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TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, March 19th, 1903.

Chemicals, Drugs, Etc.—Considerable firmness prevails in local circles for most kinds of drugs. Quinine is steady, and opium has improved a little. English advices say that trade in chemicals lately has been heavy, especially in alkalies. Caustic soda is firm. Chemicals in Baltimore have made little change, though scarcity continues in some lines of fertilizer materials.

Flour and Grain.—Dullness still prevails in the flour market, with \$2.65, or at the most, \$2.70, being realized for 90 per cent. patents. In millfeed there is no appreciable change, cars of shorts fetching \$17, and bran, \$16.25 to \$16.50. Oatmeal remains at old quotations. Wheat prices have made no change from two weeks ago. The market is dull all round, and little or nothing is doing. Hardly anything is being exported in any line of grain. The roads in the country have broken up, with the result that nothing is moving.

Fruits and Vegetables.—An active demand exists for oranges. California celery is practically out of the market, but there are a good many strawberries coming in from Florida. Prices may be quoted, as follows: Apples, per barrel, \$1 to \$2.25; per basket, 15 to 20c.; cauliflower, California, \$3 per case;

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grapes, Malaga, per keg, \$4.50 to \$5.50; 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 \$3.50; Valencia, \$4.50 to \$5.50 per box for ordinaries, and \$5.50 per box for 714's; cranberries, Cape Cod, per barrel, \$10; do., Jersey, \$10.50; lemons, Messina, \$2.75 to \$3; California, per box, \$3.50 to \$4; sweet potatoes, per barrel, kiln dried, \$5 to \$6.

Groceries.—There is little to record under this head. Sugars have moved a little brisker since the advance, but there is a certain degree of dullness in most markets, mainly due to the very bad condition of the roads throughout the country. Dried fruits are becoming firmer, while great strength continues in many lines of canned goods. Teas, too, are selling fairly briskly at firm prices.

Hardware.—Trading in shelf hardware is going on briskly, and orders for delivery at opening of navigation are coming in in considerable quantities. Every indication points to a good season's business this spring. Metals are moving briskly, too. Tin, zinc sheets, and ingot copper made small advances about a week ago.

Hides, Skins and Leather.—In accordance with conditions in Chicago, the market is a little weaker, though prices for the present remain as they were. Hides are in only moderate demand. Tallow keeps steady. In leather an active business is being done. Prices in England are higher, for sole leather, and the demand here for export account is keen. Country trade, too, is good.

Paints and Oils.—Steady prices prevail in these lines and while trade cannot be much complained of, as it is, yet it is expected to improve considerably within the next month or two.

Provisions.—Butter is in fair supply at unchanged prices. Cheese is very firm. Eggs have made another big drop, and are still declining. They are now selling at 14c. on a very easy market. Live hogs, a few days ago, made an advance which is now reflected somewhat in the price of products therefrom. Hogs are firm, Canada new being held at 26 to 28c. A little maple syrup has been received in this market. The crop this year is expected to be a small one.

Wool.—Conditions in the wool trade remain unchanged, with practically no fleece in the market. At the sales in London on the 13th inst., the offerings numbered 14,373 bales. Prices were firm. Scoureds were in fair supply and in good demand for France and Germany. Merinos were in general demand, a few lots of combing going to America. The offerings of crossbreds were large, but all were sold, the home trade securing the bulk. A few lots of Cape of Good Hope and Natal greasy were bought by Americans.

TORONTO STOCK TRANSACTIONS.

The fall in Dominion Steel, continued from last week, caused considerable excitement in the Toronto Exchange, and still more in Montreal, where many small operators were badly hurt. A fall to 33¼, when only two weeks ago the stock stood at over 55, is no light matter. No doubt, this result was brought about chiefly by the poor showing made by the last monthly statement. During the last day or two, owing to efforts of large stockholders, things have taken a brighter aspect. Other stocks have been fairly active. Following are particulars as to the more important: Ontario Bank, 74 at 135-136; Commerce, 526 at 165-167; Imperial, 35 at 238½-240; Dominion, 324 at 246-248; Standard, 4 at 255; Hamilton, 50 at 232; Traders, 3 at 142; C.P.R., 7,695 at 126⅞-168⅞; Tor. Elec. Light, 373 at 150-153; Gen. Elec., 422 at 198-205; Com. Cable, 50 at 160-162; Rich. & Ont. Nav., 180 at 96-97; Tor. Rail., 556 at 111⅝-113; Twin City, 5,531 at 113¾-116½; Sao Paulo, 737 at 89¾-90; Dom. Steel, 7,323 at 33¼-46¾; pref., 128 at 84½-87½; bonds, \$17,000 at 79½ 83½; Dominion Coal, 4,830 at 117¼-122½; bonds, \$2,000 at 110; Nova Scotia Steel, 8,025 at 104⅞-107½; preferred, 25 at 135¾; bonds, \$7,000 at 111¼; Lake Superior, 916 at 4-5.



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