

be made without prejudice to the interests of either the city or the Company in the suit over the incinerator now pending in the courts.

Alberta.

CALGARY.—By a decisive vote the ratepayers decided that \$25,000 should at once be expended on public improvements. The money will be used to improve the new Island Park, install sewers and extend the water system of the city. Fifteen thousand will also be used to put two subways under the C.P.R. tracks.

TABER.—The Government bridge, which is to span the Belly River about two miles north of the town, is under construction. Superintendent Simons is in charge of the construction of the structure. The site of the bridge will be about 100 yards below the present location of the ferry. The bridge is to be about 850 feet in length, will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000, and will probably take one year in its construction.

British Columbia.

NEW WESTMINSTER.—G. A. Keefer, Dominion Government resident engineer, recently took up with the Government the matter of appropriations for public works in his district. The Government has decided to furnish another dredge for harbor work on this coast, but are undecided whether to purchase a modern dredge, constructed in Germany, and is now for sale, or build one in Canada.

PERSONAL.

MR. HERBERT C. BURCHELL, manager of the North Sydney Cement Company, has been offered by the British Colonial Office the appointment of Director of Works for Jamaica.

MESSRS. ROBERT W. HUNT & CO. now occupy with their Bureau of Inspection and Testing Laboratories, Rooms 614, 615, 619 Canadian Express Building, McGill Street, Montreal.

MR. W. S. GIBSON, B.A.Sc., paid us a visit last week. Mr. Gibson has just returned from a two years' stay in Ceylon Island and Southern India, where he has been engaged with extensive experiments connected with the pearl fisheries.

MR. J. D. FRASER, of Sydney, Nova Scotia, will take the position of general manager of the Atikokan Company's blast furnace plant, Port Arthur. He has had extensive experience, having been employed in some of the largest Eastern plants.

MR. R. A. BAINBRIDGE, of Vancouver, who has for some time past been acting as assistant to the chief engineer, C. E. Cartwright, of the C.P.R., has been appointed divisional engineer on the E. and N. Railway on construction and maintenance.

MR. WESLEY R. MASON, who resigned the Detroit district management of the American Car and Foundry Co. in February, 1907, to accept the general managership of the Dominion Car and Foundry Co., with headquarters in Montreal, has retired from the latter position.

MR. NORMAN GIBSON, B.A.Sc., of Winnipeg, has been appointed engineer of construction for the city of Brandon to superintend, under City Engineer Shillinglaw, the construction of the new cement bridge over the C.P.R. tracks and the Assiniboine River at First Street.

MARKET CONDITIONS.

Toronto, May 14th, 1908.

Increased activity of demand is hardly noticeable by merchants yet, although warmer weather has encouraged retail trade and also enables prosecution of building. In the lumber trade hemlock and spruce are more active, while Southern pine and Norway pine are easier in price. Canadian white

pine holds its own at a fair demand. Yards are not as empty of lumber as they were a year ago, and the mills will shorten production a good deal this season.

Improvement in the hardware and metal trades comes but slowly. Metals other than steel and iron show no change in price, but no great firmness of tone. Prices of steel are now nearly on a parity with those of former dull seasons. The efforts of the Amer Steel Company to keep up prices have been long manifest. Still, the fact of the Pennsylvania Railroad's issue of \$40,000,000 four per cent. bonds is an encouragement to believe in an improvement of railway constructional activity before very long.

The following are wholesale prices for Toronto, where not otherwise explained, although for broken quantities higher prices are quoted:

American Bessemer Sheet Steel.—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.—Not a great deal doing, 9½ to 10c. is present price.

Bar Iron.—\$2 base, from stock to the wholesale dealer.

Beams and Channels.—Active demand from Toronto builders; prices continue to be \$2.50 to \$2.75, according to size and quantity; angles, 1¼ by 3-16 and larger, \$2.55; tees, \$2.80 to \$3 per 100 pounds. Extra for smaller sizes.

Boiler Plates.—¼-inch and heavier, \$2.50. Fair supply, prices steady. Boiler heads 25c. per 100 pounds advance on plate.

Boiler Tubes.—Prices are lowered by the manufacturers; no overstock here in wholesale hands. Lap-welded, steel, 1¼-in., 10c.; 1½-in., 9c. per foot; 2-in., \$8.50; 2¼-in., \$10; 2½-in., \$10.60; 3-in., \$12.10; 3½-in., \$15.30; 4-in., \$19.45 per 100 ft.

Building Paper.—Plain, 32c. per roll; tarred, 40c. per roll. Much has gone out on May 1st, which went out last year at April 1st. Orders are all small.

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

Cement.—Price of Canadian makes to the dealer in 1,000 barrel lots and up is \$1.75, in cotton bags, on car, Toronto. The dealers' price to the contractor up to car-load lots without package price, are general at \$1.80 per barrel in cotton bags and \$2 in wood, weight in each case 350 pounds. April demand was good; prospect for May is fair; prices are unchanged.

Copper, Ingot.—Transactions mostly small; price 13¾c. for large purchases, 14¼c. for small.

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. A good many small orders.

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

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.

Iron Pipe.—Black, ¼-inch, \$2; ¾-inch, \$2.25; ½-inch, \$2.72; ¾-inch, \$3.68; 1-inch, \$5.28; 1¼-inch, \$7.20; 1½-inch, \$8.64; 2-inch, \$11.50; 2½-inch, \$18.40; 3-inch, \$24.15; 3½-inch, \$30.40; 4-inch, \$34.55; 4½-inch, \$38; 5-inch, \$43.50; 6-inch, \$56. Galvanized, ¼-inch, \$2.85; ¾-inch, \$3.05; ½-inch, \$3.57; ¾-inch, \$4.83; 1-inch, \$6.93; 1¼-inch, \$9.45; 1½-inch, \$11.34; 2-inch, \$15.12.

Lead.—Market not yet firm; price, \$4.