

Hardware and Paint Trade.

The white lead manufacturers met at Montreal recently, but notwithstanding the high prices of materials it was agreed to make no advance on white lead for the spring trade.

The strength of wire and wire nails, all of which have been advancing recently, is in sympathy with the consolidation in the United States and the consequent higher prices in that country.

The American Linseed Oil Company has absorbed the Archer plant at St. Paul, the largest independent plant in the Northwest States. The only other independent in these states is that of Leffingwell Bros., of Fargo.

A Toronto report says turpentine is very firm at the highest prices quoted in nine years, and it is thought quotations may yet be moved higher. Linseed oil is firm and late English cables report an advancing tendency in the market.

A Montreal report says: The great advance in such materials as zinc, turpentine, and others led to an impression that ready mixed paints would open at advanced prices for the new season but no collective action has been taken by makers, so that buyers will likely be able to duplicate last season's prices.

A Montreal exchange says there exists among those handlers of spades and shovels not fortunate enough to be listed by the Canadian association a material feeling of irritation against that body, and a desire that the government should put into force that clause in the new customs tariff which deals with trusts and combinations in the restraints of the freedom of trade.

The Montreal Gazette says: It is interesting to know that as a result of the high standard of quality attained in Canada the importation of English white paint, which was at one time familiar on our markets, has practically ceased. Another interesting feature is that whereas ten years ago a large quantity of common white paint might be found in our stores, by far the greater proportion of white lead now sold in the Dominion is of the highest possible quality.

Tenders.

The Winnipeg relief officer wants tenders, up to January 24, for groceries for relief purposes.

Tenders for a quantity of cord wood will be received up to Jan. 25, at the office of the Winnipeg public school board.

Tenders are wanted by J. W. Rathwell for the erection of a school building in the Foster district, Hayfield P. O., Man.

Tenders will be received by N. Redford till February 10, for the building of a school house, frame with stone basement or an all stone building near Morden, Man.

Tenders for 400 cords of poplar fire wood are wanted by the chairman of the market, license and health committee of the Winnipeg city council, up to the evening of January 24. Deposit of \$25 wanted with tenders.

Alb. Horne, of Winnipeg, proposes to endeavor to have voting made compulsory at civic elections; doing away with canvassing, and reducing the interest on over-due taxes, which is now

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