

MARKETS—Continued

TINWARE—Trade is fairly satisfactory, although no specialties are going out yet.

BELTING—A number of orders have been received for endless rubber belting, but leather belting is quiet.

TAR, ETC.—We quote: Roofing pitch, \$2.50 per brl.; pure coal tar \$4 per brl.; refined coal tar, \$4.50 per brl.; XXX refined coal tar in quart tins, \$1 per doz.; best Southern pure tar, \$6 per brl. and 75c. per doz. pint tins; pine pitch, \$2.75 per brl.

CEMENT, ETC.—Much as before. We quote: Portland cement (English), \$3 per brl. for best grades; New Brunswick plaster Paris, \$2 per brl.; Canadian water lime, \$1.25 per brl.

FIREBRICK, ETC.—Scotch firebrick, \$3.25 per 100; Scotch fireclay, \$1 per 100 lbs.

METALS.

There is not much that is new to note. Tin plates are getting more lively, and there is a little more doing in hoops and bands and sheet iron. In other lines there has been no new development.

Rogers, Brown & Co., Buffalo, report the Toronto market for American pig iron as follows: The demand for foundry and mill iron does not increase but seems to be maintained to the full capacity of furnaces to supply. No boom was looked for, and no boom has come, but there is a very fair business going. It is well distributed as to territory and variety of iron called for. We quote for cash f.o.b. cars Toronto in bond: No. 1, Foundry strong coke iron Lake Superior ore, \$13.05; No. 2, Foundry strong coke iron Lake Superior ore, \$12.55; Jackson County silvery, No. 1, \$16.80 to \$18.30; Lake Superior charcoal, \$14.05; Southern soft, No. 1, \$11.75; Southern soft, No. 2, \$11.50.

BAR IRON—There is a fair trade doing at the unchanged base price of \$1.70 to \$1.75.

SHEET IRON—Demand is increasing again for 24, 26 and 28 gauge principally. There is, however, a fair demand for the heavier gauges. We still quote: 8 to 16 gauge, \$2.50; 18 ditto, \$2; 20 ditto, \$2.10; 22 to 24 ditto \$2.20; 26 ditto, \$2.45; 28 ditto, \$2.65; tinned sheet iron, Manor's, 26 gauge, 7c. per lb.; 22 to 24 gauge, 6½c.; 16 to 20 gauge, 6¼c.

SHEET STEEL—Is going out steadily, and the demand seems to be about equally divided among the different gauges. We quote: 8 to 16 gauge, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.; 18 to 20, \$2.65; 22 to 24, \$2.85; 26, \$3.10.

IRON PIPE—Trade keeps fair at steady prices. Demand for galvanized pipe is increasing. Discounts are virtually as before, being 70 to 70 and 5 per cent. for iron pipe, and 50 to 50 and 5 per cent. for galvanized pipe.

GALVANIZED IRON—There has been a good demand for heavy gauges, especially 24 gauge, of which there is a scarcity; 26 and

28 are still going out well in case lots as well as in small shipments. Gordon & Queen's Head brands are still quoted at \$4.25, 28 gauge in case lots.

INGOT TIN—Prices are firm, but there is very little doing in Lamb and Flag, and Straits is only going out in small quantities. We still quote 18½ to 19c.

ZINC SPelter—Trade is quiet and featureless. Domestic is quoted at 4 to 4¼c., and imported at 3¾ to 4c.

GALVANIZED BOILERS—There is still a fair business doing at unchanged prices. We quote 30 gal., \$6; 35 gal., \$7; 40 gal., \$8.

INGOT COPPER—Quiet and featureless continues trade to be in this line. We quote as before at 10 to 10½c.

SHEET COPPER—Braziers' sheets are in good demand again, and ordinary sheeting is being called for in case lots, but very little is being booked for import. We quote: Untinned, 14 to 16½c. according to weight and size; brazier sheets, 14 to 17c. according to quality.

BOILER TUBES—There is no material change to report either in regard to business or prices. We quote: 1¼ inch, 7c.; 1½ inch, 7¼c.; 1¾ inch, 8c.; 2 inch, 8½c.; 2¼ inch, 9c.; 2½ inch, 9½c.; 3 inch, 11½c.; 3½ inch, 14c.; 4 inch, 19c.

TIN PLATES—Trade in this line is getting more active, a good deal of the M.L.S. quality being wanted. We quote: Coke, 14 to 20 gauge, at \$3.10; for sizes 15 to 25c. per box, basis more; "I.C." charcoal, \$3.50 to \$3.75.

TERNE PLATES—A fair business has been doing in "I.C." Quotations are unchanged at \$6.75 to \$7 for box lots.

SHEET ZINC—Trade is fairly active, although there is no particular rush to note in business. Prices are unchanged, quotations still being 4¾c. for cask lots and 5c. for small lots.

HOOPS AND BANDS—A little improvement has developed during the week, although no large lots have changed hands. Prices continue firm at \$2.25 for ordinary lots and at \$2.20 for ton lots.

CANADA PLATES—A number of dealers throughout the country have already used up their import lots, and are now compelled to make fresh purchases. On this account there is naturally a little more activity in trade. The quotation given last week on 66 sheets should have read "60 sheets." We quote half-polished at \$2.25 to \$2.35, according to quantity; 60 sheet boxes, 10c. per box advance; 75 sheet boxes, 25c. advance over 52's; 20 x 28, \$2.50.

CORRUGATED IRON—Business remains fairly good at unchanged prices. We quote galvanized, 26 gauge, at \$4 per square, and steel shingles from \$2 up.

SOLDER—During the past ten days a

number of large orders have been forwarded. Prices are firm at 12½ to 13½c.

PIG LEAD—A few large lots have changed hands, but generally speaking trade on the spot is quiet. Prices are unchanged at \$2.90 to \$3.

ANTIMONY—Remains quiet and featureless at 10 to 10½c.

GLASS.

Activity is still characteristic of the window glass trade, and some sizes are running short, especially in "Stark."

Generally speaking, however, stocks are large. Prices are unchanged at \$1.10 to \$1.15 for first break. Some of the German manufacturers have withdrawn prices this week. There is an active demand for plate glass, but reports of cutting are still rife.

PAINTS AND OILS.

LINSEED OIL—As predicted last week, the Canadian crushers have advanced prices this week. The gain is about 1c. per gallon, and at the higher price manufacturers will not book orders. An advance is also announced on the English market. Locally, however, there is no change, 52 to 53c. still being the ruling figures for raw and 55 to 56c. for boiled, f.o.b., Toronto. Demand is brisk.

TURPENTINE—Demand is brisk at 39 to 40c. f.o.b., Toronto. The market in the South is a little easier than it was.

WHITE LEAD—Dulness still obtains, and although 4½c. is still the ruling quotation, this figure, it is understood, is being cut.

PREPARED PAINTS—Quiet at \$1 for pure.

CASTOR OIL—An improved demand is reported, but the recent advance is not, it is said, being well maintained. We quote 6¼ to 6¾c. in cases, and 7 to 7¼c. in tins.

PUTTY—Is still in good demand at 2c. for bladders, in barrels.

VARNISHES—There is a good demand for stove pipe varnish, but other kinds of varnishes are quiet.

OLD MATERIAL.

Trade is a little better with scrap rubber ½c. higher. We quote as follows: Agricultural scrap, 50c. per cwt.; machinery cast, 50c. per cwt.; stove cast scrap, 30 to 35c.; No. 1 wrought scrap, 40c. per

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