

## Toronto Grocery Market.

Sugars, Syrups and Molasses—There has been a light demand all week and the feeling is easier. Quotations might be shaded about 5c per cwt., but there is no decline worth mentioning in jobbers' prices. Refiners are more anxious to sell and are offering slight concessions to induce large orders. Syrups and molasses are in good demand at unchanged prices, though the feeling is easier.

Sugars—Granulated, 4½ to 5c; Paris lumps boxes, 5½c; extra ground, barrels, 5½ to 6½c, powdered, barrels, 5 to 6½c; refined, dark to bright, 3½ to 4½c; Demerara, 4½c; Trinidad, 3½ to 3¾c; Barbadoes, 3½ to 3¾c.

Syrups—D, 1½ to 2½c; M, 2½ to 2¾c; B, 2½ to 2¾c; V.B., 2½ to 2¾c; E.V.B., 2½ to 2¾c; ex-sup., 2½ to 2¾c; XX, 2½ to 3c; XXX and special, 3 to 3½c.

Molasses—West Indian, bbls, 28 to 38c; New Orleans, open kettle, 45 to 55c; centrifugals, 30 to 40c; inferior low grades, 25 to 28c.

Teas and Coffees—While the movement is light the feeling is one of confidence in present prices. Here and there some shading is being done, but in most lines, especially in low grades the market seems in sellers' favor. Foreign advices are already in strong. Coffees continue firm. Common to fairly good Rios are selling at 20 to 22c. Mid grades quiet at Port Rico, 23 to 25c; Mocha, 23 to 32c.

Dried Fruits and Nuts.—Movement is light and values are without change. Prunes are firm, but the demand is not active, the high prices curtailing the consumption; they are held at 7½ to 9c. Valencia raisins are held at 4½ to 5½c; the best goods are scarce, but there is more than enough low grade offered. Currants are steady at 5½ to 6c in barrels, and 6 to 6½ for cases; reports are coming from the producing countries that the next season's crop will be a smaller one; little reliance is placed on any information of this sort. Currants—Bble, 5½c; half bble 5½ to 6½c; cases, 6 to 7c; Vostizza, cases, 7½ to 9½c; Patras, bble, 6½c; cases, 6½ to 7½c. Raisins—Valencias, 4½ to 5½c; layers, 6½ to 7½c; Sultana 6 to 11c; loose Muscatels, \$2.25 to 2.40; London layers, \$1.80 to 2.40; black baskets, \$3.40 to 3.70; blue baskets, \$4.40 to \$4.60. Figs—Elemes, 10 lbs and up, 9½ to 13c; white Malaga figs, 6½ to 7c in 25 lb boxes; natural do, in bags, 4 to 4½c; mats do, 4½c; 14-oz 9 to 9½c. Dates—Hallowes, 5½ to 6c. Prunes—Cases, 7½ to 9c. Nuts—Almonds, Tarragona, 15½ to 17c; Ivica, 14 to 15c; do, shelled Valencia, 20 to 35c; filberts, Sicily 9½ to 10c; walnuts, Grenoble, 14½ to 15c; Mar-bots, 12c.

Canned Goods—There has been no change in the market since the last weekly review. Demand continues good on tomatoes, peas, corn, and beans, and prices are steadily maintained. Jobbers are holding steady at 90c for ordinary brands. No further sale appears to have been put through on export account. The American tomato crop is improving, and there is now only a few cents between Chicago and the price which we can lay down Canadian goods at. Fruits are steady with a fair demand for the season. Fish is hardly as active. Salmon, 1's flat, \$1.60 to 1.80; salmon, 1's tall, \$1.45 to 1.55; lobster, clover leaf, \$2.25 to 2.95; lobster, other 1's, \$1.75 to 2.25; mackerel, \$1.00 to \$1.25; huanan haddock, \$1.40 to 1.50; sardines, French 4's, 40c; sardines, French 1's, 17c; sardines, American 1's, 6 to 8c; sardines, American 4's, 9c. Fruits and vegetables—Tomatoes, 3's, 85c to \$1; corn, 2's, 85c to \$1.05; peas, 2's, 90c to \$1; beans, 90 to 95c; pumpkins, 75 to 90c; strawberries and raspberries, 2's, \$1.85 to \$2; apples, gala, \$2.25 to \$2.40; 3's, 80c to \$1; peaches, 2's, \$2 to 2.75; 3's, \$3.25 to 3.75; plums, 2's, \$1.40 to 1.75; 3's, \$2.60 to \$2.85; pears, 2's, \$1.45 to 1.85; 3's, \$2.25 to 2.60.

Spices, Rice, etc.—Rice, bags, 3½ to 4c; do, off grades, 3½ to 3¾c; do, Patna, 4½ to 5½c; do, Japan, 4½ to 5½c; sago, 4½ to 5c, tapioca, 4½ to 5c; pepper, black, 11½ to 12c; do, white 18 to

25c; ginger, Jamaica, 18 to 20c; cloves, 10 to 13c; allspice, 10 to 13c; nutmeg, 90c to \$1.10 cream tartar, 28 to 35c.

Poels.—Quiet and unchanged. Lemon is going at 15 to 16c; orange at 17½ to 18c, and citron, 26 to 30c.—*Empire*, March 17.

## Montreal Hardware Market.

There has been no change in the iron market, and business during the week has been quiet in all lines. Pig has not been moved except in an odd way, for the city founders, who supplied the demand last week, are satisfied for the time being. There is nothing doing in tin plates, and buyers show no particular anxiety as yet about placing orders for spring importation.

We quote as follows:—Summerlee and equal brands, \$20.50 to 21.00; lower grades, \$19.00 to 19.50; Siemens' No. 1, \$19.50 to 20.00; wrought scrap, \$15.00 to 16.00; bar iron, \$2.05. Tinplates, coke, \$3.20 to 3.25; charcoal, \$3.75 to 4.25; Canada plates, \$2.50 to 2.60; ternes, \$7.25 to 7.75; copper, 13 to 14c; tin, 23 to 23½c.

In New York Scotch pig is selling in moderate quantities to arrive, and the demand is without visible change in character. Lots to arrive are quoted as follows: \$21.50 to 22.00 for Coltness, \$21.00 to 21.50 for Summerlee, \$20.00 to 30.00 for Carabro, and \$10.50 to 20.00 for Eglinton.

Leads, Paints, etc.—Business in leads has been rather quieter this week, as buyers who ordered pretty freely ahead previous to the agreement have contracted for all the supplies they want to carry them over the immediate future. We quote:—Choice brands, Government standard, \$5.25; do., No. 1, \$4.87½; do., No. 2, \$4.50; do., No. 3, \$4.00; No. 4, \$3.75; dry white lead, 5½c; red lead, pure, 4½c; do., No. 1, 4½c; 2½ per cent allowed for ton lots.

Glass rules dull and unchanged on the basis of \$1.35, and putty in bulk at \$1.00.

Oils maintain their firm tone. English advices quote continued firmness in linseed, which we quote 65 to 66c, an advance of 1c. Fish oils are steady and firm and seal oil is the same way.

Refined petroleum is in better demand, but the movement is on the whole rather small. Prices are on the whole fairly steady. We quote: Canadian, 12 to 12½c at shed in Montreal for round lots and 13½c for small quantities. American petroleum, 19c in car lots, 20c in 10 barrel lots, 20½c in 5 barrel lots, and 20½c for single barrels, 2 per cent off for cash; American benzine, 23 to 25c; Canadian benzine, 10½c Petroleum; 12½c Montreal.

The cement market is fairly active in a jobbing way, but no large transactions are reported. We quote: English brands, \$2.40 to 2.60 per cask and native Portland cement at \$2.10 to \$2.20. There is a steady movement of fire-bricks in fair-sized lots, prices being firm at \$19 to 23 per thousand, according to brand and quantity.

Naval stores are moving more freely, but the market is still quiet and some lines are almost entirely neglected. We quote: Turpentine, 54 to 55c; resins, \$2.50 to 5. as to brand; coal tar, \$3.75 to 4; cotton waste, 5½c for colored and 7 to 10c for white; oakum, 5½ to 7½c, and cotton oakum, 10 to 12c. Cordage, Sisal at 9½c for 7 lb and upwards, and 15c for deep sea line. Pure Manila, 12c for 7-16 and upwards and 13c for smaller sizes.—*Gazette*, March 14.

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Mrs. Pott's sad irons are quoted 25c per set higher, while the discount on annealed, oiled and galvanized iron wire has been raised to 20 per cent. Tin plates are in good demand, with stocks here light. Demand for sheet iron has been exceptionally good, but in Canada plates the demand is light. Ingot tin has been advanced to a pound. Plumbers' supplies are quiet. There has been a considerable advance in barn door hinges. Trade in milk can trim-

nings has slackened off. Old material is offering a little more freely. Quotations were:

Antimony—Cookson's, per lb, 13½ to 14c; makes per lb, 13 to 13½c.

Tin—Lamb and flag, 60 and 68 lb ingots, per lb 23½c to 24½c; at ails, 100 lb ingots, 23½c; strip, 24½ to 25½c.

Copper—Ingot, 14 to 14½c; sheet, 16 to 18c.

Lead—Bar, 4½ to 5c; p.g., 3½ to 3¾c; sheet, per roll, \$1.75 to \$5.25; shot, Can. dis. 12½ per cent.

Zinc—Sheet, 6½ to 6¾c; zinc, spelter, 1½c domestic; imported, 5½ to 5¾c; solder, hf and hf, 18 to 19c.

Brass—Sheet, 21 to 23c.

Iron—Bar, ordinary, \$2.05 to 2.10; b.r. refined, \$2.60; Swedes, 1 in. or over, \$1 to 4 25; Lowmoor, 5½ to 6c; hoop, coopers, \$2.60 to 2.65; do, band, \$2.50 to 2.60; tank plates, \$2 to \$2.25; boiler rivets, b.e. \$1.50; sheet, 10 to 20 gauge, \$2.75 to 3; 22 to 24 do, \$2.75 to 3; 26 do, \$2.87½ to 3; 28 do, \$3.50 to 3.75; Russia, sheet, per lb, 10 to 12c.

Galvanized iron—16 to 24 gauge, 5 to 5½; 26 do, 5½ to 5¾c; 28 do, 5½ to 5¾c.

Iron wire—Market bright and annealed. Nos. 1 to 16 per list, from stock, 20 per cent discount from Montreal; for Hamilton or Toronto add 10c per 100 lbs. market tinned, per lb, 4½ to 5c; galvanized fence, same discount as bright and annealed; barbed wire, 4½ to 4¾c; coiled chain, 1 in, 4½ to 5c; 2 in, 4½ to 4¾c; 3 in, 3½ to 4c; 4 in, 3½ to 3¾c; 5 in, 3 15 to 3¾c; iron pipe, off list, 60 to 62½ per cent discount; galv., off list, 35 to 37½ per cent discount; boiler tubes, 2 in, 13c; do 3 in, 13½c.

Steel—Cast, 13 to 14c; boiler plate, 1 in, \$2.30; 5 16 do, \$2.25; 3 do, \$2.25; sleigh shoe, \$2.50 to 2.75.

Nails—American list basis, \$2.30 f.o.b. Toronto and Hamilton; brads, moulding and wire 75 per cent off the new list.

Horse nails—Can. dis. 69 and 10 off for C, and 60 and 10 and 5 off for P.B. and M.

Horse shoes—Per keg, \$3.60 f.o.b. Toronto and Hamilton; \$3.70 f.o.b. London.

Canada plates—Blaina, \$2.75 to 2.90; other, \$2.90 to 3.10.

Tin plates—IC coke, \$3.65 to 3.75; IC charcoal, \$1.25 to 1.50; IX charcoal, \$5.25 to 5.60; IXX charcoal, \$6.25 to 6.50; DC charcoal, \$4.25 to 4.50.

Gunpowder—Can blasting, per keg, \$2.50 to 2.75; can sporting, FF, \$5; can sporting, FFF, \$5.25; can rifle, \$7.25.

Rope—Manilla, 11½c basis; sisal, 10½c basis.

Axes—Per box, \$7 to 12.

Glass—Fourth quality star, 1st break, \$1.30 to 1.40; 2nd do, \$1.50; 3rd do, \$3.30; 4th do, \$3.60; 5th do, \$3.90.

For old material we quote dealers paying prices as follows: No. 1 heavy scrap, 65 to 75c per 100 lbs; stove cast scrap, 40 to 45c; No. 1 wrought scrap, 50 to 60c; No. 2, including sheet iron, hoop iron and mixed steel, 20 to 30c; new scrap copper, 8½c; heavy scrap copper, 9½c; old copper bottoms, 8c; light scrap brass, 5½c; heavy yellow scrap brass, 7½c; heavy red scrap brass, 8½ to 8¾c; scrap lead, 1½ to 2c; scrap zinc, 2½ to 2¾c; scrap rubber, 2½ to 2¾c; country mixed rags, 80 to 85c per 100 lbs; clean, dry bones, 50 to 60c per 100 lbs; ploughshares, 60 to 65c; burnt cast scrap, 15 to 20c; railroad iron, 60 to 70c; malleable scrap, 25c.—*Empire*, March 15.

A Vancouver telegram says:—"A sensation was caused in business circles by the announcement of the failure of the Oriental Traders Co. Limited, formed here three years ago. The company did considerable business in teas, liquors, silks and general oriental merchandise, and trade was steadily growing. Three months ago G. G. Mackay, chief shareholder, died suddenly, and that and lack of capital it is thought caused the failure. The head office is here and they have branches in Eastern Canada. The liabilities are about \$25,000; assets nominally equal. The Bank of British Columbia is the heaviest creditor. P. W. W. King was manager of the company.