

COST OF DELIVERY RUNS UP COAL PRICES

Authority Gives Reasons Why Fuel Costs so Much More to the Consumer Than to the Dealer — Expects a Drop in the Price Early Next Year.

Why is the price of coal? Is the burning question.

Heavily protest has been made against the local dealers for the price set by them of \$2.50 for rut coal. This is the kind mine normally used in houses during winter. Yesterday The World was given figures in explanation by one who should know. The informer said that the dealers are not the dealers from the railroads, who are the blunders from the railroads, who are the blunders from the railroads. Just now the price is to be had from these sources and the dealer is at least \$1.00 per ton.

It has been said that the circulation monthly by the railroads put coal at \$2.75 per gross ton of 2,240 lbs. This is the price of coal at the mine. This is the price last year. This means, however, that this will cost the dealer of \$3.00. Niagara Falls \$2.75, and the dealer will show \$2.50. The dealer will show \$1.50 more delivered to the customer. This is not figuring any profit and even

"Coal cannot be had at these figures today. If the dealer orders from these regular vendors he will be told that they have no coal. He must go to the jobber. Here is the circular issued by Guernsey Camp, coal shipped by Fidelity Building, Buffalo. The prices are higher than some, but lower than a good many. The circular reads:

"In order to secure any spot shipments of stove and chestnut coal, are compelled to accept an equal amount of egg size.

"For immediate reconignment, subject to prior sale, I offer stove at \$7.75, chestnut \$7.80, egg \$7.25, pea \$4.95, a per gross ton. I. O. B. cars Suspended Bridge, N. Y., for wire acceptance."

The World's Informant then proceeds

This means \$6.92 per net ton of 20 pounds at Suspension Bridge. The freight will make it 60 cents more per ton at Toronto, and the labor and loss of screening with the cartage will add another cents and office and yard expenses at another 75 cents per ton. This would run the price to the dealer before a profit had been made to \$9.02. It is

to beat this price is that they have been able to find jobbers selling at a less rate than the one whose circuit is quoted.

Price May Come Down.

Asked as to the prospect in relation to supply and price the informant said: "I believe that the price may come down a little about the New Year and

that the supply will undoubtedly be freer, unless in the event of a snow blockade, such as threatened a famine last year. The cause for the shortage just now, and therefore for the high price, is the fact that there is a car shortage upon the railroads, hindering delivery. This will abate when the annual grain moving is completed. There is also a shortage in the section, as the dealers in the west are taking large shipments out there.

long as navigation is open. There is no further reason for advance in the fact that the mines are recouping from the effects of the strike of last spring while having to pay the raise which was then secured by the men. The demand will decrease pretty soon, when those who are afraid of possible shortage have ordered in the whole winter coal in advance. These orders are practically all in now; then the price to the current buyer will go down.

This is the explanation as given The World.

With regard to the statement that the dealers were giving the appearance of a shortage in the city having the supply detained at Mims yards and only allowed to come slowly into the city, it was learned yesterday that on Tuesday there were 80 cars anthracite and 200 cars of soft coal there. It was stated that this is a usual amount and that it is nearly

**AUSTRIA WOULD
OVERHAUL SERVICE**

BELGRADE, Nov. 12.—(Can. Press.)—The newspaper Pravda says that the Austro-Hungarian minister called today on Premier Pachitch and proposed that Serbia should give guarantees to the Austro-Hungarian industry and commerce would receive preferential treatment.

The minister personally advised the premier to do his utmost to induce the Servian Government to accept the conditions, which, he declared, would do much to improve the future relations between the two countries.

Premier Bachich replied that he would give an answer until his

could not go on conferred with the other ministers had referred the matter to King Peter and the governments of the other allied states, and requested the Austrian minister to use his good offices to induce his government to waive its demands, which would be the best way for Austria-Hungary to play friendship; otherwise in the end the part of Servia toward Austria-Hungary would increase, to the de-

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