

be quickly adopted. Harmony would promote the spread of religious influence, and if the abolition of the merely formal religious exercises in the public schools would tend toward harmony among the people, it would be a good act to do away with these exercises. Mr. Martin's motion was defeated by six to twenty-seven.

**Toronto Hardware Market**

Rope—We quote:—Sisal, 7-16 in and larger, 8c; 1/2, 5 16, 3/4 in, 8 1/2c. Manila, 7 16 in and larger, 19 to 10 1/2; 1/2, 5 16, 3/4 in, 10 1/2 to 11 1/2c.

Green Wire Cloth—Prices are unchanged at \$1.85 to 1.90 per 100 square feet.

Pig Iron—Some carload lots of Nova Scotia, on account of orders booked last fall, have been coming in, and a few orders for Scotch iron, delivery April 1, are announced, but on terms that were private. Trade is, however, still quiet, and quotations are purely nominal. We quote nominal as before. Summerite, \$20.50 to 21; Carabroe, \$19.50 to 20; Simeon's, \$19.50 to 19.75.

Bar Iron—Business is still confined to small quantities at \$1.35 to 1.90. Stocks in the hands of the mills are light.

Sheet Iron—A continued improvement is to be noted, the demand being all round good. Prices have been shaded a little, but for quantities only, it is claimed. \$2.75 is still quoted as the base price.

Galvanized Iron—Is going out fairly well, principally in the heavier gauges—namely: 26, 24 and 22. Some few cases lots in the lower gauges have changed hands. Prices unchanged. We quote Queen's Head and Gordon Crown brands at 5 to 5 1/2c for 16 to 24 gauge.

Ingot and Straits Tin—Some few good orders have been booked and forwarded, but in general orders have been small and prices easier, at 20 to 21c for small lots and 19 1/2 to 20c for quantities.

Ingot Copper—Business is opening up a little in this line, but the movement is still light, however. We quote 11 1/2 to 12c for ton lots and 1/2c extra for small lots.

Sheet Copper—Shipments from stock have been limited, but import lots have just arrived and are being delivered at destination. Prices are unchanged at 15 to 17c per pound.

Zinc Spelter—Although a few orders have been received business generally ruled quiet, at 4 1/2 to 4 3/4c for domestic and 4 1/2 to 4 5/8c for imports.

Sheet Steel—There are a few sorting-up lots moving, but on the whole it continues quiet. Import orders are not to hand. We quote base price \$2.25 for plates and \$2.40 for beads.

Boiler Tubes—Boiler makers are quite busy, and there is a fair demand for tubes in consequence. Prices are lower, with the tendency still downward. We quote: 1 1/2 inch, 8c; 2 inch, 9c; 2 1/2 inch, 10c; 3 inch, 10 1/2c; 3 1/2 inch, 11c; 4 inch, 11c.

Corrugated Iron—A number of enquiries are being received, but it is on the whole quiet, as is usual in February. We quote, per square, for galvanized: 26 gauge, \$1.25; 22 gauge, \$1; painted, \$3 to 4.50.

Tin Plates—Are going out quite freely, and, with the exception of one or two odd sizes, stocks are complete. We quote as before: \$3.85 to \$4 for I.C. charcoal, and \$3.40 to 3.50 for coke tin, 14x20 basis.

Sheet Zinc—There is not much doing and prices are unchanged at 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c.

Hoops and Bands—Are in brisk demand at the figures quoted last week, viz., \$2.45 to 2.55. Stocks are still heavy.

Canada Plates—We quote: All dull, \$2.60 to 2.65; half polished, \$2.75; and all bright, \$2.90.

Solder—Prices unchanged at 14 to 16c according to quality.

Pig Lead—Prices are unchanged at \$2.90 to \$3 per 100 pounds.

Antimony—We quote 11 1/2 to 11 3/4c.

Glass—Business continues quiet, but even then jobbers find it difficult to supply the demand for the sizes wanted on account of the lowness of stocks. Prices are being maintained at \$1.20 to \$1.25 1st break. There are still some important orders being booked. Plate glass remains quiet and unchanged.

Paints and Oils—The anticipated advance in the price of turpentine has materialized, the figures now being 60c Toronto, Hamilton, London and Guelph, with 2c per gallon added for delivery at outside points. It was anticipated that the advance would have been at least 3c per gallon. The association, however, was satisfied with 2c for the time being, but the market is strong at the advance in sympathy with the American market. There is not much demand for turpentine. Linseed oil is in fair demand and unchanged at 69c for raw and 63c for boiled, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Guelph, with 2c added for delivery at outside points. Orders are being taken for Paris green, but it is early yet for much business to be done in this line. Putty is quiet, at \$1.90 to \$2 for bulk and \$2 to 2.10 in bladders. White lead is quiet and unchanged at the 5c. basis. The paint and oil trade shows some signs of improvement.

Old Material.—Business is dull. There has been a slight drop in the price of stove cast scrap and old copper bottoms. We quote prices paid by dealers as follows: Agricultural scrap, 55c per owt.; machinery cast, 60c per owt. stove cast scrap, 35 to 40c; No. 1 wrought scrap, 40c per owt; No. 2, including sheet iron, hoop iron and mixed steel, 10c; new light scrap copper 7 1/2c; heavy scrap copper 8 to 8 1/2c; old copper bottoms 7 to 7 1/2c; light scrap brass 5c; heavy yellow scrap brass, 7c; heavy red scrap brass, 7 to 7 1/2c; scrap lead, 1 1/2 to 2c; scrap zinc, 1 1/2 to 2c; scrap rubber, 3c; country mixed rags, 75 to 80c per 100 lbs.; clean dry bones, 45 to 55c per 100 lbs.; borings and turnings, 10 to 15c.

**Toronto Live Stock Market.**

Butchers' Cattle—The quantity taken by Montreal buyers yesterday left the market in such a position as to make it comparatively easy for local butchers and dealers to absorb the rest. Buyers were moderately active during the morning and by noon there was not much stuff an old. Prices ranged from 2 1/2 to 3c for inferior to medium; 3 to 3 1/2 for medium to good; 3 1/2 to 3 3/4 for good to choice; 3 1/2 to 3.70 for choice to extra choice loads, with rather more for picked lots.

Hogs—Buying was active and all were taken by noon. Prices remain about the same. Long half fat hogs, weighing 140 up to 220 lbs for going into bacon for the British market, sell readily at \$5 up to 5.10, weighed off car; as high as \$5.12 1/2 was paid to day. It must not be understood, however, that any sort of these weights will bring these prices. Thick fats making the same weights are quoted fully 50 per cent less. Stores and mixed lots sold today at \$4.65 to 4.75, and thick fats at \$4.40 to 4.55. Rough sows sold at \$4 to 4.25, and stags at \$2.50 to \$3.

Sheep and Lambs—Offerings were heavier to day. There were 436 head here, but as the market was bare and in good shape to receive fresh offerings everything was taken care of. Prices were steady at 4 1/2c for choice grain-fed lambs, weighing 90 lbs and over. Sheep were in slow demand at \$4 to 4.50. There were not many in, but quite sufficient for requirements.

Calves Offerings were light and prices unchanged at \$2 to \$3, according to quality. A bunch of 14, averaging 140 lbs, sold for \$83.

Milk Cows and Springers—There were only a few in to-day and prices were a shade better. A pair of good springers sold to a dealer at \$40 each. Milk cows were quoted at \$33 to \$45.—Empire, Feb. 24.

**The Lethbridge Labor Difficulty.**

Latest advices from Lethbridge state that the men at the mines are still out. It appears that the differences between the men and the company arose over a notice posted by the company on the 13th of this month, to the effect that owing to competition, etc., the mine would be closed on the 15th, and remain closed until the 22nd, and also to pay off a majority of employees, and reduce the rates paid for various classes of work. A time contract at reduced rates would be offered to as many of the men as the business of the company would afford work, which would be open for acceptance by them until the 22nd. A meeting of the men was held on the 19th to discuss the situation and new contract of prices, at which it was unanimously decided by the men not to accept the new schedule, and work has been at a standstill since. Following is the new schedule of prices offered by the company, to remain in force until May 1, 1895, with old rates for comparison:

Entries—Entries worked 7 ft. wide, taking the full height of the coal, say 4 ft. 6 in. Screened coal 75c per ton. Old scale, 80c per ton and \$1.50 per yard.

Brushing to be taken down from roof or lifted from bottom as circumstances require, to a depth of 1 ft, \$1 per yard. Old price, \$1.50 per yard.

Rooms—Breaking rooms off entries, 7 ft. wide, driven to a distance that may be determined by the manager, and taking all the coal, say 4 ft 6 in. Screened coal, 75c per ton. Old scale, 80c per ton and \$1.25 per yard.

Brushing 1 ft. to be taken down the length of first pillar from entry. \$1 per yard

Brushing 1 ft. after the room has reached its full width, 50c per yard.

Widening out room to a distance of 12 to 14 feet (this is in addition to the price of 75c per ton for coal) 50c per yard. Old scale 80c per ton and \$1.50 per yard.

Cross cuts for air—Cross cuts for air to be driven between rooms and entries 6 ft. wide, taking the full height of the coal, 4 ft. 6 in., 75c per ton and 50c per yard.

	Day Wages,	Old Scale.
Shift men...	\$1.80 & \$2.12	\$2.25 & \$2.50
Drivers . . .	\$1.50	\$2.25
Bottomers . . .	1.90	2.25
Stablemen . . .	1.80	2.25
Cager . . . . .	1.70	2.12
Bankmen . . . .	1.60	2.00
Screenmen . . . .	1.60	2.00
Turners . . . . .	1.60	2.00
Timber sawyers	1.50	2.00

**The Wheat Supply.**

In our previous calculations we have recognized the wheat productions of 1893 as not less than 450,000,000 bushels, and now entertain the view that the distribution will ultimately make it apparent that 460,000,000 bushels is not too high an estimate—and we now adopt the larger quantity. This forms the basis for the following exhibit:—

	Bushels.
Remaining, July 1, 1891 . . . . .	121,000,000
Crop of 1893 . . . . .	460,000,000
Total supply . . . . .	581,000,000
Consumption 3 months to March 1, 213,000,000	
Exports, same time . . . . .	120,000,000
Autumn seeding . . . . .	35,000,000
Distribution, 3 months . . . . .	368,000,000
Remaining March 1, 1894 . . . . .	213,000,000
Needed for spring seeding . . . . .	18,000,000
Consumption, 4 months, to July 1 . . . . .	1,107,000,000
Total requirements . . . . .	1,25,000,000
Total surplus . . . . .	88,000,000
Unmarketable reserves . . . . .	49,000,000
Exportable surplus, March 1 . . . . .	45,000,000

It is in evidence that a large quantity of wheat has been fed to animals this year, for which we have made no allowance in the calculations submitted. It is believed that the disposition of wheat in this manner has been fully 15,000,000 bushels.—Cincinnati Price Current.