

to 8c; 5 lb boxes, 7½ to 8c; 10 lb boxes, 8c; 25 lb boxes choice Elms, 8½c; 6 crown, 12½c; 7-crown, 13½c; bags, 25 lb, 6½ to 7c; tapi, 4 to 4½; natural, 5½ to 6c. Dates quiet and easy at 4½ to 5c; selected Hallowee dates, 8½ to 9c.

**Dried and Evaporated Apples**—Are out of the market.

**Fish**—We quote as follows: Skinned and lanced codfish, 6½c; shore herring \$4 per barrel; boneless fish, 3½ to 4c; boneless cod 5 to 8c.

**Salt**—There has been a little falling off in sales during the week, although a fair local trade is still reported. We quote: Dairy, \$1.50, special grade; barrels, 90c; coarse sacks, 58c; fine sacks, 70c; Ameri can rock, \$10 per ton.—Grocer, July 6.

## Toronto Hardware Market

**Rope**—Demand is only fair with orders small. We quote as before:—Sisal, 7 16 in. and larger, 7c; 5 16; 3 in, 7½c; Manila, 7 16 in. and larger, 9 to 9½c; 1, 5 16, 8 in, 9½ to 9½c.

**Cut Nails**—Base price is unchanged at \$1.80 Toronto for carload lots, and \$1.85 for small lots.

**Wire Nails**—Discounts are unchanged at 75, 10 and 5 per cent, shipment in 10 keg lots being prepaid.

**Horse Nails**—Trade is improving a little, although no large lots are being called for. Discounts are still 60 per cent off "C" and 60 and 2½ per cent off "BB."

**Green Wire Cloth**—Prices are unchanged at \$1.85 per 100 square feet.

**Tacks**—Prices have been reduced materially by manufacturers. This, the trade hope, will tend to increase the volume of business. The reductions are: Cut, carpet, blued, gimp, 60 per cent; do., tinned, 70 per cent; copper nails, 62½ per cent; clout nails, 60 to 67½ per cent; trunk nails, 60 to 65 per cent; shoe finders' tacks, 50 per cent; shoe nails, Hungarian nails, etc., 37½ per cent. The reductions run from 2½ to 5 per cent.

**Horseshoes**—Prices are still \$3.80 Toronto, \$3.85 London, and \$3.65 Montreal.

**Lead Pipe**—Jobbers are still quoting ship ments as follows:—Toronto and the west 30 per cent. off in small lots and 30 and 10 per cent. off in ton lots; point's east of Toronto 35 per cent. off in small lots, and 35 and 10 per cent. off in ton lots.

**Ice Cream Freezers**—Are in better demand, the "Gem" being the principal kind in request. Discount 57½ to 60 per cent.

**Clothes Wringers**—Ruling prices are still \$28 per dozen for Canadian.

**Screws**—A considerable reduction in the price of these was announced. The manufacturers ordered the change at a meeting held Wednesday, and it is made in consequence of changes in the tariff. Discounts have been increased from 77½ to 80 per cent. on flat head, 72 to 75 per cent. on round head iron screws; brass screws from 75 to 77½ per cent. for flat head, and 70 to 72½ for round head. This is the first change that has been made for some years.

**Tar, etc**—There is a fair trade doing. We quote: Roofing pitch, \$2.50 per bbl.; pure coal tar, \$4 per bbl.; refined coal tar, \$4.50 per bbl.; XXX refined coal tar in quart tins, \$1 per doz; best Southern pure tar, \$6 per bbl. and 75c per doz. pint tins; pine pitch, \$2.75 per bbl.

**Cement, etc**—Business fair. We quote: Portland cement (English), \$3 per bbl.; New Brunswick plastic, \$2 per bbl.; Canadian water lime, \$1.25 per bbl.

**Firebrick, etc**—Scotch firebrick, \$3.25 per 100; Scotch fireclay, \$1 per 100 pounds.

**Pig Iron**—Trade is dull and featureless, with prices as before. We quote: Summerlee, \$20 to 20.50; Carnbroe, \$19 to 19.50; Siemen's, \$18 to 18.25. Lake Superior charcoal, \$15.70; Southern soft, No. 1, \$11.50; Southern soft, No. 2, \$11.25.

**Bar Iron**—Prices rule as before at \$1.85 Toronto and \$1.75 Montreal. The majority of the mills are still closed down owing to scarcity of fuel, and for immediate shipment it is therefore advisable to order from store.

**Sheet Iron**—Black sheet has shown more activity, especially in the lighter gauges, in which some large sales have been made. We quote 8 to 16 gauge \$2.50; 18 do., \$2.25; 20 do., \$2.25; 22 to 24 do., \$2.35; 26 do., \$2.45; 28 do., \$2.65. Tinned sheet iron, Galva's, 26 gauge, 5½c per lb; 22 to 24 gauge, 6½c; 16 to 20 gauge, 6½c.

**Iron Pipe**—Jobbers at the moment are experiencing some difficulty in supplying all the sizes called for, both in black and galvanized. Prices same as last week. Discounts are 70 per cent for black and 50 to 50 and 5 per cent for galvanized.

**Galvanized Iron**—We quote 4½ to 4½c for 28 gauge lots.

**Corrugated Iron**—Demand keeps good at unchanged prices. We quote "Owl" brand from genuine steel plates, zinc coated, \$1.25 to \$6 per square; painted steel, same brand, \$3 to 4.75, according to gauge.

**Ingot Tin**—This article has been somewhat stagnant, and no large quantities have been forwarded during the past week. Prices are as before, namely, 19 to 19½c for ton lots and 20 to 20½c for small lots.

**Ingot Copper**—Trade is exceedingly quiet with prices ruling as before at 10 to 10½c.

**Sheet Copper**—Trade in this line is only fair, demand if anything having fallen off during the week, notwithstanding that there has been a reduction in price. We now quote untinned at from 14 to 16½c, according to weight and size. Brazor sheets are from 1 to 2c lower, the range now being from 14 to 17c, according to quality.

**Boiler Tubes**—Demand is a little better than it was a week ago, there being more call from the country. We quote: 1½ inch, 7c; 1½ inch, 7½c; 1½ inch, 8c; 2 inch, 8½c; 2½ inch, 9c; 2½ inch, 9½c; 3 inch, 11½c; 3½ inch, 14c; 4 inch, 19c.

**Sheet Steel**—We quote: 8 to 16 gauge, \$2.75 per 100 lb; 18 to 20, \$2.65; 22 to 24, \$2.85; 26, \$3.10.

**Zinc Spelter**—Dull, and the little that is going out is principally the imported article. The idea as to prices is 4½c for domestic and 4½c for imported.

**Tin plates**—Prices are being well maintained \$3.50 to 3.75 for I.C. and \$3.25 to 3.35 for coke.

**Terne Plates**—This article is now being used to quite an extent for shingling bands as well as for roofing purposes. Prices are \$6.50 to 6.75, according to quality.

**Zinc Sheets**—We quote case lots at 4½ and small lots at 5c.

**Hoop and Band Iron**—Base price is unchanged at \$2.25 to 2.35. American steel, \$2.

**Canada Plates**—Import orders are still being booked at \$2.30 to \$2.35 for half polished, and deliveries are now being made through out the country of orders placed in the spring.

**Solder**—Trade is steady and prices firm at 12½ to 14c.

**Pig Lead**—Prices remain as before, at 2½c for ton lots and 5c for small lots.

**Antimony**—Trade is still dull and prices as before, namely 9½ to 10c for Cook's n's.

**Glass**—Prices are being cut a great deal, but ruling quotations are still \$1.20 to 1.25 first break.

**Old Material**—We quote prices paid by dealers as follows:—Agricultural scrap, 50c per cwt.; machinery cast, 50c per cwt.; stove cast scrap, 30 to 35c; No. 1 wrought scrap, 40c per cwt; No. 2, including sheet iron, hoop iron and mixed steel, 10c; new light scrap copper 3½ to 7c; heavy scrap copper 7½ to 7½c; old copper bottoms 6 to 6½c; light scrap brass 4c;

heavy yellow scrap brass, 6c; heavy red scrap brass, 6 to 6½c; scrap lead, 1½ to 1½c; scrap zinc, 1½ to 1½c; scrap rubber, 2½ to 3c; country mixed rags, 60 to 75c per 100 lbs; clean dry bones, 50 to 60c per 100 lbs; borings and turnings, 10c.

**Paints and Oil**—Business continues to fall off in volume. White lead is dull at 4½ to 4½c. Turpentine both here and in the south remains firm. Quotations are unchanged at 43 to 44c for b Toronto. In prepared paints trade has fallen away a good deal, \$1.05 is still the idea as to price for pure. There was a decline in linseed oil in England, but mail advices announce a recovery. On spot demand is light and prices unchanged at 53 to 54c for raw and 56 to 57c for boiled. Paris green market is firm and excited. Further shipments have been made to the United States, and stocks here are getting low. Prices are, however as before. We quote: English, 112 pound drums, 15 to 15½c; do., pound drums, 15½ to 16c. There is a firmer feeling in castor oil, in sympathy with the East Indian market, but quotations are unchanged at 6½ to 6½c in cases lots and 7c in single tins. Refined seal oil is unchanged at 55 to 59c per gallon in barrels.—Hardware, July 6.

**Petroleum**—Trade is quiet, although the monotony which has been existing in oil circles for the past month or so is expected to pass away in the course of a few weeks. Prices are unchanged. We quote: 5 to 10 barrel lots, imperial gallon, Toronto—Canadian 12 to 12½c; carbon safety, 15½ to 16c; Canadian water white, 16 to 17c; American water white, 18 to 19c; photogene, 20c.

## Comparative Prices in Staples.

Bradstreet's, New York, quotes prices on June 29 and a year ago as follows. The reduction in freights is particularly remarkable:

	June 29, 1891.	June 30, 1893.
Flour straight spring	\$3.00 to \$3.50	\$3.40 to \$3.90
Flour straight winter	\$2.50 to \$2.95	\$3.10 to \$3.45
Wheat, No. 2 red	60½c	63c
Corn, No. 2 mixed	41½c	47½c
Oat, No. 2	40c	34½c
Cotton, mid. upla.	7½c	7½c
Print cloth, 64x64	25c	33-10c
Wool Ohio & Pa., X	18 to 19c	23 to 24c
Wool, No. 1 comb.	21 to 22c	29 to 30c
Pork, mess, new	\$13.75 to \$14.00	\$10.00 to \$10.50
Lard, western, sm	7.00c	9.70c
Butter, creamery	18 to 19c	21 to 22c
Cheese, ch. east ft	8½c	8½ to 9½c
Sugar, centrif, 90°	3½c	4c
Sugar, granulated	4-1-16c	5½c
Coffee, Rio, No. 7	17c	16½c
Petroleum, N. T. Co.	8½c	5½c
Petroleum, R. I., gal.	5.15c	5.15c
Iron, No. 1 pig, ton	\$12.50 to \$13.00	\$14.50
*Steel billets, ton	\$19.00 to \$19.50	\$21.50
Ocean Steam Freights		
Grain, Liverpool	1½d	3d
Cotton, do	5-6½d	9-6½d

\* Pittsburgh

## Fruit Growers Alarmed.

The Tropical Fruit Growers' Association of New Orleans held a meeting on July 5 and discussed the damaging effect of the pending railroad strike in the West, which has caused the loss already of 200 car loads of bananas and threatens the total ruin of the trade unless ended. The Association telegraphed to the President and members of the Senate urging them to take immediate action to protect interstate commerce and prevent further illegal and unwarrantable interference with it.

## "Planked" the Butter.

One day last week a farmer came to town and sold some tubs of butter to T. N. Brown & Co. The firm usually dispose of their butter in the firkin but this time they needed some for retailing, and accordingly used one of the tubs. On reaching the bottom they found a piece of plank that weighed six pounds neatly packed in along with three pounds of nice, clean salt. The person who sold the butter is known, and if he does not make the little matter straight, he will hear further about it.—Collingwood Bulletin.