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MARKETS.

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Following are reports and observations relating to the markets of Canada and elsewhere, having reference to Hardware, Metals, Paints, Oils and such specialties as are usually handled, by jobbers and dealers in such goods. Following these items will be found current market quotations on such goods, and the trade are requested to suggest to the publishers any improvements by which it is believed the quotations may be rendered as correct and valuable as possible.

TORONTO, January 17, 1902.

There is no new feature of importance in the commercial situation. After the holidays, as was expected, there is a period of dullness, but underlying is a foundation that cannot be swept away. Business in Canada was never in a more prosperous condition, and one of the best evidences of this from a manufacturers' standpoint is the promptness in which paper is met. From all parts of the Dominion come reports of good business, and these have inspired a confidence that it will be hard to shake.

One of the most important events of interest to manufacturers, and especially to firms in Toronto, was the result of the vote on the money by-law for the extension of the Exhibition buildings and the holding of a Dominion Exposition in the Queen City. This was the second time the by-law was submitted to the people and the vote in favor of the grant at the second ballot showed a majority in favor as great as the majority against on the first ballot. The result is an outlay for the manufacturers and all interested in the progress of the city. It will aid materially in restoring the confidence of exhibitors which had been lost during the past few years owing to the inability of the association to provide suitable buildings for the display of goods.

During the past three months there have been published in the Toronto papers vague reports regarding the defalcations of well-known citizens. These reports, it is understood, have good foundation, but it is pleasing to announce that the public interested were not connected with any of our manufacturing firms.

The settlement of the disagreement between the piano woodworkers and the employers has cleared the atmosphere of strike talk, and in every line of business the relations between the employers and employees is harmonious.

In the speculation markets there is a marked dullness in business with declines recorded on the leading speculation issues. There is nothing of an encouraging nature in the situation and bull leaders show no disposition to lift their favorite stocks, consequently a sagging market is not unlikely.

Call money in Toronto is quoted at from 5 to 5½ per cent., and in New York

at from 4 to $4\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. The Bank of England rate is quoted at 4 per cent.

The metal markets are quiet. In New York pig iron northern is quoted at \$14.50 to \$16, southern at \$14 to \$16. Copper is weak, brokers \$11.25, exchange \$11.25. Lead is dull, brokers \$3.50, exchange \$4. Tin is firmer, straights \$22.95 to \$23.25. Plates steady.

BUFFALO PIG IRON MARKET.—Office of Rogers, Brown & Co., Buffalo, N. Y., January 14, 1902.

There is a fair degree of activity in pig iron buying. The large majority of consumers in this section have now covered for the first half of the year, and to a certain extent, for the last half, so that the volume of business in this locality cannot be expected to be as large in the near future as it has been in the past.

The many circumstances which have contributed to a reduction in the production of pig iron are still in existence to effect this field as well as others in the supply of pig iron for prompt shipment. Such deliveries still command a premium over future deliveries and every effort is being made by the furnaces to put out the largest possible product. The melting of iron in the foundries and mills is at a rate unusual if not unprecedented at this season of the year.

The railroad situation appears to be easing up somewhat, but coke is extremely difficult to obtain and many foundries have been on the ragged edge while a few have been shut down for a time to await the arrival of fuel to melt their iron.

Prices are strong at the figures given below, which are on the cash basis, f.o.b. cars, Toronto, in bond :

Lake Superior Charcoal	\$20 00
Standard Southern Charcoal	20 25
No. 1, X, Tonawanda Scotch	18 25
" 2, " 	17 75
" 1, " Niagara 	18 25
" 2, " 	17 75
5% Silicon Mannie softener	17 25
3% Silicon Mannie softener	16 75
Connellsville 72 hour Foundry coke	5 20

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