

**Steel Plates.**—Demand is good, and the market lower. Quotations are:—\$2.25 for 3-16, \$2.20 for 1/8, and \$2.15 for 1/4 and thicker, in smaller lots.

**Tar and Pitch.**—Coal tar, \$3.50 per barrel of 40 gallons, weighing about 500 pounds; coal tar pitch, No. 1, 75c. per 100 pounds, No. 2, 55c. 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 is steady, and is now quoted at 32 1/2 to 33c. per pound.

**Tool Steel.**—Demand is light, but the market is firm. Base prices are as follows:—Jessop's best unannealed, 14 1/2c. per pound, annealed being 15 1/2c.; second grade, 8c., and high-speed, "Ark," 60c., and "Novo," 65c.; "Conqueror," 55 to 60c.; Sanderson Bros. and Newbould's "Sabeh," 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; Sell-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 5 1/4 to 5 1/2c. per pound.

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Toronto, July 2nd, 1908.

A marked variation in experience of business is reported to us by men in different lines, and even by different firms in the same line. For example, the Don Valley brick people tell us that they are actively employed and well satisfied; while cement firms complain of dullness, and the Paterson Roofing Company say, "business is rotten." The wood market is distinctly weak, and in some articles prices have given way. Iron pipe is slow of movement, even at reduced quotations. Metals, such as tin, copper, and zinc are on the weak side, but there is a better feeling in lead.

The effect of the American Steel Company's reductions has been to destroy or very greatly to lessen the budding intentions of builders and contractors, and to cancel, in some cases temporarily, in some permanently, the orders ready to be given in May. A very similar effect appears to have been produced in Canada, which helps to account for the very inactive condition of the building trade in various parts of Ontario, where people seem frightened to undertake anything. In the Far West, this is not by any means the case. They are looking forward very hopefully to December.

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.**—Business continues quiet, price for Cookson's, 9c.

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

**Boiler Plates.**—1/4-inch and heavier, \$2.40. Fair supply, prices steady. Boiler heads 25c. per 100 pounds advance on plate.

**Boiler Tubes.**—Demand limited. Lap-welded, steel, 1 1/4-inch, 10c.; 1 1/2-inch, 9c. per foot; 2-inch, \$8.50; 2 1/4-inch, \$10; 2 1/2-inch, \$10.60; 3-inch, \$12.10; 3 1/2-inch, \$15.30; 4-inch, \$19.45 per 100 feet.

**Building Paper.**—Plain, 32c. per roll; tarred, 40c. per roll. Orders are of a limited character.

**Bricks.**—Common structural, \$9 to \$10 per thousand, wholesale, and the demand is still active. Red and buff pressed are worth, delivered, \$18; at works, \$17.

**Cement.**—Price of Canadian makes to the dealer in 1,000 barrel lots and up in \$1.80, in cotton bags, on car, Toronto. In lesser quantities, \$1.90 per barrel.

**Copper, Ingot.**—Quotations here are as before; say 13 3/4c. for large purchases, and 14 1/4c. 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 cannot go lower, dealers say there is no profit at present rates, and not much doing.

**Fire Bricks.**—English and Scotch, \$32.50 to \$35; American, \$25 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, \$3.25; 12-14-gauge, \$3.35; 16, 18, 20, \$3.50; 22-24, \$3.70, 26, \$3.95; 28, \$4.40; 29 or 10 1/2, \$4.70 per 100 pounds. Demand very active.

**Iron Pipe.**—Black, 1/4-inch, \$2.03; 3/8-inch, \$2.25; 1/2-inch, \$2.63; 3/4-inch, \$3.50; 1-inch, \$5.11; 1 1/4-inch, \$6.97; 1 1/2-inch, \$8.37; 2-inch, \$11.10; 2 1/2-inch, \$17.82; 3-inch, \$23.40; 3 1/2-inch, \$29.45; 4-inch, \$33.48; 4 1/2-inch, \$38, 5-inch, \$43.50; 6-inch, \$56. Galvanized, 1/4-inch, \$2.85; 3/8-inch, \$3.08; 1/2-inch, \$3.48; 3/4-inch, \$4.71; 1-inch, \$6.76; 1 1/4-inch, \$9.22; 1 1/2-inch, \$11.07; 2-inch, \$14.76. These downward changes indicate the decline spoken of last week.

**Lead.**—More active here at about previous prices, feeling is, however, a little firmer.

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

**Lumber.**—The whole market is weak, and the demand slow; superior pine suffers less in price however than other lines. Dressing, we quote, \$32.00 to \$35.00 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; culls, \$20. Southern pine and Norway pine are somewhat easier. Hemlock moves more freely and quotes at \$18 to \$20, according to size. Much spruce comes from the East and is in better demand; the price asked for flooring is \$25 wholesale and \$28 retail. Shingles, B.C., are off again, having been offered at \$3 wholesale, per thousand. Laths are quiet, No. 1 quote at \$4 on track, No. 2 at \$3.50.

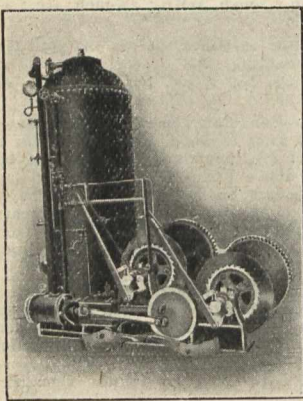
**Nails.**—Wire, \$2.55 base; cut, \$2.70; spikes, \$3.15.

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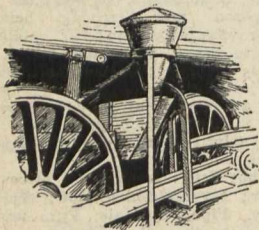
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