

Toronto Grocery Markets.

Canned Goods—The only feature worthy of special note in canned goods is an advance of 2½¢ per dozen by the Packers' Association in the price of corn, the price to wholesalers now being 87½¢ per dozen. The wholesalers, however, have not yet made any change in their figures, 85¢ still being the ruling price with them, although the tone is generally strong. Tomatoes are in fair demand at 85¢, with 82½¢ being taken under special conditions. Peas are dull at 80 to 85¢. In salmon trade continues to show slight improvement, and it is the opinion that there is not any more in stock than will go round, some houses already running short on certain lines. Prices rule as before at \$1.10 to \$1.35 for tall tins, and \$1.50 to \$1.60 for flat tins. New season's lobsters may be expected on this market about June 1. Flats will probably be worth \$2.50 to 2.60 and tails \$2 to 2.10. Trade in lobster here is quiet and prices unchanged at \$1.90 to \$2 for tall tins and \$2.40 to \$2.60 for flats. Fruits are quiet. We quote:—Peaches, \$3.00 to \$3.25 for 3's, \$2.00 to \$2.25 for 2's; raspberries, \$1.65 to 1.80; strawberries, \$1.00 to 2.10; apples, 3's, \$1 to 1.10; gallons \$2.85 to 2.95, and preserved fancy quarters at \$1.40 to 1.45. Strawberries on heavy soil are said to have wintered badly, patches in some instances being plowed under, and despatches from Niagara this week report damage to early strawberries by frost, and express fear that late peaches and apples have suffered.

Coffees—Demand keeps fairly good at unchanged prices. Some further shipments have been received during the week, but stocks here are not large. We quote green in bags, as follows: Rio, 21½ to 22¢; East Indian 27 to 30¢; South American, 21 to 23¢; Santos, 21½ to 22½¢; Java, 30 to 32¢; Mocha, 27 to 28¢; Maracaibo, 21 to 23¢; Jamaica, 21 to 22¢.

Nuts—We quote: Brazil nuts, 11 to 11½¢ a pound; Sicily shelled almonds, 25 to 26¢ a pound; Tarragona almonds, 12½ to 13¢; peanuts, 9 to 10¢ for roasted and 7½ to 8½¢ for green; cocoanuts, \$4.50 to 5.00 per sack; Grenoble walnuts, 12½ to 15¢; Marbot walnuts, 12 to 13¢; Bordeaux walnuts, 11 to 12¢; filberts, 9½ to 10½¢; Pecans, 12½¢.

Rice—There is a fair seasonable trade doing at unchanged prices. We quote: "B" 3½ to 3½¢; Montreal Japan, 5 to 5½¢; imported Japan, 5½¢ to 6½¢.

Spices—We quote: Pure black pepper, 12¢; pure white, 18 to 25¢; pure Jamaica ginger, 28 to 30¢; cloves, 25 to 30¢; pure mixed spice, 23 to 25¢.

Sugars—Jobbers still generally quote granulated at 4½¢, although sales are being made at lower figures. Yellow sugars range from 3½ to 4¢.

Syrup—We quote: Dark, 25¢; medium, 28 to 30¢; bright, 35 to 40¢; very bright, 45 to 50¢.

Molasses—Ruling prices are: New Orleans, barrels, 28 to 30¢; half-barrels, 32½ to 34¢; Barbadoes, barrels, 32 to 35¢; half barrels, 38 to 40¢.

Teas—There is very little doing and prices remain as before. The idea as to prices is: Japans, 17½ to 20¢; Indian and Ceylons, 18 to 25¢; Young Hysons, 13½¢ up; China blacks 25 to 35¢.

Dried Fruit—Valencia raisins are in fair request only and prices firm, with selected fruit quoted higher. Off stalk and fine off-stalk are still scarce. We quote as follows: Off-stalk, 4½¢; fine off stalk, 5½ to 5½¢; selected, 6½ to 7½¢; layers, selected, 6½ to 7¢. Sultan raisins remain as before, dull and unchanged at 6 to 7½¢. Currants are in fair demand at unchanged prices. Stocks of fine Casalinas in cases and finest Vostizzas are almost cleaned out. We quote: Provincials, 3½ to 4¢ in brls and half brls; Filiatras, 4 to 4½¢ in brls, and 4½ to 4½¢ in half brls; Patras, 5 to 5½¢ in brls, 5½ to 5½¢ in half brls, 4½ to 6½¢ in cases; Vostizzas, 6½ to 7½¢ in cases, 6½ to 7½¢ in half cases;

Panariti, 9 to 10¢. Prunes continue firm and in good demand with stocks, particularly of the lower grades, scarce here. Advices received from Trieste to P. L. Mason & Co are to the effect that prunes there are in good demand, several thousand boxes having been sold lately, and that in consequence of the very much reduced stocks prices have increased 9d to 1s per cwt. We quote: "D," at 5½¢; "R," 7½ to 8¢; bags, 3½¢; casks, 4½ to 5¢. Figs continue dull and prices nominally unchanged. We quote as follows: Small boxes, 7½ to 8¢; 5 lb boxes, 7½ to 8¢; 10 lb boxes, 8¢; 28 lb boxes choice Elene, 8½¢; 6 crown, 12½¢; 7-crown, 13½¢; bags, 28 lb, 6½ to 7¢; taps, 4 to 4½¢; natural, 5½ to 6¢. Dates quiet and easy at 4½ to 5¢; selected Halloween dates, 8½ to 9¢.

Dried Apples—Are getting scarce and round lots are unobtainable. The jobbing price for small lots is 6½ to 6½¢.

Evaporated Apples—Except for an odd case here and there the market appears to be completely cleaned out, and dealers have been unable to fill orders. Jobbers quote 10 to 10½¢.

Fish—We quote: Skinned and boned codfish 6½¢; shore herring, \$4 per barrel; boneless fish, 3½ to 4¢; boneless cod, 5 to 8¢.—Grocer, May 18.

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Rope—No changes have yet been made by manufacturers here. Fair quantities are going out, but no orders are being booked for forward delivery, prices being so unsettled that figures will not be guaranteed. We quote: Sisal, 7 16 in. and larger, 6½¢; 1, 5 16; 8 in, 7½¢, Manila, 7 16 in. and larger, 9 to 9½¢; 1, 5 16, 8 in, 9½ to 9½¢.

Cut Nails—There is a good demand. Prices are unchanged, carload lots being offered at \$1.80 and small lots at \$1.85.

Wire Nails—Discounts remain as before at 75, 10 and 5 per cent, shipment in 10 keg lots being prepaid.

Horse Nails—There is no improvement in this line, business still being quiet, with prices unchanged. We quote: "C" 60 per cent., and "BB" and "M" 60 and 2½ per cent.

Green Wire Cloth—Is going out freely, and the price is held firm at \$1.85 per 100 square feet.

Horseshoes—We quote \$3.80 for Toronto and \$3.85 Montreal.

Edge Tools—The change in the tariff in this line is causing the trade considerable annoyance on account of being forced to rearrange prices again.

Clothes Wringers—Trade still keeps up well, with Royal Canadian unchanged at \$29 per dozen.

Tar, etc—There is a fair trade doing. We quote: Roofing pitch, \$2.50 per bbl.; pure coal tar, \$4 per bbl.; refined coal tar, \$4.50 per bbl.; XXX refined coal tar in quart tins, \$1 per doz.; best Southern pure tar, \$6 per bbl. and 75¢ per doz. pint tins; pine pitch, \$2.75 per bbl.

Cement, etc—Business fair. We quote: Portland cement (English), \$3 per bbl.; New Brunswick plaster paris, \$2 per bbl.; Canadian water lime, \$1.25 per bbl.

Firebrick—Scotch firebrick, \$3.25 per 100; Scotch fire clay, \$1 per 100 lbs.

Pig Iron—Outside United States pig there appears to be nothing selling on this market, while for the Scotch not even an enquiry is reported. We quote: Summerlee, \$21 to 21.50; Cambro, \$20 to 20.50; Siemen's, \$18.75 to \$19.

Bar Iron—Business still quiet and prices unchanged at \$1.75 Montreal and \$1.85 Toronto.

Sheet Iron—Prices, while virtually the same, have been shaded a little for large lots. We quote as before: 8 to 16 gauge, \$2.50; 18 do., \$2.50; 20 do., \$2.50; 22 to 24 do., \$2.35; 26 do., \$2.45; 28 do., \$2.65. Tinned sheet iron, Gorbals, 26 gauge, 5½¢ per lb; 22 to 24 gauge, 6½¢; 16 to 20 gauge, 6½¢.

Iron Pipe—Figures are still being quoted not instead of off the list as formerly. We quote: 67½ to 70 and 10 p.r. cent; galvanized iron pipe, 47 to 50 p.r. cent.

Boiler Tubes—Are going out a little better at unchanged prices. We quote as follows: 1½ inch, 7¢; 1½ inch, 7½¢; 1½ inch, 8¢; 2 inch, 8½¢; 2½ inch, 9¢; 2½ inch, 9½¢; 3 inch; 11½¢; 3½ inch, 14¢; 4 inch, 19¢.

Sheet Steel—We quote: 8 to 16 gauge, \$2.80 per 100 lbs; 18 to 20, \$2.65; 22 to 24, \$2.85; 26, \$3.10.

Galvanized Iron—In some instances figures have been shaded a fraction. We quote 4½ to 4½¢ for 28 gauge in case lots. Import orders are being freely booked.

Ingot Tin—Small quantities are being held at 19½ to 20¢, which is a fraction lower than last week.

Ingot Copper—Stocks are exceedingly low. Prices are as before at 10 to 10½¢.

Zinc Spelter—Prices are still being held at 4½ to 4½¢ for foreign, although for round lots a fraction less would be taken. We quote domestic at 4 to 4½¢.

Corrugated Iron—We quote: "Owl" brand from genuine steel plates, zinc coated, \$1.25 to \$6 per square; painted steel, same brand, \$3 to 4.75, according to gauge.

Tin plates—Trade is lively. Prices rule from \$3.50 to 3.75 per box for I.C. charcoal and \$3.25 to 3.35 for coke.

Terne Plates—Prices as before, \$6.75 to 7.50 per box, 20x28.

Zinc Sheets—Prices rule at 4½ to 5¢ for cask lots.

Hoops and Bands—Stocks are still heavy, particularly in the English article. English are still held at the base price of \$2.40. We quote: American at \$2 for steel, and \$2.10 for iron.

Canada Plates—Import orders are coming in freely, half-polished being held at \$2.40 to 2.45, and all bright at \$2.85 to 2.95, according to quantity; all dull is not to be had. From stock we quote half polished at \$2.50 to 2.60, which is slightly lower than a week ago.

Solder—Standard half polished is quoted at 13½ to 14¢, with common brands lower.

Pig Lead—Prices are still held at 2½ to 2½¢, according to quality.

Antimony—We quote 9½ to 10¢ for Cookson's.

Old Material—We quote prices paid by dealers as follows:—Agricultural scrap, 55¢ per cwt.; machinery cast, 54 to 55¢ per cwt.; stove cast scrap, 30 to 35¢; No. 1 wrought scrap, 40¢ per cwt; No. 2, including sheet iron, hoop iron and mixed steel, 10¢; new light scrap copper 6½ to 7¢; heavy scrap copper 7½ to 7½¢; old copper bottoms 6 to 6½¢; light scrap brass 4¢; heavy yellow scrap brass, 6¢; heavy red scrap brass, 6½ to 7¢; scrap lead, 1½ to 2¢; scrap zinc, 1½ to 2¢; scrap rubber, 2½ to 2½¢; country mixed rags, 60 to 75¢ per 100 lbs; clean dry bones, 45 to 55¢ per 100 lbs; borings and turnings, 10 to 15¢.

Glass—Prices are unchanged, at \$1.20 to \$1.25 first break. Trade in plate glass is fairly good.

Paints and Oils—Turpentine has advanced another cent per gallon in the south, and is now about equal to the price at which it is being sold here, namely, 41 to 42¢ per gallon. Linsed oil unchanged at 53½¢ for raw, and 56½¢ for boiled. In prepared paints a fair sorting up trade is reported at \$1.75 for pure. A little Paris green is still going forward at 12½¢ in drums, and 14½ to 15¢ in packages. Putty is quiet at \$1.90 to \$2 in bladders, and \$1.80 to 1.90 in bulk. Castor oil is quiet at 6½ to 6½¢ in case lots, and 7¢ in single tins. Refined seal oil is quoted at 58 to 59¢ per gallon, in barrels.

Petroleum—Trade remains much as before: 5 to 10 barrel lots, imperial gallon, Toronto—Canadian, 12 to 12½¢; carbon safety, 15½ to 16¢; Canadian water white, 16 to 17¢; United States water white, 18 to 19¢; photogene, 20¢.—Hardware, May 18.