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TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Feb. 16, 1905.

Drugs, Chemicals, etc.—A brisk trade is going on locally in drugs. Opium seems to be steadily advancing. Holders of quinine are watching for the results of the sales in Amsterdam next week. Camphor is still moving up. Oil of peppermint is weaker. Ipecacuanha is expected to go up, the stocks having become low. Norwegian cod liver oil is easier. Iodide of potash is very firm at the recent advance. Trade in the New York market is rather dull. Not much change is reported in British trade, either for home or export.

Flour and Grain.—Not much export demand is being experienced for flour. Ninety per cent. patents sell at \$4.30 to \$4.45 in buyers' bags, east or west freights. The wheat market is unchanged. Barley is from 1 to 2c. up. Not very much business is being done, the country roads being largely blocked. Oats are firm, and holders think there will be an advance. In millfeed there was another advance of about \$2 per ton for bran and \$1.50 for shorts at the beginning of this week.

Groceries.—There is scarcely any feature this week worth special comment. Sugars continue fairly steady at the recent decline. The movement in general goods is much as before, though the

storms in country districts last week are likely to interfere somewhat with business. In tea trade is quiet. Canned goods continue strong.

Hardware.—Seasonable goods of all classes are in fairly good request. The metals are all fairly firm at unchanged prices. Iron preserves its steadiness.

Hides, Skins and Leather.—An easier tendency is discernible for hides, both here and in Chicago. Prices, however, continue steady. Leather is temporarily a little unsettled.

Live Stock.—Receipts of cattle at the market this week were light, probably owing to the state of the roads throughout country districts. The demand was fair, and, with so few animals in the markets, there was quite a lively competition among dealers. For exporters business was a little quiet, though there was some demand to fill space, and prices were quite firm. For butchers' cattle the light run gave considerable briskness to the enquiry, and some of the animals fetched as high as \$4.75; heavy deliveries, however, would probably have caused a drop. Feeders were firm, with prices showing a higher tendency. All sheep and lambs sold quickly. Calves were firm. Hogs sold for 10c. lower, and the dealers seem to think prices will continue easy.

Provisions.—Owing to the smallness of receipts in the country owing to the bad state of the roads there is a comparative scarcity in the city of good dairy produce, and prices are firm. Butter has advanced, generally speaking, about a cent. The cheese market holds steady. Smoked meats and hog products are very steady.

Wool.—Prices are nominally the same, and firm, but no business is being done.



MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Feb. 15th, 1905.

Ashes.—The market has an easy tone, receipts for January having been almost equal to those for the first four months of 1904, and the English demand is light. For first quality of pots, dealers quote \$5.35 to \$5.40; seconds, \$4.90 to \$5; pearls would realize probably in the vicinity of \$7.50, but there has not been a transaction reported for some weeks.

Dairy Products.—Owing to the great scarcity of butter, prices have gone up like a rocket, and it is claimed that business has actually transpired in finest creamery at 28c., being an advance of over 5c. since a week ago. Cheese continues very dull, buyers being apparently

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very indifferent, while holders are firm in their ideas at about 10¾ to 10⅞c. for finest fall makes. The shipments of cheese last week were light, only 6,678 boxes, and of butter 965 packages.

Dry Goods.—The late bad weather has somewhat affected travellers' orders in this line, but business is expected to assume its normal conditions in the course of a few days. Remittances on the whole are fair. Cables to hand from buyers abroad report considerable difficulty in securing supplies of lustrous and other bright woolen, with manufacturers quoting higher prices. Silks are also somewhat scarce. Ribbons will be in great request, it is said, the next two years, and a number of Swiss embroidery manufacturers are turning their looms on to this class of goods. Linens show some evidence of easier values. In cotton goods there is nothing new, and millmen are apparently marking time and awaiting future developments in the raw cotton market.

Fish.—The demand in this line is very fair, but supplies of some kinds are very light owing to the stormy season on the coast. Green cod stocks are very low, and large fresh herrings are also scarce. We quote: Green cod, large, \$7; No. 2, \$5.50; Labrador herrings, \$5; halves, ditto, \$2.75; mackerel, \$2 for 20-lb. kits; sea trout, \$9.50 per bbl.; boneless cod, 6c. per lb.; fresh herrings, \$1 to \$1.25 per hundred; finnan haddies, 6 to 6½c. per pound.

Groceries.—The movements of travellers have been much interfered with by the late severe storms, and as a consequence the volume of business has been lessened somewhat this week, while remittances are also less active. We last week referred to a probable easing off in sugars, which took effect the day after last writing, the local refineries announcing a decline of 10c. a cental on all grades, making the present factory price for standard granulated \$5.65 in barrels, with the lowest figure in yel-



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