

hold of more freely. Stocks of tin plate are arriving. Sheet tin is in good demand and some gauges are lower. In Canada plates there is not much doing. Ingot tin is lower, in sympathy with the American market. Ingot copper is unsettled. Sales of antimony are light, and there is not much doing in pig iron.

Bar Iron—There is quite a demand at the new basis of \$1.95, the purchases being more free. The change seems to have effectually stopped the importation of the English article.

Sheet Iron—Demand is good. There is a slight drop in price and we quote \$2.75 up to 20 gauge. The reason the 20 gauge and under is higher in proportion is owing to the tariff regulations.

Canada Plate—Stocks are very light, but supplies are coming forward now. There is not much enquiry and prices are unchanged, all dull being held at \$2.65, half-half at \$2.75, and all bright at \$2.80 to \$3 per box.

Galvanized Iron—This commodity is coming out freely and prices are unchanged at 5 to 5½ for Queen's Head and Gordon Crown brands.

Zinc Sheet—Quotations are fractionally lower 5½ to 6 for 5-owt. casks, and 6 to 6½ for part casks.

Lead—Dull, with prices unchanged at 3½ to 3¾.

Antimony—Sales are light and prices unchanged, at 13½ to 14c for Cookson's and 13 to 13½c for other kinds, but these prices would be shaded for large lots.

Ingot Tin—There is a steady demand, especially for tinning purposes, and prices are higher in sympathy with the United States market. We quote 24c a pound.

Ingot Copper—Demand is good at unchanged prices. We quote 12½c to 13c for good qualities.

Zinc Spelter—There is no particular demand for this at the moment, large buyers having been supplied. We quote 4½ to 5½c.

Paints and Oils—Trade shows a slight falling off, and it is all the more noticeable in consequence of the rush which characterized the previous week's business. Business, however, is still fairly good. White lead, contrary to the rules in most other lines, does not exhibit any falling off. On the contrary the movement is, if anything, larger. A good many seem to be of the opinion that the recent drop will be only temporary, and they are buying a little more freely in consequence. The basis of 4½ still obtains. The activity noted for some weeks past in prepared paints still continues. In dry colors and colors in oil there is just a fair seasonably trade doing. A good business is reported in varnishes. Linseed oil and turpentine are, comparatively speaking, quiet, retailers evidently looking for further drop.

Glass—Trade is active at the \$1.25 basis. Further shipments are expected to arrive next week.

Old Material—The market remains in much about the same position as it has for some weeks back, and prices rule as before. We quote the following quotation: No. 1 heavy scrap, 65 to 70c per 100 lbs; stove cast scrap, 49 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 8c; scrap lead, 1½ to 2c; scrap zinc, 2½ to 2¾c; scrap rubber, 2½ to 2¾c; country mixed rag, 80 to 85c per 100 lbs; clean, dry bones, 50 to 60c per 100 lbs; ploughshares, 6c to 6½c; burnt cast scrap, 15 to 20c; railroad iron, 6 to 7c; malleable scrap, 25c.

Petroleum—Following are the quotations in Toronto:—Canada refined oil, 13 to 13½c; carbon safety, 17½ to 18c; Canada water white, 19c; American water white, 21 to 22c; photo-gene, 25c.

Toronto Dry Goods Market.

Several of the houses have their travellers out pushing for fall orders, but they say they are doing very little. Merchants are apparently more determined than ever not to place orders so far ahead. Staples have been somewhat slow this week, owing to decidedly unfavorable weather. Values show no change, and none of the mills have been offering jobs this week. The tone of the market is steady. Stocks in wholesale houses are under control. The supply in several lines of linings is still insufficient to meet the demand. Some houses have been importing, but the American goods are too high in price to fill the bill. The mills hope to be able to fill back orders in a few weeks.

In dress goods and silks they have done very little. Buyers have disappeared and the only business of importance has been sorting orders from the travellers, with a small city business thrown in. Silks continue very firm. There has been a large trade done this season, and in consequence there are a number of scarce colors in popular lines of sourahs, flutes and bengalines. The demand has run golden, brown, navy, cardinals and creams; blacks are also very scarce. The runs on tartans has fallen off, the enquiry being more on plainer goods. Laces are attracting continued attention, especially Irish point and to-ohons. The demand for American printed challies and lawns continues and shot lustrés are also receiving special attention. Repeats for cotton hosiery have been increasing.

Fancy goods have been very dull. Men's furnishing quiet, but a good trade has been done in rubber goods and umbrellas.—*Empire.*

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