

Toronto Hardware Market.

Rope.—Is fairly active. Quiet a quantity for plow lines is called for. We quote Sisal, 7-16 in. and larger, 7½c.; ½, 5-16, ¾ in., No. Manila, 7-16 in. and larger, 9½c.; ½, 5-16, ¾ in., 10c.

Cut Nails.—Trade is rather quiet, not many large orders being received. Base prices unchanged at \$1.80 Toronto, for car load lots, and \$1.85 for small lots.

Horse Nails.—Business is better than it has been for some time, although orders are not yet as large as the trade would wish. Discounts are 60 per cent off "C." and 60 and 2½ per cent off "P.B."

Tacks.—Trade is active and notably so in carpet tacks. We quote as follows: Cut, carpet blued, gimpe, 60 per cent.; do, tinned, 70 per cent.; copper nails, 62½ per cent.; trunk nails, 60 to 65 per cent.; shoe finders' tacks, 50 per cent.; shoe nails, Hungarian nails, etc., 87 per cent.

Horseshoes.—Business has not improved to the extent that was anticipated it would. Although a number of orders are being received, they are only for small quantities. Prices are unchanged at \$3.80 Toronto and \$3.85 London.

Lead Pipe.—This shows more activity than the regular plumbers' supplies, and is partially accounted for from the fact that it is used in a great many instances where the latter are not required. We quote: Toronto and the west 30 per cent. off in small lots, and 30 and 10 per cent. off in ton lots; points east of Toronto 35 per cent. off in small lots, and, and 25 and 10 per cent. off in ton lots.

Tar, Etc.—Coal tar is very scarce at present. We quote as follows: roofing pitch, \$2.50 per bbl.; pure coal tar \$1 per bbl.; refined coal tar, \$1.50 per bbl.; XXX refined coal tar in quart tins, \$1 per doz.; best Southern pure tar, \$1 per bbl. and 75c per doz. pint tins; pine pitch, \$2.75 per bbl.

Cement, etc.—Much as before. We quote: Portland cement (English), \$3 per bbl. for best grades; New Brunswick plaster paris, \$2 per bbl.; Canadian water lime \$1.25 per bbl.

Firebrick, etc.—Scotch firebrick, \$3.25 per 100; Scotch fireclay, \$1 per 100 lbs.

Pig Iron.—There has been a little doing in Siemen's, but most of the little business that there is doing is in American pig. We quote ex cars: Summerlee, \$20; Eglinton, \$18.50; Carnbroe, \$18.50; Ferrona, \$16.50 to 17; and Siemen's, No. 1, \$16.50 to \$16.75.

Bat Iron.—There is no improvement to note in this line, orders still being exceedingly small. Base price is unchanged at \$1.8½ to \$1.85 Toronto, according to quality.

Sheet Iron.—We quote prices: 8 to 16 gauge, \$2.50; 18 ditto, \$2; 20 ditto, \$2.10; 22 to 24 ditto, \$2.20; 26 ditto, \$2.45; 28 ditto, \$2.65; tinned sheet iron, Gorbals', 28 gauge, 5½c per lb.; 22 to 24 gauge, 6½c; 16 to 20 gauge, 6½c.

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.—Stocks are now complete, and the demand has been good. Ruling discounts are 70 to 70 and 5 per cent.; galvanized pipe, 50 to 50 and 5 per cent.

Galvanized Iron.—Orders are still being booked for import at \$1.25 for case lots of 25 gauge.

Ingot Tin.—Small quantities are still being quoted at 13½ to 19c., with large quantities shaded a little.

Sheet Copper.—Sheathing copper has been moving quite freely, both in plain and tinned. We quote: Untinned, 14 to 16½ according to weight and size; brazier sheets, 14 to 17c, according to quality.

Ingot Copper.—Prices are as before at 10 to 10½c.

Zinc Spelter.—Business keeps up well. We quote imported at 4½c. and domestic at 3½ to 4c.

Boiler Tubes.—There is a little more activity in charcoal iron tubes, and some enquiry is heard for steel tubes. We quote: 1½ inch, 2c.; 1¾ inch, 7½c.; 1¾ inch, 8c.; 2 inch, 8½c.; 2½ inch, 9c.; 2½ inch, 9½c.; 3 inch, 11½c.; 3½ inch, 14c.; 4 inch, 19c.

Tin Plates.—A number of round lots of cokes have changed hands and charcoal is going out freely. We quote \$3.50 to \$3.75 for "I.C." and \$3.25 to \$3.35 for coke.

Sheet Zinc.—A number of cask lots have been sold and a few orders have been booked for import. Quotations are still 4½c for cask lots, and 5c for small lots.

Canada Plate.—Half polished, 52 sheets \$2.35; 60 sheets, \$2.15 and 75 sheets, \$2.60.

Solder.—Business good and prices unchanged at 12½ to 14c. for strictly half-and-half.

Pig Lead.—We still quote \$2.90 to 83.

Antimony.—We quote Cookson's at 9½ to 10c.

Glass.—There is a good movement in fancy glass and plate glass is going out fairly well at 35 per cent. discount. The anticipated advance in window glass has not taken place although the primary market is fair at the advance. We still quote \$1.10 to \$1.15 for first break.

Old Material.—Agricultural scrap, 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.; raw light scrap copper, 6 to 6½c.; heavy scrap copper, 7 to 7½c.; old copper bottoms, 5½ to 6; light scrap brass, 8½ to 4c.; heavy yellow scrap brass, 5c.; heavy red scrap brass, 5½c.; scrap lead, 1½ to 1¾c.; scrap zinc, 1½ to 1¾c.; scrap rubber, 3 to 3½c.; country mixed rags, 50 to 70c.; clean dry bones, 50 to 60c. per 100 lbs.; boring and turning 10c.

White Lead.—There is a fair business doing, but prices are still at the 4½c per lb. basis.

Prepared Paints.—Some improvement is reported, but business is, on the whole, slow at \$1 for pure.

Turpentine.—Is weaker in the south on account of large production and the accumulation of stocks in Savannah. Demand is fairly good on the local market at 41c. f. o. b., Toronto.

Linseed Oil.—Business is active, but prices are unsatisfactory on account of the cutting that is being practised by one or two houses. The ordinary quotations are 55c. for raw and 59c. for boiled f. o. b., not 30 days, but sales, it seems, are being made at lower figures.

Castor Oil.—Cutting is still going on at a lively rate, while business is quiet. The ordinary quotation is 6½ to 7c.

Seal Oil.—Quiet and unchanged at 58 to 59c.—Hardware Merchant.

Toronto Live Stock Market.

Export Cattle.—The offerings were heavy, but at the end of the day a fair clearance was made. The quality of the cattle was generally thinish, as is to be expected, considering the condition of the pasturage throughout the province. Still some very fine loads of stall fed stock offered. Six loads were shipped out by Mr. Eakins today which cost 4c in the country. The range of prices paid here today was from 3 1-2 to 4 1-4c.

Butchers' Cattle.—A lot of rubbish came forward to-day. There was a fair demand, but buyers were disinclined to take the inferior stuff offering except at very low prices.

8½c and up to 3½, would have been readily paid for picked lots, but drovers were not inclined to break loads. Prices ranged from 2½c up to \$3.20 for loads, and 3½ to 3¾c for picked lots.

Stockers.—There was a moderate demand for stockers to-day, at from 2½ to 2¾c.

Sheep and lambs.—Owing to the light run of choice shipping sheep prices were advanced to induce drovers to fetch a better class of stuff. Exporters paid from 3 1-2 to 3 3-4c for good to choice ewes and wethers, weighed off car, and 3c for rams. Butchers' sheep were very slow at \$2.25 to \$2.50 a head. Lamb sales were made all the way from \$1.75 to \$1 each. A good clearance of all lines was made.

Hogs.—Prices were steady at Tuesday's prices, except for stores, which were 25c off. Long lean hogs of from 160 to 220 lbs. weighed off car, sold at \$5.40 to \$5.50; thick fats, at \$5; mixed lots at \$5.25 to \$5.30; stores, at \$1.50; sows, at \$1.25, and stags, at \$2.50 to \$2.75.—Empire, Sept. 5.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin of September 7 says: "The freight market for grain is very dull all round, latest engagements for Liverpool having been made at 9d per quarter. This, however, is better than New York rates, which have been taken as low as 4d per bushel for Liverpool. Space for Glasgow is wanted at 1s 3d; but 1s 6d is asked. Sack flour is very low, room having been taken at 5s Liverpool, 7s 6d London, and 8d 9d Glasgow. In cheese, engagements are reported at 12s Liverpool and Bristol, 20s London, and 25s Glasgow and Leith. Provision rates are 7s 6d Liverpool, and 15s Glasgow and London. In deals, last contracts were made by regular liners at 35s th 40s, all ports. Cattle space has been taken at 50s for Liverpool, London and Glasgow, and 45s Bristol, with 55s asked for forward shipment. Apples have been engaged at 2s Liverpool, and 2s 6d to 3s London, Glasgow and Bristol.

The Chicago Daily Trade Bulletin of Sept 8 says: The East bound lines are preparing to restore provision rates to the old tariff as the lake and rail lines have already done so. The present rate is 20c per 100 lbs for Flour, Grain and provisions, but it is expected that the provision rate will soon be restored to 30c. Ocean rates stand still, but business light. The rate on Flour to Liverpool was 19½ to 23½c; Wheat, 8½c per bu. and Corn 8c per bu. Provisions, 30.00 to 35.25 per 100 lbs. Glasgow and Antwerp were about 1c over Liverpool rates. Through rates to New York were firmer at 7c for wheat, 6½c for corn, and 5½c for oats. Flour rates via lake and rail were steady at 15c per 100 lbs. New England rates were steady at 8½c per bu for corn and 5½c for oats but will be advanced ½c on September 10c. A good demand existed for vessel room and lake rates were firmer at 1½c for wheat, 1¼c for corn and 1¼c for oats to Buffalo; 2½c for wheat to Kingston, and 1¼c for corn and 1¼c for oats to Port Huron.

The Duluth Market Report of September 8 says: "The rate on wheat to Buffalo is still firm at 2½c per bushel, although some business has been done during the week at 2½c. Some of the liners find themselves short of flour and these, in some instances, have made up cargoes by takings mall lots of wheat at 2½c per bushel. There is nothing moving toward's Kingston. The nominal rate is 3½c. Lumber charters were made yesterday at \$1.75 per 1,000 feet. It is thought that little business can be done at that and that the rate of \$1.62½ will continue to rule for some time yet. Ore rates are strong at 80c. Little is being done in soft coal. Shippers are paying 40 to 45c, while vesselmen are firm in their demands for 50c. Hard coal is about steady at 30c. During the week about 1,760,000 bushels wheat have been shipped out of this market."