

**Toronto Hardware Markets.**

There have been a few changes in prices, chief among which is a reduction of 40 per lb. in barbed, and plain twist wires and staples. A slight change is also reported in soil pipe.

**Wire.**—Barbed and plain twist wires and staples have been reduced 40c per lb., but so far the decline does not appear to have made any appreciable difference in business. We quote barbed and plain twist at 84 to 85c per lb.; steel staples, 84c.

**Rops.**—Demand has, if anything, fallen off except for sisal and manilla, but deep sea line and halyards, which are being principally used for cow lines, are going out quiet freely. We quote: Sisal, 7-16 in. and larger, 74c; 3, 7-16, 1/2 in., 8c. Manilla, 7-16 in. and larger, 94c; 1/2-5-16, 1/2 in., 10c.

**Cut Nails.**—Trade keeps quiet. Base price is unchanged at \$1.80 Toronto, carload lots, and \$1.85 small lots.

**Wire Nails.**—Discounts are unchanged at 75, 10 and 5 per cent., shipments of 10-keg lots being prepaid.

**Horse Nails.**—Are more active, with prices as before. Discounts, 60 per cent. off "C" and 60 and 2 1/2 per cent. off "P.B."

**Nails.**—We quote as follows. Cut, carpet blood, gimp, 60 per cent.; do., tinned, 70 per cent.; copper nails, 62 1/2 per cent.; clout nails, 60 to 67 1/2 per cent.; trunk nails, 60 to 65 per cent.; shoe finders' tacks, 50 per cent.; shoe nails, Huggan'ian' nails, etc., 37 per cent.

**Plumber's Supplies.**—Another change has been made in the price of medium and light soil pipe, but fittings remain as before, namely, 60 and 10 per cent. discount.

**Lead Pipe.**—We quote: Toronto and west 80 per cent. off in small lots, and 80 and 10 per cent. off in ton lots; points east of Toronto 85 per cent. off in small lots, and 85 and 10 per cent. off in ton lots.

**Outlery.**—All the houses here have their complete stocks of outlery to hand for the fall trade, and it is urged that this season's purchases are much in advance of previous importations, both in assortment and quantities.

**Tar, etc.**—Coal tar is still scarce. We quote: Roofing pitch, \$2.50 per bbl.; pure coal tar, \$4 per bbl.; refined coal tar, \$1.50 per bbl.; XXX refined coal tar in quart tins, \$1 per dozen; best Southern pure tar, \$3 per bbl., and 75c per dozen pint tins; pine pitch, \$2.75 per bbl.

**Cement.**—Much as before. We quote: Portland cement (English), \$3 per bbl. for best grades; New Brunswick plaster paris, \$2 per bbl.; Canadian water lime, \$1.25 per bbl.

**Firbricks, etc.**—Scotch firbricks, \$3.25 per 100; Scotch fireclay, \$1 per 100 lbs.

**Pig Iron.**—United States pig iron is still enjoying nearly all the trade. There have been a few enquiries for the Scotch article, which is gradually getting scarcer, but they were very few, and we hear of no transactions. A few lots of Nova Scotia iron have come up during the week, and some contracts are reported to have been made, but at low figures. We quote ex cars Toronto: Cambree, \$19.50; Summerlee, \$21 to 21.50; Nova Scotia, \$18 to 18.50, United States Iron.—We quote on the cash basis f.o.b. cars, Toronto in bond: No. 1 foundry strong coke iron Lake Superior ore, \$18.75; No. 2 foundry strong coke iron, Lake Superior ore, \$18.25; Jackson county silvery, No. 1, \$16.80 to 18.30; Lake Superior charcoal, \$15.55; Southern soft, No. 1, \$11.75; ditto, No. 2, \$11.50.

**Bar Iron.**—There is a wide range in the views of the trade regarding the base price, some quote \$1.70 to 1.75, Toronto, inside figures for large lots, while others still quote \$1.80 to 1.85. Trade is quiet, orders being small as a rule and principally for immediate requirements.

**Sheet Iron.**—We quote: 8 to 16 gauge, \$2.50; 18 ditto, \$2; 20 ditto, \$2.10; 22 to 24 ditto, \$2.20; 26 ditto, \$2.45; 28 ditto, \$2.65; tinned sheet iron, Manor's, 24 gauge, 7c per lb.; 22 to 24 gauge, 6 1/2c; 16 to 20 gauge, 6 1/2c.

**Sheet Steel.**—Prices quoted last week are for second grade, the first grade bringing from 8 to 4 1/2c per pound according to gauge. We quote: 8 to 16 gauge, \$2.75 per 100 lbs., 18 to 20, \$2.65; 22 to 24, \$2.85; 26, \$3.10.

**Iron Pipe.**—Ruling discounts are 70 to 70 and 5 per cent.; galvanized pipe, 50 to 50 and 5 per cent.

**Galvanized Iron.**—Orders continue to be booked for import at \$1.25 for case lots of 24 gauge, Gordon Crown and Queen's Head brands.

**Ingot Tin.**—We still quote 18 1/2 to 19c.

**Ingot Copper.**—We quote prices unchanged at 10 to 10 1/2c.

**Sheet Copper.**—We quote: Untinned, 14 to 16 1/2c according to weight and size; brazier sheets, 14 to 17c according to quality.

**Zinc Spelter.**—We quote domestic at 3 1/2 to 4c and imported at 3 1/2 to 4c.

**Boiler Tubes.**—We quote: 1 1/2 inch, 7c; 1 3/4 inch, 7 1/2c; 2 inch, 8c; 2 1/2 inch, 8 1/2c; 3 inch, 9c; 3 1/2 inch, 9 1/2c; 4 inch, 10c; 4 1/2 inch, 10 1/2c; 5 inch, 11c; 5 1/2 inch, 11 1/2c; 6 inch, 12c.

**Tin Plates.**—Cokes are in good demand, some large shipments have been made during the week. We quote coke, 14 to 20 gauge, at \$3.10; for sizes 15 to 25c per box, basis more. "I.C." charcoal, \$3.50 to 3.75.

**Terno Plates.**—Are going out freely, especially in "I.C." Prices have been advanced a little, \$7.75 to \$7 now being the ruling figures for box lots.

**Sheet Zinc.**—Demand continues good, with prices unchanged at 4 1/2c for case lots and 5c for small lots.

**Hoops and Bands.**—Stocks are heavy and business is not as good as it might be; at the low figure touched a little more activity was expected. We still quote \$2.20 to \$2.25.

**Canada Plates.**—Business active. We quote half-polished at \$2.25 to \$2.35, according to quantity; 66 sheet boxes, 10c per box advance; 75 sheet boxes, 25c advance over 52's; 20x28, \$2.50.

**Solder.**—Is going out quite freely in the different quantities at 12 1/2c to 13 1/2c per lb.

**Antimony.**—We still quote Cookson's at 10 to 10 1/2c.

**Glass.**—Ruling price is \$1.15 first break, 50 foot boxes, with the range running 10c lower.

**White Lead.**—The movement is nothing but moderate, with the base price still 4 1/2c.

**Turpentine.**—Continues to tend downward in the South, and prices here are easy in sympathy at 40 to 41c f.o.b. Toronto. Local market is active.

**Linseed oil.**—Is 6d dearer in England, but there is no change here at 53c for raw and 51c for boiled f.o.b. Toronto. There is a fairly good movement.

**Prepared Paints.**—There is very little doing, and pure is unchanged at \$1.

**Putty.**—Demand is active at 2c for bladders in barrels.

**Shellac.**—This article is scarce, which has caused a considerable advance in the primary markets. There has been no change here and demand is light.

**Castor oil.**—Continues dull, with prices lower at 6 1/2c in cases, and 7c in tins.

**Seal Oil.**—Dull and unchanged at 58c to 59c.

**Old Material.**—Trade is still improving, and is now quite brisk. Prices are unchanged. We quote: Agricultural scrap, 50c per cwt.; machinery cast, 50c per cwt.; stove cast scrap, 30 to 35c; No. 1 wrought scrap,

40c per cwt.; No. 2, including sheet iron, hoop iron and mixed steel, 10c; new light scrap copper, 6 to 6 1/2c; heavy scrap copper, 7 to 7 1/2c; copper bottoms, 5 1/2c to 6c; light scrap brass, 8 1/2 to 4c; heavy yellow scrap brass, 5c; heavy red scrap brass, 5 1/2c; scrap lead, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4c; scrap zinc, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4c; scrap rubber, 5 to 8 1/2c; country mixed rags, 50 to 70c, clean dry bones, 50 to 60c per 100 lbs., borings and turnings, 10c. Hardware Merchant, September 21.

**The Firmness in Teas.**

It may be interesting to note in connection with the market across the line that the New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin does not attribute the strength of the market to pure speculation. It says:

"As a stimulating factor, the breaking out of war between China and Japan has proved potential, but rather a prospective influence to diminish shipments from those countries than because of any fear of immediate curtailment in the movement; a petition fully endorsed by the Government record of imports into the United States during the first seven months of the year, showing a gain of about 11,000,000 pounds. Indeed, considering the incentive presented by the state of warfare existing between the two countries from which practically our entire supply of tea is drawn, speculation has been remarkable only for its exceedingly limited character, and the recuperation of tone in the tea market may fairly be credited to favorable natural conditions sufficiently strong to support the gains made."

"The advance in price has been of an irregular character. On some grades of stock previously crowded to an abnormally low level in the auction room, the reaction can be traced at from 85 to 50 per cent., which is the maximum, and the major portion of the improvement runs at 30 per cent., and under to so say 20 per cent., and all this on stock costing from 10 to 20c. per lb. On teas valued at 20c. and upwards the improvement will not amount to more than 10 per cent. at the best, and it is estimated by conservative operators that 25 per cent. will fairly represent the net average advance thus far fully established."

"The general run of quality thus far has been equal to or a trifle better than last season both in leaf and Cup, and much cleaner. Importers of Pingsuey, however, have encountered a difficulty which they claim seriously threatens the bringing forward of any considerable quantity of that description of tea. The cause of complaint is in the very high standard of quality required by the Government officials in order to pass inspection, much above last year it is said, which is felt to be an unjustifiable discrimination against a large quantity of the supply."

**Steel Shoe Makers Organize.**

An association has been formed by the makers of steel horseshoes in Canada.

The organization was consummated last week, and its members are the Montreal Rolling Mills Co., Pillow, Hersey & Co., and Peck, Benny & Co., all of Montreal.

Until within less than two months ago, the Montreal Rolling Mills Co. was the only maker of steel horseshoes in Canada. In August last, however, Peck, Benny & Co. and Pillow, Hersey & Co. launched out in this branch of manufacturing, and the association just formed is the result.

Prices have been fixed as follows: Nos. 0, 1 and 2, \$5.75 per keg of 100 lbs.; Nos. 3, 4 and 5, \$5 per keg of 100 lbs.; assorted, Nos. 0 to 5, \$5.50 per keg of 100 lbs. Terms, 4 months or 3 per cent. off cash 30 days, f.o.b. Montreal.

The Montreal Rolling Mills Company, which have hitherto been the sole makers of the too weight steel horse shoes, still retains that right.