

at \$1 per box in 6 pound boxes and \$2.20 in 12 pound boxes.

NUTS.—Fresh Ontario chestnuts, held at 14 to 15c per lb. New shelled almonds are also in. Soft shelled almonds are quoted at 17 to 18c, walnuts, 16 to 17c, peanuts, roasted, 14 to 15c, filberts, 12 to 13c, pecans, 16 to 17c, Brazils, 14 to 15c.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

HARDWARE.—Last week we made reference to the possibility of a collapse of the wire nail agreement. Nothing further has transpired, but it is probable that the cutting has been done in order to reduce stocks, for fear of a reduction in the duty, as wire nails is one of the lines upon which a reduction in the duty has been urged. There is no change in local prices this week, and quotations given a week ago remain the same. Prices are unchanged as follows:

Tin, lamb and 56 and 28 lb ingots, per lb, 25 to 26c.

Tin plates—Charcoal plates, brand Alloy, I. C., 10 by 14, 12 by 12 and 14 by 20, per box, \$4.75 to \$5; I. X., same sizes, per box, \$6 to \$6.25; I. C., charcoal, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$9.50 to 9.75; I. X., per box, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$11.50 to 11.75.

Terne plates—I. C., 20 by 28, \$9.50 to 9.75.

Iron and steel—Common iron, per 100 lbs, base price, \$2.90 to \$3; band iron, per 100 lbs, \$3.50 to 3.75; Swedish iron, per 100 lbs, \$5.25 to 6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3.25 to 3.50; best cast steel, per lb, 13 to 15c; Russian sheet, per lb, 12 to 13c.

Sheet iron—10 to 20 gauge, \$3.50 to 3.75; 22 to 28 gauge, \$3.75 to 4.

Canada plates, Garth and Blaina, \$3.50 to 3.75.

Iron pipe—50 to 55 per cent off list.

Galvanized iron—Queen's Head—22 to 24 gauge, per lb, 5½ to 5¾c; 26 gauge, per lb, 5¾ to 6c; 28 gauge, per lb, 6 to 6¼c.

Chain—Best proof coil, 3-16 inch, per lb, 7 to 7¼c; ½ inch, per lb, 6½ to 6¾c; 5-16 inch per lb, 6 to 6¼c; ¾ inch, per lb, 5¾ to 6c; 7-16 inch, per lb, 5½ to 5¾c; 1 inch, per lb, 5½ to 5¾c.

Sheet zinc, 6½ to 6¾c.

Lead—Pig, per lb, 4½c.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb, 18 to 20c.

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount, 35 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 per cent; rim fire military, American, 5 per cent advance; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent; central fire cartridges, Dominion, 30 per cent; shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 to 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft 5¾c; shot, Canadian chilled, 6¼c.

Axes—Per box, \$6.50 to 15.50.

Axle grease—Per gross, \$10 to 14.

Wire—Galvanized barb wire, plain twisted wire and staples, \$4.25 per 100 lbs.

Rope—Sisal, per lb, 9½ to 10c base; manilla, per lb, 12½ to 13c base; cotton, 3 16 and larger, 20 to 22c per lb.

Nails—Cut per keg, base price, \$3; common steel wire nails, 5 to 6 inch, \$3.65 per keg; 3 to 4½ inch, 3.90 keg; 2½ inch, \$4.15 keg; 2 inch, \$4.40 keg.

Horse nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List prices as follows: No 5, \$7.50 box; No 6, \$6.75 box; No 7, \$5 box; No 8, \$5.75 box; No 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above. List prices, 50 to 50 and 10 per cent.

Horse shoes—Per keg, \$4.50 to 4.75; snow pattern horse shoes, \$4.75 to 5.

PAINTS, OILS, GLASS, ETC.

Business is very dull. Revised prices are as follows. White Leads—pure, ground in oil, Association guarantee, \$6.00 per 100-lb kegs; white lead, No. 1, per 100 lbs, \$5.50; white lead, No. 2, \$5.00, assorted, 1 to 5-lb tins, per pound, 10c.

PREPARED PAINTS.—Pure liquid colors, per gallon, \$1.35 to \$1.40; second quality, \$1.10 to \$1.20.

DRY COLORS.—White lead, per lb, 8c; red, 7c; yellow ochre, 3c; golden ochre, 5c; Venetian red, French, 3½c; Venetian red, English, 3½c; English purple oxides, 4½c; American oxides, per lb, 4c. These prices for dry colors are for broken lots. ½c per lb less when full kegs or barrels are taken. Zanzibar vermilion, kegs, 18c; less than kegs, per lb, 20c; English vermilion, in 30 lb bags, \$1.00 per lb; less than bags, per lb, \$1.10.

VARNISHES.—No. 1 furniture, per gal, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; elastic oak, \$2; No. 1, carriage, \$2; hard oil finish, \$2; brown Japan, \$1; gold size, Japan, \$1.50; No. 1, orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50. These prices are for less than barrels, and would be shaded for full barrel lots.

SUNDRIES.—Glue, S. S., in sheets, per pound, 15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 20c. Stove gasoline, per case, \$3.50; benzine, per case, \$3.50 benzine and gasoline, per gallon, 50c. Axle grease, per case, \$3.75; gem axle grease, per case, \$3.20; imperial axle grease, per case, \$2.50. Coal tar, per barrel, \$8; Portland cement, per barrel, \$4.25; Michigan plaster, per barrel, \$3.25 to \$3.50; putty, in barrels per pound, 3c, less than barrels 3½c; whitening, barrels, per 100 lbs, \$1.25 to 1.35; alabastine, per case, 20 packages, \$7; asbestos, per case of 100 lbs, \$7.

WINDOW GLASS.—1st break is nominally quoted at \$1.90, but cut prices are made for fair-sized orders.

LINSEED OIL.—Raw, per gal, 65c boiled, per gal, 68c.

TURPENTINE.—Pure spirits, in barrels, per gal, 65c; less than barrels, per gal, 70c.

LUBRICATING OILS.—Capital cylinder, per gal., 58c; elderado engine, 35c; At antic red, 35c; golden star, No. 1, 33c; extra, 35c; elderado castor, 35c; golden, 32; black, 25 to 30c; lard, 70c; castor oil, per lb, 11c.

REFINED PETROLEUM.—We quote silver star Canadian at 21 to 22 and opalene at 26c per gallon in barrels. Ecene, United States, at 31c and sunlight at 27c in barrels.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT.—The wheat markets have been more eventful this week, owing to a spurt in prices on Thursday, making it the strongest day in United States markets for some time. Monday was a holiday. On Tuesday United States markets were weak, and Chicago fully 1c lower than Saturday, owing to reports that the Indian and Argentine crops are large. The English visible supply was reported to have decreased 1,100,000 bushels, that is the imports and English farmers' deliveries for the week fell short of the estimated consumption to the extent mentioned. The quantity of wheat and flour on ocean passage decreased 500,000 bushels. The visible supply showed an increase of 204,000 bushels, and a year ago increased 1,364,000 bu. The aggregate supply is 80,228,000 bu and a year ago was \$1,235,000 bu. Cables were lower on Wednesday, but United States markets were fractionally higher, owing to larger exports from the Atlantic coast and smaller shipments from other countries. Thursday was quite a memorable day for the bulls. There was good speculative buying in United States markets, receipts were lighter and exports were 564,000 bushels for the day. Under these influences prices were advanced sharply. Chicago closing 1½c higher. A strong feature is in shipments from all exporting countries of 5,000,000 bushels for the week, against estimated requirements of 7,200,000 bushels, showing a deficiency of over 2,000,000 bushels. If shipments should continue to show a deficiency, the situation will look very much better for an advance. On Friday United States markets were unsettled and closed mostly about ½c lower. Cables were firmer, but there was free selling and light exports.

Bradstreet's report, issued to-day at New York, says: Available stocks of wheat in the United States and Canada, both coasts, and in afloat for Europe, did not change materially in volume during December, while in December, 1892, they increased 6,500,000 bushels, and in December, 1891, 1,200,000 bushels. During the last six months available wheat stocks in the United States and in Canada increased only 34,000,000 bushels, whereas they decreased 28,000,000 bushels in the first half of 1893. In each of the two previous years the total not increase in the latter half was very much in excess of the decrease in the first half. Exports of wheat (flour included as wheat), from both coasts of the United States and Canada aggregate 3,896,000 bushels this week; last week the total was 2,036,000 bushels, last year 3,098,000 bushels, two years ago 5,300,000 bushels and four years ago 2,076,000 bushels.

In Manitoba there has not been much doing in spot transactions, but perhaps more tendency to buy for May delivery. There have been buyers for No. 1 hard at 66 to 66½c, May delivery at Fort William. On track, Fort William, No 1 hard has been held at about 59 to 59½c, but very little business doing. Deliveries continue light in country markets. Prices to farmers in country markets show a wider as well as a higher range of values, up to 46 and 47c per bushel having been paid at some country markets for No. 1 hard, while other markets held at 40. The tendency, however, in country markets has been higher. Receipts at Fort William for the week ended Dec 30 were 101,640 bushels and shipments 4,076 bushels. Total stocks were 1,539,107, being an increase of 97,504 bushels for the week. A year ago stocks were 2,175,419, being an increase of 73,132 for that week. Stocks in Manitoba elevators, including Winnipeg, are placed at nearly 2,500,000 bus. There are no shipments east of Lake storage points to speak of, and marketings are all going into store, except what is being converted into flour. Manitoba wheats are firmer in Eastern Canada markets, where sales are being made from stocks in store, shipped east before the close of navigation.

FLOUR.—The flour markets continue unsatisfactory for millers, and the long continued weakness is beginning to become tiresome. There is no shipping business to speak of since the close of navigation, and the tendency here lately has been to curtail the output. Quotations in small lots to the local trade, delivered in the city are as follows: Patents, \$1 60 to 1 65; strong bakers, \$1 50, XXXX, which varies widely in the quality of different mills, is quoted at 80 to \$1.00 as to quality. Lower grades, 60 to 75c. Prices per sack of 95 pounds.

MILLSTUFFS.—Bran has been very scarce again this week, the supply not being equal to requirements. There was some bran offering in bulk from country mills, but it was held firm at the full market price. Prices hold firm at \$10 to 11 for bran and \$12 to 13 for shorts as to quantity.

GROUND FEED.—There is a fairly good local demand, and prices hold at 17 to 18 per ton for oats and barley chop, but there is not much to be had.

OATMEAL, ETC.—The general tendency in oatmeal is firmer. In Ontario prices have been inclined to advance. There is still some eastern oatmeal held here, but none has been brought in since the close of navigation, and it could not be brought in on winter freight rates to sell at prices quoted here. Rolled oatmeal is quoted at \$2.40 in small lots for 50 lb. sacks; standard, in 100 pound sacks, \$2.50 and granulated, \$2 60. Cornmeal, \$1.75; buckwheat flour, \$4; and rye, \$3. Beans are quoted at \$1.80 to \$1.90 per bushel; split peas, \$2.40 to 2.50; pot barley, \$2.40 to 2.50; and pearl barley \$4 per sack, rolled wheat, \$5.50 per barrel.

OATS.—The tendency has continued downward in oats, and prices are now almost at an export basis. The decline has been most