

further protection at the crossings named, it appearing from an inspection made by the Board's Engineer and Operating Department, and from plans furnished, that the views at the crossings are excellent from both directions; that the crossing signboards are properly placed, and that there are whistling posts on the railway: G.T.R. crossing at public road $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Burford, Ontario. C.P.R. crossing at mile 20, about two miles south of Lindsay, Ontario.

10428—April 28—Authorizing the Hydro-Electric Commission of Ontario, to erect telephone and relay line across the track of the G.T.R. at the village of Allanburgh, Ontario.

10429—May 3—Authorizing the Essex Terminal Railway Company to open for traffic that portion of its line from its junction with the G.T.R. in Township of Sandwich east to its junction with the C.P.R. in the Township of Sandwich West, County Essex, Ontario.

10430—May 3—Approving location of the G.T.P. Branch Lines Company's Young-Prince Albert Branch from Section 28, Township 32, R. 27, to Sec. 31, Tp. 40, R. 26, W. 2nd M., Dist. Saskatoon, Sask., from mile 0 to mile 55.148.

10431—May 3—Approving plan of the G. N. Railway showing style of shelter sheds to be erected on its line of railway.

10432—May 2—Authorizing the C.P.R. to construct an industrial spur to the premises of I. Desormeau, Quarryman, Cote St. Francois, Parish of St. Vincent de Paul, County of Laval, Quebec.

10432—May 3—Authorizing the C.P.R. to construct its railway across 32 highways on its Langdon North Branch from mile 0 to mile 39.45.

10434—May 2—Authorizing the C.P.R. to construct an industrial spur to the premises of the British Columbia Fir and Cedar Lumber Company in Vancouver, B.C.

10435—May 3—Authorizing the C.P.R. to cross the road allowances and to change portion of its line known as the Pipestone Extension as now constructed at Schwitzer Junction, Manitoba.

10436-437-438—May 3—Authorizing the C.N.O.R. to construct its tracks across public road between Lots 26 and 27, Concession 1; public road through Lot 35, Concession 2; public road between Lots 28 and 29, Con. 1, through Lot 35, Concession 2; to cross the road allowances and

all in the Township of Cramahe, Ont.

10439-440-441—May 3—Authorizing the C.N.O.R. to construct its railway across public road, between Lots 12 and 13, Con. A.; public road between Lots 13 and 14, Con. A.; public road between Lots 8 and 9, Con. A., all in the Township of Ha'dimand, Ontario.

10442—May 3—Authorizing the C.N.O.R. to construct its lines and tracks across public road between Lots 21 and 22, Con. 1, Township of Cramahe, Ontario.

10443—May 3—Authorizing the city of Brantford to lay a ten-inch sewer under the track of the G.T.R. at Marlborough Street, Brantford, Ontario.

10444—May 2—Authorizing the United Gas Companies, Limited, of St. Catharines, to lay a gas pipe or main under the track of the G.T.R. at Lot 3, Township of Wainfleet, County Welland, Ont.

10445—April 29—Authorizing the Citizens' Electric Company, Limited, to erect wires across the track of the C.P.R. on George Street East, Smith's Falls, Ont.

10446—May 3—Authorizing George E. Higginson to erect electric wires across the track of the C.P.R. one mile west of Calumet Station, Quebec.

10447—May 3—Authorizing the Montreal, Light, Heat and Power Company to erect wires across the track of C.P.R. at Hadley Street in township of Cote St. Paul, Quebec.

10448—May 2—Authorizing the Walkerville, Light and Power Company to erect electric wires across the track of the Essex Terminal Railway at Walkerville, Ontario.

10449—May 3—Authorizing the Bolton Telephone Company to erect wires across the track of the G.T.R. at Lot 20, between Concessions 1 and 2, Township of Albion, County of Peel, and Province of Ontario.

10450—April 28—Directing that within sixty days from the date of this Order the C.P.R. erect gates at St. Louis Street, Farnham, Quebec.

MARKET CONDITIONS.

Following the quotations of the various articles listed in the markets will be found in brackets numbers, thus (10). These numbers refer to the list number of advertisers on page 3 of this issue and will assist the reader to quickly find the name and address of a firm handling any particular article. Buyers not able to secure articles from these firms at the prices mentioned will confer a favor by letting us know.

Montreal, May 19th, 1910.

Reports from the United States are to the effect that the market for structural steel is showing considerably more activity. Of the new business being offered, however, very little is on account of railway bridges. It is predicted that the activity is likely to increase somewhat during the next few weeks. Almost all the business moving is on account of requirements for new buildings, numerous large structures being erected all over the country. Some mills are looking forward to orders on account of equipment also, it being likely that business will be placed on account of cars and locomotives before the end of the month. It is thought that orders during the present month may exceed 20,000 cars, orders for rails, however, being very light.

Notwithstanding the hope that the iron market had seen the bottom, it now appears that a further decline of 50c. to 75c. a ton took place in the Central West during the week. Standard bessemer is now selling at \$16.25, and basic at \$15, at furnaces. Contracts have been made covering the shipments to December 1st. Very little basic iron has been sold in the East. The inquiries for foundry iron appear to have been numerous and

for larger tonnage. Stove manufacturers, foundries and railway equipment shops are apparently ready to purchase at appropriate prices. There seems to be some slight improvement in the placing of small orders for foundry coke, consumers in the East covering requirements for the next six and even twelve months. A few orders for furnace coke have also been placed, but the majority of furnaces are awaiting developments. There has been further blowing-out of furnaces and an increase in supplies on spot has taken place in certain sections.

Advices from England contain little or nothing new or interesting. The trade has been to some extent interfered with by recent important events, and no doubt the political uncertainty is a further argument against resumption of marked activity. Export sales are not particularly heavy, and prices, while a little on the weak side, are holding up well.

The local market is feeling the effect of the situation in the United States and England, and some are looking forward to a slight decline in case the trend of affairs abroad should continue as at present. Nevertheless, of itself, the situation in Canada is in every way encouraging, and no doubt a lot of iron will go into consumption during the present season. Advances which have been expected for a considerable time in bar iron, sheets, plates and similar finished and semi-finished products, are now very unlikely to take place. On the other hand, it is hardly likely that many declines will be experienced.

Antimony.—The market is steady at 8c. to 8½c. (111).

Bar Iron and Steel.—The market promises to advance shortly. Bar iron, \$1.90 per 100 pounds; best refined horseshoe, \$2.15; forged iron, \$2.05; mild steel, \$1.90; sleigh shoe steel, \$1.90 for 1 x ¾-base; tire steel, \$2.00 for 1 x ¾-base; toe calk steel, \$2.40; machine steel, iron finish, \$1.95; imported, \$2.20 (111, 110).

Building Paper.—Tar paper, 7, 10, or 16 ounces, \$1.80 per 100 pounds; felt paper, \$2.75 per 100 pounds; tar sheathing, 40c. per roll of 400 square feet; dry sheathing, No. 1, 30 to 40c. per roll of 400 square feet; tarred paper will be the largest in the history of the country. Prices on foreign fibre, 55c. per roll; dry fibre, 45c. (See Roofing; also Tar and Pitch). (164).

Cement.—Canadian cement is quotable, as follows, in car lots, f.o.b. Montreal:—\$1.30 to \$1.40 per 350-lb. bbl., in 4 cotton bags, adding 10c. for each bag. Good bags re-purchased at 10c. each. Paper bags cost 2½ cents extra, or 10c. per bbl. weight. (26, 164).

Chain.—The market has advanced again, being now per 100 lbs., as follows:—¼-in., \$5.30; 5-16-in., \$4.70; ¾-in., \$3.90; 7-16-in., \$3.65; ½-in., \$3.55; 9-16-in., \$3.45; 5-8-in., \$3.40; ¾-in., \$3.35; 7-8-in., \$3.35; 1-in., \$3.35.

Coal and Coke.—Anthracite, egg, stove or chestnut coal, \$6.75 per ton, net; furnace coal, \$6.50, net. Bituminous or soft coal: Run of mine, Nova Scotia coal, carload lots, basis, Montreal, \$3.85 to \$4 per ton; cannel coal, 50c. per ton; coke, single ton, \$5; large lots, special rates, approximately 5¢ f.o.b., cars, Montreal.

Copper.—Prices are strong at 13¼ to 14c.

Explosives and Accessories.—Dynamite, 50-lb. cases, 40 per cent. proof, 10c. in single case lots, Montreal. Blasting powder, 25-lb. kegs, \$2.25 per keg. Special quotations on large lots of dynamite and powder. Detonator caps, case lots, containing 10,000, 75c. per 100; broken lots, \$1; electric blasting apparatus:—Batteries, 1 to 10 holes, \$15; 1 to 20 holes, \$24; 1 to 40 holes, \$35; 1 to 40 holes, \$50. Wire, leading, 1c. per foot; connecting, 10c. per lb. Fuses, platinum, single strength, per 100 fuses:—4-ft. wires, \$1; 6-ft. wires, \$2.54; 8-ft. wires, \$4.08; 10-ft. wires, \$5.

Galvanized Iron.—The market is steady. Prices, basis, 28-gauge, are:—Queen's Head, \$4.10; Colborne Crown, \$3.85; Apollo, 10¼ oz., \$4.00. Add 25c. to above figures for less than case lots; 26-gauge is 10c. less than 28-gauge, American 28-gauge and English 26 are equivalents, as are American 10¼ oz., and English 28-gauge. (111).

Galvanized Pipe.—(See Pipe, Wrought and Galvanized).

Iron.—First boats are now arriving at Montreal, and importers are quoting prices, ex-wharf, about \$1 per ton under prices ex-store. Following are the prices, on cars, ex-wharf, Montreal:—No. 1 Summerlee, \$20.50 to \$20.75 per ton; selected Summerlee, \$20 to \$20.25; soft Summerlee, \$19.50 to \$19.75; Carron, special, \$20 to \$20.50; soft, \$19.50 to \$20; Clarence, \$17.25 to \$17.50; Cleveland, \$17.25 to \$17.50 per ton.

Laths.—See Lumber, etc.

Lead.—Prices are easier, at \$3.35 to \$3.45.

Lead Wool.—\$10.50 per hundred, \$200 per ton, f.o.b., factory.

Lumber, Etc.—Prices on lumber are for car lots, to contractors, at mill points, carrying a freight of \$1.50. Red pine, mill culls out, \$18 to \$22 per 1,000 feet; white pine, mill culls, \$16 to \$17. Spruce, 1-in. by 4-in. and up, \$15 to \$17 per 1,000 ft.; mill culls, \$12 to \$14. Hemlock, log run, culls out, \$13 to \$15. Railway ties; Standard Railway Ties, hemlock or cedar, 35 to 45c. each, on a c. rate to Montreal. Telegraph Poles: Seven-inch tops, cedar poles, 25-ft. poles, \$1.35 to \$1.50 each; 30-ft., \$1.75 to \$2; 35-ft., \$2.75 to \$3.25 each, at manufacturers' points, with se. freight rate to Montreal. Laths: Quotations per 1,000 laths, at points carrying \$1.50 freight rate to Montreal, \$2 to \$3. Shingles: Cedar shingles, same conditions as laths, X, \$1.50; XX, 2.50; XXX, \$2. (112).

Nails.—Demand for nails is better and prices are firmer, \$2.40 per 100 for cut, and \$2.35 for wire, base prices. Wire roofing nails, 5c. lb.

Paints.—Roof, barn and fence paint, 90c. per gallon; girder, bridge, and structural paint for steel or iron—shop or field—\$1.20 per gallon, in barrels; liquid red lead in gallon cans, \$1.75 per gallon.

Pipe, Cast Iron.—The market shows a steady tone although demand is on the dull side. Prices are firm, and approximately as follows:—\$32 for 4 and 5-inch pipe and larger; \$33 for 3-inch and 4-inch at the foundry. Pipe, specials, \$3 per 100 pounds. Gas pipe is quoted at about \$1 more than the above. (74, 188).

Pipe, Wrought and Galvanized.—Demand is about the same, and the tone is firm, though prices are steady, moderate-sized lots being: ¼-inch, \$5.50 with 63 per cent. off for black, and 48 per cent. off for galvanized; ¾-inch, \$5.50, with 60 per cent. off for black and 44 per cent. off for galvanized; 1½-inch, \$8.50, with 60 per cent. off for black, and 60 per cent. off for galvanized. The discount on the following is 7½ per cent. off for black, and 6½ per cent. off for galvanized; ¼-inch, \$11.50; ½-inch, \$16.50; 1½-inch, \$22.50; 1½-inch, \$27; 2-inch, \$36; 2½-inch, \$47.50; 3-inch, \$75.50; 3½-inch, \$95; 4-inch, \$108.

Plates and Sheets.—Steel.—The market is steady. Quotations are: \$2.30 for 3-16; \$2.30 for ¼, and \$2.10 for ½ and thicker; 12-gauge being \$2.10; 14-gauge, \$2.15; and 16-gauge, \$2.10. (111).

Rails.—Quotations on steel rails are necessarily only approximate and depend upon specification, quantity and delivery required. A range of