

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Orders, though fair in number, continue small in quantity, and though stocks of iron and metals in consumers' hands are in the majority of cases small, there is still a marked disposition to buy for immediate needs only. At home the weekly shipments of pig iron, which have been very light for some time past are picking up, and are now about up to the figures of this time last year, which shows that trade there is improving. Prices of pig iron show no change; the rise in warrants noted last week was due to speculation, and they have receded three pence. Bar remains at same figures, quotations for large specifications would be shaded though. Tin is slightly lower in England, copper and lead as before. Tin plates are firmer at home to the extent of about one shilling a box, but are not advanced here yet. Canada plates may be called a little stronger, as it is universally conceded that present losing prices can not last, and we have heard of sales of 50 box lots at \$2.70. We quote Gangesherrie and Summerlee \$17.50 to \$18; Langloan, and Coltness, \$18.50 to \$19.00; Shott, \$17.50 to \$18.00; Eglington, \$16.00 to