

PERSONAL.

MR. W. H. LAURIE, of Laurie & Lamb, Montreal, is now on a business trip to Great Britain.

MR. H. CARRY, C.E., formerly of Vancouver, is now with the C.P.R. survey party at Merritt, B.C.

MR. C. F. B. ROWE, C.E., has removed from Montreal to 133 St. Francois Street, Quebec.

MR. J. N. WALLACE, D.L.S., Calgary, Alta., is now located at Porcupine, Alaska.

MR. EBE. B. KNIGHT, superintendent of construction for the White Valley Irrigation and Power Company, has removed from Savonas, B.C. to Vernon, B.C.

MR. A. F. MACALLUM, consulting engineer, Continental Life Building, Toronto, has been granted by the University of Toronto, the professional degree of C.E.

MR. C. J. FENSOM, consulting engineer, Aberdeen Chambers, Toronto, has been granted M.E. by the same university.

MR. DONALD T. BLACK, of Montreal, has been appointed municipal engineer of Campbellton, N.B. Mr. Black has studied engineering both in Canada and England, and has had a wide experience.

MR. H. C. KRAFT will represent the Arthur Koppel Company at the American Foundrymen's Convention in Toronto, and will have charge of the Koppel exhibit of Industrial Railways.

MR. GUY C. DUNN, district engineer on the A. or New Brunswick district of the Transcontinental, resigned a fortnight or so ago. It is understood that since leaving the Transcontinental he has been employed by the Grand Trunk.

DR. ROBERT BELL, assistant director of the Geological Survey, and a member of the survey staff for over forty years, has received notice of his superannuation, to take effect from June 1st. Dr. Bell is a man of high attainments and has been honoured by nearly every scientific body in the world.

MARKET CONDITIONS.

Toronto, May 28, 1908.

A dispute in the shipbuilding industry in Britain has greatly curtailed demand for structural material. Apart from shipbuilding the demand for structural steel is fair. Steel rails are steady in the United Kingdom. Buyers of manufactured iron delay placing orders, thinking that the future of the market is in their favour.

According to Kidston's latest circular, the cash prices of Cleveland pig was higher (May 16) than for the three former months, because of some pressure on bear sellers; Cumberland hematite was weaker and dull of sale, not much being asked for by steel makers; stock on hand, 6,500 tons. Scotch pig steady at 56s. 6d.; stock in public stores, 73,018 tons.

A slight rise in cement was made known in Ontario last week; the price is now \$1.80 per barrel for 1,000 barrel lots. The movement is active, one mill having shipped in May 33 per cent. more than in same period of 1907. Bricks, too, are moving actively. Lumber is steady in price with a moderate movement. The tone of business generally shows more buoyancy, but it cannot be said that any remarkable activity characterizes trade. The sunshine is doing much for the roads, and seems also to mend people's hopes.

The following are wholesale prices for Toronto, where not otherwise explained, although for broken quantities higher prices are quoted:

American Bessemer Sheet Steel.—Fourteen-gauge, \$2.45; 17, 18, and 20-gauge, \$2.60; 22 and 24-gauge, \$2.65; 26-gauge, \$2.80; 28-gauge, \$3.

Antimony.—Not a great deal doing, 9½ to 10c. is present price. Crude material advancing.

Bar Iron.—\$2 base, from stock to the wholesale dealer.

Beams and Channels.—Active demand from Toronto builders; prices continue to be \$2.50 to \$2.75, according to size and quantity; if cut, \$2.75 to \$3; angles, 1¼ by 3-16 and larger, \$2.55; tees, \$2.80 to \$3 per 100 pounds. Extra for smaller sizes of angles and tees.

Boiler Plates.—¼-inch and heavier, \$2.50. Fair supply, prices steady. Boiler heads 25c. per 100 pounds advance on plate.

Boiler Tubes.—Demand limited. Lap-welded, steel, 1¼-in., 10c.; 1½-in., 9c. per foot; 2-in., \$8.50; 2½-in., \$10; 3-in., \$10.60; 3½-in., \$12.10; 4-in., \$15.30; 4½-in., \$19.45 per 100 ft.

Building Paper.—Plain, 32c. per roll; tarred, 40c. per roll. Orders confined to small quantities.

Bricks.—Common structural, \$9 to \$10 per thousand, wholesale, and the demand is quite brisk. Red and buff pressed are worth, delivered, \$18; at works, \$17.

Cement.—Price of Canadian makes to the dealer in 1,000 barrel lots and up is \$1.80, in cotton bags, on car, Toronto. Retail price is \$2 per barrel, 350 pounds. The quantity delivered from mills is much larger than in 1907.

Copper, Ingot.—Believing that consumption must increase, holders show much firmness. Consumption has greatly increased in Europe. Business here quiet; price, 13¼c. for large purchases and 14¼c. for small.

Detonator Caps, 75c. to \$1 per 100; case lots, 75c. per 100; broken quantities, \$1.

Dynamite, per pound, 21 to 25c., as to quantity.

Felt Paper—Roofing Tarred.—Market steady at \$2 per 100 pounds. A good many small orders.

Fire Bricks.—English and Scotch, \$32.50 to \$35; American, \$25 to \$35 per 1,000. Demand continues fair.

Fuses—Electric Blasting.—Double strength, per 100, 4 feet, \$4.50; 6 feet, \$5; 8 feet, \$5.50; 10 feet, \$6. Single strength, 4 feet, \$3.50; 6 feet, \$4; 8 feet, \$4.50; 10 feet, \$5. Bennett's double tape fuse, \$6 per 1,000 feet.

Galvanized Sheets—Apollo Gauge.—Sheets 6 or 8 feet long, 30 or 36 inches wide; 10-gauge, \$3.25; 12-14-gauge, \$3.35; 16, 18, 20, \$3.50; 22-24, \$3.70; 26, \$3.95; 28, \$4.40; 29 or 30, \$4.70 per 100 pounds. Moderate supply.

Iron Pipe.—Black, ¼-inch, \$2; ¾-inch, \$2.25; 1-inch, \$2.72; 1½-inch, \$3.68; 2-inch, \$5.28; 2½-inch, \$7.20; 3-inch, \$8.64; 3½-inch, \$11.50; 4-inch, \$18.40; 4½-inch, \$24.15; 5-inch, \$30.40; 6-inch, \$34.55; 7-inch, \$38; 8-inch, \$43.50; 9-inch, \$56. Galvanized, ¼-inch, \$2.85; ½-inch, \$3.05; ¾-inch, \$3.57; 1-inch, \$4.83; 1½-inch, \$6.93; 2-inch, \$9.45; 2½-inch, \$11.34; 3-inch, \$15.12.

Lead.—The market may be described as firm, but quiet; quotation, \$4.

Lime.—In plentiful supply and moderate movement. Price for large lots at kilns outside city 21c. per 100 lbs. f.o.b. cars; Toronto retail price 35c. per 100 lbs. f.o.b. car.

Lumber.—A moderate movement of pine is reported, and the supply is adequate. The price holds its own. Dressing, we quote, \$32 to \$35 per thousand for usual lengths (12, 14, and 16 ft.) and stock sizes of boards, and \$38 to \$40 for special lengths, common stock boards, as to grade, \$24 to \$28; culls, \$22. Southern pine and Norway pine are somewhat easier. Hemlock moves more freely and quotes at \$19 to \$21.50, according to size. Much spruce comes from the East and is in better demand; the price asked for flooring is \$27 wholesale and \$30 retail. Shingles, B.C., in more active demand, retailing at \$3.75 per thousand. Laths are quiet, No. 1 quote at \$4.25 on track, No. 2 at \$3.75.

Nails.—Wire, \$2.55 base; cut, \$2.70; spikes, \$3.15.

Pitch.—Fair demand at 75c. per 100 lbs.

Pig Iron.—Scotch pig steady, and Middlesboro' higher in Britain. Prices here practically unchanged. Summerlee quotes: No. 1, \$25.50; No. 3, in car lots, \$22 to \$23 here; Glengarnock, \$25.50; Clarence, No. 3, \$19.50 to \$20; No. Cleveland, \$20 to \$22.