

to the ground on Saturday night. A freight engine that had come in a few hours before was destroyed, and a snow-plough standing on the track was scorched. This is the third roundhouse to be burned on this site. It was a substantial building, erected two years ago to replace one destroyed by lightning. There is no accounting for the fire.

Quebec.

MONTREAL.—The loss will be nearly \$10,000 as the result of the destruction of the C.P.R. roundhouse at Outremont. Three locomotives were damaged.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ontario.

MORRISBURG.—H. A. Pruner, of the Morrisburg Concrete Co., who tendered on the walks here last spring, has constructed during the season \$20,000 worth of concrete walks in the towns of Finch, Perth and Athens.

PRESCOTT.—The Geo. Hall Co.'s new coal trestle at Prescott is all ready for operation, and will probably be used on October the 7th, when a boat will be in port. The trestle is nearly 3,500 feet in length, and is of the endless type. Eighteen small trolley cars will be used to distribute the coal. The trestle is 50 per cent. longer than the one at the company's plant in Ogdensburg, and is said to be the biggest between Duluth and Montreal.

SARNIA.—The Standard Chain Co., of Canada, Limited, Sarnia, Ont., have commenced to rebuild their factory, which was destroyed by a tornado last June. They expect to be in a position to manufacture a full line of chain within thirty days. They have a considerable quantity of chain on hand, and are in a position to ship promptly such sizes as they have on hand at Sarnia at present.

Manitoba.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.—Smith, Kerry & Chace, of Toronto, have made a report to the town council on a method of creating an artificial lake by diverting the waters of the Assiniboine River.

WINNIPEG.—The directors of the American Steel and Wire Co., of Illinois, a subsidiary company of the United States Steel Corporation, arrived here this morning to complete the purchase of the Munroe Steel Works and to erect a big plant here.

WINNIPEG.—H. N. Ruttan, city engineer, placed before the Board of Control his first official statement in regard to the efficiency of the high pressure plant. The statement came as a reply to the letter from the Insurance Committee of the Board of Trade asking when the city would formally accept the plant, the underwriters having declared that there would be no reduction in insurance rates until the plant has been taken over by the city. The engineer says that the pumps and engines are satisfactory, but that the test of the gas producer plant showed that it had not sufficient capacity to operate the whole plant. The engineer describes the underwriters' action in waiting for an official acceptance of the plant as a "mere pretext."

PERSONAL.

MR. G. H. PERLEY, of the C.P.R. engineering staff, Embro, Ont., has removed to Andover, N.B.

MR. W. G. CHACE, B.A. Sc., of Smith, Kerry & Chace, Toronto, has removed to Winnipeg, Man., and taken charge of the Winnipeg municipal power plant construction.

MR. R. R. JAMIESON, general superintendent of the Central Division of C.P.R., has resigned and has accepted a position with a private enterprise at Calgary, Alta.

MARKET CONDITIONS.

Toronto, October 8th, 1908.

Keeping pace with the improving fall demand for various kinds of merchandise there are more requests for pig-iron, in both city and country. Structural steel is not in equal demand for the reason that factories or other large buildings are not numerous among the structures launched today. But plenty of small or moderate dwellings are under construction.

The general movement in metals keeps up, and any increase in price would make them more active still. Bricks are moving moderately. In cement the anomaly is presented of retail dealers being busy with small orders, while prices are lower at wholesale, and manufacturers say no round lots are moving. White pine is quiet at steady prices; hemlock active, hardwoods in slack demand.

Things are shaping better in the United States. Reports to end September from 35 car-service bureaus say that the last fortnight has witnessed a decrease of 49,045 in the list of unused railway cars, the number of which is now 173,587, whereas in midsummer it was over 300,000. The aggregate number in use by the 35 associations, 2,441,720 cars in August was below the 2,998,237 cars reported for August, 1907. Much of this demand for cars comes from the lumber states of the North-West, although the cut of white pine is reduced there. In the South there is a marked decrease in the cut of yellow pine, and not much activity in it. Demand for pig-iron is better in the States, but that for structural steel is very slowly improved, if at all.

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

Antimony.—Price unchanged at 8½c., with moderate demand here, but prices are advancing outside.

Bar Iron.—\$1.95 base, from stock to the wholesale dealer.

Boiler Plates.—¼-inch and heavier, \$2.40. No special activity.

Boiler heads 25c. per 100 pounds advance on plate.

Boiler Tubes.—Demand limited. Lap-welded, steel, 1½-inch, 10c.; 1½-inch, 9c. per foot; 2-inch, \$8.50; 2½-inch, \$10; 3-inch, \$10.60; 3½-inch, \$11.30; 4-inch, \$12.45 per 100 feet.

Building Paper.—Plain, 30c. per roll; tarred, 40c. per roll. Weather still too fine to make demand brisk.

Bricks.—Common structural, 90 per thousand, wholesale, and the demand moderately active. Red and buff pressed are worth, delivered, \$18; at works, \$17.

Cement.—The market is lower; cement can be had in 1,000 barrel lots at \$1.80 per barrel, including the bags, which is equal to \$1.40 without bags. Overproduction is evident, and demand is not brisk in a wholesale way. The smaller dealers, however, are busy selling small quantities.

Coal Tar.—In improved request; \$3.50 per barrel the ruling price.

Copper Ingot.—Still active; prices unchanged at 14½c.

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

Dynamite, per pound, 21 to 25c., as to quantity.

Roofing Felt.—There is much more demand and a better feeling. Price \$1.80 per 100 pounds.

Fire Bricks.—English and Scotch, \$32.50 to \$35; American, \$28.50 to \$35 per 1,000. Demand continues 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 Brand.—Sheets 6 or 8 feet long, 30 or 36 inches wide; 10-gauge, \$3.05; 12-14-gauge, \$3.15; 16, 18, 20, \$3.35; 22-24-gauge, \$3.50; 26, \$3.75; 28, \$4.20; 29 or 30, \$4.50 per 100 pounds. Fleur de Lis—28-gauge, \$4.30; 26-gauge, \$4.05; 22-24-gauge, \$3.50. Queen's Head—28-gauge, \$4.50; 26-gauge, \$4.25; 22-24-gauge, \$3.70.

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; ¾-inch, \$3.45; 7/8-inch, \$3.40; 1-inch, \$3.40.

Iron Pipe.—Black, ¼-inch, \$2.03; ¾-inch, \$2.25; ¾-inch, \$2.63; ¾-inch, \$3.50; 1-inch, \$5.11; 1½-inch, \$6.97; 1½-inch, \$8.37; 2-inch, \$11.16; 2½-inch, \$17.82; 3-inch, \$23.40; 3½-inch, \$29.45; 4-inch, \$33.48; 4½-inch, \$38.5-inch, \$43.50; 6-inch, \$56. Galvanized, ¼-inch, \$2.86; ¾-inch, \$3.08; ¾-inch, \$3.48; ¾-inch, \$4.71; 1-inch, \$6.76; 1½-inch, \$9.22; 1½-inch, \$11.07; 2-inch, \$14.76. Rather more movement following the natural fall demand.

Lead.—Active, but slightly irregular. We still quote \$3.90.

Lime.—In adequate supply and moderate movement. Price for large lots at kilns outside city 21c. per 100 lbs. l.o.b. cars; Toronto retail price 35c. per 100 lbs. f.o.b. car.

Lumber.—Dressing pine we quote \$32 to \$35 per thousand for usual lengths (12, 14, and 16 ft.), and stock sizes of boards, and \$38 to \$40 for special lengths, common stock boards, as to grade, \$24 to \$28; Cull stocks, \$20; sidings, \$17.50; Southern pine, moderately firm; Norway pine rather easy. Hemlock moves steadily in small quantities. British Columbia shingles still \$3.20; lath, No. 1, \$4; No. 2, \$3.50; spruce flooring, \$25. Prices generally firmer; movement not remarkable, but round lots of hemlock are moving. The Toronto demand is for dwelling construction, factory construction being quiet.

Nails.—Wire, \$2.55 base; cut, \$2.70; spikes, \$3. There is a fair supply and no especial activity.

Pitch.—An active trade at 70c. per 100 pounds. The stock is low, and holders are firm.

Pig Iron.—Rather more enquiry, and prices practically unchanged. Clarence quotes at \$19.50 for No. 3; Cleveland, \$19.50 to \$20; in Canadian pig, Hamilton quotes \$19.50 to \$20.00.

Rope.—Sisal, 9½c. per lb.; pure Manila, 12½c., Base.

Sewer Pipe.—In good demand; price 70 per cent. off list at factory for car-load lots; 60 per cent. off list retail.

Steel Beams and Channels.—Quiet. We quote:—\$2.50 to \$2.75, according to size and quantity; if cut, \$2.75 to \$3; angles, 1½ by 3-16 and larger, \$2.50; tees, \$2.80 to \$3 per 100 pounds. Extra for smaller sizes of angles and tees.

Steel Rails.—80-lb., \$35 to \$38 per ton. The following are prices per gross ton: Montreal, 12-lb. \$45, 16-lb. \$44 25 and 20-lb. \$43.

Sheet Steel.—Market steady, with fairly good demand; 10-gauge, \$2.50; 12-gauge, \$2.55; American Bessemer, 14-gauge, \$2.35; 17, 18, and 20-gauge, \$2.45; 22 and 24-gauge, \$2.50; 26-gauge, \$2.65; 28-gauge, \$2.85.

Tool Steel.—Jowett's special pink label, 10½c. Cyclops, 18c.

Tank Plate.—3-16-inch, \$2.50.

Tin.—The United States market is strong and a little higher. Prices looking upward here, price still 30 to 33c., irregular here at 30 to 32½c.

Zinc Spelter.—Business very good at unchanged prices, say, \$4.90 to \$5.

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Montreal, October 7th, 1908.

The pig-iron markets of the United States are almost featureless. There continues to be some fair sales in basic grades, but foundry grades are unchanged. It is now generally expected that there cannot be any very great revival until towards spring, at any rate.

In England, producers are evidently looking for a recovery before long. During the week, four more furnaces in the Cleveland district have resumed operations, after being out of blast for several months. Stocks in store remain practically the same as previously, the increase being not more than 1,000 tons per week. There is a better demand for hematite pig for steel making purposes. The situation in Germany is expected to be cleared up within the next week or ten days, and if the agreements are renewed a decidedly steadying effect upon the English market will be the result.

In the local market, prices of pig continue steady. Supplies are arriving constantly, although in more limited volume than usual, at this time of year, this being the period in which supplies for the winter are brought in. The SS. "Inishowen Head," which went ashore a short distance above Quebec recently, carries some 3,100 tons of pig-iron, the greater part of