

Toronto Hardware Markets.

Wire.—We quote barbed and plain twist at 8½ to 8¼c. per lb.; steel staples, 8½ to 8¼c.

Rope.—We quote: sisal, 7-16 in. and larger, 7½c; ½, 5-16, 8 in., 8c. Manila, 7-16 in. and larger, 9½c; ½, 5-16, 8 in., 10c.

Cut Nails.—Prices remain unchanged at \$1.80 to \$1.85 according to quality.

Wire Nails.—Discounts are unchanged at 7½, 10 and 5 per cent., shipments of 10-keg lots being prepaid.

Horse Nails.—Business keeps good, with demand equally divided between "C" and "P.B." and "M." The preference is chiefly for the last two, they being 2½ per cent. cheaper. Discounts, 60 per cent. off "C," and 60 and 2½ per cent. off "P.B." and "M."

Tacks.—Business is still holding its own. Demand is principally for carpet tacks. We quote as follows: 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 nails, etc., 87 per cent.

Horseshoes.—Trade is fairly brisk in iron shoes at \$3.65 Toronto. Steel shoes 15c. per keg advance on Montreal prices.

Lead Pipe.—We quote: Toronto and west 80 per cent. off in small lots, and 80 and 10 per cent. off in ton lots; points east of Toronto 85 per cent. off in small lots, and 85 and 10 per cent. off in ton lots.

Tar, etc.—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 dozen; best Southern pure tar, \$6 per bbl., and 75c per dozen pint tins; pine pitch, \$2.75 per bbl.

Cement, etc.—We quote: Portland cement (English), 85 per bbl. for best grades; New Brunswick plaster paris, \$2 per bbl.; Canadian water lime, \$1.25 per bbl.

Firebricks, etc.—Scotch firebricks, \$3.25 per 100; Scotch fireclay, \$1 per 100 lbs.

Pig Iron.—We quote for cash f.o.b. cars Toronto in bond: No. 1, foundry strong coke iron Lake Superior ore, \$13.05; No. 2, foundry strong coke iron Lake Superior ore, \$12.55; Jackson county silvery, No. 1, \$16.80 to \$18.30; Lake Superior charcoal, \$14.05; Southern soft, No. 1, \$11.75; Southern soft, No. 2, \$11.50.

Bar Iron.—There is a fair trade doing at the unchanged base prices at \$1.70 to \$1.75.

Sheet Iron.—We still quote: 8 to 16 gauge, \$2.50; 18 ditto, \$2.00; 20 ditto, \$2.10; 22 to 24 ditto, \$2.20; 26 ditto, \$2.45; 28 ditto, \$2.65; tinned sheet iron, Manor's, 26 gauge, 7c per lb.; 22 to 24 gauge, 6½c; 16 to 20 gauge, 4½c.

Sheet Steel.—We quote 8 to 16 gauge, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.; 18 to 20, \$2.65; 22 to 24, \$2.85; 26, \$3.10.

Iron Pipe.—Discounts are virtually as before, being 70 to 75 and 5 per cent. for iron pipe, and 50 to 55 and 5 per cent. for galvanized pipe.

Galvanized Iron.—There has been a good demand for heavy gauges, especially 24 gauge, of which there is a scarcity; 26 and 28 are still going out well in case lots as well as in small shipments. Gordon & Queen's Head brands are still quoted at \$1.25, 28 gauge in case lots.

Ingot Tin.—Prices are firm, but there is very little doing in Lamb and Flag, and Straits is only going out in small quantities. We still quote 18½ to 19c.

Zinc Spelter.—Trade is quiet and featureless. Domestic is quoted at 4 to 4½c and imported at 3½ to 4c.

Galvanized Boilers.—There is still a fair business doing at unchanged prices. We quote 3 gal., \$6; 5 gal., \$7; 10 gal., \$8.

Ingot Copper.—Quiet and featureless continues trade to be in this line. We quote as before at 10 to 10½c.

Sheet Copper.—We quote: Untinned, 14 to 16½c according to weight and size; brazier sheets, 14 to 17c according to quality.

Boiler Tubes.—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.

Tin Plates.—We quote coke, 14 to 20 gauge, at \$3.10; for sizes 15 to 25c per box, basis more. "I.C." charcoal, \$3.50 to 3.75.

Terne Plates.—A fair business has been doing in "I.C." Quotations are unchanged at \$1.75 to \$7 for box lots.

Sheet Zinc.—Prices are unchanged, quotations still being 4½c. for cask lots and 5c. for small lots.

Hoops and Bands.—Prices continue firm at \$2.25 for ordinary lots and \$2.20 for ton lots.

Canada Plates.—We quote half-polished at \$2.25 to 2.35, according to quantity; 60 sheet boxes, 10c per box advance; 75 sheet boxes, 25c advance over 52½; 20x24, \$2.50.

Corrugated Iron.—We quote galvanized, 26 gauge, at \$4 per square, and steel shingles from \$2 up.

Solder.—Prices are firm at 12½ to 13½c.

Pig Lead.—Prices are unchanged at \$2.90 to \$3.

Antimony.—Remains quiet and featureless at 10 to 10½c.

Glass.—Prices are unchanged at \$1.10 to \$1.15 for first break. Some of the German manufacturers have withdrawn prices this week.

Linseed Oil.—As predicted last week the Canadian crushers have advanced prices this week. The gain is about 1c per gallon, and at the higher price manufacturers will not book orders. An advance is also announced on the English market. Locally, however, there is no change, 52 to 53 still being the ruling figures for raw and 55 to 56 for boiled, f. o. b., Toronto. Demand is brisk.

Turpentine.—Demand is brisk at 39 to 4 c f. o. b., Toronto. The market in the South is a little easier than it was.

White lead.—Dress still obtains, and although 4½c is still the ruling quotation, this figure, it is understood, is being cut.

Prepared Paints.—Quiet at \$1 for pure.

Castor Oil.—An improved demand is reported, but the recent advance is not, it is said, being well maintained. We quote 6½ to 6¾c in cases, and 7 to 7½c in tins.

Putty.—Is still in good demand at 2c for bladders, in barrels.

Varnishes.—There is good demand for stove pipe varnish, but other kinds of varnishes are quiet.

Old Material.—Trade is a little better with scrap rubber ¾c higher. We quote as follows: Agricultural scrap at 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, 5½c to 6c; light scrap brass, 3½ to 4c; heavy yellow scrap brass, 5c; heavy red scrap brass, 5½c; scrap lead, 1½ to 1¾c; scrap zinc, 1½ to 1¾c; scrap rubber, 5½ to 8½c; country mixed rags, 50 to 70c; clean dry bones, 50 to 60c per 100 lbs; borings and turnings, 10c.—Hardware Merchant, October 12.

The Director of the United States mint has revised his estimates of the world's production of gold in 1894. He now places it at \$176,000,000, with a possibility of even a higher figure. In 1893 the world's production was only \$155,521,000.

Toronto Live Stock Markets.

Export Cattle.—There were less than 10 loads of export cattle on offer to-day. Demand was slow and prices stood at about Tuesday's range. Choice heavy cattle sold at 8½c. One load, averaging 1,270 lbs. sold at 8½c; one load, averaging 1,225 lbs. at 8½c; and one load, averaging 1,250 lbs. at 8½c a head.

Butchers' Cattle.—Choice beefs were very scarce to-day, and as high as 4c was paid for a few select bullocks. Offerings of all sorts were light and consisted mostly of medium stuff and rubbish.

Stockers and Feeders.—In addition to quite a few farmers who were here looking for feeders to take back to the country, numerous buyers of distillery cattle put in an appearance. Trade was quite brisk, some 20 loads all told, being picked up. Purchases were made all the way from 2½c to \$3.12½, the latter being paid for a few large frame cattle to go to the distilleries.

Sheep and Lambs.—Export sheep were in first-rate demand, and an active trade was done at 8½c a lb. to 8¾c a lb for choice, weighed off car. Rams sold at 8c. Lambs were a drug. Prices were easier, sales being made from \$1.50 to \$2 for medium bunches. Choice bunches sold at \$2.25, and choicest sold at \$2.40 to \$2.50. Butchers' sheep were slow at \$2 to \$2.75 each.

Hogs.—Several lots bought, to arrive, fetched Tuesday's prices, but new purchases to-day were made at about 10c a cwt. less than on Tuesday. Bacon hogs sold at \$1.90; thick fats at \$4.65 to 4.75; stores at \$1.25 to 4.45, and rough sows at \$1.

Milch Cows and Springers.—About 20 offered to-day. Good milkers and forward springers were in good demand at from \$40 to \$45. Medium milk cows sold from \$30 to \$35, and poor at round \$25.—Empire, Oct. 12.

Dried Fruits.

Since the opening of the season the tone has been firm on both raisins and currants, the two lines that Canadians import in the greatest supply, and the recent advices do not indicate anything calculated to induce a change in the direction of lower prices. This is especially the case on dried raisins, and during the past two weeks prices, in consequence of the great firmness reported from Denia have stiffened from ¼ to ½ a cent on all good merchantable fruits. This strength has led to the execution of considerable orders by the second direct steamer from the Mediterranean to Montreal, at 1s. advance on the prices paid for similar lines of fruit by the first vessel, which is due at Montreal on the 15th of the month.—Canadian Grocer.

Cutting in Nails

This seems to be the motto with manufacturers of cut nails, who appear to be slashing prices right and left. Although the regular price is nominally \$1.75, it has been cut down to \$1.60, and any amount can be bought at that price; and buyers, taking advantage of the demoralization caused by the existing fight between makers, are offering to conclude large contracts at \$1.50; but this figure, we are told, has not yet been accepted. The worst of this fight among manufacturers of cut nails is, that the lower goes the cut by one maker the higher rises the blood of the others, and they at once go 5c. worse on the downward path. Really, if this vicious war continues, it will result in a regular extermination crusade, and in the end there may be some lame ducks limping around. As we go to press we are informed that some makers are determined not to give in; but are prepared to go another 5c worse if the occasion demands it. "Go it, boys; cut away."—Montreal Trade Bulletin.