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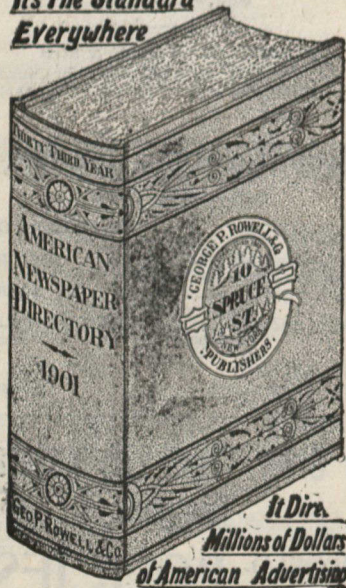
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TORONTO MARKETS.

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Chemicals, Drugs, Etc.—Few features of interest came up for notice in the drug trade this week. Business is about normal. Prices continue steady. Cod liver oil is still advancing a little, and Paris green too has an upward tendency. A report from Manchester says that the export demand for chemicals continues fairly good, but the home trade has been restricted owing to the Coronation festivities. A much better tone has prevailed since the declaration of peace, and further improvement is likely to follow. Ammonia alkali is very firm. Exports of alkalies during May were much better than was the case in that month last year.

Flour and Grain.—Wheat, both spring and winter, have advanced from 1 to 2c. Business continues in about the same condition as last reported. Oats have declined slightly. Corn also has dropped owing to the improved crop prospects from the warmer weather. Not much change has taken place in flour. Ninety per cent patents are quoted at \$2.90. Bran is easier.

Fruits and Vegetables—Trade in local fruit circles has been active, the chief feature being strawberries which have been coming in from Bronte and Oakville in large quantities. Pineapples are scarcely so plentiful, and are selling well. Bananas also are in keen demand. Prices are quoted as follows: Apples, per basket, 50c. to \$1; bananas, per bunch, \$1.50 to \$2.25; oranges, \$7; Florida pineapples, 30's to 42's, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per case; loose, according to size, 6c. to 14c.; tomatoes, 4-basket carrier, \$1.25; strawberries, per quart, 5c. to 7c.; cherries, per basket, 85c. to \$1.25; California apricots, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per crate; California peaches, \$2.50 per case; watermelons, 35c. to 45c.; gooseberries, 50c. to 60c. per basket; cabbages, \$1.75 per crate.

Groceries.—Except for sugar, the movement in which is still restricted, the groceries trade on the whole has been fairly good during the last week or so. Teas, more especially Japans, are very firm. Corn, tomatoes and some other lines of canned goods, are exceedingly firm owing to short crops and expensive buying from the United States. Currants and Mediterranean fruits are in about the same position.

Hides and Skins.—Calf skins are now quoted at 10c. for firsts, and 8c. for seconds. Lambskins are 25 to 30c.; shearlings, 20 to 25c. Business being transacted is fair. Tallow continues strong. In Chicago business in packer hides is dull, most buyers having withdrawn from the market until after the holiday season. Offerings are moderate; still there is no pressure to sell, and prices hold steady at 13 to 13¼c. for native steers, 14¾c. for heavy Texas, 12¼ to 12½c. for butt brands, 12 to 12¼c. for Colorados, 10¾c. for heavy native cows and 10¼c. for branded do.

Country hides are steady at 8½c. for No. 1 buffs.

Hardware.—The demand for all kinds of seasonable goods in the farming tool and shelf hardware lines continues good. Manila and sisal rope are a trifle lower, probably owing to arrivals of British cordage in Montreal. Trade has not been affected by the cold weather, as there is still every prospect for a bountiful harvest. Values as a rule are quite firm, and some lines, such as axle pulleys, bench-screws and sad irons have been advanced. The business done in heavy metals continues to be very heavy. In Great Britain a moderate trade has passed in pig iron. The home demand has been good, but continental enquiry disappointing, and shipments all round have scarcely been so good as was the case a year ago. Values, however are steady. Tin fell very heavily during the month, and is likely to fall still more. The statistical position of copper is better, deliveries having exceeded supplies latterly, but the price is still falling.

Live Stock.—Offerings at the cattle market this week were large, but the demand showed up well again, and prices were maintained firmly. Some choice cattle for export fetched as high as \$7 per cwt. The quality of the majority of the offerings was hardly so good as it was last week. Butchers' cattle were steady.

Wool.—Very little is being done in wool. Prices remain nominally the same as last week. Export demand has not begun to improve.

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