

partly to the better outlook, not only there but abroad. In Germany, for instance, where the pool was dissolved some time since, there appears to be a fair outlook for its renewal, besides which, notwithstanding all that is said to the contrary, a trade revival is expected in that country by many of the iron and steel men.

In the United States, there is practically nothing new. At the moment, it would not seem that much business is passing or that much can be looked for for a few weeks to come. However, there are reports to the effect that some business is going on in the east, and from all that can be learned, makers are looking for a revival shortly after the beginning of the New Year. Whether these expectations will be realized or not is the most important question which concerns the trade at present.

In the local market, there is nothing going on nor does the trade look for much to happen for some time to come. Prices throughout the market are holding practically steady, no alterations having taken place within the past week.

**Antimony.**—The market is steady at 9 to 9½.

**Bar Iron and Steel.**—Prices are steady all round, and trade is quiet. Bar iron, \$1.22 per 100 pounds; best refined horseshoe, \$2.15; forged iron, \$2.05; mild steel, \$2.00; sleigh shoe steel, \$1.90 for 1 x ¾-base; tire steel, \$1.95 for 1 x ¾-base; toe calk steel, \$2.40; machine steel, iron finish, \$2.10; smooth finish, \$2.75.

**Boiler Tubes.**—The market is steady, quotations being as follows: 2-inch tubes, 8½c.; 2½-inch, 10c.; 3-inch, 11½c.; 3½-inch, 14½c.; 4-inch, 19c.

**Building Paper.**—Tar paper, 7, 10, or 16 ounce, \$1.60 per 100 pounds; felt paper, \$2.40 per 100 pounds; tar sheathing, No. 1, 55c. per roll of 400 square feet; No. 2, 35c.; dry sheathing, No. 1, 45c. per roll of 400 square feet, No. 2, 28c. (See Roofing; also Tar and Pitch).

**Cement.**—Quotations are for car lots, f.o.b., Montreal. Canadian cement is \$1.55 to \$1.65 per 350-lb. bbl. in 4 cotton bags, adding 10c. for each bag. Good bags re-purchased at 10c. each. Paper bags cost 2½c. extra, or 10c. per bbl. weight. English cement is \$1.65 to \$1.85 per 350-lb. bbl. in 4 jute sacks (for which add 8c. each) and \$2.20 to \$2.40 in wood. Begian cement is \$1.60 to \$1.65 in bags—bags extra—add \$2.10 in wood.

**Chain.**—The market is steady as follows: ¼-inch, \$5.30; 5-16-inch, \$4.05; ¾-inch, \$3.65; 7-16-inch, \$3.45; ½-inch, \$3.20; 9-16-inch, \$3.15; ¾-inch, \$3.05; ¾-inch, \$3; ¾-inch, \$2.95; 1 inch, \$2.95.

**Copper.**—The market is steady at 15 to 15½c. per lb. Demand continues limited.

**Explosives and Accessories.**—Dynamite, 50-lb. cases, 40 per cent. proof, 18c. in single case lots, Montreal. Blasting powder, 25-lb. kegs, \$2.25 per keg. Special quotations on large lots of dynamite and powder. Detonator caps, case lots, containing 10,000, 75c. per 100; broken lots, \$1. Electric blasting apparatus:—Batteries, 1 to 10 holes, \$15; 1 to 20 holes, \$25; 1 to 30 holes, \$35; 1 to 40 holes, \$50. Wire, leading, 1c. per foot; connecting, 50c. per lb. Fuses, platinum, single strength, per 100 fuses: 4-ft. wires, \$3.50; 6-ft. wires, \$4; 8-ft. wires, \$4.50; 10-ft. wires, \$5. Double strength fuses, 15¢ extra, per 100 fuses. Fuses, time, double-tape, \$6 per 1,000 feet.

**Galvanized Iron.**—The market is steady. Prices, basis, 28-gauge, are: Queen's Head, \$4.40; Comet, \$4.25; Gorbals Best, \$4.25; Apollo, 10½ oz., \$4.35. Add 25c. to above figures for less than case lots; 26-gauge is 25c. less than 28-gauge. American 28-gauge and English 26 are equivalents, as are American 10½ oz., and English 28-gauge.

**Galvanized Pipe.**—(See Pipe, Wrought and Galvanized).

**Iron.**—Prices are steady and unchanged, and the outlook is firm. The following prices are ex-store: Canadian pig, \$18 to \$19 per ton; No. 1 Summerlee, \$21 to \$21.50; No. 2 selected Summerlee, \$20.50 to \$20.75; Carron soft \$20.25 to \$20.75; No. 3 Clarence, \$18.75 to \$19 per ton.

**Laths.**—See Lumber, etc.

**Lead.**—Trail lead is unchanged and steady, at \$3.70 to \$3.80 per 100 pounds, ex-store.

**Lead Wool.**—\$10.50 per hundred, \$200 per ton, f.o.b., Toronto.

**Lumber, Etc.**—Prices on lumber are for car lots, to contractors, at mill points, carrying a freight rate of \$1.50. At the moment, the market is exceptionally irregular and prices are uncertain. Red pine, mill culls out, \$18 to \$22 per 1,000 feet; white pine, mill culls, \$22 to \$25. Spruce, 1-in. by 4-in. and up, \$16 to \$18 per 1,000 ft.; mill culls, \$14 to \$16. Hemlock, log run, culls out, \$14 to \$16. Railway Ties: Standard Railway ties, hemlock or cedar, 35 to 45c. each, on a 5c. rate to Montreal. Telegraph Poles: Seven-inch top, cedar poles, 25-ft. poles, \$1.35 to \$1.50 each; 30-ft., \$1.75 to \$2; 35-ft., \$2.75 to \$3.25 each, at manufacturers' points, with 5c. freight rate to Montreal. Laths: Quotations, per 1,000 laths, at points carrying \$1.50 freight rate to Montreal, \$2 to \$3. Shingles: Cedar shingles, same conditions as laths, X, \$1.50; XX, \$2.50; XXX, \$3.

**Nails.**—Demand for nails is moderate, but prices are steady at \$2.30 per keg for cut, and \$2.25 for wire, base prices.

**Pipe—Cast Iron.** The market continues steady at \$33 for 8-inch pipe and larger; \$34 for 6-inch pipe; \$34 for 5-inch, and \$34 for 4-inch at the foundry. Pipe, specials, \$3.10 per 100 pounds. Gas pipe is quoted at about \$1 more than the above.

**Pipe—Wrought and Galvanized.**—The market is steady, moderate-sized lots being: 1-4-inch, \$5.50 with 63 per cent. off for black, and 48 per cent. off for galvanized; ¾-inch, \$5.50, with 59 per cent. off for black and 44 per cent. off for galvanized. The discount on the following is 69 per cent. off for black and 59 per cent. off for galvanized: ½-inch, \$8.50; ¾-inch, \$11.50; 1-inch, \$16.50; 1¼-inch, \$22.50; 1½-inch, \$27; 2-inch, \$36; 2½-inch, \$57.50; 3-inch, \$75.50; 3½-inch, \$95; 4-inch, \$108.

**Railway Ties.**—See lumber, etc.

**Roofing.**—Ready roofing, two-ply, 64c. per roll; three-ply, 86c. per roll of 100 square feet. (See Building Paper; also Tar and Pitch.)

**Rope.**—Prices are steady, at 9 1-2c. per lb. for sisal, and 12c. for Manila. Wire Rope, crucible steel, six-strands, nineteen wires: ¼-in., \$2.75; 5-16, \$3.75; ¾, \$4.75; ½, \$6; ¾, \$7.25; ¾, \$8.50; ¾, \$10; 1 in., \$12 per 100 feet.

**Shingles.**—See lumber, etc.

**Spikes.**—Railway spikes are in dull demand and prices are steady at \$2.40 per 100 pounds, base of 5¼ x 9-16. Ship spikes are also dull and steady at \$3 per 100 pounds, base of ¾ x 10-inch and ¾ x 12-inch.

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

**Steel Plates.**—The market is steady. Quotations are: \$2.15 for 3-16, \$2.25 for ¼, and \$2.15 for ½ and thicker; 12-gauge being \$2.30; 14-gauge, \$2.05; and 16-gauge, \$2.10.

**Tar and Pitch.**—Coal tar, \$4 per barrel of 40 gallons, weighing about 500 pounds, roofing tar, \$3.15 per barrel; roofing pitch, No. 1, \$1 per 100 pounds; and No. 2, 50c. per 100 pounds; pine tar, \$8.50 per barrel of 40 gallons, and \$4.75 per half-barrel; pine pitch, \$4 per barrel of 180 to 200 pound. (See building paper; also roofing.)

**Telegraph Poles.**—See lumber, etc.

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Winnipeg, December 29th, 1908.

Building operations and things in general among contractors are at their dulllest at this season of the year, and will likely not be much improved for a few months. The feeling, however, is that the spring will see a more marked revival of the building trade than has been the case for several years. Supply dealers are laying in large stocks. The prices of material are steady, and not much change is expected to take place. The West has had an excellent holiday season and business has been brisk. Local prices follow:—

**Anvils.**—Per pound, 10 to 12½c.; Buckworth anvils, 80 lbs., and up, 10½c.; anvil and vise combined, each, \$5.50.

**Bar Iron.**—\$2.50 to \$2.60.

**Beams and Channels.**—\$3 to \$3.25 per 100 up to 15-inch.

**Building Paper.**—4½ to 7c. per pound. No. 1 tarred, 84c. per roll; plain, 60c.; No. 2 tarred, 62½c.; plain, 56c.

**Bricks.**—\$11, \$12, \$13 per 1,000, three grades.

**Cement.**—\$2.65 to \$2.75 per barrel.

**Chain.**—Coil, proof, ¼-inch, \$7; 5-16-inch, \$5.50; ¾-inch, \$4.90; 7-16-inch, \$4.75; ¾-inch, \$4.40; ¾-inch, \$4.20; ¾-inch, \$4.05; logging chain, 5-16-inch, \$6.50; ¾-inch, \$6; ¾-inch, \$8.50; jack iron, single, per dozen yards 15c. to 75c.; double, 25c. to \$1; trace-chains, per dozen, \$5.25 to \$6.

**Dynamite.**—\$11 to \$13 per case.

**Hair.**—Plaster's, 80 to 90 cents per bale.

**Iron.**—Swedish iron, 100 lbs., \$4.75 base; sheet, black, 14 to 22 gauge, \$3.75; 24-gauge, \$3.90; 26-gauge, \$4; 28-gauge, \$4.10. Galvanized—American, 18 to 20-gauge, \$4.40; 22 to 24-gauge, \$4.65; 26-gauge, \$4.65; 28-gauge, \$4.90; 30-gauge, \$5.15 per 100 lbs. Queen's Head, 22 to 24-gauge, \$4.65; 26-gauge English or 30-gauge American, \$4.90; 30-gauge American, \$5.15; Fleur de Lis, 22 to 24-gauge, \$4.50; 28-gauge American, \$4.75; 30-gauge American, \$5.

**Lead Wool.**—\$10.50 per hundred, \$200 per ton, f.o.b., Toronto.

**Pipe.**—Iron, black, per 100 feet, ¼-inch, \$2.50; ¾-inch, \$2.80; ¾-inch, \$3.40; ¾-inch, \$4.60; 1-inch, \$6.60; 1¼-inch, \$9; 1½-inch, \$10.75; 2-inch, \$14.40; galvanized, ½-inch, \$4.25; ¾-inch, \$5.75; 1-inch, \$8.35; 1¼-inch, \$11.35; 1½-inch, \$13.60; 2-inch, \$18.10. Lead, 6½c. per lb.

**Pitch.**—Pine, \$6.50 per barrel; in less than barrel lots, 4c. per lb.; roofing pitch, \$1. per cwt.

**Roofing Paper.**—60 to 67½c. per roll.

**Lumber.**—No. 1 pine, spruce, tamarac, British Columbia fir and cedar—2 x 4, 2 x 6, 2 x 8, 2 to 16 feet, \$27.25, 2 x 20 up to 32 feet, \$38.

**Nails.**—¼ to \$4.25 per 100. Wire base, \$2.85; cut base, \$2.90.

**Tool Steel.**—¾ to 15c. per pound.

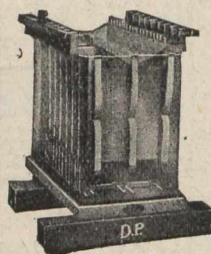
**Timber.**—Rough, 8 x 2 to 14 x 16 up to 32 feet, \$34; 6 x 20, 8 x 20 up to 32 feet, \$38; dressed, \$37.50 to \$48.25.

**Boards.**—Common pine, 8-inch to 12-inch wide, \$38 to \$45; siding, No. 2 white pine, 6-inch, \$55; cull red or white pine or spruce, 6-inch, \$24; No. 1 clear cedar, 6-inch, 8 to 16 ft., \$60; Nos. 1 and 2 British Columbia spruce, 6-inch, \$55; No. 3, \$45.

**Flooring.**—No. 2 red pine, 4-inch, \$43; No. 3 red, 4-inch, \$38; No. 4 red and white pine or spruce, 4-inch, \$28; ceiling, No. 2 white pine, 4, 5, and 6-inch, \$55; No. 3 red pine, \$38.

**Lath.**—No. 1 red and white pine mixed, \$5.50; No. 2, \$4.75.

**Shingles.**—No. 1 British Columbia cedar, \$4.25; No. 2, \$3.75; band sawn, \$6.



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