

Rails.—Quotations on steel rails are necessarily only approximate and depend upon specification, quantity and delivery required. A range of \$30.50 to \$31 is given for 60-lb. and 70-lb.; 80-lb. and heavier, being \$30; rails, per gross ton of 2,240 lbs., f.o.b. mill. Re-laying rails are quoted at \$27 to \$29 per ton, according to condition of rail and location. (73).

Railway Ties.—See lumber, etc.

Roofing.—Ready roofing, two-ply, 70c. per roll; three-ply, 95c. per roll of 100 square feet. Roofing tin caps, 6c. lb.; wire roofing nails, 5c. lb. (See Building Paper; Tar and Pitch; Nails, Roofing). (164).

Rope.—Prices are steady, at 9c. per lb. for sisal, and 10½c. for Manila. Wire rope, crucible steel, six-strands, nineteen wires; ¼-in., \$2.75; 5-16, \$3.75; ¾, \$4.75; 1, \$5.25; 1½, \$6.25; 2, \$8; 2½, \$10; 3-in., \$12 per 100 feet. (132).

Spikes.—Railway spikes are firmer at \$2.45 per 100 pounds, base of 5½ x 9-16. Ship spikes are steady at \$2.85 per 100 pounds, base of ¾ x 10-inch, and ¾ x 12-inch. (432).

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

Telegraph Poles.—See lumber, etc.

Tar and Pitch.—Coal tar, \$3.50 per barrel of 40 gallons, weighing about 500 pounds; roofing pitch, No. 1, 70c. per 100 pounds; and No. 2, 55c. per 100 pounds; pine tar, \$8.50 per barrel of 40 gallons, and \$4.75 per half-barrel; refined coal tar, \$4.50 per barrel; pine pitch, \$4 per barrel of 180 to 200 pounds. (See building paper; also roofing).

Tin.—Prices are unchanged, at 32½ to 33c.

Zinc.—The tone is steady, at 6 to 6½c.

CAMP SUPPLIES.

Beans.—Prime pea beans, \$1.85 per bushel. (38).

Butter.—September and October creamery, 26c.; dairy, 22 to 23c.

Canned Goods.—Per Dozen.—Corn, 80 to 85; peas, \$1.05 to \$1.15; beans, 75 to 80c.; tomatoes, 82½ to 90c.; peaches, 25, \$1.65, and 35, \$2.65; pears, 25, \$1.60, and 35, \$2.30; salmon, best brands, 1-lb. tins, \$1.87½, and flats, \$2.02½; cheaper grades, 95c. to \$1.65.

Cheese.—Late makes, 1¼ to 1½c.; finest makes, ½c. more.

Coffee.—Mocha, 20 to 25c.; Santos, 15 to 18c.; Rio, 10 to 12c. (38).

Dried Fruits.—Currants, Filizars, 5½ to 6½c.; choice, 8 to 9c.; dates, 4 to 5c.; raisins, Valentias, 5 to 6c.; California, seeded, 7½ to 9c.; Sultana, 8 to 10c. Evaporated apples, prime, 9½ to 9¾c.

Eggs.—No. 1 candled, 26c.; selects, 29 to 30c.; new laid, 35c.

Flour.—Manitoba, 1st patents, \$5.70 per barrel; 2nd patents, \$5.20; strong bakers, \$5.

Molasses and Syrup.—Molasses, New Orleans, 27 to 28c.; Barbadoes, 40 to 50c.; Porto Rico, 40 to 45c.; syrup, barrels, 3½c.; 2-lb. tins, 2 dozen to case, \$2.50 per case.

Potatoes.—Per 90 lbs., good quality, 50 to 60c.

Rice and Tapioca.—Rice, grade B, in 100-lb. bags, \$2.95 to \$3; C.C., \$2.00. Tapioca, medium pearl, 4½ to 4¾c.

Rolled Oats.—Oatmeal, \$2.45 per bag; rolled oats, \$2.20, bags.

Tea.—Japans, 20 to 38c.; Ceylons, 20 to 40c.; Ceylon, greens, 19 to 25c.; China, greens, 25 to 50c.; low grades, down to 15c.

Fish.—Salted.—Medium cod, \$7 per bbl.; herring, \$5.25 per bbl.; salmon, \$15.50 per bbl., for red, and \$14 for pink. Smoked fish.—Bloaters, \$1.10 per large box; haddies, 7½c. per lb.; kippered herring, per box, \$1.20 to \$1.25.

Provisions.—Salt Pork.—\$30 to \$32 per bbl.; beef, \$15 per bbl.; smoked hams and bacon, 15 to 18c. per lb.; lard, 17c. for pure and 12c. for compound. (38).

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Toronto, March 10th, 1910.

With the fine weather and building activity there is an increased demand for material. Prices are firm and will improve.

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

Antimony.—Demand quiet at 9c. per 100 lbs. (111).

Axes.—Standard makes, double bitted, \$8 to \$10; single bitted, per dozen, \$7 to \$9.

Bar Iron.—\$2.00 to \$2.10, base, per 100 lbs., from stock to wholesale dealer. Market supply limited. (111).

Bar Mild Steel.—Per 100 lbs., \$2.10 to \$2.20.

Boiler Plates.—¼-inch and heavier, \$2.20. Boiler heads 25c. per 100 pounds advance on plate. Tank plate, 3-16-inch, \$2.40 per 100 lbs.

Boiler Tubes.—Orders continue active. Lap-welded, steel, 1¼-inch, 10c.; 1½-inch, 9c. per 100 feet; 2-inch, \$8.50; 2½-inch, \$10; 3-inch, \$10.60; 3½-inch, \$11 to \$11.50; 4-inch, \$12 to \$12.50 per 100 feet.

Building Paper.—Plain, 27c. per roll; tarred, 35c. per roll. Demand is good for spring requirements.

Bricks.—Prospects excellent for business in 1910. Price at some yards \$9 to \$9.50, at others, \$9.50 to \$10 for common. Don Valley pressed brick are in request. Red and buff pressed are worth \$18 delivered and \$17 at works per 1,000.

Broken Stone.—Lime stone, good hard, for roadways or concrete, f.o.b., Schaw station, C.P.R., 75c. until further notice, per ton of 2,000 lbs., 1-inch, 2-inch, or larger, price all the same. Not much doing. Broken granite is selling at \$3 per ton for good Oshawa. (164).

Cement.—Car lots, \$1.60 per barrel, without bags. In smaller parcels \$1.70 is asked by city dealers, plus bags, (26, 164).

Coal.—Retail price for Pennsylvania hard, \$7.25 net, steady. This price applies to grate, eggs, stove, and chestnut; only pea coal is cheaper, namely, \$6.00. These are all cash, and the quantity purchased does not affect the price. In the United States there is an open market for bituminous coal and a great number of qualities exist. We quote. Youghiogheny lump coal on cars here, \$3.70 to \$3.80; mine run, \$3.60 to \$3.75; slack, 2.65 to \$2.85; lump coal from other districts, \$3.40 to \$3.70; mine run 10c. less; slack, 2.50 to \$2.70; canal coal plentiful at \$7.50 per ton; coking, Solvay foundry, which is largely used here, quotes at from \$5.75 to \$6.00; Reynoldsville, \$4.00 to \$5.00; Connellsville, 72-hour coke, \$5.50. Soft coal and slack are slowly growing less scarce.

Copper Ingot.—The consumption is larger than ever, but production may be said to beat the record. Such conditions afford play for the speculators. Price here, 14½c. per lb., and the demand active.

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

Dynamite. per pound, 21 to 25c., as to quantity. (83.)

Felt Roofing.—A good prospect for spring trade at an unchanged price, which is \$1.80 per 100 lbs.

Fire Bricks.—English and Scotch, \$30 to \$35; American, \$25 to \$35 per 1,000. Fire clay, \$8 to \$12 per ton.

Fuses.—Electric Blasting.—Double strength 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, per 100 count. Bennett's double tape fuse, \$6 per 1,000 feet.

Iron Chain.—¼-inch, \$5.75; 5-16-inch, \$5.15; ¾-inch, \$4.15; 7-16-inch, \$3.95; 1-inch, \$3.75; 9-16-inch, \$3.70; ¾-inch, \$3.55; ¾-inch, \$3.45; 7-16-inch, \$3.40; 1-inch, \$3.40, per 100 lbs.

Iron Pipe.—A steady request at former prices:—Black, ¼-inch, \$2.03; ¾-inch, \$2.25; 1-inch, \$2.63; 1½-inch, \$3.28; 2-inch, \$4.70; 2½-inch, \$6.41; 3-inch, \$7.70; 4-inch, \$10.26; 5-inch, \$16.39; 6-inch, \$21.52; 8-inch, \$27.08; 10-inch, \$30.78; 12-inch, \$35.75; 14-inch, \$39.85; 16-inch, \$51.70. Galvanized, ¼-inch, \$2.86; ¾-inch, \$3.08; 1-inch, \$3.48; 1½-inch, \$4.43; 2-inch, \$6.35; 2½-inch, \$8.66; 3-inch, \$10.40; 4-inch, \$13.86, per 100 feet. (74, 188).

Pig Iron.—There is great activity and prices are maintained. Clarence quotes at \$21 for No. 3; Cleveland, \$20.50 to \$21, Summerlee, for winter delivery, \$22.50 in Canadian pig, Hamilton quotes \$19.50 to \$20 per ton. Producing plants are everywhere busy, and there is considerable business in prospect for 1910.

Lead.—An active demand at previous prices, which are \$3.75 to \$3.85 per 100 lbs.

Lime.—Retail price in city 35c. per 100 lbs. f.o.b. car; in large lots at kilns outside city 22c. per 100 lbs. f.o.b. car without freight. Demand is moderate.

Lumber.—Prices are generally firm, especially in pine. We quote dressing pine \$32.00 to \$35.00 per M; common stock boards, \$26 to \$30; cull stocks, \$20; cull sidings, \$17.50; Southern pine dimension timber from \$30 to \$45, according to size and grade; finished Southern pine according to thickness and width, \$30 to \$40. Hemlock in car lots, \$16.50 to \$17; spruce flooring in car lots, \$22 to \$24; shingles, British Columbia, are higher, we quote \$3.10, lath growing scarce and stiffening, No. 1, \$4.40, white pine, 48-inch; No. 2, \$3.75; for 32-inch, \$1.60.

Nails.—Wire, \$2.35 base; cut, \$2.60; spikes, \$2.85 per keg of 100 lbs.

Pitch and Tar.—Pitch, unchanged at 70c. per 100 lbs. Coal tar dull at \$3.50 per barrel. This is the dead season.

Putty.—In bladders, strictly pure, per 100 lbs., \$2.25; in barrel lots, \$2.10. Plasterer's, \$2.15 per barrel of three bushels.

Ready Roofing.—Little doing; prices are as per catalogue.

Roofing Slate.—Most of the slate used in Canada comes now from Pennsylvania or Maine, the Canadian supply being slender and mostly from the Rockland quarries of the Eastern Townships in Quebec. There is a great variety of sizes and qualities, so that it is difficult to indicate prices. But No. 1 Bangor slate 10 x 16 may be quoted at \$7 per square of 100 square feet, f.o.b. cars, Toronto; seconds, 50c. less. Mottled, \$7.25; green, \$7.

Plaster of Paris.—Calced, New Brunswick, hammer brand, car lots, \$1.95; retail, \$2.15 per barrel of 100 lbs.

Rope.—Sisal, 9½c. per lb.; pure Manila, 10½c. per lb., Base.

Sewer Pipe.—

	4-in.	6-in.	9-in.	10-in.	12-in.	24-in.
Straight pipe per foot	\$0.20	\$0.30	\$0.65	\$0.75	\$1.00	\$3.25
Single junction, 1 or 2 ft. long	.90	1.35	2.70	3.40	4.50	14.65
Double junctions	1.50	2.50	5.00	....	8.50	....
Increasers and reducers	....	1.50	2.50	....	4.00	....
P. traps	2.00	3.50	7.50	....	15.00	....
H. H. traps	2.50	4.00	8.00	....	15.00	....

Business moderate; price, 73 per cent. off list at factory for car-load lots; 65 per cent. off list retail. (52, 84, 138).

Steel Beams and Channels.—Quiet.—We quote:—\$2.50 to \$2.75 per 100 lbs., according to size and quantity; if cut, \$2.75 to \$3 per 100 lbs.; angles, 1¼ by 3-16 and larger, \$2.50; tees, \$2.80 to \$3 per 100 pounds. Extra for smaller sizes of angles and tees. (4, 30, 41, 50, 118, 119, 127, 132, 145, 176).

Steel Rails.—80-lb., \$35 to \$36 per ton. The following are prices per gross ton, for 500 tons or over; Montreal, 12-lb. \$45, 16-lb. \$44, 25 and 30-lb. \$41.

Sheet Steel.—The market continues steady; American Bessemer, 10-gauge, \$2.50; 12-gauge, \$2.55; 14-gauge, \$2.35; 17, 18, and 20-gauge, \$2.45; 22 and 24-gauge, \$2.50; 26-gauge, \$2.65; 28-gauge, \$2.85. Quite a good demand exists, and there is prospect of higher prices.

Sheets Galvanized.—Apollo Brand.—Sheets 6 or 8 feet long, 30 or 36 inches wide: 10-gauge, \$2.90; 12-14-gauge, \$3.00; 16, 18, 20, \$3.10; 22-24, \$3.25; 26, \$3.40; 28, \$3.85; 20, \$4.15; 10½, \$4.15 per 100 lbs. Fleur de Lis—28-gauge, \$4; 26, \$3.80 per 100 lbs. A very large tonnage of all sorts has been booked. The feeling is toward an advance. (111).

Tank Plate.—3-16-inch, \$2.40 per 100 lbs.

Tool Steel.—Jowett's special pink label, 10½c. Cammel-Laird, 16c. "H.R.D." high speed tool steel, 65c. (4).

Tin.—There has been much speculation in London, but the recent level of prices has shown some disturbance. Quotations here, 34½ to 35c.

Wheelbarrows.—Navy, steel wheel, Jewel pattern, knocked down, \$21.60 per dozen; set up, \$22.60. Pan Canadian, navy, steel tray, steel wheel, \$3.30 each; Pan American, steel tray, steel wheel, \$4.25 each. (132).

Zinc Spelter.—A very active movement continues, and a large business is being done. Price as before, \$5.75 to \$6 per 100 lbs.

CAMP SUPPLIES.

Butter.—Dairy prints, 23 to 24c.; creamery prints, 29c. per lb.

Canned Goods.—Peas, \$1.10 to \$1.50; tomatoes, 35, 85c. to 95c.; pumpkins, 35, 80 to 85c.; corn, 80 to 85c.; peaches, 25, white, \$1.50 to \$1.60; yellow, \$1.00 to \$1.05; strawberries, 25, heavy syrup, \$1.50 to \$1.85; raspberries, 25, \$1.50 to \$1.95. (38).

Cheese.—Advanced this week ¼c.; large, 13c.; twins, 13½c.

Coffee.—Rio, green, 11 to 12½c.; Mocha, 21 to 23c.; Java, 20 to 31c.; Santos, 11 to 15c.

Dried Fruits.—Raisins, Valencia, 5½ to 6½c.; seeded, 1-lb. packets, fancy, 7½ to 8c.; 16-oz. packets, choice, 7 to 7½c.; 12-oz. packets, choice, 7c.; Sultanas, good, 5 to 6c.; fine, 6 to 7c.; choice, 7 to 8c.; fancy, 8 to 9c.; Filizars currants, 8½ to 9c.; Yostizans, 8½ to 9c.; uncleaned currants, 4c. lower than cleaned. California Dried Fruits.—Evaporated apricots, 15 to