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**Hardware Trade Notes.**

English advices state that there will be an advance of 25 cts per ton on Canada plate.

Canadian hardware jobbers state that their purchases in Great Britain and European markets for this season's trade have been greatly in excess of other years.

Argentine declined 40 per gallon in lumber markets last week, owing to disposition of the market. The Standard Oil Co. is seeking to freeze the tarentine market.

The classes of United States tools, such as carpenters' tools and saws, are becoming in rather short supply, owing to the scarcity of such tools in the United States. Some houses have experienced great difficulty in obtaining quantities of such tools as planes and files of augur bits. The millwright factories, particularly in the United States, are far behind with their orders, and even fittings have

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been stiffened by the position of malleable iron.

Advices from Toronto state that carpenters' braces are 10 per cent dearer; United States coffee mills have been advanced 5 per cent; an advance of about 20 per cent in rope halters is announced by the manufacturers, owing to increase in the price of hemp and of malleable castings; German pearl-handled pocket knives are 5 per cent dearer; an advance in copper and brass goods is anticipated, owing to rise in copper ingots; binder twine prices are 1 to 1 1/2 cts lower than a year ago; British pure manila rope is 1/2 cts lower, owing to competition of United States goods.

**Labor Notes.**

The carpenters of Montreal are asking for an advance of 2 1/2 cts per hour.

It is probable that the threatened tailors strike in Winnipeg will not materialize. The masters are making a compromise proposition to the journeymen, which is likely to be accepted.

The textile corporations in Lowell involved in the present strike of 17,000 operatives, with a single exception, cannot afford to pay their help the 10 per cent increase demanded by organized labor, is the opinion of the state board of arbitration and conciliation, which has just completed an investigation.

The differences respecting the wage scale between journeymen plumbers of Winnipeg and their employers have not yet been adjusted. It is expected that there will be an amicable arrangement shortly. The men ask for a change in the scale by which they will be paid more nearly according to merit. The price per hour for which they ask is 50c.

One of the important questions before the convention of iron, steel and tin workers of the United States, which was in session this week at Columbus, Ohio, was a proposition by a prominent iron and steel company to sell stock to workmen on easy payments. The company also proposed to give the workmen holding stock a director who shall have full powers with the other directors. This is regarded as an important question.

In the high court of justice, Toronto, Mr. Justice Meredith has handed down an important judgment in the suit of the H. Krug Furniture Co. of Berlin, Ont., versus Berlin Union, No. 112, Amalgamated Woodworkers of America. In this case the whole issue of how far strikers may go to obtain their ends in a labor dispute is involved, and the union has been defeated. The plaintiffs are granted a perpetual injunction restraining the union from unlawfully besetting their factory or from obstructing them in

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their business. The union must also pay damages to the Krug Co.

The Winnipeg trades and labor council met on Friday evening last. The immigration question and its effect upon the labor market was discussed and the opinion seemed to prevail that some steps should be taken to prevent any but agriculturists from coming. The government was blamed for not giving more attention to this phase of the question. It was decided to prepare a circular for transmission to all parts of the British Isles setting forth this view. Several cases of the employment of child labor in the city were taken up and will be investigated. The striking C. P. R. freight handlers asked for endorsement. The deliverymen's union wrote asking labor unionists to abstain from buying goods for delivery at such hours as are declared to be unreasonable by the union. This latter request was en-

dorsed. That of the freight handlers was referred to a committee.

**Prices of Staples in New York.**

	April 17, 1902.	April 18, 1902.
Flour	\$2.40	\$2.37 1/2
Wheat	83 1/2	87 1/2
Corn	52 1/2	58
Oats	38 1/2	40
Cotton	10 1/2	9 7/8
Printcloths	3 1/2	3 1/2
Pork	28 1/2	28 1/2
Lard	10 25	10 1/2
Butter	27 1/2	28
Cheese	15	15
Sugar	13 1/2	13 1/2
Coffee	5 3/4	5 3/4
Petroleum	8 3/4	8 3/4
Iron	\$1.50	\$1.50
*Steel billets	\$30.50	\$31.50
Lead	\$28.00	\$28.00
Copper	15 1/2	15 1/2
Lead, lb.	4 1/2	4 1/2
Tin, lb.	30 1/2	30 1/2
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