

Bricks.—Common structural, \$9 to \$10 per thousand, wholesale; small lots, \$12. March is proving a busy month. Red and buff pressed are worth \$18 at works.

Cement.—The price of Canadian manufactures of cement to the dealer in thousand barrel lots and up is \$2.15, in cotton bags, including cost of packages, on car, Toronto. The dealers' price to the contractor up to car-load lots without package price, are general at \$1.95 per barrel in cotton bags and \$2.10 in wood, weight in each case 350 pounds.

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. Numerous orders in for prompt delivery 1st April.

Fire Bricks.—English and Scotch, \$32.50 to \$35; American, \$25 to \$35 per 1,000. Demand is fair.

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 30, \$4.70 per 100 pounds. Stocks very low.

Ingot Copper.—Has been fluctuating abroad, and a good deal sold for forward delivery in the belief that prices are going up. Local price continues at 13¾ to 14½c.

Lead.—Holding its own at 4½c. Easier in England.

Lumber.—Some sales have taken place of white pine, various cuts, at practically the same prices as last year. Dressing quotes at \$32. to \$35 per thousand for usual lengths, and stock sizes of boards; \$38 to \$40 for special lengths; common, as to grade, \$24 to \$28; culls, \$22. Norway pine and Southern steady; hemlock, \$19 to \$21.50, as to size. Spruce flooring, \$27 wholesale, \$30 retail; shingles, B.C., sluggish, at 25 to 30c. off list; laths quiet, No. 1, \$4.40 on track; No. 2, \$3.90.

Nails.—Wire, \$2.55 base; cut, \$2.70; spikes, \$3.15.

Pitch.—Quiet at 75c. per 100 lbs.

Pig Iron.—Summerlee No. 1, always in demand, generally for small lots, quotes now, nominally, \$27; Gleggarnock, \$26.50; No. 2, \$26; Cleveland, No. 1, \$23.50, \$24; Clarence, No. 3, procurable in Montreal, price here \$23 to \$24. In Scotch and Cleveland pig the British market is firm with upward outlook.

Steel Rails.—80-lb., \$35 to \$38 per ton. The following are prices per gross ton; Montreal, 12-lb. \$45, 16-lb. \$44, 25 and 30-lb. \$43.

Sheet Steel.—In moderate supply; 10-gauge, \$2.65; 12-gauge, \$2.70.

Tar.—Market unsettled, \$3.50 per barrel the ruling price.

Tank Plate.—3-16-in., \$2.65.

Tin.—Is firming up all the time; is very firm in England. Price here continues 31½ to 32½c.

Tool Steel.—Jowitt's special pink label, or octagon drill steel, 10½c. per pound; Capital, 12c.; Conqueror, highspeed, 70c. base; Velos, highspeed, 60c. base.

Zinc.—Very little doing, we quote 5½c

Montreal, March 26th, 1908.

So far as the United States is concerned, the pig iron markets are practically unchanged. According to reports, the iron and steel interests which gathered together in New York last Friday, decided not to make any reduction in prices in finished material. Enquiry is said to have improved somewhat, particularly for low-grade metal. There has been practically no change, either in prices or conditions, during the past two or three weeks.

The local market is assuming its usual aspect for this time of year, and many enquiries are being received by

merchants for delivery upon opening of St. Lawrence navigation. Thousands of tons have been booked during the past week or ten days at firm prices. Only a few consumers have covered for their needs, and further good orders are looked for very shortly. The market is difficult to gauge, but it would seem wise for buyers to look after their requirements of English and Scotch metal now, as all available information points towards higher figures being asked.

Antimony.—The tone of the market seems a shade stronger. Price is 10c. per pound.

Bar Iron and Steel.—The market is steady. Bar iron, \$2.00 per one hundred pounds; best refined horseshoe iron, \$2.25, and forged iron, \$2.15; mild steel, \$2.05; sleigh shoe steel, \$2.05 for 1 x ¾-base; tire steel, \$2.05 for 1 x ¾-base; toe calk steel, \$2.50; machine steel, iron finish, \$2.15.

Boiler Tubes.—The market holds steady, demand being fair. Prices are as follows: Two-inch tubes, 8 to 8¼c., 2½-inch, 11c.; 3-inch, 12 to 12¼c.; 3½-inch, 15 to 15¼c.; 4-inch, 19¼ to 19½c.

Building Paper.—Tar paper, 7, 10, or 16 ounce, \$2 per 100 pounds; felt paper, \$2.75 per 100 pounds; tar sheathing, No. 1, 60c. per roll of 400 square feet No. 2, 40c.; dry sheathing, No. 1, 50c. per roll of 400 square feet, No. 2, 32c.

Cement—Canadian and American.—Canadian cement, \$1.70 to \$1.75 per barrel, in cotton bags, and \$1.95 and \$2.05 in wood, weights in both cases 350 pounds. There are four bags of 87½ pounds each, net, to a barrel, and 10 cents must be added to the above prices for each bag. Bags in good condition are purchased at 10 cents each. Where paper bags are wanted instead of cotton, the charge is 2½ cents for each, or 10 cents per barrel weight. American cement, standard brands, f.o.b. mills, 85c. per 350 pounds; bags extra, 10c. each, and returnable in good condition at 7½c. each.

Cement—English and European.—English cement is unchanged at \$1.70 to \$1.75 per barrel in jute sacks of 82½ pounds each (including price of sacks) and \$1.95 to \$2.05 in wood, per 350 pounds, gross. Belgian cement is quoted at \$1.70 to \$1.80 per barrel in bags, and \$2.05 to \$2.20 per barrel, in wood.

Copper.—Prices are considerably lower than a week ago, although the tone of the market is firm at present.

Iron.—Prices for delivery after the opening of St. Lawrence navigation are approximately as follows: No. 1 Summerlee, on cars, Montreal, \$20.50 to \$21 per ton; No. 2 selected Summerlee, \$20 to \$20.50; No. 3, soft, \$19.50 to \$20; Cleveland, \$18.50, and No. 3 Clarence, \$18; No. 1 Carron, \$22 to \$22.50; Carron special, \$20.25 to \$20.75; Carron, soft, \$20 to \$20.50. Stocks on spot are light. Clarence No. 1 is quoted at \$20.50 to \$21; Clarence No. 3 at \$19 to \$19.50; Carron No. 1 at \$24.50 to \$25, and Carron, soft, at \$22.50 to \$23, cars, Montreal.

Lead.—Trail lead is quoted at \$5.95, ex-store.

Nails.—Demand for nails is steady, prices being \$2.30 per keg for cut, and \$2.25 for wire, base prices.

Pipe—Cast Iron.—Trade dull and prices 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.—The market is firm but dull. Quotations and discounts for small lots, screwed and coupled, are as follows: ¼-inch to ¾-inch, \$5.50, with 54 per cent. off for black and 38 per cent. off for galvanized. The dis-

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