

SHEET ZINC—In casks, 5½c lb., broken lots, 6c.

SOLDER.—Half and half (guar) per lb, 11 to 16c.

AMMUNITION.—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American, discount, 35 per cent.; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 per cent.; rim fire military, American, 5 per cent. advance; central fire pistol and rifle, American, 12 per cent.; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent.; shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 to 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 5½c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6c.

AXES.—Per box, \$6.50 to 15.50.

WIRE.—Galvanized barb wire, plain twisted wire and staples, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.

ROPE.—Sisal, per lb., 8 to 8½c base; manilla, per lb., 11 to 11½c base; cotton, ½ to ¾ inch and larger, 16c lb.

NAILS.—Cut, per keg, base price, \$2.85 to \$3; common steel wire nails, 5 to 6 inch, \$3.50 per keg; 3 to 4 inch, \$3.80 per keg; 2½ inch, \$1.09 per keg; 2 inch, \$1.38 per keg.

HORSE NAILS.—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List prices as follows. No. 5, \$7.50 box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above list prices, 50 to 50 and 10 per cent.

HORSE SHOES.—Per keg, \$1.50 to \$1.75; snow pattern horse shoes, \$1.75 to \$5.

WHITE LEADS.—Pure, ground in oil, association guarantee, 5.75 per 100-lb; white lead, assorted 1 to 5-lb. tins, per lb., 9c.

PREPARED PAINTS.—Pure liquid colors, per gallon, \$1.15 to \$1.25.

DRY COLORS.—White lead, per lb., 8c; red lead, 5½c; yellow ochre, 2½c; golden ochre, 4c; Venetian, red, French, 3½c; Venetian, red, English, 3½c; English purple oxides, 4½c; American oxides, per lb., 3 to 4c. These prices for dry colors are for broken lots. ½ per lb. less when full kegs or barrels are taken. American vermilion, kegs, 15c, English vermilion, in 30-lb. bags, 90c per lb.; less than bags, per lb., \$1; Paris green, 18 to 20c.

VARNISHES.—No. 1 furniture, per gal., \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35, pale oak, \$1.50, elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$2; hard oil finish, \$2; brown Japan, \$1; goldsize Japan, \$1.50, No. 1, orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50. These prices are for less than barrels, and include cost of cans.

SUNDRIES.—Glue, S.S., in sheets, per lb., 12½ to 15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 17 to 18c. Stove gasoline, per case, \$4.00; benzine, per case, \$1.00; benzine and gasoline, per gallon, 50c. Axle grease, Imperial per case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, per case, \$3.75, diamond, do, \$2.25 per case. Coal tar, per barrel, \$8; Portland cement, per barrel, \$4.00; plaster, per barrel, \$3.00; plasterer's hair, 90c. per bale; putty, per lb., 2½c. for less than barrels; barrels, per lb., 2½c.

WINDOW GLASS.—1st break is quoted at \$1.65 per box of 50 feet.

LINSEED OIL.—Raw, per gal., 63c; boiled, per gal., 66c in barrels.

TURPENTINE.—Pure spirits, in barrels, per gallon, 60c; less than barrels, per gallon, 65c.

OILS.—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25 to 30c per gallon; clear macerated oils, 38 to 40c; cylinder oil, 50 to 75c, as to quality; castor oil, 10c per lb.; lard oil, 70c per gal.; tanner's or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1.00; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 per gallon.

REFINED PETROLEUM.—There is no change in burning oils. Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 24½c; crescent, 27½c; oleophilene, 29½c in barrels. In car lots 2c per gallon discount is allowed off prices in barrels. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 34c for cocene and 30c for sunlight.

RAW FURS—Interest centres in the fur sales which open at London next week. It is feared that prices may be lower. It is though advisable to ship furs now so as to reach London in time for the next sales following the January sales, which take place in March. The March sales are the most important of the year. As furs not sold then have to be held a long time, the tendency is sometimes to buy lower. This year, owing to war scares, it is not thought advisable to hold any furs that can be shipped in time for the March sales. The following quotations give the range of prices here. The prices cover the range from small to large skins, size color and condition being considered though skins are sometimes offered which are not worth the minimum quotations on account of being killed out of season.

Badger	\$0 15 to \$0 60
Bear, black or brown	5 00 to 23 00
Bear, yearlings	2 00 to 8 00
Bear, grizzly	5 00 to 25 00
Beaver, large	5 50 to 7 50
" medium	3 00 to 4 50
" small	1 50 to 2 50
" cubs	25 to 60
" castors, per lb	2 50 to 5 50
Fisher	3 00 to 8 00
Fox, cross	2 00 to 15 00
" kitt	10 to 40
" red	25 to 1 50
" silver	20 00 to 75 00
Lynx, large	1 50 to 2 50
" medium	1 00 to 2 00
" small	75 to 1 25
Marten dark	1 00 to 4 50
" Pale or Brown	1 00 to 3 50
" Light pale	75 to 1 75
Mink	50 to 1 50
Musquash, winter	03 to 07
Oter	2 00 to 9 00
Skunk	25 to 80
Wolf, timber	1 00 to 2 70
" prairie	25 to 75
Wolverine	1 00 to 4 00

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—GENERAL SITUATION—There has been very little change in the wheat situation this week and the range of prices in leading markets has been much about the same as last week. Large receipts at spring wheat points has been a factor in influencing prices. The strongest feature is perhaps the large milling and consumptive demand in the United States, which reduces stocks notwithstanding large receipts. Exports have also improved of late. Exports of wheat, flour included as wheat, from both coasts of the United States this week amount to 3,202,000 bushels, compared with 3,471,000 bushels last week; 3,561,000 bushels in the week a year ago; 3,332,000 bus. in the week two years ago; and 3,367,000 bushels four years ago. Shipments from all exporting countries last week were 5,600,000 bushels. Exports of wheat from the United States last year were 66,500,000 bushels and flour exports were 14,061,000 barrels, compared with 72,500,000 bushels of wheat and 15,710,000 barrels of flour for the previous year. The Minneapolis Market Record says there are only some 7,500,000 bushels more wheat in store in the northwestern states now than there were a year ago, which in consideration of the big crop and heavy receipts this year, indicates an enormous consumptive demand.

WHEAT—LOCAL SITUATION.—The feature of interest this week is the closing of elevators at our Lake Superior ports (Fort William and Port Arthur) for further receipts of grain. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company issued notices yesterday to shippers that no more grain would be received for those points. The elevators were not completely filled but there was enough wheat in transit to fill them. What effect this situation will have on prices remains to be seen. It is generally expected that it will depress values,

as the only alternatives now are to either hold wheat at interior points, or ship through all rail to Eastern points to store or for export. As regards holding wheat at interior points, the difficulty will be in having storage space where it is wanted. There is considerable storage space at interior points, but it will not be equally distributed according to requirements. Now that shipments to lake ports to store have been shut off by the filling up of the elevators, some interior points will no doubt become congested, while at other points there will be plenty of space. But space at one interior point will not help things at another interior point that is full up. There has not been much accumulation at interior points for some time, as shippers have been showing the wheat forward to occupy space at Fort William while it could be had. As regards the second alternative of shipping wheat through all rail, the difficulty is prices. Prices are too high here to permit of any important export movement at all rail rates, and shippers do not want to send their grain east to store, and have it subject to high winter freight rates. They will not ship east at winter rates, unless they can make sales. It has been suggested that in case of a congestion here, the railways should make a sharp cut in rates so that grain could be forwarded to Montreal to store.

An advance in prices in Manitoba country markets went into effect on Monday, prices in the country having been below a parity with lake port values. In Manitoba country markets, prices to farmers have ranged at 38 to 42c for No. 1 hard, according to freight rates and local conditions of the local markets. No. 2 hard and No. 1 northern, 2 to 3c under No. 1 hard. No. 3 hard, 80 to 81c, frosted wheats, 25 to 30c. In round lots there has been very little business doing, but the idea of a sale has been about 57c for No. 1 hard, flat basis, Fort William; No. 2 hard, 55c; No. 3 hard, 50c. To-day prices are rather firmer and held about ½c higher, but with a run of no sales. Country deliveries are very light.

Receipts at Fort William for the week ended Jan 11 were 308,243 bushels; shipments 49,491 bushels; in store 3,864,534 bushels. Receipts for the corresponding week a year ago were 34,791 bushels, shipments 1,194 bushels, and in store 3,671,000 bushels. In store two years ago 1,598,000 bushels. Stocks at Lake ports, milling points and interior markets aggregate about 6,000,000 bushels, compared with about 3,400,000 bushels a year ago.

FLOUR.—There is no change here and prices are not particularly firmer. It was reported on Monday that Ontario flours were held 10 to 15c per barrel higher, but quotations at Montreal did not indicate any change. Sales by millers here are now made at \$1.70 to \$1.75 for patents and \$1.50 to 1.55 for strong bakers per sack of 98 lbs. delivered to city retail dealers; second bakers, \$1.30 to \$1.35; xxx, \$1.10 to \$1.15, delivered.

MILLSTUFFS.—City mills are selling at \$9 per ton for bran and \$11 for shorts, delivered in the city. Small lots \$1 per ton more. Car lots are offered by country mills at about \$8 and \$10 per ton on track here.

OATS.—There is no change. Prices in foreign markets are too low to permit of export shipments, but a few cars are going to points east in Canada, where prices are above an export basis. At Manitoba country points, for shipment east cars are worth from 11 to 13c as to quality and freight rate. In the Winnipeg market dealers are paying 15 to 16c for farmers' loads, per bushel of 34 pounds.

BARLEY.—Car lots at Manitoba country points quoted at 14 to 16c as to quality and freight rates for from feed grade up to No. 3. Scarcely any moving and very little demand.