

Molasses.—Demand still continues to be a little better than is usual at this time of the year, principally at prices ranging from 25 to 45c. New Orleans, barrels, 26 to 28c; half barrels, 30 to 32c; Barbadoes, barrels, 28 to 32c; half barrels, 30 to 34c.

Teas—shipments of now season's Monings and Foo Chows are to hand this week, and the market exhibits more life in consequence. The quality and value of the Moning teas, were referred to last week, and much the same remarks applied to them apply to the Foo Chow teas, they showing good quality and far better value than the teas which arrived this time a year ago. These are about the only teas which are at the moment receiving much attention from wholesalers. There are not many China black teas going into the hands of retailers yet, but jobbers report a good demand for now season's Japans around 18 to 20 cents, and a fair movement in Japan and Ceylon teas. Green teas are quiet, and new Young Hysons will be 2 to 3c higher than last year. First Young Hysons are very scarce, while good cup Young Hysons of any kind cannot be got. New China green teas will not be here for about five weeks, but Pingsues are due to arrive in about three weeks. In the latter kind of tea buyers have been more careful this year, and the result is an improvement in the quality, being good in both cup and style. We hear of offers being made in Pingsueys to take the place of first Young Hysons.

Dried Fruits—Dried fruits of all kinds are a limited supply on spot, and prices are well maintained, especially Valencia raisins. Stocks of the latter are almost exhausted. As far as we are aware there is only one wholesale house in the city that has any layer Valencias, and it is holding them at high prices. Off stalk is all the other houses appear to have. Demand continues good. We quote off-stalk, 6 to 6½c; fine layers, 8½ to 9c. Currants are in fair demand at steady and unchanged figures. We quote as follows: Provincials, 3½ to 4c in brls, half brls, 3½ to 4½c; Filintras, 4 to 4½c in brls, and 4½ to 4¾c in half brls; Patras, 5 to 5½c in brls, 5½ to 5¾c in half brls, 5 to 6½c in cases; Vostizias 6½ to 7½c in cases, 6½ to 7½c in half cases; Panariti, 8½ to 9c. Prunes are quiet and unchanged. We quote: U's, 5½ to 6½c; B's, 7½c; bags 3½c; casks 4½ to 5c. Figs are dull and featureless. We quote: Small boxes, 7½ to 8c; 5 lb boxes, 7½ to 8c; 10-lb boxes, 10c; 28 lb boxes choice Eleme, 11c; 6-crown, 12½c; 7-crown; 13½c; bags, 28 lb, 6½ to 7c; Dates quiet and unchanged at 4½ to 5c; selected Halloween dates, 8½ to 9c.

Salt—Trade has greatly improved during the last week and is now quite brisk. Prices are unchanged. We quote: Dairy, \$1.50, special grade; brls, 90c; coarse sacks, 58c; fine sacks, 70c; American rock, \$10 per ton.—Grocer, July 27.

Toronto Hardware Markets.

Wire—Trade is quiet in plain, barb and twist, the only kind being called for at the moment being tinnars' and coppered steel. Quoted at 3½ to 3¾c for fence.

Rope—We quote as before:—Sisal, 7.16 in. and larger, 7½c; 1, 5-16; 3 in, 8½c; Manila, 7.16 in. and larger, 9½c; 1, 5-16, 8 in, 10.

Cut Nails—Trade has fallen off materially, shipments from ctook being small. The base price is still unchanged at \$1.80 Toronto for carload lots, and \$1.85 for small lots.

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

Worm Nails.—Trade is improving and prices are held firm. Discounts are still 60 per cent off "C" and 60 and 2½ per cent off "PB."

Green Wire Cloth.—We still quote \$1.85 per 100 square feet.

Tacks—We quote: Cut, carpet, blind, gimp,

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 nails, etc., 37½ per cent.

Lead Pipe—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.

Binder Twine—Much as before both in regard to volume of business and to prices. We quote: Blue ribbon, 8c; red cap, 7c; sterling, 6½c; common senné, 6½c; prison made, 8c, freight prepaid.

Tar, etc.—Business fair. We quote:—Roofing pitch, \$2.50 per bbl.; pure coal tar, \$4 per bbl.; refined coal tar, \$1.50 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—A number of enquiries are heard for Scotch iron in 200 and 400 ton lots, but the prices quoted do not seem to be low enough to induce purchases. The prices quoted in response to these enquiries run from \$21 to 21.60 for Summerlee, and \$19.50 for Carnbroe. We quote: Summerlee, \$21.00 to 21.60; Carnbroe, \$19.50; Siemens, \$19 to \$20. United States pigiron, cash basis f.o.b. Toronto in bond: No. 1 foundry strong coke iron Lake Superior ore, \$12.55; No. 2 foundry strong coke iron, Lake Superior ore, \$12.05; Jackson county silvery, No. 1, \$16.80 to \$18.30; Lake Superior charcoal, \$15.55; St. Arthern soft, No. 1, \$11.75; Southern soft, No. 2, \$11.50.

Bar Iron—Base price is unchanged at \$1.85.

Sheet Iron—We quote 8 to 16 gauge \$2.50; 18 do., \$2.25; 20 do., \$2.25; 22 to 24 do, \$2.35; 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—Prices are a little easier. Fair quantities have been called for during the week, although not any round lots have gone forward. Discounts are 70 per cent for black and 50 to 50 and 5 per cent for galvanized.

Galvanized Iron.—Quantities are offering in case lots at \$4.35 for 23 gauge.

Corrugated Iron—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 Copper.—Prices are unchanged at 10 to 10½c.

Sheet Copper—We quote untinned at 14 to 16½c, according to weight and size. Brazier sheets, 14 to 17c, according to quality.

Boiler Tubes—Demand is fair, especially on local account. We quote as follows:—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 few good sales have been made, especially in the higher grades. 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—The idea as to price is 4½c for domestic and 4½c for imported.

Tin plates—We quote: \$3.50 to 3.75 for I.C. and \$3.25 to 3.35 for coke.

Terne Plates—Quite a brisk demand has been experienced during the week, both for "I.O." and "I.X." In the former the supply is rather limited. Shipments are, however, arriving in the course of a week or ten days. Prices are \$6.50 to 6.75, according to quality.

Zinc Sheets—We quote case lots at 4½ and small lots at 5c.

Hoops and Bands—We still quote \$2.25 for small lots, but these prices can be shaded for large lots.

Solder—We quote 12½ to 14c.

Pig Lead—Prices are being held at \$2.90 to 3.00.

Antimony—Shows some improvement, some fair orders having been received for Cookson's at 9½ to 10c.

Glass—Prices are lower on some breaks, and we now quote first break at \$1.15. Business is quiet. Import lots have all been delivered and have proved satisfactory. Orders being received by jobbers now are principally of an assorting nature. Trade in plate glass is a little better than it was.

Old Material—Trade is quiet and prices in some lines have dropped, except in scrap rubber, which has gone up a little. 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 6½ to 7c; heavy scrap copper 7½ to 7¾c; old copper bottoms 6 to 6½c; light scrap brass 3½ to 4c; heavy yellow scrap brass, 5c; heavy red scrap brass, 5½ to 6½c; scrap lead, 1½ to 1¾c; scrap zinc, 1½ to 1¾c; scrap rubber, 3 to 3½c; country mixed rags, 60 to 75c per 100 lbs; clean dry bones, 50 to 60c per 100 lbs; borings and turnings, 10c.

White Lead—Is dull and unchanged at 4½ to 4¾c.

Prepared Paints—There is still a little doing at the unchanged price of \$1.05 for pure.

Linseed Oil—Quiet at 53 to 54c for raw, and 56 to 57c for boiled.

Turpentine—Is easier in the south, and while 43 to 44c f.o.b. Toronto is still the ruling quotation, some houses are taking 1c less per gallon with a view to reducing stocks.

Paris Green—Reports of cutting in the price of Canadian paris green are heard. When a shortage was anticipated a month or six weeks ago the Canadian makers resumed manufacturing operations, and some jobbers appear to have laid in large stocks. At any rate some of them find themselves with stocks heavier than they desire, while the season is practically over, only an odd order here and there being received, hence the present cutting in price. We quote as before: English, 112 pound drums, 14 to 14½c; and 56 pound drums at 14½ to 15c; cases, 18c. Canadian, 100-lb. drums, 13c; 1-lb. package, 14½c.

Castor Oil—In fair demand. We still quote 6½ to 6¾c in case lots, and 7c in single tins.

Seal Oil—Refined is unchanged at 58 to 59c per gallon—Hardware.

Montreal Drug Prices.

Recent cable advices on borax have been weak and note a decline of 10s per ton. Outside of the above the market has ruled quiet and steady. We quote:—Bleaching powder, \$2.50 to 2.75; bicarb. soda, \$2.25 to 2.35; sal soda, 70 to 75c; carbolic acid, 1 lb bottles, 25 to 30c; caustic soda, 60 per cent, \$2.15 to 2.75; do., 70 per cent, \$2.40 to 2.50; chlorate of potash, 20 to 22c; alum, \$1.40 to 1.50; coppers, 75 to 80c; sulphur flour, \$1.75 to \$2; do., roll, \$2 to 2.10; sulphate of copper, \$1.50 to \$5; white sugar of lead, 7½ to 8½c; biich. potash, 10 to 12c; sumac Sicily, per ton, \$75 to 80; soda ash, 48 to 50 per cent, \$1.15 to 1.50; chip logwood, \$2 to 2.10; castor oil, 6½ to 7c; and Norwegian cod liver oil, \$25 to 26.

The Cheese Markets.

Brookville, Ont., July 26.—The cheese market to day was dull; buyers and sellers were a long way apart in their ideas as to values. Only two lots were sold, one of 30 colored at 9½c and one of 60 at 5½c.

Woodstock, Ont., July 26.—The transactions on the boards or at factories since last week have been light. The cheese is too green to ship, and with a downward tendency buyers do not feel justified in giving the 3c which salesmen demanded. It is said some private sales were made since last market at 9 to 10c.