

Cement—Canadian and American.—Canadian cement is generally quoted at \$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 is steady at \$1.10 per 350 pounds, basis Glens Falls or Lehigh mills, cotton or paper bags. When the cotton bags are returned in good condition, only 7½ cents is allowed for them. American cement sold at \$2 on track.

Cement—English and European.—English cement is unchanged at \$1.75 to \$1.85 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 \$2.10 per barrel, in wood.

Copper.—The market for copper is unchanged. Prices are 15½ to 16c. per pound.

Iron.—Prices for delivery after the opening of St. Lawrence navigation are approximately as follows: No. 1 Summerlee, on cars, Montreal, \$21 to \$21.50 per ton; No. 2 selected Summerlee, \$20.50 to \$21; No. 3, \$20 to \$21; No. 1 Cleveland, \$18.50, and No. 3 Clarence, \$18.

Lead.—Quotations are still \$4 to \$4.10 per 100 pounds.

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 discount on the following is 66 per cent. off for black and 56 per cent. off for galvanized: ½-inch, \$8.50; 1-inch, \$16.50; 1¼-inch, \$22.50; 1½-inch, \$27; 2-inch, \$36; and 3-inch, \$75.50; 3½-inch, \$95; 4-inch, \$108.

Spikes.—Railway spikes are not in very good demand. \$2.60 per 100 pounds, base of 5½ x 9-16 Ship spikes are steady at \$3.15 per 100 pounds, base of 5½ x 10 inch and 5½ x 12 inch.

Steel Shafting.—At the present time prices are steady at the list, less 25 per cent. Demand is very dull and lower figures would hardly be refused.

Steel Plates.—Demand is quite dull and a firm bid at lower figures than quotations would be considered. Quotations are: \$2.75 for 3-16, and \$2.50 for ¼ and thicker, in small lots.

Tar and Pitch.—Coal tar, \$4 per barrel of 40 gallons, weighing 575 to 600 pounds; coal tar pitch, No. 1, 75c. per 100 pounds, No. 2, 65c. per 100 pounds; pine tar, \$4.35 to \$4.50 per barrel of about 280 pounds; pine pitch, \$4.25 per barrel of 180 to 200 pounds.

Tin.—The market holds steady, being now quoted at 33 to 33½c. per pound.

Tool Steel.—Demand is light, but the market is firm. Base prices are as follows: Jessop's best unannealed, 14½c. per pound, annealed being 15½c.; second grade, 8½c., and high-speed, "Ark," 60c., and "Novo," 65c.; "Conqueror," 55 to 60c.; Sanderson Bros. and Newbould's "Sabon," high-speed, 60c.; extra cast tool steel, 14c., and "Colorado" cast tool steel, 8c., base prices. Sanderson's "Rex A" is quoted at 75c. and upward; Self-Hardening, 45c.; Extra, 15c.; Superior, 12c.; and Crucible, 8c.; "Edgar Allan's Air-Hardening," 55 to 65c. per pound.

Zinc.—The market is unchanged, at 5¼ to 5½c. per pound.

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Toronto, March 19th, 1908.

A moderate amount of new business is reported in most building lines, with prices remaining firm. The volume of

metals moving is increasing somewhat, and the nearing of spring and milder weather have had a noted effect on many lines. The aggregate of business over last week is easily considerably in excess of that of the previous week.

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

American Bessemer.—Fourteen-gauge, \$2.45; 17, 18, and 20-gauge, \$2.60; 22 and 24-gauge, \$2.65; 26-gauge, \$2.80; 28-gauge, \$3.

Antimony.—Quiet, but inquiries are coming in more freely; we quote 11½ to 13c.

Bar Iron.—\$2.10 base, from stock to the wholesale dealer.

Beams and Channels, \$2.75 to \$3, according to size and quantity; angles, 1¼ by 3-16 and larger, \$2.65; tees, \$2.90 to \$3 per 100 pounds. Extras for smaller sizes.

Boiler Heads.—25c. per 100 pounds advance on boiler plate.

Boiler Plates.—¼-inch and heavier, \$2.50. Supply probably adequate and quotations still firm.

Boiler Tubes.—Lap-welded steel, 1¼-in., 10c.; 1½-in., 9c. per foot; 2-in., \$9.10; 2¼-in., \$10.85; 2½-in., \$12; 3-in., \$13.50; 3½-in., \$16.75; 4-in., \$21 per 100 ft.

Building Paper.—Plain, 32c. per roll; tarred, 40c. per roll.

Bricks.—Common structural \$10 per thousand, wholesale; small lots \$12 to \$13, and the demand improving. 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. The spring prospects good.

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 10¼, \$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.

Lumber.—There is much firmness all over the list, especially in higher class pine. 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, whole-

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