plates, $4.60 per box of 52 sheets; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, $8.25; Black sheet iron, No 28, $2.85 to 2.90; No. 26, $2.85 No 24, $2.80; I.C., cokes, $4.10 to $4.20; charcoal, do., $4.60; I.X., cokes, $5; do., charcoal, $5.35; galvanized sheets, No. 28, Queen's Head, $4.60; No. 26, $4.40; No. 24, $4.25, in case lots; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½ to 7c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Steel boiler plate, one-quarter inch, $2.10; tank steel, $2.10 for ¼-inch; three-sixteenths, $2.20; heads, seven-sixteenths, and upwards, $2.50; Russian sheet iron 10 to 10½c.; lead, per 100 pounds, $4.20 to $4.30; sheet, $4.75 to $5.00; best cast-steel, 8c.; toe calk, $2.25; spring, $3.10; sleigh shoe, $2.00; tire, $2.10; round machinery steel, $3.25; ingot tin, 31½c. for L. & F.; Straits, 30½c.; bar tin, 33c.; ingot copper, 17¾ to 18c.; sheet-zinc, 6c.; Silesian spelter, $4.85 to $5.00; Veille Montagne spelter, $5.25; American spelter, $4.85 to $5; antimony, 9¾ to 10c.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Travellers generally are doing well, but as regards values not an item of news is reported. The quotations are: Single barrels, raw, and boiled linseed oil, respectively, 80 and 83c. per gallon, for one to four barrel lots; 5 to 9 barrels, 79 and 82c; net, 30 days or 3 per cent. for four months' terms. Turpentine, one barrel, 59c.; two to four barrels, 58c.; net 30 days. Olive oil, machinery, 90c; Cod oil, 35 to 37½c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 55 to 57½c. per gallon; Castor oil, 9 to 9½c., in quantity; tins, 10 to 10½c.; machinery castor oil, 8½ to 9c.; Leads, (chemically pure and first-class brands only), $6.75; No. 1, $6.37½; No. 2, $6; No. 3, $5.75; No. 4, $5.25; dry white, lead, 5½ to 6c. for pure; No. 1, do., 5c.; genuine red, ditto, 5c.; No. 1, red lead, 4½ to 4¾c.; Putty, in bulk, bbls., $2; bladder putty, in bbls., $2.20; do., in kegs, or boxes, $2.35; 25-lb. tins, $2.45; 12½-lb. tins, $2.75. London washed whiting, 40 to 45c.; 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, $2 per 50 feet for first break; $2.10 for second break.

## AN UP-TO-DATE CIRCULAR.

A Toronto banker hands us a circular of January 12th, from a Russian bank in Genoa, Italy, the Banca Russa, which is interesting not only from its entertaining diction, but from the somewhat novel and what one might call sociable features by virtue of which it commends itself to possible customers. We omit some paragraphs devoted to terms of exchange, etc.:

Dear Sirs,—Desirous as we are of entering into business connections with the best firms of your country, and in order to facilitate the always increasing development of commercial relationships between both countries, we have given our best care to all matters concerning the transactions in regard with trade and credit affairs.

We are happy to state that we are actually quite well placed and thoroughly equipped in order to fill up all orders from our many American friends, amongst which we would be both pleased and honored to have also your most respectable firm.

We furthermore like to call your kind attention on the service of letters of credit, having appointed at this concern a special department fitted up with apposite parlors, reading-rooms, with officers attached, speaking the principal languages, always ready to give to bearers of letters of credit all informations and reports in reference with their trips or of commercial nature.