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the local oil market, as the consumption of seal oil in Canada is now a mere bagatelle, and the Newfoundlanders have now to depend upon Europe for the demand. A leading house here who used to buy seal oil 20 years ago by the cargo, say that last year they bought 25 barrels, and still have a barrel or two left. Turpentine is easier; one large holder in the south is said to have broken the price, and the general local quotation is now 90c., with lower figures anticipated. Linseed is fairly steady at quotations. We quote: Single barrels, raw linseed oil, 59c.; boiled, 62c.; net thirty days, or 3 per cent. for four months' terms. Turpentine, 90c. Olive oil, machinery, 90c.; cod oil, 35 to 37½c. per gallon; steam refined seal, 50 to 55c. per gallon; straw, do., 45 to 47c.; castor oil, 7½ to 8c., for machinery; pharmaceutical ditto, 8½ to 9c.; lead (chemically pure and first-class brands) \$5.15 to \$5.25; No. 1, \$4.75 to \$4.87½; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, 4.12½; No. 4, \$3.75; dry white lead, 4½ to 5c. for pure; No. 1, ditto, 5c.; genuine red ditto, 4¼ to 4½c.; No. 1 red lead, 4 to 4½c.; putty, in bulk, barrels, \$2; bladder putty in barrels, \$1.90; ditto, in kegs, or boxes, \$2.40; 23-lb. tins, \$2.55; 12½-lb. tins, \$2.65. London washed whiting, 40 to 45c.; Paris white, 75 to 80c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25 to \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to \$2; Paris green, 14c. in bulk, and 15c. in 1-lb. packages; window glass, \$1.90 to \$2 per 50 feet for first break; \$2 to \$2.10 for second break.

Wool.—The next London series opens May 5th, with comparatively small offer-

ings of 190,000 bales. Local business is light. We quote: Capes at 17½ to 18c.; Natal, firm at 21c.; Australian scoured, 45c.; B.A. washed, 35 to 42c.

**TORONTO MARKETS.**

Toronto, April 23, 1903.

Chemicals, Drugs, Etc.—The drug trade in local circles is about normal. Prices are steady, but no very noteworthy feature presents itself. In New York a good deal of attention is being called to the position of cod liver oil. Prices of holders are going up, but buyers' views will hardly go so far. Quinine is being sold in moderate quantities. Opium is dull and easy.

Dairy Products.—As to butter the market is well supplied and prices have declined. For creamery 18 to 20c. is asked for prints. Large rolls of dairy fetch 16 to 18c. for choice stock. The market for cheese is firm and unchanged, 14 to 14½c. being the usual price. At Brockville, on the 16th, the highest price bid was 12¾c., at which figure no deal was made. Eggs, new laid are quoted at 12c., but prices may drop a little with increased receipts from the country, due to improving roads.

Flour and Grain.—A steadier market prevails for flour, the price quoted by exporters for 90 per cent. patents, in buyers' bags, middle freights, being \$2.65, special brands being a little higher. Mill-feed and oatmeal are steady. Ontario wheat is 1c. higher, other kinds are the same. Other grains remain unchanged. Practically no receipts are coming in, as all the farmers are busy seeding.

Fruit.—Nothing out of the ordinary can be discerned in wholesale fruit circles. A fairly good trade is being done. Oranges, California navels, as to quality, \$3.75 to \$4.; Mexican, \$2.50; Valencia, \$4.50 to \$6; lemons, Palermo, \$2.50 to \$2.70; California, \$3; Florida tomatoes, fancy, \$3 per crate; bananas, \$1.75 to \$2.50; Almeria grapes, \$5.50 to \$7.50; onions, Canadian, 50c. per bag; Spanish, 85c.

Groceries.—Business in sugar has been a little more brisk since the advance last week in local prices, and a further rise of 5c. took place on Tuesday, otherwise an average trade has been the rule. Dried fruits have kept steady, especially currants, which seem to have an upward tendency. Canned goods are strong, though tomatoes of poor quality seem to have drifted in from the United States, which eventually, if continued, will no doubt affect prices. In teas prices are strong and an average good business is passing.

Live Stock.—Receipts at the cattle market this week were on the light side, though of good quality. Practically everything in the way of export cattle was sold at unchanged quotations. Good butchers' cattle sold well. Prices of calves tended to go lower, owing to low quality of offerings. Good milch cows were scarce.

Hides and Skins.—In sympathy with the stronger feeling in Chicago, the hide market here is firmer. Prices so far however remain unchanged. The demand for sheepskins is good. Calfskins are more plentiful, and the market a little easier. Tallow is steady.

Provisions.—Prices of hog products are very firm in sympathy with higher cost of live hogs, and they may go higher. Business is brisk.


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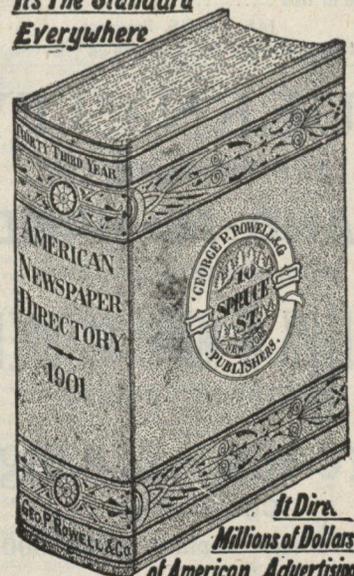
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