Metals and Hardware.—Pig iron is not specially active at the moment, but we hear of a 100 ton sale of Hamilton No. 2 at $14.50, and several other good-sized orders are reported under consideration. Business is reported in domestic bars at $1.40 in round lots, and hoops and bands at $1.65. Scotch warrants are cabled stiffer than before reported, viz., 47s. 8d. We quote: Summerlee pig iron, $17.50 to $18; Carron, No. 1, $18; No. 3, $17.25; Ayrsome, No.1, $17.50; No. 3, $16.50; Shotts, $17.25 to $17.50; Carnbroe, $16, ex-store; Ferrona, No. 1, $15; Hamilton No. 1, $15 to $15.50; No. 2, ditto, $14 to $14.50; machinery scrap, $14 to $15; common ditto, $12 to $13; bar iron, Canadian, $1.40 to $1.50; British, $2 to $2.15; best refined, $2.40; Low Moor, $5; Canada plates—Pontypool, or equal, $2.10 to $2.15; 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets, $2.25; 75 sheets, $2.35; all polished Canadas, $2.40; Terne roofing plate, 20x28, $5.75 to $5.90; Black sheet iron, No 28, $2.25; No 26, $2.15; No. 24, $2.05; No. 17, $2; No. 16 and heavier, $2.15; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, $5.60 to $5.70; charcoal, I.C., Alloway, $3.15 to $3.25; do., I.X., $3.90 to $4; P.D. Crown, I.C., $3.60 to $3.75; do., I.X. $4.50; Coke I.C., $2.90 to $2.95; do., standard, $2.75 to $2.80 for 100 lbs.; coke, wasters, $2.70; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, $4; No. 26, $3.75; No. 24, $3.50 in case lots; Morewood, $5 to $5.10; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 5½c.; No. 26, etc., the usual extra for large sizes. Canadian bands, per 100 lbs., $1.65 to $1.75; English hoops $2 to $2.15. Steel boiler plate, ¼-inch and upwards, $1.85 to $1.90 for Dalzell, and equal; do., three-sixteenths inch, $2.50; tank iron, ¼-inch, $1.50; three-sixteenths do., $2; tank steel, $1.75; heads, seven-sixteenths and upwards, $2.45 to $2.50; Russian sheet iron, 9c.; lead, per 100 lbs., $3.85 to $3.90; sheet, $4 to $4.25; shot, $6 to $6.50; best cast-steel, 8 to 10c.; toe calk, $2.25; spring, $2.50; sleigh shoe, $1.85; tire, $1.90; round machinery steel, $2.25; ingot tin, 16½c. for L. & F.; Straits, 16 to 16½c.; bar tin 17c.; ingot copper, 13 to 13½c.; sheet zinc, $5 to $5.25; Silesian spelter, $4.75; Veille Montagne spelter, $4.75 to $5; American spelter, $4.50; antimony, 9½ to 10c.

Oils, Paints and Glass.—There have been large receipts of glass by Hamburg steamers, but the demand has been good, and, indeed in all lines the movement is being well sustained. With regard to prices there have been no changes within the week, but all the recent advances are firmly held. We quote: Turpentine, one to four barrels, 48c.; five to nine barrels, 47c.; net thirty days. Linseed oil, raw, one to four barrels, 49c.; five to nine barrels, 48c.; boiled, one to four barrels, 52c.; five to nine barrels, 51c., net 30 days; olive oil, machinery, 90c; Nfld. cod, 37 to 40c. per gal.; Gaspe oil, 33 to 35c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 45 to 47½c. per gallon in small lots. Castor oil, 9 to 9½c. as to quantity. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), $5.62½; No. 1, $5.25; No. 2, $4.92½; No. 3, $4.50; No. 4, $4.12½; dry white lead 5c.; genuine red do., 4¼c. to 4½c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c. to 4¼c.; Putty in bulk, bbls., $1.65; kegs, $1.80; bladder putty, in bbls., $1.80; smaller quantities, $1.95; 25 lb. tins, $2.05, 12½ lbs., tins, $2.30. London washed whiting, 40 to 45c.; Paris white, 85 to 90c.; Venetian red, $1.50 to $1.75; yellow ochre $1.25 to $1.50; spruce ochre, $1.75 to $2. Paris Green, 50 and 100 lbs. drums 17c. 25 lb drums, 17½c.; 1 lb. cartoons, 18c.; pound tins, 18½c.; window glass, $1.40 per 50 feet for first break; $1.50 for second break; third break, $3.10.

Wool.—A rather better enquiry is reported from Canadian manufacturers, with a fair number of moderate sales at very steady prices. Cable advices on Monday, regarding the London wool sales, were to the effect that prices were showing increasing firmness, and that Americans were becoming more liberal buyers. We quote Cape, 14½ to 16½c.; Natal's, 16½ to 18c.; B.A. scoured, 27 to 35c. per lb.

BRITISH TIMBER MARKETS.

The wood circular of Messrs. Farnworth & Jardine, dated Liverpool, 2nd May, 1898, says: The arrivals from British North America during the past month have been 4,893 tons register, against 1,733 tons register during the corresponding month last year, and the aggregate tonnage to this date from all places during the years 1896, 1897, and 1898 has been 82,114, 75,213 and 73,450 tons respectively.

The import during the past month has been moderate, more activity has been shown owing to the rapid advance in ocean freights, partly on account of the war between the United States and Spain, and values of most articles, especially of pitch pine, have advanced. Stocks, which under ordinary conditions would be considered large, are now being more firmly held.

Canadian Woods.—Pine Timber. — Of waney and square the deliveries have been slightly in excess of the corresponding month of the previous two years; values, however, are unchanged, and the stocks of both are ample. Red pine has been neglected, and the stock, though moderate, is sufficient for the probable demand. Oak continues difficult of sale; there is no change in value, and the stock is too heavy. Elm has moved off fairly well, and the stock is now moderate. Pine Deals, Boards, etc.—The demand has slightly improved, but the stock is still heavy and values unsatisfactory.

New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Spruce and Pine Deals.—The import has been in excess of the corresponding month last year, a large steamer cargo having arrived during the past few days; the deliveries have been more satisfactory, and owing to the advance in freight and great difficulty in securing tonnage values have somewhat improved and the stock, although too heavy, is more firmly held. Pine deals are dull of sale.

Birch.—Of logs the import has been small and the stock is moderate; values have slightly improved. Of planks the import has been sufficient; however, there is more enquiry and prices are firm.

Pitch Pine.—The arrivals during the past month have been two vessels, 2,047 tons, against six vessels, 6,004 tons, during a like period last year. Of hewn the import consists of about 10,000 feet from Mobile; there has been a good consumption, and stocks are moderate. Of sawn the import consists of a cargo from Sapelo and a part cargo from Mobile, being less than half that of last year for the same month, owing chiefly to the recent sharp advance in freights there has been a corresponding advance in prices. Deals and boards are still too heavy in stock.

Oregon and British Columbia Pine.—There has been no import; the consumption has been fair, but the stock is very large; values are firmer.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, May 19th, 12.30 p. m.

	s.	d
Wheat, Spring	11	0
Red Winter	0	0
No. 1 Cal	0	0
Corn	3	4½
Peas	5	9
Lard	33	6
Pork	57	6
Bacon, heavy	36	0
Bacon, light	35	6
Tallow	21	6
Cheese, new white	40	6
Cheese, new colored	42	6