

It will be but a short time now before shipments begin to arrive at Montreal by water, and this will doubtless result in increased activity in the market here, although prices are not likely to be greatly affected thereby. Compared with other countries, the outlook in Canada is unusually promising. No unfavorable reports are being heard of in any quarter and iron and steel manufacturers and importers are looking forward to an excellent demand during the coming season, at higher prices than prevailed a year ago.

Prices are as follows:—

Antimony.—The market is steady at 8¼ to 8½c. (111).

Bar Iron and Steel.—The market promises to advance shortly. Bar iron \$1.90 per 100 pounds; best refined horseshoe, \$2.15; forged iron, \$2.05; mild steel, \$1.90; sleigh shoe steel, \$1.90 for 1 x ¾-base; tire steel, \$2.00 for 1 x ¾-base; toe calk steel, \$2.40; machine steel, iron finish, \$1.95; imported, \$2.20 (111, 119).

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 feet; dry sheathing, No. 1, 30 to 40c. per roll of 400 square feet; tarred year will be the largest in the history of the country. Prices on foreign fibre, 55c. per roll; dry fibre, 45c. (See Roofing; also Tar and Pitch). (164).

Cement.—Canadian cement is quotable, as follows, in car lots, f.o.b. Montreal:—\$1.30 to \$1.40 per 350-lb. bbl., in 4 cotton bags, adding 10c. for each bag. Good bags re-purchased at 10c. each. Paper bags cost 2½ cents extra, or 10c. per bbl. weight. (26, 164).

Chain.—Prices have advanced considerably of late, being now as follows per 100 lbs.:—¼-inch, \$5.10; 5-16-inch, \$4.50; ¾-inch, \$3.70; 7-10-inch, \$3.45; ½-inch, \$3.35; 9-16-inch, \$3.25; ¾-inch, \$3.20; ¾, ¾, and 1-inch, \$3.15.

Coal and Coke.—Anthracite, egg, stove or chestnut coal, \$0.75 per ton, net; furnace coal, \$0.50, net. Bituminous or soft coal: Run of mine, Nova Scotia coal, carload lots, basis, Montreal, \$3.85 to \$4 per ton; cannel coal, \$9 per ton; coke, single ton, \$5; large lots, special rates, approximately \$4 f.o.b., cars, Montreal.

Copper.—Prices are strong at 14¼ to 14½c.

Explosives and Accessories.—Dynamite, 50-lb. cases, 40 per cent. profit, 15c. 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; 6-ft. wires, \$3.54; 8-ft. wires, \$4.08; 10-ft. wires, \$5.

Galvanized Iron.—The market is steady. Prices, basis, 28-gauge, are: Queen's Head, \$4.10; Colborne Crown, \$3.85; Apollo, 10¼ oz., \$4.05. 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 10¼ oz., and English 28-gauge. (111).

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

Iron.—The outlook is strong. The following prices are for carload quantities and over, ex-store, Montreal, prompt delivery: No. 1 Summerlee, \$21.50 to \$22 per ton; selected Summerlee, \$21 to \$21.50; soft Summerlee, \$20.50 to \$21; Clarence, \$19.50 to \$20; Carron, No. 1, \$21.50 to \$22, and Carron special, \$21 to \$21.50. (111).

Laths.—See Lumber, etc.

Lead.—Prices are about steady at \$3.55 to \$3.65.

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

Lumber, Etc.—Prices on lumber are for car lots, to contractors, at mill points, carrying a freight of \$1.50. Red pine, mill culls out \$18 to \$22 per 1,000 feet; white pine, mill culls, \$16 to \$17. Spruce, 1-in by 4-in. and up, \$15 to \$17 per 1,000 ft.; mill culls, \$12 to \$14. Hemlock log run, culls out, \$13 to \$15. Railway Ties: Standard Railway Tie—hemlock or cedar, 35 to 45c. each, on a c. rate to Montreal. Telegraph Poles: Seven-inch top, cedar poles, 25-ft. poles, \$1.35 to \$1.50 each; 10-ft. \$1.75 to \$2; 35-ft., \$2.75 to \$3.25 each, at manufacturers' points, with freight rate to Montreal. Laths: Quotations per 1,000 laths, at point 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. (112).

Nails.—Demand for nails is better and prices are firmer, \$2.40 per keg for cut, and \$2.35 for wire, base prices. Wire roofing nails, 5c. lb.

Paints.—Roof, barn and fence paint, 90c. per gallon; girder, bridge and structural paint for steel or iron—shop or field—\$1.20 per gallon, in barrels; liquid red lead in gallon cans, \$1.75 per gallon.

Pipe, Cast Iron.—The market shows a steady tone although demand is on the dull side. Prices are firm, and approximately as follows:—\$32 for 6 and 8-inch pipe and larger; \$33 for 3-inch and 4-inch at the foundry. Pipe, specials, \$3 per 100 pounds. Gas pipe is quoted at about \$1 more than the above. (74, 188).

Pipe, Wrought and Galvanized.—Demand is about the same, and the tone is firm, though prices are steady, moderate-sized lots being: ¼-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; 1½-inch, \$8.50, with 60 per cent. off for black, and 59 per cent. off for galvanized. The discount on the following is 71¼ per cent. off for black, and 61¼ per cent. off for galvanized; ¼-inch, \$11.50; 1-inch, \$16.50; 1½-inch, \$22.50; 2-inch, \$27; 3-inch, \$36; 3½-inch, \$57.50; 4-inch, \$75.50; 5-inch, \$95; 6-inch, \$108.

Plates and Sheets.—Steel.—The market is steady. Quotations are: \$2.20 for 3-16; \$2.30 for ¼, and \$2.10 for ½ and thicker; 12-gauge being \$2.40 14-gauge, \$2.15; and 16-gauge, \$2.10. (111).

Rails.—Quotations on steel rails are necessarily only approximate and depend upon specification, quantity and delivery required. A range of \$10.50 to \$11 is given for 60-lb. and 70-lb.; 80-lb. and heavier, being \$10 rails, per gross ton of 2,240 lbs., f.o.b. mill. Re-laying rails are quoted at \$27 to \$20 per ton, according to condition of rail and location. (73).

Railway Ties.—See Lumber, etc.

Roofing.—Ready roofing, two-ply, 70c. per roll; three-ply, 90c. per roll of 100 square feet. Roofing tin caps, 6c. lb.; wire roofing nails, 5c. lb. (See Building Paper; Tar and Pitch; Nails, Roofing). (164).

Rope.—Prices are steady, at 9c. per lb. for sisal, and 10½c. for Manila. Wire rope, crucible steel, six-strands, nineteen wires: ¼-in., \$2.75; ½-in., \$2.75; ¾, \$4.75; 1, \$5.25; 1½, \$6.25; 2, \$8; 2½, \$10; 3-in., \$12 per 100 feet. (112).

Spikes.—Railway spikes are firmer at \$2.45 per 100 pounds, base of 4 x 9-16. Ship spikes are steady at \$2.85 per 100 pounds, base of ¾ x 10-inch, and ¾ x 12-inch. (132).

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

Telegraph Poles.—See Lumber, etc.

Tar and Pitch.—Coal tar, \$3.50 per barrel of 40 gallons, weighing about 500 pounds; roofing pitch, No. 1, 70c. per 100 pounds; and No. 2, 55c. per 100 pounds; pine tar, \$8.50 per barrel of 40 gallons, and \$4.75 per half-barrel; refined coal tar, \$4.50 per barrel; pine pitch, \$4 per barrel of 180 to 200 pounds. (See building paper; also roofing).

Tin.—Prices are firm, at \$34.50 to \$35.

Zinc.—The tone is easy, at 5¼ to 6c.

CAMP SUPPLIES.

Beans.—Prime pea beans, \$2 to \$2.25 per bushel. (74).

Butter.—September and October creamery, 28 to 32c.; dairy, 23 to 24c.

Canned Goods.—Per Dozen.—Corn, 80 to 85; peas, \$1.05 to \$1.15; beans, 85c.; tomatoes, 85 to 90c.; peaches, 25, \$1.65, and 38, \$2.65; pears, 28, \$1.60, and 38, \$2.30; salmon, best brands, 1-lb. tins, \$1.87½, and flats, \$2.02½; cheaper grades, 95c. to \$1.65. (74).

Cheese.—Finest, colored, 12¼c.; white, 13 to 13¼c. (74).

Coffee.—Mocha, 20 to 25c.; Santos, 15 to 18c.; Rio, 10 to 12c. (74).

Dried Fruits.—Currants, Filiatras, 5¼ to 6¼c.; choice, 8 to 9c., dates, 4 to 5c.; raisins, Valentias, 5 to 6¼c.; California, seeded, 7½ to 9c.; evaporated apples, prime, 8 to 8½c. (74).

Eggs.—New laid, 21 to 23c. (74).

Flour.—Manitoba, 1st patents, \$5.80 per barrel; 2nd patents, \$5.30; strong bakers, \$5.10. (74).

Molasses and Syrup.—Molasses, New Orleans, 27 to 28c.; Barbadoes, 40 to 45c.; Porto Rico, 40 to 43c.; syrup, barrels, 3¼c.; 2-lb. tins, 2 dozen to case, \$2.50 per case. (74).

Potatoes.—Per 90 lbs., good quality, 45 to 60c. (74).

Rice and Tapioca.—Rice, grade B, in 100-lb. bags, \$2.75 to \$2.80; C.C., \$2.65. Tapioca, medium pearl, 5½ to 6c. (74).

Rolled Oats.—Oatmeal, \$2.20 per bag; rolled oats, \$2, bags. (74).

Sugar.—Granulated, bags, \$5.05; yellow, \$4.65 to \$5. Barrels 5c. above bag prices.

Tea.—Japans, 20 to 38c.; Ceylons, 20 to 40c.; Ceylon, greens, 19 to 25c., China, green, 20 to 50c.; low-grades, down to 15c. (74).

Fish.—Salted.—Medium cod, \$7 per bbl.; herring, \$5.25 per bbl.; salmon, \$15.50 per bbl., for red, and \$14 for pink. Smoked fish.—Bloaters, \$1.10 per large box; haddies, 7¼c. per lb.; kippered herring, per box, \$1.20 to \$1.25. (74).

13½c. per lb. for compound. (74).

Provisions.—Salt Pork.—\$30 to \$34 per bbl.; beef, \$18 per bbl.; smoked hams, 16 to 20c. per lb.; lard, 17 to 18c. for pure, and 11¼ to 13½c. per lb. for compound. (74).

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Toronto, 21st April, 1910.

The soft coal situation is but little relieved from that existing a week ago. A little mine run and lump is coming forward through independent operators who are not affected by the strike conditions; but slack is exceedingly firm and prices asked almost prohibitive, being in many cases greater than that asked for lump coal under normal conditions of the market, and at that the coal is of inferior grade. Large consumers are uncomfortable over the condition of things.

A fair demand exists for cement, not greater than usual at this time of year. Movement by water is just beginning, and large quantities will presently be in course of delivery. Brick are firm and active; roofing materials moving briskly at unchanged prices. The market for iron and steel goods maintains itself, advices from both the States and Great Britain showing a firm front among producers.

Among camp supplies some changes are to be noted; butter is higher, up to 28 to 30c. for dairy, and 33 to 34c. for creamery, but not much moving, recent rains being expected to help production. New cheese has begun to come in. Lard is easier, say 16¼c. for tierces, 17¼c. for pails. No quotable change for smoked and dry salt meats.

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

Antimony.—Demand quiet at 9c. per 100 lbs. (332).

Axes.—Standard makes, double bitted, \$8 to \$10; single bitted, per dozen, \$7 to \$9. (217, 377).

Bar Iron.—\$2.00 to \$2.10, base, per 100 lbs., from stock to wholesale dealer. Market supply limited. (332).

Bar Mild Steel.—Per 100 lbs., \$2.10 to \$2.20. (372).

Boiler Plates.—¼-inch and heavier, \$2.20. Boiler heads 25c. per 100 pounds advance on plate. Tank plate, 3-16-inch, \$2.40 per 100 pounds, (241, 362, 456).

Boiler Tubes.—Orders continue active. Lap-welded, steel, 1¼-inch, 10c.; 1½-inch, 9c. per 10 foot; 2-inch, \$8.50; 2½-inch, \$10; 3-inch, \$11 to \$11.50; 3½-inch, \$18 to \$18.50 per 100 feet. (514).

Building Paper.—Plain, 27c. per roll; tarred, 35c. per roll. Demand is moderate. (518).

Bricks.—In active movement, with very firm tone. Price at some yards \$6 to \$6.50, at others, \$6.50 to \$10 for common. Don Valley pressed brick are in request. Red and buff pressed are worth \$18 delivered and \$17 at works per 1,000. (518).

Broken Stone.—Lime stone, good hard, for roadways or concrete, f.o.b., Schaw station, C.P.R., 75c. until further notice, per ton of 2,000 lbs., 1-inch, 2-inch, or larger, price all the same. Rubble stone, 55c. per ton, Schaw station, and a good deal moving. Broken granite is selling at \$3 per ton for good Oshawa. (518).

Cement.—Car lots, \$1.75 per barrel, without bags. In 1,000 barrel lots \$1.60. In smaller parcels \$1.90 is asked by city dealers. Bags, 40c. extra. Demand good; in another week or two the movement by water will be active. (61, 518).

Coal.—Anthracite, \$7.25 net at retail for grate, egg, stove, chestnut; pea coal, \$6. We suspend quotations for bituminous, owing to the strike in the Virginia and Pittsburg coal mines. Very little mine-run or lump is coming in, and prices asked for inferior are very high.

Copper Ingot.—The market may be described as "very sick," and the price is 13¼ to 14c.

Detonator Caps.—75c. to \$1 per 100; case lots, 75c. per 100; broken quantities, \$1. (212).