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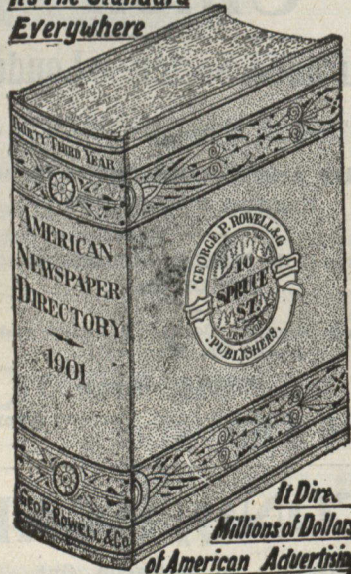
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Flour and Grain.—No particular change has taken place in conditions affecting the flour market. Ninety per cent. patents hold at about \$2.67½ to \$2.10, in buyers' bags, middle freights. Oatmeal, also bran and shorts, are steady in price, and without appreciable change, so far as demand is concerned. Ontario wheat has not changed, but Manitoba has gone up 1 to 2c. Barley is dull at a drop of 1c. Peas, also, are 1 or 2c. lower. Rye and corn remain as before. Buckwheat is dull.

Fruit.—Wholesale fruit merchants are busy, and oranges, early strawberries, tomatoes, etc., are selling at very fair prices. We quote: Strawberries, quarts, 18c.; North Carolina, large quarts, 18 to 20c.; apples, per barrel, 75c. to \$2; per bushel, 10 to 20c.; bananas, \$1.50 to \$2.50 per bunch; oranges, Jamaica, per barrel, \$5 to \$5.50; per box, \$2.50 to \$3; do., California navel, per box, \$3 to \$3.75; Valencia, \$4.75 to \$5 per box for ordinaries; \$5.75 to \$6 for large 420's, and \$6 per box for 714's; lemons, Messina, \$2.75 to \$3; California, per box, \$3.50 to \$4; sweet potatoes, per barrel, kiln dried, \$5.50; coconuts, per sack, \$3.75; pineapples, 24's and 30's, \$3 to \$3.75 per case; 36's, \$3 to \$3.25 per case; Florida tomatoes, \$4 to \$5 per crate; asparagus, \$1.50 to \$2 per dozen bundles.

Hardware.—An active trade is being carried on in hardware circles, and a more than usually good business is expected to be carried through this season. All reasonable articles are being called for in large quantities, and the demand is not restricted to a few sections, but seemingly is general. Heavy metals are experiencing a good movement also. In Great Britain the decline in pig iron values, which began towards the end of March, has steadily continued, and the aggregate drop is quite heavy, being about 4s. per ton in Scotch and Cleveland iron. But little business is being done, and that is of a hand-to-mouth description. Higher priced metals, too, have been easier. Copper has lost £4 per ton, though now a little firmer again. Spelter is 15s. cheaper and lead about the same. Tin, however, is steady at an advance of about £3.

Live Stock.—Trade in export cattle this week has been practically nil, owing to the condition of affairs in Montreal. For butchers' cattle the demand this week has been better than last, and prices have ruled a little higher. No large number of feeders and stockers have come forward, so that there has been no congestion. Trade in milch cows has been dull, and few good ones have been offered. Sheep and lambs have been in good request, and light butchers' of choice quality have gone up about 25c. per cwt.

Provisions.—Butter is decidedly easier, owing to heavy receipts. Large rolls are quoted at 16 to 17c. and pounds at 16 to 18c. Cheese is weaker, and is jobbing at 13c. Eggs are firmer and are being jobbed around 13c. Poultry, fresh-killed, is in fair demand, though the

quantity coming forward is by no means large. A rather dull market is the rule for hops just now, Canada, 1902, crop being sold for 18 to 25c. United States coast hops are quoted as being fairly firm. Live hogs are a little easier, but in products a fair business is passing. Values are well maintained.

Wool.—Prices, so far as the local market is concerned, remain as before. For fleece the nominal price is about 14 to 15c. for washed, and 8 to 9c. for unwashed. For pulled, which are in average demand, the price quoted here is 15 to 16c. for supers, and 17 to 20c. for extras. In the States, the prolonged attitude of "standstill," on the part of both sellers and buyers, has been followed by a seemingly unavoidable fall in prices, though it would be difficult, according to advices at hand, to explain the reason for such satisfactorily. The third series of the London wool auction sales opened on the 5th inst. The offerings were heavy, numbering 12,345 bales. Prices were higher. The offerings of merinos were light, but crossbreds were in large supply and they were taken principally by the home trade. Suitable parcels of medium grades were bought for Americans. Cape of Good Hope and Natal sold freely to the home trade and Germany. Lambs sold readily and there was a good demand for slipes, which advanced 7½ per cent. Scoureds sold well at a 10 per cent. rise. Punta Arena grades were firm and in good demand. Merinos advanced 5 per cent.



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