and all quotations are firmly held. Of splits there is a real scarcity, and Quebec splits, held here, have been sold to go to that city. We quote:—Spanish sole B.A. No. 1, 22 to 23c.; do. No. 2, 21c. to 22c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 21c.; No. 2, 19 to 20c.; No. 1 slaughter, 23 to 25c.; No. 2 do., 19 to 21c.; common, 17 to 18c.; waxed upper light and medium, 30 to 35c.; do. heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 30 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; western splits, 22 to 25c.; Quebec do., 17 to 18c.; juniors, 14 to 16c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; calf skins (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calf skins, 65 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 28c.: Canadian, 20 to 22c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 74c.; harness, 24 to 27c.; buffed cow, 12 to 14c. extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebbled cow, 12 to 13c.; polished buff, 11 to 13c.; glove grain, 12 to 13c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c. and all quotations are firmly held. Of splits to 45c

METALS AND HARDWARE. -As regards busi-of sales of two or three car lots of Hamilton iron at \$18.50, and some small transactions in Shotts at \$19.25, and Summerlee at \$20.50. Bar iron is the sales in lots are reported iron is dull and weak; sales in lots are reported at \$1.30, and some so-called damaged are reported to have sold as low as \$1.20. Canada plates are scarce and firm; there are some 60 sheets, but few 52's, and no 75's. Tinplates are low in stock on spot also, but English advices show rather an easier market, with the probability of some of the works shutting down, owing to the unfavorable effects of the Dingley bill. Zinc sheets are scarce and firm at quotations. We quote:—Summerlee pig iron, \$20 to 20.50, ex-store; Carron, \$19.50; Ayrsome, \$18.50; Shotts, \$19.00 to 19.50; Carnbroe, \$18.50 to 19.00, ex-store; Siemens pig No. 1, \$16.50 to 16.75; Ferrona, No. 1, \$16.50 to 16.75; Hamilton No. 1, \$18.25 to 18.50; No. 2, ditto, \$18.00; machinery scrap, \$15.00; common do. iron is dull and weak; sales in lots are reported \$18.00; machinery scrap, \$15.00; common do., \$12,00 to 13.00; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.40 to 1.45; British, \$2.00 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5; Canada plates—Pontypool, or equal, \$2.55 to 2.60; 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets, \$2.70; for the standard stand Low Moor, \$5: Canada plates—Pontypool, or equal, \$2:55 to 2:60; 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets, \$2:70:75 sheets, none here; all polished Canadas, \$2:60; Terne roofing plate, 20x28, \$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, 1. C., Alloway, \$3:25 do. 1.X., \$3:90 to 4:00; P. D. Crown, I. C., \$3:60 to 3:75; do., 1.X., \$4:50; Coke I.C., \$3:00 to 3:10; coke, wasters, \$2:70; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, \$4:25; No. 26, \$4:40; No. 24, \$3:75 in case lots: Morewood, \$5:00 to 5:10; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 5\frac{1}{2}c.; No. 26, 6c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Canadian bands, per 100 lbs., \$1:75; English ditto, \$2; hoops, \$2:15. Steel boiler plate, \$1:inch and upwards, \$1:85 to 1:90 for Dalzell, and equal; ditto three-sixteenths inch, \$2:50; tank iron, \$1:nch, \$1:50; three-sixeenths do.; \$2:00; tank steel, \$1:75; heads, seven-sixteenths and upwards, \$2:45 to 2:50; Russian sheet iron 9c.; lead, per 100 lbs., pig, \$3:25 to 3:40; sheet, \$4:to 4:25; shot, \$6:to 6:50; best cast-steel, 8to 10c.; toe calk, \$2:25; spring, \$2:50; sleigh shoe, \$1:85; tire, \$1:90; round machinery steel \$2:25; ingot tin, 16 to 17c. for L. & F.; Straits, 15\frac{3}{2} to 16\frac{3}{2}c.; baet tin, 16\frac{3}{2} to 17c.; ingot copper, 12\frac{3}{2} 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, \$1:to 9c.; bright iron wires Nos. 0 to 8, \$2:60 per 100 lbs.; annealed and oiled do., \$2:65; galvanized, \$3:15; the trade discount on wire is 25 per cent. Barb and twicted size and and size and and size and and size and and twicted size and and size and and twicted size and and size and and size and and twicted size and and the size and and twicted size and and twicted size and and size and the size and and twicted size and and size and and size and and twicted size and and twicted size and Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.60 per 100 lbs.; anneated and oiled do., \$2.65; galvanized, \$3.15; the trade discount on wire is 25 per cent. Barb and twisted wire and staples, \$3 per hundred for Quebec province, freight paid on half-ton lots; for Ontario points, \$2.85, freight paid up to 25c. per hundred.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Deliveries of goods in these lines continue active. Linseed oil shows some weakness in Britain, but prices oll shows some weakness in Britain, but prices on spot are subject to no change, and will likely remain steady till first vessels arrive rom sea. Castor oil is rather easier, and there would probably be no difficulty in buying fair lots at 8½c. It seems to be now generally conceded that the Newfoundland seal catch is a short one but the leavement of seal oil have underone, but local quotations of seal oil have undergoneno change as yet. Shellac is quoted easier to arrive. We quote: Turpentine, one to four brls., 44c.; five to nine brls., 43c., net 30 days. Linseed oil, raw, one to four brls., 44c.; five to nine brls., 43c.; boiled, one to four barrels, 47c.;

five to nine brls. 46c., net 30 days; olive oil, machinery, 90c.; Nfld. cod, 34 to 36c. per gal.; Gaspe oil, 32 to 33c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 50c. per gallon in small lots. Castor oil, 8\frac{1}{2}\times to 9\frac{1}{2}c. as to quantity. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.00, No. 1, \$4.62\frac{1}{2}; No. 2, \$4.25; No. 3, \$3.87\frac{1}{2}; No. 4, \$3.50; dry white lead, 4\frac{1}{2}\times to 4\frac{1}{2}c.; genuine red do., 4 to 4\frac{1}{2}c.; No. 1 red lead, 3\frac{3}{2}\times 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, \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce ochre, \$2.25 to 2.50; window glass, \$1.35 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.50 for second break; third break, \$3.30.

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SEEDS .-- Considerable activity prevails in this line, and some scarcity is reported of Canadian timothy, which is firmly held at \$2.25 to \$2.30; Western ditto, \$1.55 to \$1.75; alsike clover is quoted at 8½ to 9c.; long ditto, 10 to $10\frac{1}{2}$ c.; short, 9 to $9\frac{1}{2}$ c.

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