

**WINNIPEG.**—The Dominion Bridge Company have secured the contract for the structural steel work of the Bank of Nova Scotia building in Winnipeg, the amount of the contract being \$30,000. All the steel is being shipped in the Winnipeg branch of this company. They have commenced work on the Redwood Avenue bridge, Winnipeg. The approximate cost will be \$100,000, and have started operations on the Rachel St. Subway, Winnipeg, for the C.P.R. The five girders used in this subway weigh 18,000 pounds each.

#### Alberta.

**EDMONTON.**—The plans are under preparation in the Department of Public Works for an asylum to be erected at Ponoka at a cost of \$200,000. Excavations will commence this year.

#### British Columbia.

**VANCOUVER.**—Two large sawmills are to be built at a cost of three quarters of a million, one at Harrison Lake and the other at Vancouver or New Westminster, according to M. J. Scanlon, of Minneapolis, principal shareholder of the Scanlon-Brooks Lumber Company.

### PERSONAL.

**ARMSTRONG & ROBINSON**, iron and steel contractors, Orangeville, Ont., report being busy even during this quiet season.

**MR. STOKES**, of Harpell-Stokes, Limited, Winnipeg, has arrived in Toronto and will take charge of the Toronto office at 155 King Street West.

**BAULNE, BERTRAND & GAGNON**, structural engineers, Montreal, are designing several highway bridges for different municipalities in the Province of Quebec, and tenders will be invited during the summer.

**MR. WALTER B. SNOW**, publicity engineer, has recently increased his facilities by removal to larger quarters at 170 Summer Street, Boston, Mass., and the establishment of an addressing and mailing department in connection with which select mailing lists will be maintained for the special use of his clients.

**MR. JOHN LEITCH, C.E.**, son of James Leitch, K.C., chairman of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, formerly of Cornwall, has left for Prince Rupert, where he will fill the position of assistant divisional engineer on construction of the Rocky Mountain section of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. The work is said to be very heavy and difficult. For the last two years Mr. Leitch has been resident engineer on construction on the Fort William branch of the G.T.P. Railway.

### MARKET CONDITIONS.

Toronto, May 21st, 1908.

A steady, but not rapid, improvement is reported by merchants in metals and hardware and other building material. A feature of the week in heavy goods is the breaking of the Middlesboro' corner in pig iron. This has not, however, much affected business here. Things are described in Toronto as getting a lot better these few past weeks, in bars, sheets, and other heavy goods, perhaps because dealers had not stocked up last year, and are, therefore, to-day buying more from jobbers than from mills or wholesale dealers.

C. S. French and Company's New York circular of last Saturday notes a decided improvement in the tone of metal business, indicated by the watchful, but more hopeful attitude of dealers. Consumption, however, does not seem to increase; purchases are by no means freely made. There is a meeting of American steel-making companies this week, which may have some effect on prices.

"Two features which hinder recovery in business," says French's circular, "are the artificial efforts made to hold the price of finished steel and wages at the high prosperity level of 1906 and 1907, and the tariff question, which is certain to come up after the next Presidential election."

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.

**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; angles, 1¼ by 3-16 and larger, \$2.55; tees, \$2.80 to \$3 per 100 pounds. Extra for smaller sizes.

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

**Boiler Tubes.**—Prices are lowered by the manufacturers; no overstock here in wholesale hands. Lap-welded, steel, 1¼-in., 10c.; 1½-in., 9c. per foot; 2-in., \$8.50; 2¼-in., \$10; 2½-in., \$10.60; 3-in., \$12.10; 3½-in., \$15.30; 4-in., \$19.45 per 100 ft.

**Building Paper.**—Plain, 32c. per roll; tarred, 40c. per roll. Much has gone out on May 1st, which went out last year at April 1st. Orders are all small.

**Bricks.**—Common structural, \$9 to \$10 per thousand, wholesale; small lots, \$12; there is a good demand. Red and buff pressed are worth \$18 at works.

**Cement.**—Price of Canadian makes to the dealer in 1,000 barrel lots and up is \$1.75, in cotton bags, on car, Toronto. The dealers' price to the contractor up to car-load lots without package price, are general at \$1.80 per barrel in cotton bags and \$2 in wood, weight in each case 350 pounds. April demand was good; prospect for May is fair; prices are unchanged.

**Copper, Ingot.**—Believing that consumption must increase, holders show much firmness. Consumption has greatly increased in Europe. Business here quiet; price, 13¾c. 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, moderate.

**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 10¾, \$4.70 per 100 pounds. Stocks very low.

**Iron Pipe.**—Black, ¼-inch, \$2; ¾-inch, \$2.25; ½-inch, \$2.72; ¾-inch, \$3.68; 1-inch, \$5.28; 1¼-inch, \$7.20; 1½-inch, \$8.64; 2-inch, \$11.50; 2½-inch, \$18.40; 3-inch, \$24.15; 3½-inch, \$30.40; 4-inch, \$34.55; 4½-inch, \$38; 5-inch, \$43.50; 6-inch, \$56. Galvanized, ¼-inch, \$2.85; ¾-inch, \$3.05; ½-inch, \$3.57; ¾-inch, \$4.83; 1-inch, \$6.93; 1¼-inch, \$9.45; 1½-inch, \$11.34; 2-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.