

**Explosives and Accessories.**—Dynamite, 50-lb. cases, 40 per cent. proof, 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, 10½ 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 10½ 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 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. (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 69 per cent. off for black, and 59 per cent. off for galvanized. The discount on the following is 7½ per cent. off for black, and 6½ per cent. off for galvanized; 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.

**Plates and Sheets.**—Steel.—The market is steady. Quotations are: \$2.25 for 3-16; \$2.30 for ¼, and \$2.10 for ¾ and thicker; 12-gauge being \$2.30; 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 \$30.50 to \$31 is given for 60-lb. and 70-lb.; 80-lb. and heavier, being \$30; rails, per gross ton of 2,240 lbs., f.o.b. mill. Re-laying rails are quoted at \$27 to \$29 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, 95c. 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; 5-16, \$3.75; ¾, \$4.75; 1, \$5.25; 1½, \$6.25; 2, \$8; 2½, \$10; 3-in., \$12 per 100 feet. (132).

**Spikes.**—Railway spikes are firmer at \$2.45 per 100 pounds, base of 3¼ 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 18 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, \$1.85 per bushel. (38).

**Butter.**—September and October creamery, 28 to 30c.; dairy, 22 to 23c.

**Canned Goods.**—Per Dozen.—Corn, 80 to 85; peas, \$1.05 to \$1.15; beans, 75 to 80c.; tomatoes, 82½ to 90c.; peaches, 25, \$1.65, and 35, \$2.65; pears, 25, \$1.60, and 35, \$2.30; salmon, best brands, 1-lb. talls, \$1.87½, and flats, \$2.02½; cheaper grades, 95c. to \$1.65.

**Cheese.**—Finest, colored, 12¼c.; white, 13 to 13¼c.

**Coffee.**—Mocha, 20 to 25c.; Santos, 15 to 18c.; Rio, 10 to 12c. (38).

**Dried Fruits.**—Currants, Filialtras, 5¼ to 6½c.; choice, 8 to 9c.; dates, 4 to 5c.; raisins, Valentias, 5 to 6c.; California, seeded, 7½ to 9c.; Sultana, 8 to 10c. Evaporated apples, prime, 9¼ to 9½c.

**Eggs.**—New laid, 26 to 27c.

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

**Molasses and Syrup.**—Molasses, New Orleans, 27 to 28c.; Barbadoes, 40 to 50c.; Porto Rico, 40 to 45c.; syrup, barrels, 3¼c.; 2-lb. tins, a dozen to case, \$2.50 per case.

**Potatoes.**—Per 90 lbs., good quality, 40 to 50c.

**Rice and Tapioca.**—Rice, grade B, in 100-lb. bags, \$2.95 to \$3; C.C. \$2.00. Tapioca, medium pearl, 4½ to 4¾c.

**Rolled Oats.**—Oatmeal, \$2.45 per bag; rolled oats, \$2.20, bags.

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

**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.

**Provisions.**—Salt Pork.—\$30 to \$34 per bbl.; beef, \$16 per bbl.; smoked hams, 16 to 19c. per lb.; lard, 17 to 18c. for pure, and 11½ to 13¼c. per lb. (38).

**MONTREAL HORSE MARKET.**

Dealers reported a slight improvement in trade. It would seem that Manitoba and the Northwest is taking quite a few cheap horses just now, prices ranging from \$75 to about \$125 each. Heavy draft, 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$225 to \$300 each; light draft, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$180 to \$240 each; light animals, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs., \$100 to \$150 each; inferior, broken-down horses, \$50 to \$100 each, and choice saddle or carriage animals, \$350 to \$500 each.

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Toronto, March 31st.

Mild temperatures and beautiful weather for a week or two have given a fillip to building. Bricks are active and very firm; felts and roofing materials moving briskly; lumber well maintained. Iron and steel goods keep up their price. Ingot metals are mostly steady, tin and lead slightly higher.

In camp supplies, the grocery and dried fruit department exhibits no changes of price, but creamery butter is scarce and much higher, while prices of lard are again advanced. Meats are extremely firm, with hams, rolls, backs, and in fact almost all meats from 1 to 2 cents higher.

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. (111).

**Axes.**—Standard makes, double bitted, \$8 to \$10; single bitted, per dozen, \$7 to \$9.

**Bar Iron.**—\$2.00 to \$2.10, base, per 100 lbs., from stock to wholesale dealer. Market supply limited. (111).

**Bar Mild Steel.**—Per 100 lbs., \$2.10 to \$2.20.

**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 lbs.

**Boiler Tubes.**—Orders continue active. Lap-welded, steel, 1¼-inch, 10c.; 1½-inch, 9c. per 100 feet; 2-inch, \$8.50; 2¼-inch, \$10; 2½-inch, \$10.60; 3-inch, \$11 to \$11.50; 3½-inch, \$18 to \$18.50 per 100 feet.

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

**Bricks.**—In active movement, with very firm tone. Price at some yards \$9 to \$9.50, at others, \$9.50 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.

**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. (164).

**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. (26, 164).

**Coal.**—Retail price for Pennsylvania hard, \$7.25 net, steady. This price applies to grate, eggs, stove, and chestnut; only pea coal is cheaper, namely, \$6.00. These are all cash, and the quantity purchased does not affect the price. In the United States there is an open market for bituminous coal and a great number of qualities exist. We quote. Youghiogheny lump coal on cars here, \$3.70 to \$3.80; mine run, \$3.60 to \$3.75; slack, 2.65 to \$2.85; lump coal from other districts, \$3.40 to \$3.70; mine run 10c. less; slack, 2.50 to \$2.70; canal coal plentiful at \$7.50 per ton; coke, Solvey foundry, which is largely used here, quotes at from \$5.75 to \$6.00; Reynoldsville, \$4.00 to \$5.00; Connellsville, 72-hour coke, \$5.50. Soft coal and slack are slowly growing less scarce.

**Copper Ingot.**—No change in quotations, business quiet. Price here, 14¼c. per lb., and the demand fair.

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

**Dynamite**, per pound, 21 to 25c., as to quantity. (83.)

**Felt Roofing.**—The spring trade has opened very well at an unchanged price, which is \$1.80 per 100 lbs.

**Fire Bricks.**—English and Scotch, \$30 to \$35; American, \$25 to \$35 per 1,000. Fire clay, \$8 to \$12 per ton.

**Fuses.**—Electric Blasting.—Double strength 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, per 100 count. Bennett's double tape fuse, \$6 per 1,000 feet.

**Iron Chain.**—¼-inch, \$5.75; 5-16-inch, \$5.15; ¾-inch, \$4.15; 7-16-inch, \$3.95; ½-inch, \$3.75; 9-16-inch, \$3.70; ¾-inch, \$3.55; 1-inch, \$3.45; 7-8-inch, \$3.40; 1-inch, \$3.40, per 100 lbs.

**Iron Pipe.**—A steady request at former prices.—Black, 4-inch, \$2.03; ¾-inch, \$2.25; 1-inch, \$2.63; 1½-inch, \$3.28; 2-inch, \$4.70; 2½-inch, \$6.41; 3-inch, \$7.70; 4-inch, \$10.26; 5-inch, \$16.39; 6-inch, \$21.62; 7-inch, \$27.08; 8-inch, \$30.78; 9-inch, \$35.75; 10-inch, \$39.85; 11-inch, \$51.70. Galvanized, ¼-inch, \$2.86; ¾-inch, \$3.08; 1-inch, \$3.48; 1½-inch, \$4.43; 2-inch, \$6.35; 2½-inch, \$8.66; 3-inch, \$10.40; 4-inch, \$13.86, per 100 feet. (74, 188).

**Pig Iron.**—There is great activity and prices are maintained. Clarence quotes at \$21 for No. 3; Cleveland, \$20.50 to \$21, Summerlee, for winter delivery, \$22.50 in Canadian pig, Hamilton quotes \$19.50 to \$20 per ton. Producing plants are everywhere busy, and there is considerable business in prospect for 1910.

**Lead.**—An active demand at previous prices, which are \$3.80 to \$3.90 per 100 lbs.

**Lime.**—Retail price in city 35c. per 100 lbs. f.o.b., car; in large lots at kilns outside city 22c. per 100 lbs. f.o.b. car without freight. Demand is moderate.

**Lumber.**—Prices are generally firm, especially in pine. We quote dressing pine \$32.00 to \$35.00 per M; common stock boards, \$26