

box, \$5.75 to \$6; I. C., charcoal, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50 to 9.00; I. X., per box, 20 by 28, 112 sheets to box, \$10.50 to 11.00.

TERNE PLATES.—I. C., 20 by 28, \$3.50 to 9.00.

IRON AND STEEL.—Bar iron, per 100 lbs. base price, \$2.50 to \$2.65; band iron, per 100 lbs., \$3.00 to \$3.15; Swedish iron, per 100 lbs., \$5.25 to 6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3.25 to 3.50; best cast tool steel, per lb, 12 to 13c; Russian sheet, per lb, 12 to 13c.

SHEET IRON.—10 to 20 gauge, \$3.00; 22 to 24 and 26 gauge, \$3.25; 28 gauge, \$3.50.

CANADA PLATES.—Garth and Blama, \$3.00 to 3.10.

GALVANIZED IRON.—Queen's Head, 22 to 24 gauge, per lb., 5c; 26 gauge, per lb., 5½c. 28 gauge, per lb., 5½c.

IRON PIPE.—50 to per 60 cent. off list.

CHAIN.—Best proof coil, 3-16 inch, per lb. 6½ to 6¾c; ¼ inch, per lb., 6 to 6½c; 5-16 inch, per lb., 5½ to 6c; ¾ inch, per lb., 5½ to 5¾c; 7-16 inch, per lb., 4½ to 5c; ½ inch, per lb., 4½ to 5c.

LEAD.—Pig, per lb., 4½c.

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

SOLDER.—Half and half (guar) per lb, 14 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 twist—wire and staples, \$3.50 per 100 lbs.

ROPE.—Sisal, per lb., 8 to ¾c base; manilla, per lb., 11 to 1½c base; cotton, ¾ to ½ 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 keg; 2½ inch, \$4.09 keg; 2 inch, \$1.38 keg.

HORSE NAILS.—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List prices as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box; No. 6, \$6.75 box; No. 7, \$3 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 ocre, 2½c; golden ocre, 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.—Glac, S.S., in sheets, per lb., 12½ to 15c, glue, white, for kalsomining, 17 to 18c. Stove gasoline, per case, \$1.00; 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., 68c; 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 machine oils, 33 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; oleophono, 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 eocene and 30c for sunlight.

LEATHER, BOOTS AND SHOES.—The situation in leather and hides is very uncertain, and it is difficult to forecast the future of prices. Reports are very contradictory, some reporting a strong market, while other reports are quite the contrary. There has been a good demand for leather lately in principal markets, but without leading to higher prices. Shoe dealers are receiving orders for spring stocks, but are not shipping yet to any extent.

RAW FURS.—There is not a great deal doing in furs in this market, though there is active competition for the lots that are offering. 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 26 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	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
Otter	2 00 to 9 00
Skunk	25 to 50
Wolf, timber	1 00 to 2 75
" prairie	25 to 75
Wolverine	1 00 to 4 00

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT.—GENERAL SITUATION.—The advance made in wheat last week has been well maintained and a little higher range of prices was reached this week. It looks as though the advance would be something more than a temporary bulge, as prices have already apparently hardened some at the higher level reached. Prices declined early in the week, owing to smaller decreases in stocks than had

been looked for and free selling. Later the bullish sentiment again became predominant and the markets were well supported, assisted by fairly liberal export buying. Exports of wheat, flour included as wheat, from both coasts of the United States, for the week ended Thursday show a falling off, amounting to only 2,550,000 bushels, compared with 3,819,000 bushels last week 2,423,000 bushels in the week a year ago; 2,083,000 bushels two years ago, 3,123,000 bushels in the corresponding week three years ago, and 4,710,000 bushels four years ago. Shipments from all exporting countries last week were 6,500,000 bushels. The visible supply, as reported in the tabulated statement in another column of The Commercial, decreased only 465,000 bus. Crop reports from India are very unfavorable.

WHEAT.—LOCAL SITUATION.—The Winnipeg market has maintained a firm tone in sympathy with the general situation. The advance of 3c in Manitoba country markets, which we reported last week as going into effect a week ago to-day, has been maintained. The advance, however, has not induced farmers to bring out their grain, and very little wheat is being marketed in the country. It is the rule with farmers here, however, to market very little wheat in January and the early part of February. Toward spring they will be obliged to bring out the grain, so as to market it before the busy season sets in. The movement to lake ports has been light owing to the crowded state of the elevators, but the all rail movement eastward has increased some. Receipts at Fort William for the week ended January 25 were 180,409 bushels; shipments 110,931 bushels; in store 3,714,447 bushels. Receipts for the corresponding week a year ago were 30,778 bushels, shipments 18,269 bushels, and in store 883,062 bushels. Stocks in store two years ago, 1,932,316 bushels. Stocks at lake ports, milling points and interior markets aggregate well up to 7,000,000 bushels, compared with about 3,400,000 bushels a year ago. Shipments eastward from store last week it will be seen, were considerably more than double those of the previous week. Shipments this week are also expected to show an increase. There is plenty of storage at most interior points yet, and so long as farmers' deliveries continue light, there is no danger of interior elevators becoming congested. In Manitoba country markets prices to farmers this week have ranged at 42 to 45c for No. 1 hard, according to freight rates and conditions of the local markets. No. 2 hard and No. 1 northern, 2 to 3c under No. 1 hard. No. 3 hard, 31 to 38c, frosted wheats, 25 to 33c. The regular price of No. 1 hard at 18 cent freight rate points to Fort William, was 45 cents, and other grades in proportion. At a few country markets however, local competition has led to higher prices than the general average, and at two or three points as high as 50c was paid to farmers. An advance of probably 3c will go into effect in Manitoba country markets on Monday, making the price of No. 1 hard 48c at 18 cent freight rate points, and other grades in proportion. Prices in the Winnipeg market have been irregular. Business ranged on a basis of about 59 to 60c for No. 2 hard, c.i.f. Fort William. To-day holders were higher, and 61c was asked for No. 2 hard, all oat basis, Fort William, with 60c bid. No. 1 hard held 2½ to 3c over No. 2 hard. No. 1 northern sold at 61c. No. 3 hard about 5 to 6c under No. 2.

FLOUR.—There has been great strength in the flour markets in consequence of the upward tendency of wheat. Eastern Canada markets have advanced very sharply, but Ontario grades have advanced to a greater extent than Manitoba brands in those markets. Ontario grades have advanced alto-