

HARDWARE AND METAL TRADE IS STEADY WITH FAIR DEMAND

First Import Sheet Shipments Now to Hand—Almost Every Boat Has Large Cargo

LADINGS HEAVY

Iron Age Advocates Heavy Gauge Sheets Be Used Exclusively for Roofing Purposes—Some Firms Are Making Sheets Much Lighter

In the local hardware and metal trade, there is little change shown over the week and the demand continues very general, but in no case was it reported as heavy. Black sheets are in good demand and there is also a fair demand passing for Canada plates which are holding steady at last week's price range. In the tin and tin plate market there is a good demand at prices quite unchanged from last week.

The first import shipments of sheets from England are just now coming to hand, and almost every boat from Bristol and Middlesbrough and other ports has a very large part of its cargo made up of galvanized sheets, black sheets and tin plate.

During the months of May and June there entered through the port of Montreal sheets and sheet products amounting well up to 25,000 to 30,000 tons of material.

Quite a pronounced movement is on foot on the part of American mill owners looking toward the use of heavier gauge sheets where material is exposed to the weather.

The Iron Age advocates that for roofing purposes nothing lighter than 20 to 22 gauge be used, and that for siding purposes nothing lighter than 22 to 24 gauge be used.

It is pointed out that the use of heavier gauge sheets where material is exposed to the weather is the height of folly and is bound to injure the business sooner or later.

LOCAL HARDWARE

General Metal Situation, Locally Continuing Steady—Business Not Heavy.

HARDWARE AND METALS.

Aluminum, per lb.	0.23
Antimony, per lb.	10.25 10.50
Copper:	
Plate ingot, per 100 lbs.	17.75
Lengths, round bars 3-in. per 100 lbs.	27.50
Plain sheets 14 oz. 14x 48" 14x60" per 100 lbs.	29.50
Brass:	
Spring sheets up to 20 gauge, per lb.	0.26
Rods base 1" to 1" round per lb.	0.22
Tubing, seamless, size 1" tubing iron pipe, size 1" per lb.	0.25
Iron and Steel:	
Common bar, per 100 lbs.	2.15
Forged iron, per 100 lbs.	2.35
Refractory iron, per 100 lbs.	2.40
Horseshoe iron, per 100 lbs.	2.40
Steel, tire, per 100 lbs.	2.40
Steel, tire, per 100 lbs.	3.10
Steel capital, per 100 lbs.	3.15
Canada Foundry, No. 1.	0.50
Car lots.	21.00
Canada Foundry No. 2.	22.50
Summerlee No. 2 Pig Iron 2250.	24.75
Caron, soft.	23.75

Black Sheet Iron:	
10 to 12-gauge.	2-700 2-750
14 to 20 gauge.	5 2- 6 7
22 to 24 gauge.	2-50 2-55
26 to 28 gauge.	2-65 2-65
30 to 32 gauge.	2-75 2-85
Canada Plates:	
Ordinary, 52 sheets.	2 80 3 10
All bright, 52 sheets.	4 00 4 15
Galvanized Sheets (Corrugated):	
22-24 gauge, per square.	5 50
26-28 gauge, per square.	4 25 4 00
Galvanized Sheets (Queen's Head):	
less than cost.	3 95
B. W. Gauge, 16-20.	4 15
B. W. Gauge, 22-24.	4 40
B. W. Gauge, 26-28.	4 65
Tin and Tin Plates:	
Lamb and Flag and Straths—56 & 28 lb. ingots, per ton	46.00
IC Carco, 14x20 base, per box.	7.00
IC Carco, 20x28, 112 plates per box.	7.40
IX Terne Tin, per box.	9.40
IX Redipped Charcoal, 14 x 20 base per box.	7.00
IX Redipped Charcoal, 14 x 30 base per box.	8.25
IXX Redipped charcoal, 14 x 20 base per box.	9.60
Lead:	
Imported Pig, per 100 obs.	5.45
Bar Pig, per 100 obs.	6.00
Sheets, 24 lbs. sq. ft.	6.00
Sheets, 24 lbs. sq. ft.	6.75
Sheets, 24 lbs. sq. ft.	6.50
Lead Pipe, 5 per cent. off.	7.15
Lead Waste Pipe, do.	9
Bar, half and half, gaurand.	0.244
Sheet Zinc:	
5 cent. casks.	7.00
Part casks.	7.25
Foreign, per 100 lbs.	6.52
Wire:	
Barbed Wire.	2.32
Galvanized Plain Twist.	2.85
Smooth Steel Wire, No. 9 to 16 base.	2.00
Poultry Netting.	0.60
Wire Nails, small lots, base.	2.20
Cut Nails.	2.50

MARKETS.

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Depression in Produce Trade

Country Prices are Lower and Brookville was Down Three-Quarter's Cent

BUTTER FIRM

English and New Zealand Cheese Markets Remain in a Very Depressed Condition and Importers Bids Are Below Our Cost of Production.

There is very little business now being done in the local butter and cheese markets. The feeling in the butter market is firm and the demand passing is fairly good. This is for small lots and mostly for local account. Receipts are holding about steady. There is a little business being accomplished for outside account and in consequence the market has taken on a quieter tone.

In cheese, the market remains depressed and all indications now point to slightly easier levels. Markets in the West were weaker and showed declines of one-half cent on the new spring creamery make. The Brooklyn market showed the greatest decline, at 1 cent. The market, to date, however, remained without any marked feature and was extremely dull throughout.

All the English and New Zealand markets are reported to be in a very depressed condition and stocks there are heavier than dealers had calculated they would be at this time of the year.

The market for eggs continues very firm, and there is a good amount of business passing at ruling prices, both for local and outside account.

In potatoes and beans, there is still a very good demand passing. With the former, the demand is still coming forward from the country for potatoes for seed and this has the effect of keeping prices high. The demand for beans is good and as stocks on hand are none too heavy, the market, in consequence, remains very firm.

There are no changes recorded in any of the other markets.

The following table shows the produce prices prevailing in the local wholesale markets:

COUNTRY AND FARM PRODUCE.

Eggs—	per doz.
Fresh laid	23 1/2—24
Cheese—	per lb.
Finest new make	12 1/2—13 1/2
Finest fall make	13 1/2—14
Butter—	per lb.
Finest spring make	23—23 1/2
Finest old fall make	20—21
Potatoes—	90 lb bags
Green Mountains (car lots)	1.10—1.15
Green Mountains (ex store)	1.25—1.30
Quebec Whites (car lots)	1.00—1.05
Quebec Whites (ex store)	1.10—1.15
Beans—	per bushel
New crop, hand picked	2.00—2.05
One pound pickers	1.95—2.00
Three pound pickers	1.85—1.90
Hay—	per bale
No. 1	16.50
No. 2	15.00 15.50
Honey Products—	
White clover comb	0.14 1/2—0.15 1/2
Darker grades	0.12 1/2—0.13 1/2
White extracted	0.10—0.11
Buckwheat	0.07—0.08
Maple Products—	
Pure syrup (3 1/2 lb tins)	0.65—0.70
Pure syrup (10 lb tins)	0.85—0.95
Pure Syrup (11 lb tins)	0.87—0.90
Maple sugar (1 lb blocks)	0.10—0.11

MARKET FOR MINOR METALS.

The leading producers of copper in the United States, despite a present lack of demand, are not endeavoring to stimulate business by lowering the price, though at second hand there is some easing up.

The tin market has gone off considerably. A Halifax broker had a cablegram last week advising of a slump in tin prices to £15 a ton in London. Recent quotations from New York show the price there to be 15 cents under the quotation ruling at this time last year.

The stimulus of fair buying has advanced the price of lead to \$1.00, but there is no change of importance recorded in New York. A great deal depends now upon developments in Mexico. Spelter is weaker and even at concessions no business has developed.

COWANSVILLE NOTES.

(Special Staff Correspondence.)

Cowansville, May 13.—The village council good roads machinery began work on Monday morning, under full head of steam, and with full complement of men and teams.

Staples:

Galvanized	2.85
Plain	2.55
Horse Shoe Nails:	
Nos. 3-12 per 25 lb. box.	4.10 2.45
Iron Shoes:	
Iron horse shoes, light, medium and heavy.	
No. 2 and larger	3.90
No. 1 and smaller	4.15
Steel Shoes, 1 to 6:	
No. 2 and larger	4.35
No. 1 and smaller	4.60
Toe Calkers:	
Blunt No. 2 and larger, per 25 lb. box.	1.25
Blunt No. 1 and smaller, per 25 lb. box.	1.50
Sharp No. 2 and larger, per 25 lb. box.	1.50
Sharp No. 1 and smaller, per 25 lb. box.	1.75
Bolts and Nuts:	
Carriage Bolts, common, new, 83.00 (dist)	
Carriage Bolts, 1 and smaller, 60 and 15	
Carriage Bolts, 7-16 and up, 55%	
Machine Bolts, Norway Iron, \$1.00 (dist)	
Machine Bolts, 7-16 and up, 57 1/2%	
Blank Bolts, 57 1/2%	
Nuts, square all sizes, 4c. per ob. off.	
Nuts, hexagon, all sizes, 4 1/4c. per lb. off.	
Building Paper, etc.	
Tarred Fibre Cyclone, 25 lbs	
Dry, roll, 15 lbs. roll.	0.62
Tarred roof roofing, ply cov.	3.00
Liquid roofing, cement in	
lbs. per gal.	0.17
Refined coal tar per bbl.	4.50
Refined Coal Tar per bbl.	5.00

MARITIME METALS

Market Not Active as Shipping is Delayed—Rail Shipments are Going Out as Rapidly as possible.

(Special Staff Correspondence.)
Halifax, May 13.—The activity around the wholesale houses is not as great as it would have been if it were not for the ice which still at this writing lingers along the shore, particularly to the eastward. Large orders are awaiting shipment by water, but are held back on this account. Rail shipments, of course, are going out as rapidly as possible. Travelers meantime are sending in good orders, but in a general way there is nothing of very special interest in the business being transacted.

Cast Steel.—The market is beginning to interest the retail trade just now may be mentioned screen doors, wire cloth, poultry netting, ice cream freezers, refrigerators, and other purely summer lines. Wire fencing is also figuring very largely in present business.

We understand that the manufacturer of sheet iron have recently advanced their price, but this has not yet been reflected in the wholesale market. The natural tendency, of course, will be for this to be reflected in the wholesale lists if the situation maintains or increases its strength.

Cast Steel.—The market is steady at 8 1/4 to 15c according to makers.
Black Sheet Iron.—We quote 24 gauge \$2.25.

Steel.—Tire, \$2.55; spring, \$2.70; machine, \$3.25; Toe calks, \$3.50; sleigh shoe steel, \$2.50. The above are all base prices.

Wrought Iron Pipe.—One inch pipe is now being sold at \$5.00.

Galvanized Sheet Iron.—The wholesale prices are as follows: 16 to 20 gauge, \$3.60; 22 to 24, \$3.70; 26, \$4.35; 28, \$4.55. These prices are for less than cash lots.

Ingot Tin.—The usual fluctuating and uncertain market for tin at the present quotation being about 45 cents.

Tin Plates.—We quote I. C. Coke, \$4.50 to \$4.75; I. C. Charcoal, \$4.50; I. X. Charcoal, \$5.50; D. C. Charcoal, \$4.50.

Zinc.—We quote 7c for casks and 8c for smaller quantities. Spelter is worth 6 1/2c.

BOSTON GRAIN EXPORTS

For the Week, Exports of Wheat Showed a Falling Off From Same Week Last Year—Barley Increased.

Special to The Journal of Commerce.

Grain shipments from the port of Boston, for the week ended May 9, as reported by Thomas Ronald & Co., 618 Chamber of Commerce, Boston, showed a falling off from the corresponding period a year ago, for wheat, while barley shipments were slightly up. Stocks in elevators as of May 11, showed a rapidly diminishing tendency.

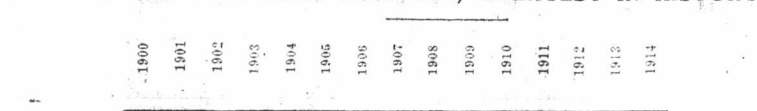
The following table gives the grain shipments in detail, as well as the grain stocks in Boston elevators:

Wheat	Barley
Copenhagen	113,198
Liverpool	24,000
Liverpool	36,100
Hamburg	23,989
Rotterdam	39,902
Med ports	39,821
Total week of May	
9th, 1914	277,010 71,276
Total week of May	
10th, 1913	344,971 68,632

Stocks in the Elevators.

Wheat	Rye	Oats
B. and A.	54,832	16,797
B. and M. (Mys-tic)	137	
B. and M. (Hos-sac)	10,290	19,990
Total	65,169	16,797 19,990

AMERICA'S NEXT HARVEST, GREATEST IN HISTORY



The American Government's crop report issues on Thursday last, placed the total estimated yield of the winter wheat belt at 800,000,000 bushels, and is the best report ever issued in the history of the country. It exceeds last year's final output by over 100,000,000 bushels. As to the condition, it is the best in twenty-three years. The only disappointment, and this is a decidedly small one, is the loss in acreage since the fall planting.

Measured by the current price of 85 cents per bushel in the Chicago market, the promise of such a bumper yield means for the agricultural west, a total income of \$680,000,000 therefrom. Such brilliant growing weather has been experienced throughout the West over the past seven weeks that not only is the prospect of winter wheat excellent, but the promise of other grains that are already sown is as good as any of the farmers might expect.

In the grain trade it is now confidently predicted that the wheat crop of the United States in 1914, combining the totals of winter and spring-grown grain, will be close to 900,000,000 bushels. Such a volume of new single-yearly bushels for every person in the country—would set a high record for a single year's production that has never before been approached. Last year's wheat crop of the United States was 763,000,000 bushels; that was the largest crop ever gathered in this country.

The May Option PULP AND PAPER TRADE SHOWS SOME IMPROVED CONDITIONS

Lost its Gain Cables were Lower and the Opening was Tame-Crop Prospects are Favorable

SEEDING COMPLETED

Estimated Wheat Crop of Bengal Province Shows An Increase Over Last Year's Total of 1,484,000 Bushels.

(By Leased Wire to the Journal of Commerce.)

Chicago, May 13.—Wheat opened tame to-day, with the undertone inclined to be easy. July was off 1/4 to 5/8, and September down 1/4 to 5/8. May opened relatively firmer, being up 1/4 at 95 1/2. Later May lost the gain and the decline in the other options was increased.

Cables were lower, affected by large offers from Russia, fine crop prospects in the United States and a smaller continental for cargoes. A high condition of winter wheat at this time has raised the price of a good yield. Spring wheat seeding is about completed.

The wheat crop of the Province of Bengal is estimated at 1,520,000 bushels, against 1,484,000 bushels last year. Beneficial rains have fallen in Roumania, relieving the apprehension of drought. In Hungary the crop outlook is unfavorable and a large area is being plowed, estimated at 15 to 30 per cent.

Under the most favorable weather conditions there will be but a very light crop. Supplies of old wheat there are exhausted and the present high prices will continue until the end of the season. Crop advices from France are better.

The receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth to-day were 124 cars, against 184 cars a year ago; at Winnipeg 191 cars, against 322 cars; at Chicago 162 cars, against 36 cars. Trade kept prices slow at the start. There was fair buying. May opened off 1/4 to 5/8, and July up 1/4 to 5/8.

Corn planting in the United States is quite general and the crop will have a good start. Rain coming from the south and damage to corn is increasing. Cancellation of many charters of steamers for early loading are reported. The receipts here to-day were 35 cars, against 93 cars a year ago.

Country houses sold July and Sept. There was little interest in the market. May opened off 1/4 to 3/8, and July and Sept. unchanged at 37 1/2 and 35 1/2 respectively. Seeding oats in the United States is drawing to a close with the receipts here to-day were 78 cars, against 141 cars a year ago. Shipments of oats to Europe are very small. Argentina and Russia are exporting little. In the United Kingdom prices have been marked up 6d per quarter.

THE COTTON MARKET

New York, May 13.—Cotton was active on the call, with opening prices three to five points higher. This was in line with Liverpool, which reported Continental buying on bid crop reports with light offerings and a continued good spot demand.

A Cordill wire said that crop conditions in Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia were normal and in parts of the last-named States nearly perfect. There are some evidences of New Orleans buying, probably short covering here by Wall Street longs and a well-known exchange place, commission house took profits freely. The tone of the market continued steady, however, and at the end of ten minutes prices were about unchanged from the start.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS

(Special Staff Correspondence.)

Toronto.

Toronto, May 13.—A light run of cattle which was met with a fair demand and market values remained steady with the beginning of the week at the Union Stock Yards to-day. The run was 48 cars, 518 cattle, 146 calves, 1,399 hogs, and 133 sheep. The high quality steers offered earlier in the week were lacking, but fairly choice loads brought \$8 to \$8.25 per cwt. The majority of butchers selling between \$7.75 and \$8.10. Butcher bulls and cows were in demand at unchanged rates, the former going at \$7.75 to \$7.85 for good to choice offerings, and the latter for good to choice, \$4.75 to \$4.77 1/2; milkers and springers continued in good demand, good to choice going between \$9 and \$10.50. Stockers were steady in a fair market. Calves were strong choice veal going at \$9 to \$10, and milkers and springers were unchanged at \$6.50 to \$7.25. Spring lambs were steady at \$10 to \$10.50. Yearlings went at \$8 to \$9 with clipped at \$7.50 to \$8.50; sheep ewes brought \$6.50 to \$7.50 and lambs were unchanged at \$6.00 to \$6.50. Large consignments of Canadian Western hogs are due to arrive here to-night.

CHICAGO

Chicago, May 13.—Union Stock Yards. Estimated receipts of hogs to-day 23,000; left 257; estimated receipts, hogs to-morrow 21,000. Market steady to five lower than Tuesday's average bull of prices \$3.35 to \$3.40; light \$3.25 to \$3.47 1/2; mixed and butchers \$3.20 to \$3.45; heavy \$7.55 to \$8.42 1/2; rough heavy \$7.55 to \$8.10; Yorkers \$3.40 to \$3.45; pigs \$7.30 to \$8.30.

Estimated receipts cattle to-day 14,000; to-morrow 4,000; market steady to shade higher. Beesves \$7.40 to \$9.50; cows and heifers \$3.80 to \$7.50; Texas steers \$7.10 to \$8.15; stags and feeders \$2.25 to \$3.50; western \$7.10 to \$8.25; estimated receipts sheep to-day 18,000; to-morrow 17,000; market strong at Tuesday's close, 10 to 20 higher than Monday's; native \$5.25 to \$6.00; western \$5.35 to \$6.00; yearlings \$3.50 to \$7.15; lambs \$6.35 to \$7.85; western \$6.40 to \$8.15; spring lambs \$7.50 to \$10.00.

WINNIPEG GRAIN

(Special Staff Correspondence.)

Winnipeg, May 13.—On Liverpool market the inquiry for what cargoes was quiet and Russian offers were heavier and cables came 1/4d lower. The market was 1/2d down, and the influence was felt on the local market and opening prices were 1/2c lower for all months and tone weak.

During the forenoon a note developed on reports from a number of points of damage by Hessian fly in Missouri and Southern Illinois and at noon May and July had advanced 1/4c and 1/2c respectively and Oct. 1/4 and strong undertone.

American markets were also weak at the opening, but advanced later on the damage reports. The cash situation was somewhat improved, some sales of No. 2 northern spot wheat being transacted and a good enquiry continues for the lower grade oats for export.

Liverpool cables at the opening were 1/4d lower and closed 1/2d to 3/4d down and all Continental markets were lower except Buda Pesth, which was 1 1/2d higher. Paris closed 1/4, Berlin 1/4, and Antwerp 1/4, all lower. The amount of grain in store west of Winnipeg at May 12 is as follows, the figures being supplied by the Incorporated Grain Companies: Wheat, 10,741,360 bushels. Oats 3,880,560 bushels. Barley 863,650 bushels. Flax, 121,400 bushels. Deliveries through the clearing house to-day were: Wheat, 15,550 bushels. Oats 106,000. Flax, 25,000. Barley, 30,000.

The total cars inspected on Tuesday was 325, as against 278 cars on Monday, and on night on Wednesday were 250. The weather is gradually improving, although still cold at nights. Forecast is for fine weather to-day, and Thursday, with higher temperature.

WITH RESPECT TO CORDAGE.