

Tea—First shipment May pickings new season's Japan tea have arrived at last. They should have been here some weeks ago, but were delayed by the floods in British Columbia. Several lots arrived Tuesday, and were in the warehouses the following day. In consequence of so many shipments coming at the same time, concern is felt by some in regard to the ability to maintain prices. As to price, 30 to 35c is the idea for the new tea, and there is a good demand. Other teas are somewhat neglected. Shipments of New China blacks and greens are expected to arrive in about four or five weeks.

Dried Fruits—Valencia raisins are getting into still smaller compass, and prices are higher. There is practically nothing on the market but off stalk, and the lowest prices with some houses for this line is 6c. One house refused an offer of 5½c to go to the trade in Montreal. Advices from London state that by July the small stocks existing there will be exhausted. We quote off stalk at 5½ to 6½c and fine off stalk at 6½ to 7c. Currants are in good demand at former prices. We quote as follows: Provincials, 3½ to 4c in brls, half brls, 3½ to 4½c; Filiatras, 4 to 4½c in brls, and 4½ to 4½c in half brls; Patras, 5 to 5½c in brls, 5½ to 5½c in half brls, 5 to 6½c in cases; Vostizzas 6½ to 7½c in cases, 6½ to 7½c in half cases; Panariti, 8½ to 9c. There has been some enquiry from the United States for currants in bond, the people over there buying on chance of tariff being changed. Prunes are still moving out well at 5½c for U's and 7½c for B's, the principal demand being for the former. There is a scarcity of low grade prunes. We quote bags at 3½c and casks at 4½ to 5c. There are a few casks of prunes obtainable on the spot, and there were some arrivals of box prunes this week, but they have nearly all gone into consumption, having been largely sold in advance. Figs are dull and easy with quotations nominal. Small boxes, 7½ to 8c; 5 lb boxes, 7½ to 8c; 10 lb boxes, 8c; 28 lb boxes choice Eleme, 8½c; 6-crown, 12½c; 7-crown, 13½c; bags, 28 lb, 6½ to 7c; taps, 4 to 4½c; natural, 5½ to 6c. Dates quiet and easy at 4½ to 5c; selected Halloween dates, 8½ to 9c.

Dried Apples—Market is quiet and unchanged at 6½ to 7c.

Evaporated Apples—The few boxes that are left on the market are in the hands one house, and it is holding them at 12 to 12½c, but there is no demand.

Salt—Jobbing trade is good. Several inquiries are being received from outside. We quote: Dairy, \$1.50, special grade; barrels, 90c; coarse sacks, 58c; gun sacks, 70c; American rock, \$10 per ton.—Grocer, June 29.

Toronto Hardware Market.

Wire—Orders for fencing and barb wire have fallen off considerably during the week. Barb wire quote at 4½c.

Rope—Of course there is a certain demand, but trade in this line is reported to be far from what it should be. We quote as before: Sisal, 7 16 in. and larger, 7c; 5 16; 3 in, 7½c; Manila, 7 16 in. and larger, 9 to 9½c; 4 16, 9 in, 9½ to 9½c.

Wire Nails—Discounts are unchanged at 75, 10 and 5 per cent, shipment in 10 keg lots being prepaid.

Horse Nails—Discounts are still 66 per cent off "C" and 60 and 2½ per cent off "BB."

Green Wire Cloth—There has not been any change in the price of this article the season through. We quote \$1.85 per 100 square feet.

Horseshoes—Last week's prices are still being adhered to, namely, \$3.80 Toronto, \$3.85 London, and \$3.65 Montreal.

Clothes Wringers—Ruling prices are still \$28 per dozen for Canadian.

Tar, etc—There is a fair trade doing. We quote: Roofing pitch, \$2.50 per bbl; pure coal tar, \$4 per bbl; refined coal tar, \$4.50 per bbl;

XXX refined coal tar in quart tins, \$1 per doz.; best Southern pure tar, \$6 per bbl. and 75c per doz. pint tins; pine pitch, \$2.75 per bbl.

Cement, etc—Business fair. We quote: Portland cement (English), \$3 per bbl.; New Brunswick plaster paris, \$2 per bbl.; Canadian water lime, \$1.25 per bbl.

Firebrick, etc—Scotch firebrick, \$3.25 per 100; Scotch fireclay, \$1 per 100 pounds.

No material changes have taken place during the week in metals. Iron pipes are scarce and prices have been advanced. In ingot tin trade has fallen off, but considerable activity has developed in tinned plates.

Pig Iron—Several small orders, principally 25 and 50 ton lots have been placed for Scotch iron at around quotations, and some transactions are announced in the Nova Scotian article, but, it is understood at very low prices. The shortage of fuel is still affecting a good many concerns, particularly in Hamilton and the west, and this is naturally causing the pig iron market to be quieter than it otherwise would be. We quote: Immorlee, \$20 to 20.50; Carnbrook, \$19.00 to \$19.50; Siemens, \$18 to \$18.25.

Bar Iron—Trade if anything shows a little more life, but quantities moving are still small. Prices rule as before at \$1.85 Toronto and \$1.75 Montreal.

Sheet Iron—The improvement noted last week has been maintained, some fair quantities, principally in the lighter gauges, having been disposed of. We quote 8 to 16 gauge \$2.50; 18 do., \$2.75; 20 do., \$2.25; 22 to 24 do., \$2.35; 26 do., \$2.45; 28 do., \$2.65. Tinned sheet iron, Corbals, 26 gauge, 5½c per lb; 22 to 24 gauge, 6½c; 16 to 20 gauge, 6½c.

Iron Pipes—There seems to be a dearth in certain sizes, both in black and galvanized. To the coal strike is assigned the cause. Prices have advanced a little, not any better discount now being offered than 70 per cent for black and 50 to 50 and 5 per cent for galvanized.

Galvanized Iron—Demand keeps steady. Quite a number of case lots have gone forward during the week and import orders are being freely booked. We quote 4½ to 4½c for 28 gauge in case lots.

Corrugated Iron—Business is reported good and prices unchanged. We quote: "Owl" brand from genuine steel plates, zinc coated, \$1.25 to \$6 per square; painted steel, same brand, \$3 to 4.75, according to gauge.

Ingot Tin—Trade is nearly as good as it has been, but prices remain as before, ruling 19 to 19½c for ton lots and 20 to 20½c for small lots.

Sheet Copper—Further improvement in brazier sheets is to be noted, and roofing copper is also in better demand. Prices range from 13½ to 15c.

Boiler Tubes—Some houses have experienced a great deal of activity in this line during the week, although prices have not been gratifying. We quote: 1½ inch, 7c; 1½ inch, 7½c; 1½ inch, 8c; 2 inch, 8½c; 2½ inch, 9c; 2½ inch, 9½c; 3 inch, 11½c; 3½ inch, 14c; 4 inch, 19c.

Sheet Steel—A good deal of new American sheet steel is coming in at advances over ordinary prices. The steel market in the States is a little higher than it has been, and it is reported that repeat orders have been refused at old prices. We quote: 8 to 16 gauge, \$2.75 per 100 lbs; 18 to 20, \$2.65; 22 to 24, \$2.85; 26, \$3.10.

Tin plates—Import orders are being steadily booked for arrival in August and September. Prices for small lots rule from \$3.50 to 3.75 per box for I.C. charcoal and \$3.25 to 3.35 for coke.

Tinned Plates—There has been considerable activity in this line, especially in the "I.C." brand. Very little "IX" is being called for. Prices remain from \$6.50 to 6.75, according to quality.

Zinc Sheets—Some orders have been booked for delivery August and September, but beyond this there is no special feature to note. Cask lots are unchanged at 4½ to 5c.

Hoops and Band Iron—Is moving more freely, and stocks which a few months ago were heavy are now running low. Base price is unchanged at last week's figures, namely, \$2.25 to 2.35. American steel, \$2.

Canada Plates—Import orders are being booked freely at \$2.30 to 2.35 for half polish. A few lots are being delivered on their bills, but the bulk will not arrive till August.

Solder—Trade is steady and prices unchanged; 13 to 14c is the idea as to price.

Pig Lead—People are just buying for immediate requirements, and consequently lots moving are small. We quote 2½c for ton lots and 5c for small lots.

Antimony—Some houses have shipped a good deal during the week, but this does not seem to be general, trade being quiet. We quote 9½ to 9c for Cooks'n's.

Glass—There is considerably more movement in window glass, but stocks in jobbers' hands are far from being complete, especially in the 100 feet cases of first and second break. There is not a great deal of difficulty, however, being experienced in supplying the demand, as most of the dealers throughout the country have import lots in their possession. Prices are unchanged, at \$1.20 to 1.25 first break. Plate glass is quiet.

Old Material—Prices unchanged. We quote:—Agricultural scrap, 60c 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 6½ to 7c; heavy scrap copper 7½ to 7½c; old copper bottoms 6 to 6½c; light scrap brass 4c; heavy yellow scrap brass, 6c; heavy red scrap brass, 6 to 6½c; scrap lead, 1½ to 1½c; scrap zinc, 1½ to 1½c; scrap rubber, 2½ to 3c; country mixed rags, 60 to 75c per 100 lbs; clean dry bones, 50 to 60c per 100 lbs; borings and turnings, 10c.

Paints and Oils—Turpentine is a little firmer in sympathy with the southern market, and we now quote 43 to 44c f.o.b. Toronto. Demand is not very good. There is a stronger feeling in Paris green, prices being 1½ to 2c higher. There is little or no Canadian Paris green on the local markets on account of the heavy shipments that have been made to the United States. We quote: English, 112 lb drums, 15 to 15½c; do., 56 lb drums, 15½ to 16c. Linseed oil is quiet and firm at 53 to 54c for raw, and 56 to 57c for boiled. White lead is quiet and unchanged at 4½ to 4½c. Trade is falling off in prepared paints, the movement now being small; \$1.05 is still the idea for pure. Varnishes are quiet and unchanged. Putty is quiet at \$1.90 to \$2 in bladders, and \$1.80 to 1.90 in bulk. Castor oil is quiet at 6½ to 6½c in case lots, and 7c in single tins. Refined seal oil is unchanged at 58 to 59c per gallon, in barrels. A fair sorting up trade is still being done in prepared paints at \$1.05 for pure.

Petroleum—Trade is quiet, although the monotony which has been existing in oil circles for the past month or so is expected to pass away in the course of a few weeks. Prices are unchanged. We quote: 5 to 10 barrel lots, imperial gallon, Toronto—Canadian 12 to 12½c; carbon safety, 15½ to 16c; Canadian water white, 16 to 17c; American water white, 18 to 19c; photogene, 20c.—Hardware, June 29.

Silver.

London advices describe the silver market there as inactive and weak, the Chinese and Indian demand being smaller. The condition at New York is a reflection of this, though bullion dealers state that the amount of silver bullion coming on the market is comparatively light, the coal strike and the low prices combining to limit production. Prices are consequently a trifle lower and the market dull. Silver prices—London, June 29, 28½d; New York, 63½c.—Bradstreet's.