

receipts are picked up pretty readily, sales of western having transpired at 19 to 20c, choice small packages bringing 21c.

Cables.—The market continues firm with an upward tendency in prices. A very good demand has set in on the other side, and buyers there are increasing their cable limits, sales having been made over the cable at equal to fully 10½c here for finest western Octobers; but 11c is the lowest some holders will entertain for their finest western goods, and everything now points to their being able to get it very shortly. As the English make, which was unquestionably very short this season, gradually disappears there must be a greater run on finest Canadians, and that we shall see higher figures before long is the general impression throughout the trade. The Liverpool public cable has advanced to 53½; but private cables quoted 54s to 54s 6d a week ago.

Eggs. Montreal limed are bringing 16 to 17c, the latter price for single cases. Fresh held stock is selling at 18 to 20c for good September packing, while guaranteed new laid are quoted at 22 to 24c.

Dressed Poultry.—A fair volume of business has been done during the past week, turkeys meeting with good demand at 9 to 10c for good to choice birds, a few lots of inferior stock having brought 8c. Chickens have gone off fairly well at 6½ to 7c for choice stock, poor quality selling at 5 to 5½c per lb. A good demand is expected between now and Christmas. Geese are rather slow sale at 5 to 7c, as to quality. Ducks steady at 8 to 9c.

Fish and oils.—The market for fish oils is generally steady, but business is quiet after the sales reported by us last week. Newfoundland cod oil is quoted at 35 to 36c, Gaspe at 34c, and Nova Scotia at 32 to 33c. In seal oil there is no change, prices remaining at 35 to 36c. Newfoundland cod liver oil 60 to 65c. Pickled fish.—The market for green cod is firm, with sales reported at \$4.37½ to \$4.50 for No. 1 and at \$4.75 to \$5 for large, but prices are now 25c higher. Dry cod is steady at \$4.25 to \$4.75 per quintal. Genuine Labrador herring are scarce and firm at \$5.25 to \$5.50 per bbl., but there are so called Labrador selling at \$4.75. Cape Breton are firm at \$5.50 for July catch. Shore herring are selling at \$4 to \$4.50 as to quality. Fresh fish.—Fresh haddock are scarcer and dearer, sales being reported at 3½ to 3¾c per lb. Salmon trout are expected in next week. Smoked fish.—Yarmouth bloaters \$1.25 per box of 60; smoked herring 12½c per box; boneless cod fish 5½ to 7c, and boneless fish 3½ to 4½c.

Hides.—No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; No. 3, 3c; tanners are paying ½c more; lambskins, 75c; calf skins, 5c.—*Trade Bulletin*, Dec. 2.

Toronto Hardware Prices.

Bar iron and steel are in good demand, the former at 2c, the latter at 3c for open hearth Bessemer, and from 10 to 25c for cast. Copper has hardened appreciably; it is now 12c in round lots in New York. Locally the price is 13½c for casting lots, and 14c for like ingots. A further strong advance is predicted. The producers are so regulating the output by closing down operations at leading mines, that the prices can hardly go down.

The only change in prices of hardware is an advance of from 5 to 10c on building paper, plain quoting now 65 to 70c. The wire manufacturers have been in session here yesterday and to-day. They are reported to have reduced prices, by taking off about 10c per cwt. from the list quotations, and adding 2½c to the discount.

Antimony, Cookson's per lb, 13½ to 14c; other makes, per lb, 13 to 13½c.

Tin.—Lamb and flg. 56 and 58 lb ingots, per lb., 23c; Straits, 100 lb ingots, 23½c; strip, 24 to 25c.

Copper.—Ingots, 13½ to 14c; sheet, 16 to 18c.

Lead.—Bar, 4½ to 5c; pig, 3½ to 3¾c; sheet,

per roll, \$4.75 to \$5.25; shot, Can. dis. 12½ per cent.

Zinc.—Sheet, 6½ to 6¾c; zinc, spelter, 4¾c domestic; imported 5¾c; solder, hf and hf, 18 to 19c.

Brass.—Sheet, 21 to 23c.

Iron.—Bar, ordinary, \$2 to \$2.10; bar refined, \$2.60; Swedes, 1 in. or over, \$4 to \$4.25; Low moor, 5½ to 6c; hoops, coopers, \$2.60 to \$2.65; do, band \$2.60 to \$2.65; tank plates, \$2 to \$2.25, boiler rivets, best, \$4.50; sheet, 10 to 20 gauge, \$2.75 to \$3; 22 to 24 dc, \$2.75 to \$3; 26 dc, \$3 to \$3.25; 28 dc, \$3.50 to \$3.75; Russia, sheet, per lb, 10 to 12c.

Galvanized iron.—16 to 24 gauge, 5 to 5½c; 26 dc, 5½ to 5¾c; 2 do, 5½ to 5¾c.

Iron wire.—Market bright and annealed, Nos 1 to 16 net list, from stock 12½ per cent. discount from Montreal for Hamilton or Toronto add 10c per 100 lbs; market tinned per lb, 4½ to 4c; galvanized fence, same discount as bright and annealed; barbed wire, 4½ to 4¾c; coiled chain, ½ in, 5½ to 5¾c; ¾ in, 4½ to 4¾c; 1 in, 4½ to 4¾c; 1½ in, 5½ to 5¾c; 2 in, 6½ to 6¾c; 3 in, 7½ to 7¾c; iron pipe, off list, 60 to 62½ per cent. discount; galv., off list, 35 to 37½ per cent. discount; boiler tubes, 2 in, 13c; do, 3 in, 18½c.

Steel.—Cast, 13 to 14c; boiler plate, 1 in., \$2.30; 5 16 dc, \$2.25; 4 do, \$2.25; sleigh shoes, \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Nails.—American list basis, \$2.30 f.o.b. Toronto and Hamilton; brads, mouldings and wire, 75 per cent. off the net list.

Horse Nails.—Can. dis. 60 and 10 off for C and 60 and 10 and 5 off for P.B. and M.

Horseshoes.—Per keg, \$3.65 f.o.b. Toronto and Hamilton; \$3.79 f.o.b. London.

Canada Plates.—Blanca, \$2.75 to \$2.90; other \$2.90 to \$3.10.

Tin Plates.—1C coke, \$3.65 to \$3.75; 1C charcoal, \$4.25 to \$4.50; 1A charcoal, \$5.25 to \$5.50; 1XX charcoal, \$6.25 to \$6.50; DC charcoal, \$4 to \$4.25.

Gunpowder.—Can blasting, per keg, \$2.50 to \$2.75; can sporting, FF, \$5; can sporting, FFF \$5.25; can rifle, \$7.25.

Rope.—Manilla, 10½c basis; sisal, 9½c basis.

Axes.—Per box, \$7 to \$12.

Glass.—Fourth quality star, 1st break, \$1.30 to \$1.40; 2nd do, \$1.50; 3rd do, \$3.30; 4th do, \$3.60; 5th do, \$3.90.

For old material we quote dealers paying prices as follows: No. 1 heavy scrap, 65 to 70c per 100 pounds; stove cast scrap, 40 to 45c; burnt cast scrap, 15 to 20c; No. 1 wrought iron, 60 to 65c; No. 2 including sheet iron, hoop iron and mixed steel, 20 to 30c; new scrap copper, 5½c; heavy scrap copper, 9½c; old copper bottoms, 8c; light scrap brass, 5½c; heavy yellow scrap brass, 7½c; heavy scrap brass, 8½ to 8¾c; scrap lead, 2c; scrap zinc, 2½ to 2¾c; scrap rubber, 2½ to 2¾c; country mixed rags, 80 to 85c per 100 pounds; clean, dry bones, 50 to 60c per 100 pounds; ploughshares, 60 to 65c; railroad iron, 65 to 75c; malleable scrap, 25c.—*Empire*.

Toronto Grocery Market.

SUGARS, SYRUPS AND MOLASSES.

Sugars are quiet and hold firmly at about old quotations. Granulated is selling chiefly at \$4.79 to \$4.75, but there are sales reported at \$4.62½. In yellows there have been some heavy low grades offered at 3½c to the retail trade.

Sugars.—Granulated, 4½ to 4¾. Paris lamp, boxes, 5½c; extra ground, bbls, 5½ to 6c; powdered, bbls, 4½ to 5½; refined, dark to bright, 3½ to 4½c; Demerara, 4½c; Trinidad, 3½ to 3¾c; Barbados, 3½ to 3¾c. Syrup—D., 1½ to 2½c; M., 2½ to 2¾c; B., 2½ to 2¾c; V.B., 2½ to 2¾c; E.V.B., 2½ to 2¾c; ex super, 2½ to 2¾c; N.X., 2½ to 3c; N.X.N. and special, 3 to 3½c. Molasses—West Indian, bbls, 30 to 50c; New Orleans, open kettle, 45 to 55c; Centrifugals, 30 to 40c; inferior low grades, 25 to 28c.

Teas and coffees.—There is no change locally in prices of any variety. Some few sales of low grade Japans have been made at what may be considered cheap prices. London mail advices

report green teas show a hardening tendency, especially for second and third Young Hysons, which a decidedly firmer, with every appearance of a further advance. Owing to supply being somewhat in excess of demand, Indian teas show a further decline, as also do Ceylons, though to a slighter extent. Coffees are: Rios, 19 to 21c; Jamaica, 19 to 20c; Java, 25 to 31c; Mocha, 23 to 32½; Porto Rico, 23 to 25c.

Dried Fruits and Nuts.—There is an active demand for all kinds of fruits and nuts at steady prices. Valencias are firmly held at 5½ to 5¾c for ordinary brands and 5½ to 6c for choice. Currants are regular in quality, selling all the way from 5½ to 6½c in bbls. Currants—Bbls, 5½c; half bbls 5½ to 6½c; cases, 6 to 7c; Vostizza, cases, 7½ to 9½c; Patina, bbls, 6½c; cases, 6½ to 7½c. Raisins—Valencias, 5½ to 6c; layers, 7 to 8; Sultans, 7½ to 11c; loose Muscatels, \$2.25 to \$2.40; London layers, \$2.30 to \$3; black baskets, \$4.25 to \$4.50; do 1 boxes, \$1.30 to \$1.40; blue baskets, \$1.75 to \$5; 1 boxes, \$1.50 to \$1.60. Figs—Erems, 10 lbs and up, 9½ to 13c; white Mataga figs, 6½ to 7c in; 25 lb boxes, natural do in bags, 4½c; mats do, 4½c; 14oz, 9 to 9½c. Dates—Hallowee, 6½ to 6¾c. Prunes—Cases, 8 to 8½c. Nuts—Almonds, Tarragona, 16½ to 18c; Ivica, 14 to 15c; do, shelled Valencia, 29 to 35c; filberts, Sicily, 9½ to 10c; walnuts, Grenoble, 16 to 17c; Bordeaux, 11 to 12c.

Canned Goods.—Corn, peas and tomatoes are moving steadily at 85c to \$1, as to brand, but other vegetables and fruits are dull. Fish steady and unchanged. Fish—Salmon, 1's flat, \$1.60 to 1.80; salmon, 1's tall, \$1.45 to 1.55; lobster Clover Leaf, \$2.95; lobster, other 1's, \$1.75 to 2.25; mackerel, \$1 to 1.25; finnan haddie, \$1.40 to 1.50; sardines, French, 1's, 40c; sardines, French, 1's, 17c; sardines, American, 1's 6 to 8c; sardines, American 1's, 9c. Fruits and Vegetables—Tomatoes, 3's, 85c to \$1; corn, 2's, 85c to \$1.05; peas, 2's, 90c to \$1.10; beans, 90c to \$1; pumpkins, 75c to \$1; strawberries and raspberries, 2's, \$2.00; apples, ga's, \$1.75 to \$2; 3's, 85c to \$1; peaches, 2's, \$2.00 to \$2.75; paches, 3's, \$3.25 to \$3.75; plums, 2's, \$1.40 to 1.75; 3's, \$2.65; pears, 2's, \$1.60 to \$1.75; 3's, \$1.75 to \$2.10.

Spices, Rice, etc. Rice, bags, 3½ to 4c; do, off grades, 3½ to 3¾c; do, patina, 4½ to 5½c; do, Japan, 4½ to 5½c; s g, 4½ to 5c; tapioca, 4½ to 5c; pepper, black, 11½ to 12c; do, white 18 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 18 to 20c; cloves, 10 to 15c; all-pice, 10 to 12c; nutmeg, 40c to \$1.10 cream tartar, 28 to 35c.

Peel. The market is steady at unchanged prices at 16 to 17c for lemon, 17 to 18c for orange and 26 to 28c for citron. —*Empire*, Dec. 1.

Silver.

The speculative movement in silver, created by the unexpected developments at the Brussels conference, cannot be said to have attained any decided headway. On the contrary, the demand was limited, and after quotations advanced a fraction, a tendency to react asserted itself. Some small enquiry for India was exhibited, and a limited amount of buying orders for India account came upon this market. India exchange was not materially affected by the movement. Transactions in bullion certificates in this market were more active than has been the case of late, though no particular attention was paid to them. The amount of silver bullion on hand at New York against certificates outstanding, is now 1,422,571 ounces.—*Bradstreet's*.

The first marketable tea ever produced in the United States was brought to Baltimore last week by Chas. A. Shepard, of Summerfield, S C, who grew and cured the plant on his farm. The tea was tested and pronounced to be equal to the best high grade English breakfast tea.