requirements. Bran and shorts continue scarce and very firm and there is hardly enough on hand for immediate requirements.

Hides and Skins.—A quiet market prevails for hides and supplies are coming in in fair quantity. Prices are easy at the last reduction, but values are intrinsically not very much lower, taking into account the poor quality of offerings at this season of the year and the large proportion of wastage.

Live Stock.—All classes of stock were in demand at this week's markets and prices showed a firming tendency. Butchers' cattle especially, were in strong demand, despite fairly large supplies. Colder weather perhaps has started a brisker demand. The demand for exporters has been fairly brisk and prices in some cases have reached \$5, though \$4.80 would be nearer the general mark. Hogs advanced 10c. during the week. Not many stockers or feeders have come forward, and old prices have been retained. Calves are easier. There has been a good demand for sheep and lamb, and all supplies have been cleaned up early in the day.

Hardware.—Prices hold very steady for all lines of ordinary shelf hardware, as well as metals, and business has been very active, with good sorting orders coming in. No feature presents itself for special comment.

Provisions.—An easier tone prevails in regard to butter, the receipts being almost more than enough to meet requirements. Cheese continues very firm @ 13c. for large and 13½c. for twins. Eggs are fairly steady, though but few new

laid are in the market. A fair demand exists for poultry and prices keep about the same as last week. In sympathy with the higher prices for hogs, the prices for smoked meats are quite firm. The demand is active.

Wool.—Prices named in our Prices Current are purely nominal, business being at a standstill.

### MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, 11th Jan., 1906.

Ashes.—Business is lifeless at the moment, and quotations are more or less nominal at \$5.25 to \$5.35 for first pots, \$4.75 to \$4.80 for second pots, and \$7 to \$7.25 for first pearls.

Cements and Firebricks.—In cements there is little doing, but for firebricks there is quite a steady demand, with quotations firm at \$18 to \$23 per thousand. Belgian cement is quoted at \$1.90 to \$2.10; Canadian and English, \$2 to \$2.20.

Dry Goods.—Travelling salesmen are now fairly at work again, and are sending in very fair orders, mostly for spring stuffs, though there is a certain amount of sorting being done. Money is coming in pretty well, and some of the larger houses report about 85 per cent. of customers' paper met on the 4th inst., which was a fairly heavy day for three months' goods dated October last.

Groceries.—Both the local sugar refineries, which have been shut down for the yearly clean up and repairs, are again in operation, and report a brisk demand for soft yellow grades, which cannot be very satisfactorily accounted for, and prices of these goods are relatively higher than those for granulated. We quote \$4.30 for standard granulated in barrels, and \$4.25 in bags, while the lowest grade of yellows is \$3.90 in barrels, and \$3.85 in bags. Stocks of molasses in first hands are pretty well cleaned up, and the jobbing quotation for Barbados is steady at 35c. in single puncheons. Teas are comparatively quiet at the moment, but are generally firm in price. In other lines there is nothing new.

Hides.—Hides are barely as firm in price as they were, and buyers claim that there is no 12½c. per pound now for No. 1, and that 12c. is the extreme figure. Lambskins are steady at \$10 each. The business passing is not large.

Leather.—The boot and shoe factories are all again in full blast this week, with good spring orders in hand, and there is more business doing in leather. Values are all firmly held, and we quote: No. 2 manufacturers' sole, 25c.; No. 2 jobbers' at 26c.; slaughter sole, 20c.; Western splits, 22 to 23c.; Quebec ditto, 19 to 20c.; buff and pebble, 13½ to 16½c.; glove grain, 12½ to 14½c.; Scotch grain, 33 to 37c.; harness, 32 to 33c.; russet, 30 to 45c.; black sheep skins, 8c.; colored ditto, 8½ to 8¾c.