

Montreal Hardware Market.

Montreal, June 22, 1901.

Pig Iron—Canadian pig iron is worth \$18.50, and Summerlee \$20.50@21.
Bar Iron—Hull price \$17.50@18.
Black Sheet—\$25.00@26.00 for 8 to 10 gauge.
L.50; Apollo, 10% allowance, \$4.50; Comet, \$4.30@4.45, with 15c allowance in case lots.
Ingot Tin—Lamb and Flag, 31¢@35¢ per lb.

Term Plate—\$7.50.
Lead—\$3.70@3.80 per 100 lb.
Lead Pipe—7c for ordinary and 7½c for composition waste, with 25 per cent off.
Iron Pipe—Black pipe, ¾, \$4 per 100 feet, 1 in., \$4.30; ¾, \$4.30; ½, \$4.70; ¼, \$4.70; 1½, \$7.75; 2 in., \$10.35; galvanized, 1½, \$4.60; ¾, \$5.25; 1 in., \$7.50; 1½, \$9.50; 2 in., \$11.75; 2½, \$13.
Coll Chain—No. 1, 11½¢; No. 5, 10¢; No. 1, 9½¢; No. 3, 8¢; No. 1, 7½¢ per pound; 5 to 10, \$4.85; 11 to 15, \$5.00; 16 to 20, \$5.15; 21 to 25, \$5.30; 26 to 30, \$5.45; 31 to 35, \$5.60; 36 to 40, \$5.75; 41 to 45, \$5.90; 46 to 50, \$6.05; 51 to 55, \$6.20; 56 to 60, \$6.35; 61 to 65, \$6.50; 66 to 70, \$6.65; 71 to 75, \$6.80; 76 to 80, \$6.95; 81 to 85, \$7.10; 86 to 90, \$7.25; 91 to 95, \$7.40; 96 to 100, \$7.55. In carload lots an allowance of 10c is made.
Sheet Zinc—\$6@6.25.

Anthony—10¢.
Tinplates—\$3.75@4 for coke and \$4.25@4.50 for charcoal, immediate delivery.
Canada Plates—52s, \$2.55@2.60; 50s, \$2.05@2.10; 75s, \$2.70@2.80; 100s, \$3.10, and galvanized, \$4.
Tool Steel—Black Diamond, 8¢; Jessop's, 13¢.

Steel—We quote: Sleighshoe, \$1.05; tire spring, \$2.75; machinery, \$2.70; and tool steel, \$2.50.
Harp Wire—\$3.05 f.o.b. Montreal in less than carlots.

Horseshoes—Iron shoes, light and medium patterns, No. 2 and larger, \$3.50; No. 1 and smaller, \$3.75; steel shoes, No. 2 and larger, \$3.75; No. 1 and smaller, \$4.00; steel shoes, all sizes, 1 to 6, No. 2 and larger, \$3.50; No. 1 and smaller, \$3.85; leatherweight, all sizes, \$4.35; toe weight steel shoes, all sizes, \$5.95 f.o.b.
Horse Nails—Discount 60 per cent on oval heads, and 60 to 23 per cent on countersunk heads; C brands, discount 60 and 7½ per cent.

Wire Nails—\$2.85 for small lots, and \$2.75 for carlots f.o.b. Montreal.
Cut Nails—\$2.35 for small and \$2.25 for carlots; four barrel nails, 25 per cent discount; cooper's nails, 30 per cent discount.

Building Paper—Tarred felt, \$1.70 per 100 lb; 2-ply ready roofing, 80¢ per roll; 3-ply, \$1.05 per roll; carpet felt, \$2.25 per 100 lb; dry sheathing, 30¢ per roll; tar sheathing, 40¢ per roll; dry lath, 50¢ per roll; tarred lath, 60¢ per roll; O.K. and L.N., 65¢ per roll; heavy straw sheathing, \$2.25 per roll; slatting felt, 50¢ per roll.
Cordage—Manila, 15¢ per lb for 7 to 10 and larger; sisal, 10¢ per lb, and lathyrus 10¢ per lb.

Glass—First break, \$2.10; second, \$2.20 for 50 feet; first break, 100 feet, \$3.30; second, \$4.10, third, \$4.60, fourth, \$4.85, fifth, \$5.35; sixth, \$5.85; and seventh, \$6.35.

White Lead—Best brands, government standard, \$6.25; No. 1, \$5.85; No. 2, \$5.50; No. 3, \$5.15; and No. 4, \$4.75; all f.o.b. Montreal. Terms, 3 per cent cash, or four months.

Dry White Lead—\$5.25 in casks; kegs, \$5.50.
Red Lead—Casks, \$5; in kegs, \$5.25.

White Zinc Paint—Pure, dry, 64¢; No. 1, 61¢; in oil, pure, 74¢; No. 1, 61¢.

Patty—Bulk, in barrels, \$1.90 per 100 lb; bulk, in less quantities, \$2.05; bladders, in barrels, \$2.10; 5 barrels and over, open; kegs or boxes, \$2.25; in this, \$2.55@2.65; in less than 100 lb lots, \$3 f.o.b.

Linseed Oil—Raw, gal., 80¢; boiled, 83¢; in 5 to 9 barrels, 1c less.

Turpentine—Single barrels, 53¢; 2 to 4 barrels, 52¢; 5 barrels and over, open terms.

Mixed Paints—\$1.25@1.45 per gal.
Scrap Metal—Heavy copper and wire, 13¢@15¢ per lb; light copper, 12¢ heavy brass, 12¢; heavy yellow, 8¢@9¢; light brass, 6¢@7¢; lead, 2½¢@2¢ per lb; zinc, 2½¢@2¢; iron, No. 1 wrought, \$14@15 per gross ton, No. 1 cast, \$13@14; stove plate, \$8@9; light iron, No. 2, \$4 a ton; malleable and steel, \$4; rags, country, 60¢@70¢ per 100 lb; old rubbers, 7½¢ per lb.

Petroleum—Silver Star, 14¢@15¢; Imperial, Acme, 13¢@14¢; S. C. Acme, 17¢@18¢; and Pratt's Astra, 17¢@18¢.

Toronto Hardware Prices.

Toronto, June 22.

ANTIMONY—10½¢@11¢ per lb for Cookson's.

BARRED WIRE—Car lots, f.o.b. Cleveland, \$2.70@2.82½; Toronto, \$3.05 per 100 lb.

BAR IRON—Price for common, \$18.75.
HINDER TWINE—Pure Manila, 60¢ feet, 12¢, 600 feet, 9½¢; mixed, 550 feet, 8½¢; 500 feet, 8½¢.

BLACK SHEETS—23 gauge, \$3; dead fat, \$3.50.

BOLTS AND NUTS—Norway bolts, full square, 65 per cent; common carriage bolts, all sizes, 60 per cent; machine bolts, all sizes, 60 per cent; coach screws, 50 per cent; sleigh shoe bolts, 72½ per cent; nuts, square, 4¢ off; nuts, hexagon, 4½¢ off; three bolts, 67½ per cent; stove bolts, 67½ per cent; plough bolts, 60 per cent, stove rods, 62½¢.

BRASS—Sheet and rod, discount 15 per cent.
BUILDING PAPER—Plain building, 30¢; tarred lining, 40¢; tarred roofing, \$1.65.

CANADA PLATES—All dull, \$2.00 per 100½; half-polished, \$3.00; and all bright, \$3.50.
CEMENT—Canadian Portland, \$2.25 @

\$2.75; English do., \$3.00; Belgian, \$2.50 @ \$2.75; German, \$2.65@2.75; Canadian hydraulic cements, \$1.25@1.50.

COIL CHAIN—Per 100 lb, ¼ in., \$9@9.50; 5 to 10 in., \$5.35@5.85; ¾ in., \$4.35@4.85; 7 to 10 in., \$4.15@4.65; ½ in., \$4.05@4.55; ¾ in., \$3.85@4.35; ¾ in., \$3.80@4.30; 1 in., \$3.75@4.25; sheet copper 2½¢@2½¢.

CUT NAILS—\$2.35 per keg for small lots and \$2.25 for carlots f.o.b. Toronto, Hamiton and London.

FENCE WIRE—¾¢ per cent.
GALVANIZED IRON—Queen's Head brand, \$4.50 per 100 lb; and \$4.40 for American.

GALVANIZED WIRE—Nos. 6, 7, and 8, \$3.50@3.85; No. 9, \$2.85@3.15; No. 10, \$3.05@3.35; No. 11, \$3.70@4.10; No. 12, \$3.05@3.30; No. 13, \$3.10@3.40; No. 14, \$4.10@4.50; No. 15, \$4.00@4.50; No. 16, \$4.50@5.35.

GLASS—Star, in 100 foot boxes, under 21 in., \$1.15; 21 to 40 in., \$1.35; 41 to 60 in., \$1.55; 61 to 80 in., \$5.15; 81 to 100 in., \$5.50; double diamond, under 20 in., \$4, 20 to 40 in., \$6.05; 41 to 60 in., \$7.50; 61 to 80 in., \$8.50; 81 to 100 in., \$9.50.

GREEN WIRE CLOTH—\$1.35 per 100 square feet.
HARVEST TOOLS—50, 10 and 5 per cent.

HORSE NAILS—Countersunk, 60 per cent; C brand, 50 and 7½ per cent; other brands, 50, 10 and 5 per cent.

HORSESHOES—No. 2 iron shoes, light, medium and heavy, \$3.60 f.o.b.; snowshoes, \$3.85.

IRON PIPE—Black pipe—¼ in., \$4.35; ½ in., \$3.30; ¾ in., \$3.50; 1 in., \$4.05; 1½ in., \$5.15; 1½, \$7.15; \$8.40; 2, \$11.25; 2½, \$20.95; 3, \$21.55; 3½, \$30.75; 4, \$30.15; 4½, \$41.80; 5, \$47.35; 6, \$62.10; Galvanized pipe—¼ in., \$4.90; ½, \$5.25; 1, \$7.55; 1½, \$10.30; 1½, \$12.25; 2, \$16.60.

LEAD PIPE—Discount 30 per cent.
OLD MATERIAL—Agricultural scrap, 55¢ per cwt.; machinery cast 60¢ per cwt.; stove scrap, 50¢; No. 1 wrought scrap, 50¢; new light scrap copper, 12¢ per lb; bottoms, 11½¢; heavy copper, 13¢; coil wire scrap, 13¢; light scrap brass, 7¢; heavy yellow scrap brass, 10¢@10½¢; heavy red scrap brass, 10½¢@11¢; scrap lead, 3¢; zinc, 2¢; scrap rubber, 0½¢; good country mixed rags, 6¢@7¢; clean dry bones, 4¢@5¢ per 100 lb.

PIG IRON—Canadian pig, \$17.50 for No. 2; \$17 for No. 3.

PIG LEAD—¼¢@4½¢ per lb.
PIG TIN—¾¢@2½¢ per lb.

POULTRY NETTING—Discount of 55 per cent.
RIVETS AND BURS—Iron, 60 and 10 per cent; iron burs, 65 per cent; copper rivets and burs, 25 and 5 per cent.

ROPE—Sisal, 10¢ per lb; Manila, 13½¢.
SCREWS—Flat head, bright, 87½¢ and 10 per cent off list; round head, bright, 82½¢ and 10 per cent; flat head brass, 80 and 10 per cent; round head brass 75 and 10 per cent; flat head bronze, 70 per cent; round head bronze, 65 per cent.

SHEET ZINC—6½¢ for cask lots; 6½¢ for part casks.

SHOT—Common, \$0.50 per 100 lb; chilled, 7¢; bull seal and ball, \$7.50; discount, 7 per cent.

SMOOTH STEEL WIRE—Nos. 6 to 8 \$2.90; No. 9, \$2.80; No. 10, \$2.87; No. 11, \$2.90.

SPADES AND SHOVELS—40 and 5 per cent.
SPELTTER—5½¢@6¢ per lb.

SOLDER—Half and half, 18½¢; refined 18¢; wiping, 17¢.

STEEL—Hoop steel, \$3.00; sleighshoe steel, \$2.10@2.25; tire steel, \$2.30@2.50.

TIN PLATES—1 C., \$5.50; 1 X, \$10.50.
TIN PLATES—Usual sizes, 1 C., \$4.25; special sizes, base, \$4.00; 20x23, \$3.60.

TINNED SHEETS—23 gauge, 8½¢.
WIRE NAILS—Hase price, \$2.77@2.85, f.o.b. Toronto, Hamilton and London.

PAINTS AND OILS.

CASTOR OIL—East India, in cases, 10 @10½¢ per lb, and 10½¢@11¢ for single tin, less than 25¢.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, 1 to 4 barrels, 52¢; boiled, 55¢.

LIQUID PAINTS—Pure, \$1.20@1.30 per gallon; No. 1 quality, \$1 per gallon.
PARIS WHITE—00¢@1.00.

PARIS GREEN—Barrels, 10½¢; kegs, 17¢; drums, 50 to 100 lb, 17½¢; drums, 23½ 18¢; tins, 1lb, 19½¢; packages, 1lb, 15½¢.

PLASTER PARIS—New Brunswick, \$1.90 per barrel.
PUMICE STONE—Powdered, \$2.50 per 100 lb for barrels and 40¢ per lb in small quantities; lump, 10¢ per lb in small lots, and 8¢ per lb in barrels.

PUTTY—Bladders in barrels, \$2.10; bladders, in 100 lb kegs, \$2.25; bulk, in barrels, \$1.90; in less quantities, \$2.05.

RED LEAD—Genuine, in casks of 560 lb, \$5.50; ditto, in kegs of 100 lb, \$5.75; No. 1, casks of 560 lb, \$5.00; do., kegs of 100 lb, \$5.25.

REFINED OIL—American water white, 10¢@11¢ in barrels; Sarnia water white, 15¢@16¢ in barrels; Sarnia prime, 14¢@15¢.

SEAL OIL—54¢ per gallon, and yellow oil, 50¢.

TURPENTINE—In single barrels, 54¢; 2 to 4 barrel lots, 53¢.
VETTING—70¢ per 100 lb; gliders' whitening, 80¢.

WHITE LEAD—Ex-Toronto, pure white lead, \$6.37½; No. 1, \$6; No. 2, \$5.67½; No. 3, \$5.25; No. 4, \$4.87½; dry white lead, in casks, \$5.37½.

Some Mining Methods.

Some peculiar methods of mining promotions were brought to light before the Master of Ordinary yesterday, says the Toronto Globe. In the case of the Trill Mining and Manufacturing company, limited, located at Worthington, which is being wound up by order of the court by the National Trust company. The liquidators advertised for tenders for the plant and assets, but no offer was received, and Joseph Wharton, who advanced \$30,500.97, wanted the court to turn the assets over to him on payment of the costs and liquidator's charges. This is opposed by the other creditors before the Master, Mr. Hodgins, yesterday, the creditors being represented by Frank Crandon, and the National Trust company by Thomas Mulvey.

It was in the questioning of Mr. Mulvey by the Master that the history of the mine came out. Mr. Mulvey explained that the property was originally the Drewry Nickel company, but the latter went into liquidation and an American named R. T. Travers acquired all the assets. He incorporated five years ago the Trill Mining and Manufacturing Company, with a capitalization of \$1,000,000, of which \$440,000 were issued to Travers in payment for his interests. In fact, Travers was practically the sole company. There was a smelter, valued at \$80,000, on the property, but the mining lease itself was then valued at \$447,219.38. Now, Mr. Mulvey stated, the lease was absolutely worthless.

A ledger trial balance sheet was drawn up in 1897, giving the position of the company as follows:

Liabilities—Capital stock, \$1,000,000, less treasury stock, \$502,390,	\$497,610.00
Bills payable,	13,501.68
Wages,	1,802.59
Sundry creditors,	36,977.78
Total,	\$450,950.03

Assets—Mining lease,	\$447,219.38
Tramway,	1,209.06
Real estate,	163.18
Accounts,	739.20
Total,	\$450,322.43

"I will exhaust the jurisdiction of the court to investigate this thing," said the Master. "It is a scandal that a mining lease transferred five years ago for \$447,219.38 should now be worth nothing."

"It is the way mining properties have been exploited for some time past," remarked Mr. Mulvey.

"Well, the sooner it is exploded, the better. I have no hesitation in stating that the disclosure made by the report, showing that the mining lease is worth nothing, is something that has a smell of fraud about it. Those creditors were all the time sitting on a volcano."

Mr. Mulvey asked for an adjournment, and in granting an enlargement till June 24 the Master said: "If any creditor or the liquidator will assist me in an exhaustive investigation I will exercise the fullest power of the court to make this a shocking example, so that other corporations may not be established in the same way."

Our Commercial Resources.

A chart published by the Geological Survey gives a summary of the mineral products of the United States for the past ten years. The aggregate values have increased by more than one-half in that period, and the figures for 1899 are greater than in any previous year, footing up the enormous total of \$976,000,000. The value of the metallic products of the year is given at \$272,188,084 and of the non-metallic at \$447,790,862. The latter class includes, of course, the coals—\$163,000,000 in bituminous and \$88,000,000 in Pennsylvania anthracite—\$64,600,000 in petroleum, \$20,000,000 worth of natural gas and large value in stone, brick clay and cement, with various other minerals. Of the metals, our pig iron is worth almost as much as all others together, the value of the product in 1899 being given at \$245,000,000. Copper comes next with \$104,000,000, and the \$71,000,000 in gold is third. The market value of the silver, produced in 1899 was about \$33,000,000 and the lead and zinc together were worth about as much. Quicksilver, aluminium, antimony, mickle and platinum are the other metals that figure in the table.

It is estimated that this year's hop crop in Oregon will exceed \$0,000 bales. Lice have appeared and growers are preparing to spray. The indications are promising.

Diamonds.

(Chicago Chronicle.)

During the month of March the American people bought more diamonds than in any other month in the history of the land. That the month will not be an exceptional one in the year is indicated by the fact that the record for the first quarter of the year maintains a similar position among the statistics of importations. A pretty safe index of the prosperity of a people is the state of trade in precious stones. In hard times we don't lay in a stock of diamonds, and when the buying of precious stones is unprecedented in its value there can be little doubt about how business is.

Heretofore the heaviest year of importation of precious stones on record was 1899. Then came the Boer war, one of the incidents of which was the siege of Kimberley, the mining and distributing centre of all rough diamonds, and so the figures for 1900 show a great decrease. But last year the trade not only gained all it had lost, but in the face of constantly advancing prices leaped 88.5 per cent over the corresponding quarterly record for 1899. Last month there passed through the port of New York cut diamonds to the value of \$1,416,710.20, and uncut to the value of \$417,768.30. Against this place the record for March, 1899, \$1,195,397.45 for cut precious stones, and \$516,513.67 for uncut, and the enormous gain can be appreciated.

Comparison by quarters is equally instructive. For the first quarter of this year cut precious stones were imported to the value of \$486,504.08, and uncut, \$2,218,393.75, while in the first quarter of 1899 the figures stood, cut, \$2,275,675.69, and uncut, \$1,632,627.61, and in 1900, the year of war, cut, \$1,650,016.41, and uncut, \$324,518.12.

As more than a third of all importations consists of diamonds in the rough this shows a decided increase in the diamond cutting business of America.

Ocean Grain Freight Rates At Montreal.

Since this day week there has been a decided improvement in the ocean grain freight market. A much stronger feeling has developed and rates to the leading ports show an advance of 3d to 9d. The demand has been good and considerable business booked. It was stated that all the room for June has been engaged, and quite a lot of July and some August. On the whole, the market has shown more activity than for some weeks past, and the prospects are now more encouraging for the future. Engagements to Liverpool have been made at 1s 6d, as against 9d to 10½d a week ago. In Glasgow space business has been done at 1s 6d; Bristol at 2s to 2s 3d; Antwerp at 2s 6d; Hamburg at 2s 6d to 2s 9d; Leth at 2s 6d, Dublin at 2s, Belfast at 2s, and Cardiff at 1s 9d to 2s. The New York market for steamer grain freights continues quiet; prompt boats are quoted at 2s 3d to Cork for orders, and 2s 3d berth terms to picked ports. United Kingdom or Continent, but for forward tonnage an advance upon these rates is required. Rates are quoted as follows: Liverpool, 1d; London, 1½d; Glasgow, 1½d; Newcastle, 2½d; Antwerp, 2½d; Bristol, 2½d; Leth, 3d; Hull, 2½d, and Hamburg 50 pfenning.—Gazette.

Plowing Exhibitions.

M. B. Kizer, experimental superintendent of the J. I. Case Plow Co., is now with the Balfour Implement Co., in order to give a series of plowing exhibitions through the province of Manitoba. Their first exhibition will be at Neepawa on the 15th inst., 17th at Portage la Prairie, 19th at Souris, 21st at Rosenfeld, Plum Coulee and Winkler. In these exhibitions Mr. Kizer guarantees to hitch two men to a 25 inch gang plow and plow a furrow full width and depth for some distance. Mr. Kizer also carries with him a dynamometer test draft, which proves the light draft of the J. I. Case M. C. gang plow. The J. I. Case Plow Co. claim that the above plow is the lightest draft plow doing the most complete work of any plow in the market to-day.

Tenders are wanted for the erection of a school house at Milton, Man. Address H. W. Lumsden.