

Toronto Hardware Market.

There has been a marked improvement in hardware and tinware during the week, and orders covering good assortments have been coming in freely. A better tone prevails among the dealers throughout the country regarding spring and summer trade, and the jobbers certainly anticipate a good season. Harvest tools, spades, chovels, etc., are moving quite freely for the regular summer trade. Large orders are also reported for churns, and the demand noted last week for milk can trimmings, sap buckets and creamery can fixtures continues. The manufacturers of barbed wire have reduced prices for Ontario and Quebec. Nails are in steady demand and unchanged. Certain kinds of chain are moving. Payments continue to improve, although only slightly.

Wire—The price of barbed wire has been reduced for the whole of Ontario and Quebec by the Barbed Wire Manufacturers' Association. Other fence wires remain unchanged. A good business is being done in this line, as the season is now approaching when this article will be used.

Nails—There is the usual steady demand for cut nails, although the bulk of the business will not be done till after April 1, when freight rates will be lower and dealers throughout the country will purchase more in carload lots.

Rope—There is not much doing in rope, but there is considerable cordage selling to lumbermen and vessel owners for spring work.

Chain—The season has opened for this line, and considerable movement is reported. A good demand has developed for boom chain, but the chief inquiry seems to be for small sizes for agricultural purposes.

Metals—The metal market has been lively during the week, and the tendency of prices has been upward. In ingot tin there has been an actual advance, and wrought butts are 20 per cent higher. Tin plates continue active and firmer. Bar iron is still moving fairly well, and there is a little demand for the lower grades of pig iron. Galvanized iron continues in brisk demand.

Pig Iron—There is a little demand for the lower grades. Prices are unchanged, but the tendency seems to be upward. Some of the local foundries are in the market at the moment for pig to complete the work they have on hand.

Lake Superior charcoal, \$18.20; southern soft 1 \$14.10 to 14.35; southern soft 2, \$13 85.

Tin Plates—Are in good demand. Manufacturers are busy and stocks held by jobbers are light. Import orders are now arriving. Prices remain firm.

Sheet Iron—A good deal of sheet iron has been moving during the week. Foundries, machine shops and boiler makers have been good purchasers. The most enquiry comes from the last named.

Canada Plates—Demand for this for shipment from stock is only limited, but a number of import orders have been taken for immediate shipment.

Galvanized Iron—Demand brisk, principally for Gordon Crown and Queen's Head brands. Competition among the jobbers has reduced prices somewhat, although manufacturers' figures are firm. Import orders in this line to dealers in the country are now in transit, and it is anticipated that the business will exceed that of former years. The use of galvanized iron for roofing purposes being on the increase.

Bar Iron—This line is coming out freely but the quantities are not very large, owing to the heavy freights existing at the present time.

Ingot Tin—Demand is good. An advance is announced and prices are likely to go still higher. But this will depend upon what action the United States congress will take in regard to the tariff, which is due to go into force July 1.

Ingot Copper—A good business has been

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done in this line during the week. The supply in jobbers' hands is limited, but supplies are expected next week. A better tone prevails on this article and the tendency appears to be towards higher prices.

Zinc and Spelter—Dulness is the characteristic of these articles, and prices are unchanged.

Lead—A steady business is being done at unchanged prices, but the balance is small.

Antimony—There is nothing special to note. Demand is steady at unchanged prices. The principal enquiry is for Cookson's.

Paints and Oils—Trade generally is good, although that with the city is still backward. Complaints are still heard with regard to payments. The activity and firmness of linseed oil has been the feature. There has not yet been any official notification of the association price of white lead and jobbers seem to be generally selling on the basis of 5½c. An active trade is being done in prepared paints at old figures. A steady business is being done in colors in oil at unchanged prices. Demand for dry colors continues small. A fairly brisk business is being done in varnishes at former quotations, although the market seems to have an advancing tendency. Linseed oil is still in good demand. Prices are 3c higher and firm. Demand for Paris green shows some improvement. Turpentine is 2c per gallon higher, being quoted at 56 to 58c. Demand has fallen off slightly, but prices are firm at the advance. Castor oil is higher in England, and present prices here are not expected to rule much longer.

Petroleum—The *Petroleum Advertiser* in its weekly report says: "Crude remains about the same figure, \$1.18½, with not very much business doing. As the spring and warmer weather approaches the drill will be at work, we are informed, perforating some of our oldest territory and as late developments have shown, the property owners have good reasons to warrant this policy. Drillers have very large contracts awaiting the advent of spring, and a very busy time is expected." Following are the quotations here:—Canada refined oil, 13½ to 14c; carbon safety, 17½ to 18c; Canada water white 19c; American water white, 21 to 22c; photogene, 25c.

Old material we quote as follows: No. 1 heavy cast scrap, 65 to 75c per 100 lbs; stove cast scrap, 40 to 45c; No. 1 wrought scrap, 50 to 60c; No. 2, including sheet iron, hoop iron and mixed steel, 20 to 30c; new scrap copper, 8½c; heavy scrap copper, 8½c; old copper bottoms, 8c; light scrap brass, 5½c; heavy yellow scrap brass, 7½c; heavy red scrap brass, 8½ to 8½c; scrap lead, 12 to 2c; scrap zinc, 2½ to 2½c; scrap rubber, 2½ to 2½c; country mixed

raga, 80 to 85c per 100 lbs; clean, dry bones, 50 to 60c per 100 lbs; ploughshares, 60 to 65c; burnt cast scrap, 15 to 20c; railroad iron, 65 to 75c; malleable scrap, 25c.

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Wheat—Steadier with a better feeling, but prices are no better and there is no increased activity. White was generally offered at 65c on the Canadian Pacific railway, and 66c on the Grand Trunk railway, but 65c was bid for five cars red on the latter, with sellers at 67c. Spring and goose nominal. No. 1 hard sold at 84c North Bay. No. 2 hard offered in store Montreal free to May 15 at 80c; 76c bid 10,000 bush. No. 3 hard offered to arrive North Bay 77c; 74c bid for 20,000 bus. or any part; 76c bid spot; sellers asked 75c Montreal free storage to May 15. No. 1 frosted offered to arrive 71c; 70c bid spot; 69c bid to arrive for any part of 20,000 bus. No. 2 frosted offered to arrive at 63c; 61c bid. For No. 3 frosted 60c was bid North Bay. No. 1 northern sold at 77c North Bay.

Barley—Two-rowed was easier. One of the orders on the market was reported filled. There was an inquiry for No. 2, which was offered at 41c.

Oats—Steadier with a better demand. Locally they were higher, and a further advance is talked of as probable on the strength of lighter deliveries, owing to bad roads. There was a sale on track at 34c, but holders generally asked more. Manitoba sold at 36c North Bay. For mixed 30c was bid on the Grand Trunk railway, and sellers asked 31c; 31c was bid for 20,000 bus. May outside and 32c for 10,000 bus. white May; 20,000 bus. float Kingston, May, offered at 34c.

Grain and Flour—Car prices are: Flour (Toronto freights), Manitoba patents, \$4.30 to 4.50; Manitoba strong bakers', \$3.90 to 4.25; Ontario patents, \$3.25 to 3.50; straight roller, \$3.15 to 3.30; extra, \$3.00 to 3.10; low grades per bag, \$1.00 to 1.25. Bran—\$15.50 to 17. Shorts—\$16 to 18. Wheat—west and north points—White, 66 to 67c; spring, 61 to 63c; red winter, 65 to 66c; goose, 53 to 62c; spring Midland, 63 to 64c; No. 1 hard, North Bay, 84 to 85c; No. 2 hard, 82 to 83c; No. 3 hard, 74 to 75c; No. 1 frosted, 72c; peas (outside) 57 to 58c. Barley (outside)—No. 1, 45c; No. 2, 40c; No. 3 extra, 36 to 38c; No. 3, 32 to 34c; two-rowed, 54 pounds, averaging about No. 3 extra in color (outside), 35 to 40c. Rye (outside) 54 to 55c. Oats, 33 to 34c.

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