

In iron and steel products, trade has not been active, though dealers generally report improvement and a better outlook.

Antimony.—The market holds steady and sales are being made at 9½ to 10c. per lb.

Bar Iron and Steel.—Prices continue unchanged and business is only fair. Bar iron, \$1.90 per 100 lbs.; best refined horseshoe iron, \$2.15; forged iron, \$2.05; mild steel, \$2.05; sleigh shoe steel, \$2.05 for 1 x ¾-base; tire steel, \$2.05 for 1 x ¾-base; toe calk steel, \$2.50; machine steel, iron finish, \$2.15.

Boiler Tubes.—The market holds steady, demand being fair, prices are as follows:—2-inch tubes, 8 to 8¼c.; 2½-inch, 11c.; 3-inch, 12 to 12¼c.; 3½-inch, 15 to 15¼c.; 4-inch, 19¼ to 19½c.

Building Paper.—Tar paper, 7, 10, or 16 ounce, \$2 per 100 pounds; felt paper, \$2.75 per 100 pounds; tar sheathing, No. 1, 60c. per roll of 400 square feet No. 2, 40c.; dry sheathing, No. 1, 50c. per roll of 400 square feet, No. 2, 32c.

Cement—Canadian and American.—Canadian cement, \$1.70 to \$1.75 per barrel, in cotton bags, and \$1.95 and \$2.05 in wood, weights in both cases 350 pounds. There are four bags of 87½ pounds each, net, to a barrel, and 10 cents must be added to the above prices for each bag. Bags in good condition are purchased at 10 cents each. Where paper bags are wanted instead of cotton, the charge is 2½ cents for each, or 10 cents per barrel weight. American cement, standard brands, f.o.b. mills, 85c. per 350 pounds; bags extra, 10c. each, and returnable in good condition at 7½c. each.

Cement—English and European.—English cement is steady at \$1.85 to \$1.90 per barrel in jute sacks of 82½ pounds each (including price of sacks) and \$2.20 to \$2.30 in wood, per 350 pounds, gross. Belgian cement is quoted at \$1.75 to \$1.85 per barrel in bags, and \$2.05 to \$2.20 per barrel, in wood.

Copper.—The market is steady at 14 to 14½c. per pound. Demand continues limited.

Iron.—The steamships are now arriving at Montreal with iron from Great Britain, and as a result the spread between the prices quoted for spot business and business to arrive has disappeared, the latter prices now prevailing. The following are quotations for pig-iron now arriving:—No. 1 Summerlee, on cars, Montreal, \$20.50 to \$21 per ton; No. 2 selected Summerlee, \$20 to \$20.50; No. 3, soft, \$19.50 to \$20; Cleveland, \$18.50, and No. 3 Clarence, \$18; No. 1 Carron, \$22 to \$22.50; Carron special, \$20.25 to \$20.75; Carron, soft, \$20 to \$20.50.

Lead.—Trail lead is weak and prices have declined to \$3.70 and \$3.80 per 100 lbs., ex-store.

Nails.—Demand for nails is moderate, but prices are steady at \$2.30 per keg for cut, and \$2.25 for wire, base prices.

Pipe—Cast Iron.—The market shows a slight improvement in demand, now that spring is opening up, but prices are easy at \$34 for 8-inch pipe and larger; \$35 for 6-inch pipe; \$36 for 5-inch, and \$36 for 4-inch at the foundry. Gas pipe is quoted at about \$1 more than the above.

Pipe—Wrought.—The market is quiet and steady at last week's range:—¾-inch, \$5.50, with sixty-three per cent. off for black, and 48 per cent. off for galvanized; ¾-inch, \$5.50, with 59 per cent. off for black and 44 per cent. off for galvanized. The discount on the following is 68 per cent. off for black and 58 per cent. off for galvanized; ½-inch, \$8.50; 1-inch, \$16.50; 1¼-inch, \$22.50; 1½-inch, \$27; 2-inch, \$36; and 3-inch, \$75.50; 3½-inch, \$95; 4-inch, \$108.

Spikes.—Railway spikes are in fair demand, \$2.60 per 100 pounds, base of 5½ x 9-16. Ship spikes are steady at \$3.15 per 100 pounds, base of 5½ x 10 inch and ¾ x 12 inch.

Steel Shafting.—Prices are steady at the list, less 25 per cent. Demand is on the dull side.

Steel Plates.—Demand is good, and the market steady. Quotations are: \$2.55 for 3-16, \$2.40 for ¼, and \$2.30 for ⅜ and thicker, in smaller lots.

Tar and Pitch.—Coal tar, \$4 per barrel of 40 gallons, weighing 575 to 600 pounds; coal tar pitch, No. 1, 75c. per 100 pounds, No. 2, 65c. per 100 pounds; pine tar, \$4.35 to \$4.50 per barrel of about 280 pounds; pine pitch, \$4.25 per barrel of 180 to 200 pounds.

Tin.—The market is firmer at 34 to 34½c. per pound.

Tool Steel.—Demand is light, but the market is firm. Base prices are as follows: Jessop's best unannealed, 14½c. per pound, annealed being 15½c.; second grade, 8c., and high-speed, "Ark," 60c., and "Novo," 65c.; "Conqueror," 55 to 60c.; Sanderson Bros. and Newbould's "Sabon," high-speed, 60c.; extra cast tool steel, 14c., and "Colorado" cast tool steel, 8c., base prices. Sanderson's "Rex A" is quoted at 75c. and upward; Self-Hardening, 45c.; Extra, 15c.; Superior, 12c.; and Crucible, 8c.; "Edgar Allan's Air-Hardening," 55 to 65c. per pound.

Zinc.—The market is unchanged, at 5¼ to 5½c. per pound.

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Engineering work of all kinds is being proceeded with and projected very generally through the North-West. Many of the municipalities have committed themselves to certain improvements which will call for a large amount of machinery, to say nothing of the large number of private enterprises.

The demand for contractors' machinery around Winnipeg has been very good, one supply house reported a very remarkable volume of sales.

Much interest was centred last week in the test before a number of influential fire insurance underwriters of the city's new high pressure system.

In an early issue of the Canadian Engineer we propose to present an illustrated description of the most interesting installation.

Bar Iron.—\$2.50 to \$2.60.

Beams and Channels.—\$4 to \$4.50 per 100 up to 15-inch.

Building Paper.—4½ to 7c. per pound. No. 1 tarred, 84c. per roll; plain, 60c.; No. 2 tarred, 62½c.; plain, 56c.

Bricks.—From \$11 to \$12 per 1,000, three grades.

Cement.—\$3.25 to \$3.50 per barrel.

Dynamite.—\$11 to \$13 per case.

Roofing Paper.—60 to 67½c. per roll.

Nails.—\$4 to \$4.25 per 100. Wire base, \$2.85; cut base, \$3.20.

Tool Steel.—15 to 20c. per pound.

Lumber.—No. 1 pine, spruce, tamarac, British Columbia fir and cedar—2 x 4, 2 x 6, 2 x 8, 8 to 16 feet, \$27.25, 2 x 20 up to 32 feet, \$38.

Timber.—Rough, 8 x to 14 x 16 up to 32 feet, \$34; 6 x 20, 8 x 20 up to 32 feet, \$38; dressed, \$37.50 to \$48.25.

Boards.—Common pine, 8 in. to 12 in. wide, \$38 to \$45; siding, No. 2 white pine, 6 in., \$55; cull red or white pine or spruce, 6 in., \$24; No. 1 clear cedar, 6 in., 8 to 16 ft., \$60; Nos. 1 and 2 British Columbia spruce, 6 in., \$55; No. 3, \$45.

Flooring.—No. 2 red pine, 4 in., \$43; No. 3 red, 4 in., \$38; No. 4 red and white pine or spruce, 4 in., \$28; ceiling, No. 2 white pine, 4, 5, and 6 in., \$55; No. 3 red pine, \$38.

Lath.—No. 1 red and white pine mixed, \$5.50; No. 2, \$4.75.

Shingles.—No. 1 British Columbia cedar, \$4.25; No. 2, \$3.75; band sawn, \$6.

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