

and is quoted at \$24 f.o.b. Montreal for No. 1. Toronto prices are about \$1.25 more. Summerlee iron is arriving, and is quoted at \$24 f.o.b. on cars, Montreal, for No. 2 selected, and \$25 for No. 1. No. 1 Cleveland is unobtainable at the present time, and Clarence at \$20 to \$21. Carion special, \$24; soft, \$23.75, to arrive.

**Lead.**—Prices show a slight advance, this week, at \$4 to \$4.10 per 100 pounds. Demand is fair.

**Nails.**—Demand is still dull and although cut nails are still quoted steady at \$2.50 per keg, it has been found necessary to reduce prices on wire, to \$2.40, base price.

**Pipe—Cast Iron.**—The market is next thing to dead, as nothing is used during the winter. Prices are steady at \$36 for 8-inch pipe and larger; \$37 for 6-inch pipe, \$38 for 5-inch, and \$39 for 4-inch at the foundry. Gas pipe is quoted at about \$1 more than the above.

**Pipe, Wrought.**—Trade continues on the dull side. Quotations and discounts for small lots, screwed and coupled, are as follows:  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch to  $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch, \$5.50, with 53 per cent. off for black and 38 per cent. off for galvanized. The discount on the following is 66 per cent. off for black and 50 per cent. off for galvanized:  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$8.50; 1-inch, \$16.50;  $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch, \$22.50;  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$27; 2-inch, \$36; and 3-inch, \$75.50.

**Spikes.**—Railway spikes are not in very good demand, \$2.60 per 100 pounds, base of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  x 9-16. Ship spikes are steady at \$3.15 per 100 pounds, base of  $\frac{5}{8}$  x 10 inch and  $\frac{5}{8}$  x 12 inch.

**Steel Shafting.**—At the present time prices are steady at the list, less 25 per cent. Demand is very dull and lower figures would hardly be refused.

**Steel Plates.**—Demand is quite dull and a firm bid at lower figures than quotations would be considered. Quotations are: \$2.75 for 3-16, and \$2.50 for  $\frac{1}{4}$  and thicker, in small lots.

**Tin.**—The market for tin shows a slight advance, this week, at  $31\frac{1}{2}$  to 32c. per pound.

**Tool Steel.**—Demand is light but the market is firm. Base prices are as follows: Jessop's best unannealed,  $14\frac{1}{2}$ c. per pound, annealed being  $15\frac{1}{2}$ c.; second grade,  $8\frac{1}{2}$ c., and high-speed, "Ark," 60c., and "Novo," 65c.; "Conquerer," 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.**—Demand is on the dull side and prices show a slight decline as compared with a week ago, being \$5.20 to \$5.45 per 100 pounds.

### QUEBEC MINERALS.

The official figures of the mineral output of Quebec Province for the year 1906 show that the value of minerals was \$5,019,032 as compared with \$3,755,060 in 1905. The metallic part of this total was but small, the respective items being copper ore, \$176,681; chromic iron, \$91,834; bog iron ore, \$61,175. The non-metallic portion of the list bulks well; value of asbestos and asbestic, \$2,162,528; mica, \$168,887; slate, \$24,446; calcined ochre, \$19,620; small quantities

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(which one would think should be, and must presently be, larger) of phosphate and graphite; flagstones, \$2,050.

Manufactures of a mineral kind make a good display, too. For example the cement made was valued at \$625,570; bricks at \$525,000; tiles and pottery, \$270,000; lime, \$96,000. The granite output, and that of limestone were large, \$560,236 for granite and \$223,580 for limestone. The asbestos miners numbered 1,950, and the brick-makers, 1,462; the latter producing 94 millions of bricks, mainly in the district of Montreal. The whole mineral industry gave employment to 5,679 men, who earned \$1,829,000 in the year.

Some sections of the Province have newly come into prominence recently as producers of minerals. Gold-bearing quartz has been discovered near Lake Opasatica, to the north of Pontiac County; while at Chibogamoo, much farther north, the existence of cobalt is noted in addition to a variety of other metals and minerals said to exist thereabout in quantity. Men's Christian Association has completed a \$65,000 building. In the way of schools, a fine four-storey Separate School has been built by the Roman Catholics of the city, and a new \$55,000 Public School in the east end of the city will be ready for opening in February. In addition to these more important items in Edmonton's building programme, there has been built the usual number of stores, office buildings and warehouses, including the beginning of operations on the new packing plant, the installation of which means a great deal to the farmers of Central Alberta.

There still remains for 1908 the beginning of the new Parliament Buildings, which are to be commenced as soon as weather conditions will permit. Work will be continued probably until late in 1911, it being the hope of the Government to have the buildings completed within three years.

The total value of the buildings erected, or in course of erection, in Toronto last year, amounted to \$13,826,580, which is over a \$1,000,000 more than in 1906. The first half of the year was phenomenally good; from August onward there was a falling off; due, doubtless, to the condition of the money market, and the difficulty experienced in getting loans. The district lies in the great mineralized belt which, beginning about Sudbury, sweeps across eastward and northward in both Ontario and Quebec.

## TENDERS



SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for New Entrance to Toronto Harbour, Ont.," will be received at this office until Monday, March 2, 1908, inclusively, for the construction of a New Western Entrance to the Harbour of Toronto, in the County of York, Ontario, according to plans and specification to be seen at the office of J. G. Sing, Esq., Resident Engineer, Confederation Life Building, Toronto, at the office of H. J. Lamb, Esq., Resident Engineer, London, Ont., at the office of J. L. Michaud, Esq., Resident Engineer, Merchants' Bank Building, St. James St., Montreal, P.Q., and the Department of Public Works, Ottawa.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed form supplied, and signed with the actual signatures of tenderers.

An accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for forty-eight thousand dollars (\$48,000.00), must accompany each tender. The cheque will be forfeited if the person tendering decline the contract or fail to complete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,

FRED. GELINAS,

Department of Public Works,  
Ottawa, January 31, 1908.

Secretary.

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