

have rendered the yield some 30 per cent. perhaps less than last year, so that our crop is not expected to turn out more than 130,000 to 138,000 tons, against fully 175,000 tons last season. You will understand from this that prices are sure to be higher." Early shipments of currants are expected to be on about August 23. Prunes are quiet and unchanged on spot. We quote: U's, 5½ to 5½c; B's, 7½c; bags 3½c; casks 4½ to 5c. Opening prices for Turkish prunes will be higher than last year, and indications are that as crop is good, low prices will rule throughout the season.

Salt—Trade is reported good, with several car lots moving. Prices are unchanged and are as follows: Dairy, \$1.50, special grade; brine, 95c; coarses sacks, 69c; fine sacks, 70c; American rock \$10 per ton.—Grocer, August 10.

Toronto Hardware Markets.

Roops—A little more activity has developed. We quote:—Sisal, 7 16 in. and larger, 7½c; 3, 5 16; 8, 6. Manilla, 7-16 in. and larger, 9½c; 3, 5 16, 8 in, 10c.

Cut Nails—There are no enquiries for car lots, and trade generally is quiet. Base price unchanged at \$1.80 Toronto for carload lots, and \$1.85 for small lots.

Wire Nails—Demand is increasing, a better trade than last week being reported. Discounts are unchanged at 75, 10 and 5 per cent, shipment in 10 keg lots being prepaid.

Horse Nails—Also show some improvement, although no large shipments are being made. Discounts are 60 per cent off "C" and 60 and 2½ per cent off "PB."

Tacks—Show some little improvement at odd prices. We quote: Cut, carpet, blued, gimps, 60 per cent; do., tinned, 70 per cent; copper nails, 62½ per cent; clout nails, 60 to 67½ per cent; trunk nails, 60 to 65 per cent; shoe finders' tacks, 50 per cent; shoe nails, Hungarian nail, etc., 37 per cent.

Horseshoes—Quiet, and the demand seems to be increasing for steel instead of iron shoes. Prices are unchanged at \$3.80 Toronto, and \$3.85 London.

Lead Pipe—Is all dull, very few ton lots changing hands. We quote: Toronto and the west 30 per cent. off in small lots, and 30 and 10 per cent. off in ton lots; points east of Toronto 35 per cent. off in small lots, and 35 and 10 per cent. off in ton lots.

Tar, etc.—We quote as follows:—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.—Much as before. 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.

Pig Iron—Some few sales of Scotch iron for import are announced at about equal to quotations. We quote: Summerlee, \$20.50 to \$21; Cambrose, \$19.50; Siemen's, \$19 to \$20.

Ber Iron.—Trade has fallen off considerably, but prices remain as before on the basis of \$1.85.

Sheet Iron—This is showing more activity, with demand principally for 16 to 24 gauge. We quote 8 to 16 gauge \$2.50; 18 do., \$2; 20 do., \$2.10; 22 to 24 do., \$2.20; 26 do., \$2.45; 28 do., \$2.65; Tinned sheet iron, Gorbals, 26 gauge, 5½c per lb; 22 to 24 gauge, 6½c; 16 to 20 gauge, 6½c.

Iron Pipe—This article is not now sold at discount, but at figures equaling 67½ to 70 per cent for imported. Galvanized pipe is still being sold at old list, subject to 50 and 50 and 5 per cent. Stocks of the latter are low in Toronto, and it is even difficult to secure some sizes in Montreal.

Galvanized Iron.—The idea for 28 gauge remains at \$2.35.

Ingot Tin.—Is quiet, with prices exceedingly low, having been reduced slightly during the week. Small lots are now quoted at 19 to 19½c, and large lots at 18½c.

Ingot Copper.—Business is dull and prices unchanged at 10 to 10½c.

Sheet Copper.—We quote untinned at 14 to 14½c, according to weight and size. Brazier sheets, 14 to 17c, according to quality.

Boiler Tubes—Quiet and unchanged prices. 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—Market is fairly active, with American steel considerably higher. We quote: 8 to 16 gauge, \$2.75 per 100 lbs; 18 to 20, \$2.65; 22 to 24, \$2.85; 26, \$3.10.

Zinc Spelter—Trade continues to improve, some good quantities having been disposed of during the past couple of weeks. We quote domestic at 4c and imported at 4½c.

Tin plates—A number of orders have been booked for import. We quote: \$3.50 to 3.75 for I.C. and \$3.25 to 3.35 for coke.

Terne plates.—Stocks are now in and shipments are being made. Prices are unchanged at \$6.50 to 6.75, according to quality.

Zinc Sheets—Prices have not changed, they still being 4½c for case lots and 5c for small lots.

Hoops and Bands—Trade is not quite as good as it has been, while stocks are heavy. We quote \$2.20 to \$2.25 as basis for ordinary, but large lots can be shaded a fraction.

Canada Plates.—The regular demand is now on, both on country and city account, although no large shipments are being made outside the city, most dealers in the country being in possession of lots, orders for which they placed early in the year. Prices asked are: Half polished, 52 sheets, \$2.35; 60 sheets, \$2.45, and 75 sheets, \$2.60.

Solder—Trade has been fairly satisfactory, both the standard and strictly half and half being in good demand. Prices are unchanged at 12½ to 14c.

Pig Lead—Business has fallen off slightly, but prices are unchanged at \$2.90 to 3.00.

Antimony—A few orders have been booked for Cookson's, but the ordinary brand is quiet; 9½ to 10c is the idea for Cookson's.

Glass.—An unsatisfactory feature of the situation is the slaughter of prices, first break being quoted as low as \$1.10. The range runs 15c higher. Several enquiries are reported for plate glass, but it is mostly for buildings not yet ready for same. Shipments are small.

Old Material—We quote as follows:—Agricultural scrap, 50c 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 6 to 6½c; heavy scrap copper 7 to 7½c; old copper bottoms 5½ to 6c; light scrap brass 3½ to 4c; heavy yellow scrap brass, 5c; heavy red scrap brass, 5½c; scrap lead, 1½ to 1½c; scrap zinc, 1½ to 1½c; scrap rubber, 3 to 3½c; country mixed rags, 50 to 70c per 100 lbs; clean dry bones, 50 to 60c per 100 lbs; borings and turnings, 10c.

White Lead—Continues quiet at 4½ to 4½c.

Linseed Oil—Prices are unchanged at 53 to 54c for raw, and 56 to 57c for boiled. The Canadian oil producers are estimated to be about 100 barrels behind their sales of last year. Whether it is because of falling off in consumption or because of greater importations is yet to be determined.

Prepared Paints—The movement is only small. Prices are unchanged at \$1.05 for pure.

Turpentine.—There is little more doing, but business is still quiet and prices lower at 41 to 42c.

Castor Oil—Quiet and unchanged. Quotations are 6½ to 6½c in case lots, and 7c in single tins.

Sea Oil—Some good shipments have been arriving but sales are small. Prices are unchanged at 68 to 69c.—Hardware, Aug. 11.

Toronto Live Stock Market.

Export Cattle—The average quality is unsatisfactory. Quite a few bunches offered as shipping cattle which were virtually stockers, and had to be sold at stockers prices. The range for fair to good cattle was from 3½ to 3½c a pound. Extra fine heaves would have brought 4c, but there were practically no loads of this description in to-day.

Butchers' Cattle—Out of the 20 loads or more offering, there were very few that would be regarded as choice. Light thin grassers sold as low as \$2.37½, and extra picked lots of fed grassers fetched \$3.65. Medium to good loads sold for \$3.12½ up to \$3.30.

Stockers—One bunch of twelve, averaging 1,020 pounds, sold at 3½c a pound.

Sheep and Lambs—There was a good active trade done in export sheep, and all offerings were taken early in the day. Prices were a little stiffer, local competition giving drovers full value. Ewes and wethers, weighed off car, sold at 3½ to 3½c a lb., and occasional lots sold at 4c a lb. Spring lambs sold freely at steady prices. Choice sold at 4c a lb. Purchases by the head were made at \$2.25 to \$2.50 for culls, up to \$3 and \$3.25 for choice to tops.

Hogs—Prices were quite unchanged at Tuesday's figures. Best bacon hogs sold, weighed off cars, at \$5.40, thick fats at \$4.90 to \$5, stores at \$4.75 to \$5, sows at \$4.25, and stage at \$2.50 to \$3. Mr. Harris says that prospects point to lower prices.—Empire, Aug. 10.

Pork Packing and Provisions.

A decidedly large number of hogs has been marketed the past week, the western packing reaching a total of 310,000, compared with 245,000 the preceding week, and 200,000 for corresponding time last year. From March 1 the total is 5,570,000, against 4,270,000 a year ago. Increase for the season 1,300,000 hogs compared with last year. Prices have been variable, but under all the circumstances have been well maintained, closing with an average decline of about 10 cents per 100 pounds compared with a week ago, the general average of western markets being about \$4.95 to \$5. The quality is less satisfactory than heretofore, at least so far as a considerable proportion of the supply is concerned. There are many lots of excellent quality for the season, but the drought which has been prevailing in the west, cutting off the pasture and shortening the supply of water to a great extent, with an almost sensational influence on the corn markets, has naturally encouraged farmers to dispose of stock far from a finished condition. To what extent this may continue is not easy to estimate. But it must be apparent that such unreasonable disposition of stock will be at the expense of supplies ordinarily marketable in the colder months, and at a lighter average weight than would otherwise be shown.

The provision markets have not been essentially disturbed by the large offerings of hogs, and values at the close are somewhat higher than a week ago for leading articles at Chicago. It may be that the liberal marketing has prevented a greater advance, which might otherwise have resulted, for although there is less than ordinarily of speculative interest in hog product there is manifestly a good demand for consumption, giving the trade a healthy and confident tone. The export movement of product for the week was quite large, the gain in meats especially being notable.—Cincinnati Price Current, Aug. 2.

A Toronto telegram says:—Stevens & Burns, brass founders and tool manufacturers of that city, have assigned with liabilities placed at about \$50,000.