

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, January 17th, 1901.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Our quotations of last week remain good for this, and no special feature calls for comment. The only striking alteration in the outlook of the American trade is the increased call for quinine, compared with the indifference which has existed in that line for some time past. Perhaps the prevalence of "la grippe" has had something to do with this increased enquiry.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Prices for flour remain at practically the same figure. They went up slightly three or four days ago, but have since dropped, and the market remains dull. Old Country buyers are practically out of the market, and are not making offers. Exporters are not paying over \$2.60 in buyers' sacks; towards the end of last week and the beginning of this, some fair sales were made, but things have turned very quiet the last day or two.

GREEN FRUIT.—Business is fairly active, and a good quantity of fruits are coming in, and selling at average

prices. We quote for this week: Lemons, new Messina, \$2.25 to \$2.75 per box; choice Verdelli, \$1.25; fancy California, \$3; oranges, Jamaica, \$2.75; Mexican, \$2.25 to \$2.50; California navel, \$3.25; Florida, \$3.25 to \$3.75; Valencia, \$4.50 to \$5.50 per large case; bananas, fancy, \$1.25 to \$1.75; grapes, Almeria, \$6 to \$6.50 per keg; onions, Canadian, 85c. per keg; apples, winter, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per barrel.

GRAIN.—Receipts from the country continue light. Ontario wheat is 1c. lower, while Manitoba remains unchanged. Peas and oats are 1c. higher, there being a good demand for export. Rye, corn and buckwheat are nominally unchanged.

GROCERIES.—A steady sorting-up trade is in progress, without any noticeable volume in point of individual orders. Sugars have been moving freely, however, and syrup and molasses are in good demand. Some good parcels of teas have been shipped, especially in Japan, and the wholesale trade is now pretty well cleared out of old seasons' teas. Prunes are active, both French and California, as are also California evaporated fruits. Currants are neglected. Raisins are moving out in fair quantities at 7¼ to 7½c. for fine off-stalk, f.o.s.; 8½ to 9c. for selected. Fish is commencing to move in anticipation of Lenten requirements, and the possibility of a limited supply. The demand for breakfast foods of all kinds is one of the noticeable features of trade at present.

HARDWARE.—We have nothing to add to what was said last week about the conditions and prospects of the shelf hardware trade. Wholesalers report a very fair turnover. No new feature has made itself evident in the heavy metals line. From Great Britain come reports of dullness in pig iron since the holidays. Unfavorable news from South Africa and other causes have combined to bring about a feeling of flatness and Scotch warrants have fallen to 55s. 6d. per ton.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The receipts of hides are pretty liberal, with a rather quiet demand. Tallow keeps steady. In Chicago, packers are steadily working off their surplus stocks, and receiving very fair value.

LEATHER.—Country sales have been larger this week, and there is a distinctly better tone apparent in this market. Prices remain steady. Some enquiry is being made for export, and the demand for the lumber camps has been quite good.

PROVISIONS.—Fair quantities of butter are coming forward, and the demand has improved. Cheese is quiet, the enquiries being very limited. Hogs are fetching high prices, and hog products are very firm, in sympathy. Receipts of dressed hogs are somewhat scanty. The demand for poultry, choice quality, is increasing. Eggs are steady, new-laid being scarce, with a very good demand.

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