

prices have advanced 10c. per 100 lbs. Solder is dearer by $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2c. per lb. Tin plate is firmer on receipt of news of advances in outside markets. The American Tin Plate Company advanced prices 50c per box last week, and now quote the basis of \$4.37½, f.o.b. mill, for 100-lb. 14 x 20 cokes, and 10c. extra for squares, shipments the balance of the year. Pig tin is firm and subject to large speculative influences in English markets. Copper is rather quiet, but very firm. All branches of the iron and steel market retain strong tone, with highest prices of the year prevailing. Business is checked somewhat by the high prices, and in many instances projected works are being delayed. But in spite of the values quoted, a large turn-over is being made.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Business remains steady and without special change. Green hides are bringing 8¼c. per lb., and dealers are quoting cured at 9c. per lb. Calfskins are steady at former prices. Sheepskins and pelts are coming forward in normal supply.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, 19th July, 1899.

ASHES.—Values are reported again easier, and the volume of business passing very limited. It is said first quality of pots would hardly realize beyond \$3.70 to \$3.75, seconds about \$3.50; pearls are nominal at about \$5.25 per cental.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—Business continues of moderate extent, no big bills being called for, and the volume of business, as compared with last year, is small, but no large Government contracts have been called for this year, as in the past. Receipts have been small since last writing, only 1,300 barrels of Belgian and German, and nil English; firebricks, 20,000. Prices are steady at quotations, as follows: Belgian cement, \$2 to \$2.10; English, \$2.30 to \$2.40; German, \$2.45 to \$2.60; firebricks, \$16 to \$21.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The public cable advanced sixpence on Monday, and local cheese quotations are firm at 8½ to 8¾c. for fine Western, and 8¾ to 8½c. for Eastern. Shipments last week were again quite heavy, aggregating 86,087 boxes, as against 57,801 for same week of 1898. Butter exports were also large, 12,074 packages, as compared with only 1,405 for corresponding week last year. In this latter line values are improved a little, as high as 18¼c. being paid for some lots of choice creamery.

DRY GOODS.—There is still some moderate sorting business being done in wash goods and other light fabrics, while general satisfaction is expressed with the volume of fall orders being received. Payments, too, are spoken of in favorable terms, and failures are very infrequent. Advances as to values show continued strengthening in many lines, and very notable advances in some. Domestic made linings are put ¼ of a cent, German made taffeta and silk gloves are advanced materially, also cotton hose from the same quarter, while the trade have notification of a further 7½ to 10 per cent. advance in cashmere hose, in addition to recent two advances; pearl buttons are advanced 25 to 30 per cent.

GROCERIES.—The sugar refiners have put on the market a new low grade of yellow refined sugar, known as No. 1, which is quoted at \$3.60 in wholesale lots, whereas \$3.70 was the previous lowest price. Granulated has not been subject to any recent change, and remains at \$4.50. The demand continues good, and the conditions of outside markets for raws are reported strong. Molasses is firmer; the market in Barbadoes is reported practically closed, no further stock being available there so far as known. Last trans-

actions there were reported at 16c. first cost, and the guild price here has been advanced a cent, to 37c. for single puncheons, and 36c. for car lots. Not much very definite information is yet available regarding new crop of dried fruits. Bosman prunes will be higher, the crop being only estimated at about 60 per cent. of last year, and the French crop is also reported as likely to be light. Dates promise to be cheaper than last year. Importers still report business in teas as quiet. New medium grade Japans are in fair supply, at 16 to 17c. in round lots, and some transactions in old commons are reported at 12c. The actual stock of old Japans in the market is an unknown quantity, as fresh lots keep bobbing up from time to time, and keep the trade guessing as to how much there really is.

HIDES.—A little more business is reported this week; receipts of beef hides continue light, as is usual at this season, and they are well absorbed between local and American buying. No. 1 beef hides continue to be bought at 9c., with sales to tanners generally reported at 9¼c. Calfskins bring 11 and 9c. for Nos. 1 and 2 respectively, and lambskins, 30c.

LEATHER.—The demand as yet shows very little improvement on the part of local manufacturers. These latter report a fair number of orders, as a rule, but of smaller amount than last year, though retailers are expected to make up this deficiency later. Values show no weakening, and Western tanners are reported as refusing shaded offers for black leathers, claiming they can do better in England, where a good many are said to be shipping a considerable proportion of their output. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 24 to 24½c.; No. 2, 23 to 23½c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 23 to 24c.; No. 2, 21 to 22c.; No. 1 slaughter, 26 to 28c.; No. 2, do., 24 to 26c.; common, 20 to 21c.; Waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 35c.; do., heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 32 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; Western splits, 21 to 24c.; Quebec do., 16 to 18c.; juniors, 16 to 17c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; calfskins, (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 28c.; Canadian, 20 to 24c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskins linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c.; harness, 24 to 27c.; buffed cow, 13 to 15c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 11½ to 13c.; polished buff, 12 to 13c.; glove-grain, 12 to 13c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Pig iron shows all the firmness of late noted, and some foundrymen claim to be more or less inconvenienced through the difficulty in getting deliveries. Ingot tin is striding upward, and is cabled at £133 10s., the highest figure for years, locally as high as 31½c. is being asked for jobbing lots. Lead is steady, about \$3.90; the late reduction in lead pipe is said to be due to the fact that stock was being laid down by consumers from Britain at figures below the domestic article. Copper is a little easier, and can be bought at 18½c. in fair lots, spelter has also been sold lower. The strong position of tinplates, noted last week, is fully maintained, and for Terne plates some dealers are said to quote \$7.25. We quote: Summerlee pig iron, \$22 to \$23; Carnbroe, \$19.50 to \$20; Hamilton No. 1, \$21.50 to \$22; No. 2, do., \$19.50 to \$20.50; Ferrona No. 1, \$20.00; machinery scrap, \$20.00 to \$20.00; common ditto, \$20 to \$20; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.85 to \$1.90; Canada plates—Pontypool or equal, \$2.35; 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets, \$2.45; 75 sheets, \$2.55; Galvanized Canada plates, \$4.25 per box of 52 sheets; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$7 to \$7.25; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.30; No. 26, \$2.25; No. 24, \$2.20; No. 16, and heavier, \$2.45; tin

plates—Charcoal, I.C. Alloway, \$4 to \$4.25; do., I.X., \$4.75 to \$5; P.D. Crown, I.C., \$5.50 to 5.75; do., I.X., \$4.50; coke, I.C., \$3.75 to 3.90; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, \$4.50 to 4.75; No. 26, \$4.25; No. 24, \$4.00 in case lots; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6c.; No. 26, etc., the usual extra for large sizes. Steel boiler plate, ¼-inch, and upwards, \$2.95 for Dalzell and equal; ditto, three-sixteenths inch, \$3; tank steel \$2.75, ¼-inch; three-sixteenths, \$3; heads, seven-sixteenths and upwards, \$2.95; Russian sheet iron, 9 to 9½c.; lead, per 100 lbs., \$3.90; sheet, \$4.50 to 4.60; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast-steel, 11 to 12c.; toe calk, \$2.75 to 3.00; spring, \$2.75 to 3.00; sleigh shoe, \$2.50; tire, \$2.50; round machinery steel \$3 to 3.25, as to finish; ingot tin, 31 to 31½c. for L. & F. Straits, 30½ to 31c.; bar tin, 32 to 33c.; ingot copper, 18½ to 19c.; sheet-zinc, \$7.50 to \$8; Silesian spelter, \$6.25 to \$6.75; Veille Montagne spelter, \$6.50 to \$7; American spelter, \$6.25 to \$6.50; antimony, 10½c.

OILS AND PAINTS.—Trade in these lines is now showing some signs of the usual midsummer lull, but there is no weakness in values, but rather the contrary. Turpentine has scored another advance of two cents a gallon, though this is the season when a decline is usually looked for. Window glass is also advanced ten cents per break of 50 feet. Other lines are said to be unchanged. We quote: single barrels, raw and boiled linseed oil, respectively, 57 and 60c. per gal., for one to four barrel lots; 5 to 9 barrels, 56 and 59c.; net 30 days, or 3 per cent., for 4 months' terms. Turpentine, one to four barrels, 64c.; five to nine barrels, 61c.; net 30 days. Olive oil, machinery, 90c.; Cod oil, 34 to 36c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 34 to 36c. per gallon. Castor oil, 8 to 8½c. in quantity; tins, 9 to 9¼c.; machinery castor oil, 7½ to 8c.; Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$6; No. 1, \$5.62½; No. 2, \$5.30; No. 3, \$4.87½; No. 4, \$4.50; dry white lead, 5½ to 6c. for pure; No. 1, ditto, 5c.; genuine red ditto, 5c.; No. 1, red lead, 4½ to 4¾c.; Putty, in bulk, bbls., \$1.65; kegs, \$1.80; bladder putty, in bbls., \$1.80; smaller quantities, \$1.95; 25-lb. tins, \$2.05; 12½-lb. tins, \$2.30. London washed whiting, 37 to 40c.; Paris white, 75 to 80c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25 to \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to \$2. Window glass, \$1.90 per 50 feet for first break; \$2 for second break. Paris green, 14c. in 50 and 100-lb. packages; 15c. in 25-lb. packages; pound packages, in boxes, 15½ to 16c.

TIMBER MARKETS.

Farnworth's & Jardine's Wood Circular, dated Liverpool, 1st July, 1899, says:

"The arrivals from British North America during the past month have been 34,409 tons register, against 22,099 tons register during the corresponding month last year, and the aggregate tonnage to this date from all places during the years 1897, 1898, and 1899 has been 197,137, 150,639 and 177,875 tons respectively. The business during the past month has been on a fairly extensive scale, and generally of a satisfactory character. Imports have been large, but as the deliveries of most articles have fairly kept pace, stocks have not increased unduly, and there is little change in values to report.

"Canadian Woods.—Pine Timber.—Of Warey the new wood now arriving is chiefly on contract, and is going largely direct to consumers; there has been fair enquiry, prices are steady, and stocks are not heavy. Square has been imported sparingly, but there is only a very limited demand. Red Pine.—There has been a little better enquiry, but the requirements are small. Other Ports' Pine.—A small