

\$17.25 for the latter. The Siemens furnace in Nova Scotia is still out of blast, and no No. 1 iron of this brand is now being offered in this market; there is some No. 2 Siemens in stock here, but no transactions have taken place for some time to establish a quotation. No change has been made in domestic bars, which are easy at \$1.35 to 1.40. Tin plates show an easier market in England, but are still in light supply on spot. Canada plates may be quoted a little lower. Lead is firmer, and we hear of some moderate sales at \$3.35. A sale of Terne plates is reported at \$6. Prices of wire have not yet been regulated, and we suspend quotations in the meantime. We quote:—Summer-lee pig iron, \$18 ex ship; Carron, \$18.00; Ayrshire, \$17.25; Shotts, \$17.25 to 17.50; Carnbroe, \$17.00, ex-store; Siemens pig No. 1, \$20.00; Ferrona, No. 1, \$20.00 to 20.00; Ham-ilton No. 1, \$16.00; No. 2, ditto, \$15.25; machinery scrap, \$15.00; common do., \$12.00 to 13.00; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.35 to 1.40; British, \$2.00 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5; Canada plates—Pontpool, or equal, \$2.40 to 2.45; 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets, \$2.60; 75 sheets, none here; all polished Canadas \$2.60; Terne roofing plate, 20x28, \$6.00 to 6.25; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.25 to 2.40; No. 26, \$2.15 to 2.20; No. 24, \$2.05 to 2.10; Nos. 17 to 20, \$2; No. 16 and heavier, \$2.30; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.60 to 5.70; charcoal, I. C., Allo-way, \$3.25; do. I.X., \$3.90 to 4.00; P. D. Crown, I. C., \$3.60 to 3.75; do. I.X., \$4.50; Coke I. C., \$3.00 to 3.10; coke, wasters, \$2.70; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordi-nary brands, \$4.25; No. 26, \$4.00; No. 24, \$3.75 in case lots; Morewood, \$5.00 to 5.10; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 5½c.; No. 26, 6c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Canadian bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.75; English ditto, \$2; hoops and bands, \$1.80 to 2.00. Steel boiler plate, ½-inch and upwards, \$1.85 to 1.90 for Dal-zell, and equal; ditto three-sixteenths inch, \$2.50; tank iron, ½ inch, \$1.50; three-sixteenths do., \$2.00; tank steel, \$1.75; heads, seven-six-teenths and upwards, \$2.45 to 2.50; Russian sheet iron, 9c.; lead, per 100 lbs., pig, \$3.30 to 3.40; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; 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 machi-nery steel \$2.25; ingot tin, 16½ to 17c. for L. & F.; Straits, 15½ to 16½c.; bar tin, 16½ to 17c.; ingot copper, 12½ to 13c.; sheet zinc, \$5 to \$5.25; Silesian spelter, \$4.65 to 4.75; Veille Montagne spelter, \$4.75 to 5.00; American spelter, \$4.60 to 4.75; antimony, 8½ to 9c.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Quite a fair number of orders are being despatched by river steamers, now that the canals are all open, and business is about up to the average for the season. In prices there is nothing specially new, except that the seal catch being now established as the lightest for many years, esti-mated at only 140,000, seal oil is stiffer, and it is said 42½c. net has been quoted for 50-brl. lots. There is some present shortage of small sizes of glass, but this is a matter that will be soon remedied by new arrivals shortly due. We quote: Turpentine, one to four brls., 44c.; five to nine brls., 43c., net 30 days. Linseed oil, raw, one to four brls., 43c.; five to nine brls., 42c.; boiled one to four barrels, 46c.; five to nine brls., 45c., net 30 days; olive oil, ma-chinery, 90c.; Nfid cod, 38 to 40c. per gal.; Gaspe oil, 36 to 38c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 50c. per gallon in small lots. Castor oil, 8½ to 9½c. as to quantity. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.00, No. 1, \$4.62½; No. 2, \$4.25; No. 3, \$3.87½; No. 4, \$3.50; dry white lead, 4½ to 4¾c.; genuine red do., 4 to 4½c.; No. 1 red lead, 3¾ to 4c.; putty, 1.60 to \$1.65 in bulk, \$1.75 to 1.80 in bladders, \$2 to 2.10 in tins; 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 2.00; window glass, \$1.35 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.50 for second break; third break, \$3.30.

TEXADA GOLD MINES.

A despatch of April 30 from Nanaimo, B.C., said: There have been two important new strikes on Texada Island during the past few days, which will add in a large degree to the outside interest which is being aroused in min-ing on the island. One of the finds is on its east coast, about two miles from the well known Raven claim. The find is of a good 12 to 15 feet ledge of heavy copper pyritic ore, which is

covered by a capping of about 2 feet of iron ore. The ledge can be traced for over 1,500 feet, and promises to be one of the richest on the island. A claim called the Iron Duke has been located on the lead by A. Popplewell and R. Hindmarsh, of Nanaimo. No assays of the ore developments have yet been made on this property, but any further developments and discoveries will be awaited with interest.

Another discovery of a copper lead, similar to that on the Iron Horse and Raven, has been made about 4 miles from the Iron Duke, and about 1,600 feet from the sea level. The ledge here exposed gives indications of being a large-bodied and rich deposit of copper ore. On this are the Faith and Charity claims, also located by Nanaimo parties. Development work will be commenced on these claims at once, and the many advocates of Texada's mining possibilities will eagerly await news from them.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, May 6th, 12.30 p. m.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring	6	4
Red Winter	0	0
No. 1 Cal	6	4½
Corn	2	6½
Peas	4	3½
Lard	92	0
Pork	5	0
Bacon, heavy	26	6
Bacon, light	25	6
Tallow	18	9
Cheese, new white	54	6
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