

Montreal Hardware and Paint Market

The tone is firm and values all round have an upward tendency. This disposition is due to the generally strong feeling on all lines of heavy crude material. Values at United States points are all firmly held, and the same information comes from across the water. Pig iron is strong, with holders stipulating for full prices both on Scotch and domestic. Domestic bar iron has an upward tendency and none can now be had under \$1.65, while \$1.70 is asked for small lots. Import orders are being booked freely from Winnipeg to Montreal for tin plates, galvanized plates, Canada plates, and tinned sheets. All these lines are strongly held and holders on spot are obtaining what they ask for the moderate quantities that are moving. Barbed wire, plain wire, cut nails, wire nails, tacks, in fact all lines of hardware, are firm, in line with the rest of the market, manufacturers at their recent quarterly meetings confirming the advances published about a fortnight ago. We quote pig iron, Scotch, \$19 to \$19.50; Canadian, \$16 to \$16.50; wrought, crap, No. 1, \$14 to \$15; bar iron \$1.60 to \$1.65. Tin plates, cokes, \$2.60 to \$2.75; I. C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75; Canada plates, \$2.10; terno plates, \$5.75 to \$6.25; galvanized iron, 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 as to brand. Copper, 10 to 11c, ingot tin, 17 to 18c, lead, \$3 and spelter at \$1.50 to \$1.75, cut nails, \$2 1/2

There has been no important change in the situation of the market for paints, oils and leads. The tone generally is firm and prices are well maintained all round. Importers and dealers report a fair average business doing for this season of the year, and do not anticipate any material alteration in the near future in values. Linseed oil is scarce and firmly held. All this season the supplies of this oil abroad have been scarce and shipments, in consequence, have been coming forward slowly, which is the cause of the scarcity here. Latest advices from abroad report two of the largest crushers in Bristol having shut down. We quote. Choice brands white lead, Government standard, \$5 5/8; No. 1, \$1.75; No. 2, \$1.50; No. 3, \$1.25; No. 4, \$1; dry white lead, 4 1/2c; red lead, pure, 3 1/2 to 4c; do. No. 1, 4c; zinc, white, pure, \$7.25; glass, \$1.15 to \$1.20, first break; \$1.25 to \$1.30, second break, per 50 feet; \$2.70 to \$2.80 for third break per 100 feet, linseed oil, round lots, raw, 59c; boiled, 62c; cod oil, 37 1/2 to 40c, seal oil, 40 to 45c; castor oil, 6 to 6 1/2c; putty, in bulk, \$1.85

The stock of cement is light for this time of year, consequently the tone of the market is very firm and prices are sustained. The demand for car lots continues good. We quote English brands at \$1.95 to \$2.05, and Belgium at \$1.80 to \$1.90 per barrel ex-ship. The arrival of firebricks last week were 68,000, as against 5,000 for the previous week. The demand for bricks is only fair, and principally for small lots to fill actual requirements at \$15 to \$21 per 1,000, as to brand.

The market for naval stores continues to rule steady and fairly active. The demand is good for small lots of most lines and a fair business is doing. We quote.—Turpentine, 45c to 47c; resins, \$2.50 to \$5, as to brand; coal tar, \$3.25 to \$3.75; cotton waste, 4c to 5 1/2c for colored and 6 to 8c for white; oakum, 1 1/2c to 6c, and cotton oakum, 9 to 11c. Cordage—Sisal, 5 1/2c to 6c for 7-16 and upwards, and 14c to 15c for deep sea line. Pure manilla, 8c to 8 1/2c for 7-16 and upwards, and 8 1/2c to 9c for smaller sizes. Business in petroleum continues quiet, but the feeling is very firm. We quote.—Canadian refined at 14 1/2c in shed, and 16c for smaller quantities, with a discount of 2per cent for cash. United States prime white is quoted at 18 1/2c in car lots and 19 1/2c in smaller quantities. Water white 20c in car lots and 21c in small lots.—Gazette, July 20.

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