

We quote: Summerlee pig iron, \$21 to \$22; Hamilton, No. 1, \$17.50 to \$18; No. 2 do., \$16 to \$16.50; Ferona, No. 1, \$17 to \$17.50; machinery scrap, \$13 to \$13.50; common ditto, \$11 to \$12; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.50; British, \$2 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5; Canada plates—Pontypool or equal, \$2.25, 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets, \$2.30 to 2.35; 75 sheets, \$2.40; all polished Canadas, \$2.45; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$5.90 to 6; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.25; No. 26, \$2.20; No. 24, \$2.10; No. 17, \$2; No. 16, and heavier, \$2.15; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.60 to 5.70; charcoal, I.C. Alloyway, \$3.40 to \$3.50; do., I.X., \$4.00; P.D. Crown, I.C., \$4 to \$4.25; do., I.X., \$4.50; coke, I.C., \$3.25; ditto, standard, \$3 for 100 lbs.; coke, wasters, \$2.70; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, \$4.25 to 4.50; No. 26, \$4; No. 24, \$3.75 in case lots; Morewood, \$5 to 5.10; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6c.; No. 26, etc., the usual extra for large sizes. Canadian bands, per 100 lbs. \$1.65 to 1.75; English hoops, \$2 to 2.15. Steel boiler plate,  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch, and upwards, \$2.50 to \$2.75 for Dalzell and equal; do., three-sixteenths inch, 2.75 to \$3; tank iron,  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch, \$1.50; three-sixteenths, do., \$2; tank steel, \$1.75; heads, seven-sixteenths, and upwards, \$2.40 to \$2.45; Russian sheet iron, 9c.; lead, per 100 lbs., \$4.25 to 4.50; sheet, \$4.50 to 4.60; 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 to \$3, as to finish; ingot tin,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  for L. & F.; Straits, 25 to  $25\frac{1}{4}$ ; bar tin,  $27\frac{1}{2}$  to 28c.; ingot copper,  $17\frac{1}{2}$  to 18c.; sheet-zinc, \$7.50 to \$8; Silesian spelter, \$6.50 to \$6.75; Veille Montagne spelter, \$6.75 to \$7; American spelter, \$6.50 to \$6.75; antimony,  $10\frac{1}{2}$ c.

**OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.**—The warehouse hands in these lines are busily employed preparing orders for despatch on the 1st of April, at the reduced freight rates, and will be so engaged several weeks, as country stocks generally are said to be low. Turpentine shows no sign as yet of decline, and linseed is steady at quotations. Paris green is firmer. We quote: Single barrels, raw, and boiled linseed oil, respectively, 50 and 53c. per gal.; two to four barrels, 49 and 52c.; 5 to 9 barrels, 48 and 51c.; net 30 days, or 3 per cent. for 4 months' terms. Turpentine, one to four barrels, 68c.; five to nine barrels, 67c.; net 30 days. Olive oil, machinery, 90c.; Cod oil, 34 to 36c. per gal.; steam refined seal,  $37\frac{1}{2}$  to 40c. per gallon. Castor oil,  $8\frac{1}{2}$  to 9c. in quantity, tins, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; machinery castor oil,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  to 8c.; Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.87 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; No. 1, \$5.50; No. 2, \$4.17 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; No. 3, \$4.75; No. 4, \$4.37 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; dry white lead,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to 6c. for pure; No. 1, ditto, 5c.; genuine red ditto, 5c.; No. 1 red lead,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Putty, in bulk, bbls., \$1.65; kegs, \$1.80; bladder putty, in bbls., \$1.80; smaller quantities, \$1.95; 25-lb. tins, \$2.05; 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ -lb. tins, \$2.30. London washed whiting, 40 to 45c.; Paris, white, 85 to 90c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25 to \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to \$2. Window glass, \$1.80 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.90 for second break. Paris green, 14c. in 50 and 100-lb. packages; 15c. in 25-lb. packages; pound packages, in boxes,  $15\frac{1}{2}$  to 16c.

#### BRITISH MARKETS.

The Weekly Iron Report of James Watson & Co., dated Glasgow, 17th March, says: "We have again to report an active market, with a large speculative business doing, the outside public having taken more interest than for some time past; and the various classes of warrants have fluctuated sharply from 1s. 2d. to 1s. 5d. per ton. There has been rather

more enquiry, both from home and Continental consumers, although fresh business so far has been restricted. Makers seem more inclined to meet buyers' views."

Prices of makers' iron, f.a.s., Glasgow, Govan No. 1, 55s. 9d.; No. 3, 54s. 9d.; Monkland, No. 1, 55s. 9d.; No. 3, 54s. 9d.; Coltness, No. 3, 57s.; Summerlee, No. 1, 65s. 6d.; No. 3, 57s. 6d.; Gartsherrie, No. 1, 62s.; No. 3, 57s.

The number of furnaces in blast on March 17th was 84 in Scotland, 97 in Middlesbro district, and 43 in Cumberland, as compared with 81, 97 and 41 at like date, 1898. Shipments of Scotch and Middlesbro pig thus far this year were larger than for the corresponding period of 1898, but of Cumberland they were less. Stocks of Scotch iron are ten per cent. smaller than in 1898, but of Cleveland they are 75 per cent. larger.

Messrs. Gillespie & Co.'s Prices Current, dated Liverpool, March 14th, says:

Sugar.—Raw is dull, and rather easier. Refined is quiet at about 8s. 9d. to 9s. 9d. per cwt. for fair to good yellow.

Rice remains very steady.

Chemicals are practically unchanged. Blue copperas is easier at 23s. 9d. per cwt. Borax remains firm at about our last month's quotations. Nitrate of soda firmer at 8s. to 8s. 6d. per cwt.

Oils.—Olive remains firm at £29 to £29 10s. per ton. Palm is unaltered. Castor oil rather easier at  $2\frac{1}{4}$  to 2 15-16d. per lb. for good seconds, Calcutta.

Freights remain nominally as below: Montreal, groceries, 18s. to 22s. 6d.; chemicals, 16s. to 20s.; Oils, 20s. to 25s.; Halifax, N.S., and St. John, N.B., groceries, chemicals and oils, 10s. to 15s.

#### LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, March 23, 12.30 p.m.

Wheat, Spring ..	8	0	1
Red Winter ..	6	0	3
No. 1 Cal ..	6	0	0
Corn old ..	3	6	6
" new ..	3	6	7
Pea ..	5	9	
Lard ..	27	6	
Pork ..	45	0	
Bacon, heavy ..	28	0	
Bacon, light ..	28	0	
Tallow ..	23	6	
Cheese, new white ..	52	6	
Cheese new colored ..	62	6	

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