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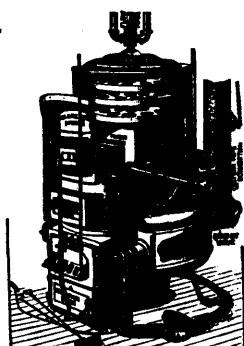
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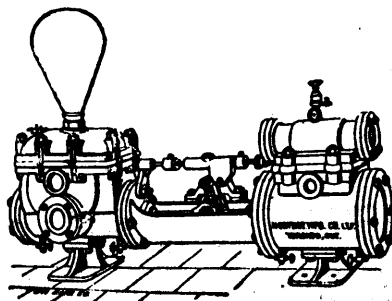
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TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Sept. 6th, 1894.

DRUGS.—The country trade is gaining strength, and during the last ten days there has been no decided increase in the volume of movement. Travellers are out on the road and are doing their best to stir up an activity in business. The improvement has been a long while in coming, and even should the present activity be continued until the end of December, the accounts of many houses will be behind those of last year. For a long time orders have been curtailed, and stocks throughout the country must be small, so that it is but natural to look for continued activity. Market values abroad are for the most part firm. Opium is quiet but firm. Camphor has lost no strength. Rhubarb is strong. Oil of anise seed is firm. Oil lemon is weaker. Oil of orange has weakened somewhat. Sales of cocoa butter in London are cabled to have been made at a decline to an average of 18d.; Amsterdam is also lower, with prices cabled 13 5-6d. There is some activity in silver in face of an advancing market.

GRAIN.—There has been a dull market all week. In wheat the only outward movement is to local millers. Buying at outside points is in progress, but deliveries are coming in very slowly. The severe drouth has injured the spring wheat, but samples of fall are showing up well. The Vienna Grain Congress has given out its estimate of the world's 1894 wheat crop. It is in favor of lower values, but has exercised scarcely any influence. According to the estimate the "world's wheat crop for 1894 amounts to 2,476,000,000 bush. against 2,279,000,000 bush. in 1893 and 2,289,000,000 bush. average for 10 years, leaving 71,000,000 bush. surplus in the total exporting countries over last year. The above estimate allows only 408,000,000 bush. for the United States wheat crop, when 475,000,000 to 500,000,000 bush. is the generally accepted amount. Shipments from exporting countries continue to be under European requirements. Stocks on passage decreased 700,000 bush. and the English visible fell away 300,000 bush. last week. On the other hand, the United States and Canadian visible increased more than 2,000,000 bush." Oats are dull on the local market, offerings are not liberal, while city dealers are alone making demands upon stocks. There is a quiet feeling of confidence displayed among dealers in regard to the barley situation, but this results more from the prospects of trade than from any actual movement. American buyers continue to request samples and ask for statistical information, but transactions are held in abeyance until the standards be fixed, which event will occur on the 14th of the month. Peas are steady, and are an exception to other cereals since in good demand.

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on Aug. 24th were 776,340 bushels. During the week there were received 203,982 bushels, and shipped 173,196 bushels, leaving in store on Sept. 1st, 807,126.

GROCERIES.—With the advent of September trade should display increased activity. The volume of the distributing movement has increased, but not to the degree that it should in the normal condition of affairs. With the fruit season at hand, and an exceedingly heavy crop of peaches, with pears plentiful and receipts of grapes growing larger daily, there should be a good demand for sugars. But the consumptive demand is not so large as was expected, and merchants on the street entering into a rather keen competition have been cutting prices. Spices are cabled firm abroad. Odd stocks of dried fruit are being cleaned up, to make place for new fruit which will soon be at hand. First shipments of French prunes will be made this week; this is earlier than usual, in consequence of hot weather, which has ripened the crop very quickly. Teas are firm; Japan teas have been