

Bricks.—Business is very active, price at some yards \$9 to \$9.50, at others, \$9.50 to \$10 for common. Don Valley pressed brick move also freely. 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., 60c. per ton of 2,000 lbs., 1-inch, 2-inch, or larger, price all the same. The demand has been active for some weeks, and supply not equal to it; feeling is upward. Broken granite is selling at \$3 per ton for good Oshawa.

Cement.—Manufacturers' prices for Portland cement are \$1.40 without bags, or \$1.70 including cotton bags for car lots on board car, Fort William or Port Arthur; the price at Toronto is \$1.30 without bags, or \$1.70 with bags. Smaller dealers get \$1.35 to \$1.40 per barrel without bags, in load lots, delivered in town. Demand is fairly steady. A good deal moving in filling former contracts.

Coal.—Retail price for Pennsylvania hard, \$7.25 net, steady. This price applies to grate, egg, stove, and chestnut; only pea coal is cheaper, namely, \$6.00. These are all cash, and the quantity purchased does not affect the price. Soft coal is in good supply, American brokers have been covering the ground very fully. 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 loc. less; slack, \$2.50 to \$2.70; cannel coal plentiful at \$7.50 per ton; coke, Solvay foundry, which is largely used here, quotes at from \$5.75 to \$6.00; Reynoldsville, \$4.90 to \$5.00; Connellsville, 72-hour coke, \$5.50.

Copper Ingot.—Demand quite heavy, and price advanced to 14½c. Supply adequate.

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

Dynamite. per pound, 21 to 25c., as to quantity.

Roofing Felt.—An improvement in demand of late, no change in price, which is \$1.80 per 100 lbs. Much is being now used for lumber camps.

Fire Bricks.—English and Scotch, \$30 to \$35; American, \$25 to \$35 per 1,000. The demand is steady.

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; ½-inch, \$3.75; 9-16-inch, \$3.70; ¾-inch, \$3.55; ¾-inch, \$3.45; ¾-inch, \$3.40; 1-inch, \$3.40, per 100 lbs.

Iron Pipe.—Repeat quotations of last week, as follows:—Black, ¼-inch, \$2.03; ¾-inch, \$2.25; ¾-inch, \$2.63; ¾-inch, \$3.28; 1-inch, \$4.70; 1½-inch, \$6.41; 1½-inch, \$7.70; 2-inch, \$10.26; 2½-inch, \$16.39; 3-inch, \$21.52; 3½-inch, \$27.08; 4-inch, \$30.76; 4½-inch, \$38; 5-inch, \$39.85; 6-inch, \$51.70. Galvanized, ¼-inch, \$2.86; ¾-inch, \$3.08; ¾-inch, \$3.81; ¾-inch, \$4.43; 1-inch, \$6.35; 1½-inch, \$8.66; 1½-inch, \$10.40; 2-inch, \$13.86, per 100 feet.

Lead.—Prices steady outside. This market is steadier, and demand quiet, at \$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 good.

Lumber.—Prices continue steady, and city demand still active. 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, weak, and rather over-stocked, \$3 to \$3.10; lath, No. 1, \$4.40, white pine, 42-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, demand moderate, price so far unchanged at 70c. per 100 lbs. Coal tar fairly active at \$3.50 per barrel.

Pig Iron.—There is fair activity and prices are maintained. Clarence quotes at \$20.50 for No. 3; Cleveland, \$20.50 to \$21; 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.

Plaster of Paris.—Calcined, New Brunswick, hammer brand, car lots, \$2; retail, \$2.15 per barrel of 300 lbs.

Putty.—In bladders, strictly pure, per 100 lbs., \$3.25; in barrel lots, \$2.05. Plasterer's, \$2.15 per barrel of three bushels.

Ready Roofing.—Dealers report a large demand, the prices being as before, 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 10x16 may be quoted at \$7 per square of 100 square feet, f.o.b., cars, Toronto; seconds, 50c. less. Mottled, \$7.25; green, \$7. There is still a scarcity of good slaters and much demand for them.

Rope.—Sisal, 9½c. per lb.; pure Manila, 12½c. per lb., Base.

Sewer Pipe.—

	4-in.	6-in.	8-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 steady; price, 73 per cent. off list at factory for car-load lots; 65 per cent. off list retail. Small lots subject to advance.

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, 1½ by 3-16 and larger, \$2.50; tees, \$2.80 to \$3 per 100 pounds. Extra for smaller sizes of angles and tees.

Steel Rails.—80-lb., \$35 to \$38 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. \$43.

Sheet Steel.—We do not alter prices as yet; 10-gauge, \$2.50; 12-gauge, \$2.45; American Bessemer, 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; 29, \$4.15; 10½, \$4.15 per 100 lbs. Fleur de Lis—28-gauge, \$4; 26, \$3.80 per 100 lbs. Demand very active.

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.

Tin.—The feeling in tin is firm, and the price 32 to 33c. per lb.

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.

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

CAMP SUPPLIES.

Beans.—Hand picked, \$2; prime, \$1.90.

Butter.—Dairy prints, 21 to 22c.; creamery rolls, 26 to 27c.

Canned Goods.—Peas, \$1.00 to \$1.50; tomatoes, 35, 85c. to 95c.; pumpkins, 35, 80 to 85c.; corn, 75 to 85c.; peaches, 25, white, \$1.50 to \$1.60; yellow, \$1.90 to \$1.95; strawberries, 25, heavy syrup, \$1.90 to \$1.95; raspberries, 25, \$1.90 to \$1.95.

Cheese.—No old cheese on hand; new cheese, large, 12½c.; twins, 13c.

Coffee.—Rio, green, 10 to 12½c.; Mocha, 21 to 23c.; Java, 20 to 31c.; Santos, 11 to 15c.

Dried Fruits.—Raisins, Valencia, 5½ to 6c.; 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.; Filiatras currants, 6½ to 7c.; Vostizzas, 8½ to 9c.; uncleaned currants, ¼c. lower than cleaned. California Dried Fruits.—Evaporated apricots, 14 to 15c. per lb.; prunes, 60s to 70s, 7 to 7½c.; 90s to 100s, 6½c.; evaporated apples, 9½c.

Eggs.—New laid, 25 to 26c. per dozen, in case lots.

Lard.—Tierces, 15½c.; tub, 16 to 16½c.; pails, 16c. per lb.

Molasses.—Barbadoes, barrels, 37 to 45c.; Porto Rico, 45 to 60c.; New Orleans, 30 to 33c. for medium.

Onions.—\$1.25 a bag.

Potatoes.—Best, 75c. a bag.

Pork.—Market uncertain. Short cut, \$28 per barrel; mess, \$26.50.

Rice.—B grade, 3½c. per lb.; Patna, 5½ to 5¾c.; Japan, 5½ to 6c.

Salmon.—Fraser River, talls, \$2; flats, \$2; River Inlet, \$1.55 to \$1.75.

Smoked and Dry Salt Meats.—Long clear bacon, 14 to 14½c., tons and cases; hams, large, 14 to 14½c.; small, 15½ to 16c.; rolls, 14½ to 14¾c.; breakfast bacon, 17c.; backs (plain), 18 to 19c.; backs (peameal), 18c. to 18½c.; shoulder hams, 12c.; green meats out of pickle, 1c. less than smoked. Market very firm.

Spices.—Allspice, 16 to 19c.; nutmegs, 30 to 75c.; cream tartar, 22 to 25c.; compound, 15 to 20c.; pepper, black, pure Singapore, 14 to 17c.; pepper, white, 20 to 30c.

Sugar.—Granulated, \$4.85 per 100 lbs. in barrels; Acadia, \$4.75; yellow, \$4.45; bags, 5c. lower; bright coffee, \$4.65; bags, 5c. less.

Syrup.—Corn syrup, special bright, 3½c. per lb.

Teas.—Japans, 20 to 35c. per lb.; Young Hysons, 16 to 35c.; Ceylons, medium, 16 to 45c.

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Montreal, November 23rd, 1909.

The pig-iron market in the United States is quiet and some sales have developed at lower prices. This remark applies to foundry iron. It would seem that speculators some time ago purchased heavily of southern iron to be held in store for a definite period and that this period has now expired and the owners are being compelled to move it out of store. In order to get rid of it they are prepared to accept lower figures than previously. This has upset the general market for the time being to the extent of about 50c. per ton. Steel-making brands are in good demand and are selling at well maintained prices. As a result of the concessions mentioned, the turn-over is exceptionally large, purchasers evidently feeling that this is an opportunity to cover their wants at prices which are not likely to be long repeated. The general trade for steel purposes is exceptionally good, all classes of finished and semi-finished goods being in good demand, and the outlook for the future being quite promising.

The English market is quiet and steady. There is practically no feature worth speaking of and prices vary between previous ranges. Demand from home and abroad continues steady, as previously.

In the local market, the most prominent feature is the closing of navigation. The final preparations for the laying up of the boats is now going on and inside of another week the streams may be coated over with ice. Metal reaching here by the last ships is now being moved off the docks as rapidly as possible and sent forward to customers. These supplies will help to keep Canadian foundries going for some time to come, but, as an evidence of the feeling that the market is likely to show further advances, enquiries are now being received for a heavy tonnage of pig-iron extending over the second and third quarters of 1910. The large buyers all over the country are beginning to enquire for future delivery, so that holders are maintaining the strong tenor of the market. The quotations on pig-iron, given below, are about the same as previously, but next week's figures will be for iron in store, as by that time practically everything will have been moved off the docks.

The remainder of the market, so far as quotations are concerned, is steady and unchanged, but it is expected that in another week there will be some alterations. Among other things, the tone of the market for bar iron and steel is very firm, and, although no changes have yet been registered, something is expected shortly. As for plates, etc., the market continues very quiet, and the tone is little more than steady.

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

Bar Iron and Steel.—The market promises to advance shortly. Bar iron, \$1.85 per 100 pounds; best refined horseshoe, \$2.10; forged iron, \$2; mild steel, \$1.85; sleigh shoe steel, \$1.85 for 1 x ¼-base; tire steel, \$1.00 for 1 x ¼-base; toe calk steel, \$2.35; machine steel, iron finish, \$1.90; imported, \$2.20.

Boiler Tubes.—The market is steady, quotations being as follows:—1½ and 2-inch tubes, 8½c.; 2½-inch, 10c.; 3-inch, 11½c.; 3½-inch, 14 1-2c.; 4-inch, 18 1-2c.

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