

22c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c. harness, 24 to 27c.; buffed cow, 12 to 14c. extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebbled cow, 12 to 13c. polished buff, 11 to 13c.; glove grain, 12 to 13c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—A little more has been doing in general hardware since the first of the month, but there is not the trade doing usual to the season. All lines of heavy metals continue very dull, and no transactions of importance are to be noted in any of the leading lines. Cut nails are reduced about ten cents a keg; as regards wire nails the situation is much complicated, the mills being allowed a free hand in the Province of Quebec, where goods are being sold at discounts of 80, 2½ and 10 per cent. off list, and in some cases 10c. a keg additional; for Ontario the terms are 80 and 10 off, and freight paid up to 25c. a hundred on 10 kegs and over. Plain and barb wire are not changed, except gauges 13, 14 and 15 of ordinary wire, commonly known as hay wire, which are reduced from \$3.10 to \$3.00 for the two first numbers, and from \$3.30 to 3.50 for No. 15. We quote:—Summerlee pig iron, \$20 to 20.50, ex-store; Carron, \$19.50; Ayrshire, \$18.50; Shotts, \$19.00 to 19.50; Carnbroe, \$18.50 to 19.00, ex-store; Siemens pig No. 1, \$16.50 to 16.75; Ferrona, No. 1, \$16.50 to 16.75; Hamilton No. 1, \$18.25 to 18.50; No. 2, ditto, \$18.00; machinery scrap, \$15.00; common do., \$12.00 to 13.00; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.40 to 1.45; British, \$2.00 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5; Canada plates—Pontypool, or equal, \$2.55 to 2.60; 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets, \$2.70; 75 sheets, none here; all polished Canadas, \$2.60; Terne roofing plate, 20x28, \$6.25; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.25 to 2.40; No. 26, \$2.15 to 2.20; No. 24, \$2.05 to 2.10; Nos. 17 to 20, \$2; No. 16 and heavier, \$2.30; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.60 to 5.70; charcoal, I. C., Allo-way, \$3.25 do. I.X., \$3.90 to 4.00; P. D. Crown, I. C., \$3.60 to 3.75; do., I.X., \$4.50; Coke I. C., \$3.00 to 3.10; coke, wasters, \$2.70; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, \$4.25; No. 26, \$4.00; No. 24, \$3.75 in case lots; Morewood, \$5.00 to 5.10; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 5½c.; No. 26, 6c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Canadian bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.75; English ditto, \$2; hoops, \$2.15. Steel boiler plate, ½ inch and upwards, \$1.85 to 1.90 for Dalzell, and equal; ditto three-sixteenths inch, \$2.50; tank iron, ½ inch, \$1.50; three-sixteenths do., \$2.00; tank steel, \$1.75; heads, seven-sixteenths and upwards, \$2.45 to 2.50; Russian sheet iron 9c.; lead, per 100 lbs., pig, \$3.25 to 3.40; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast-steel, 8 to 10c.; toe calk, \$2.25; spring, \$2.50; sleigh shoe, \$1.85; tire, \$1.90; round machinery steel \$2.25; ingot tin, 16½ to 17c. for L. & F.; Straits, 15½ to 16½c.; bar tin, 16½ to 17c.; ingot copper, 12½ to 13c.; sheet zinc, \$5 to \$5.25; Silesian spelter, \$4.65 to 4.75; Veille Montagne spelter, \$4.75 to 5.00; American spelter, \$4.60 to 4.75; antimony, 8½ to 9c.; bright iron wires Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.60 per 100 lbs.; annealed and oiled do., \$2.65; galvanized, \$3.15; the trade discount on wire is 25 per cent. Barb and twisted wire and staples, \$3 per hundred for Quebec province, freight paid on half-ton lots; for Ontario points, \$2.85, freight paid up to 25c. per hundred.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Linseed oil has declined a cent for both raw and boiled, though this was hardly anticipated till new stocks arrived. The market is very depressed in Britain, and prices there are said to be lower than they have been for years. Turpentine is steady at 44c. for single barrels. The White Lead Association had their first quarterly meeting last week, at which greater harmony than usual prevailed, and it was determined to maintain present quotations without change. Cod oil is firmer. Other lines are unchanged. We quote: Turpentine, one to four brls., 44c.; five to nine brls., 43c., net 30 days. Linseed oil, raw, one to four brls., 43c.; five to nine brls., 42c.; boiled, one to four barrels, 46c.; five to nine brls., 45c., net 30 days; olive oil, machinery, 90c.; Nfld. cod, 38 to 40c. per gal.; Gaspe oil, 36 to 38c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 50c. per gallon in small lots. Castor oil, 8½ to 9½c. as to quantity. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.00, No. 1, \$4.62½; No. 2, \$4.25; No. 3, \$3.87½; No. 4, \$3.50; dry white lead, 4½ to 4¾c.; genuine red do., 4 to 4¾c.; No. 1 red lead, 3½ to 4c.; putty, 1.60 to \$1.65 in bulk, \$1.75 to 1.80 in bladders, \$2 to 2.10 in tins; London washed whiting, 40 to 45c.; Paris white, 85 to 90c.; Venetian

red, \$1.50 to 1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce ochre, \$2.25 to 2.50; window glass, \$1.35 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.50 for second break; third break, \$3.30.

SEEDS.—There is marked scarcity of Canadian timothy, and some dealers are afraid they may not be able to fill all their orders; prices are very firm at \$2.25 to 2.40; Western timothy, \$1.60 to 1.80; alsike clover, 8½ to 9½c.; red clover, 9½ to 10c.

WOOL.—A wool salesman just returned from a Western trip reports finding business dull, and was unable to sell any large bills. One large mill at Almonte is entirely shut down, and most of the others are running on short time. A few moderate transactions in Cape wool have been put through at prices ranging from 14 to 16½c.; the lower grades of B.A. scoured are scarce at present, and the range in these is now from 30 to 34c. The two cargoes of Cape wool lately arrived in New York on Montreal account, are still held in store there.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Apr. 15, 12.30 p. m.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring	6	3
Red Winter	6	0½
No. 1 Cal	6	1½
Corn	2	7
Peas	4	2
Lard	32	3
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Bacon, heavy	26	1
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