

Spikes.—Railway spikes are in dull demand and prices are steady at \$2.40 per 100 pounds, base of $\frac{5}{8}$ x 9-16. Ship spikes are also dull and steady at \$3 per 100 pounds, base of $\frac{3}{4}$ x 10-inch, and $\frac{3}{4}$ x 12-inch.

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

Steel Plates.—The market is steady. Quotations are: \$2.15 for 3-16; \$2.25 for $\frac{1}{2}$, and \$2.15 for $\frac{3}{4}$ and thicker; 12-gauge being \$2.30; 14-gauge, \$2.15; and 16-gauge, \$2.10.

Telegraph Poles.—See lumber, etc.

Tar and Pitch.—Coal tar, \$4 per barrel of 40 gallons, weighing about 500 pounds, roofing tar, \$3.15 per barrel; roofing pitch, No. 1, \$1 per 100 pounds; and No. 2, 50c. per 100 pounds; pine tar, \$8.50 per barrel of 40 gallons, and \$4.75 per half-barrel; pine pitch, \$4 per barrel of 180 to 200 pound. (See building paper; also roofing.)

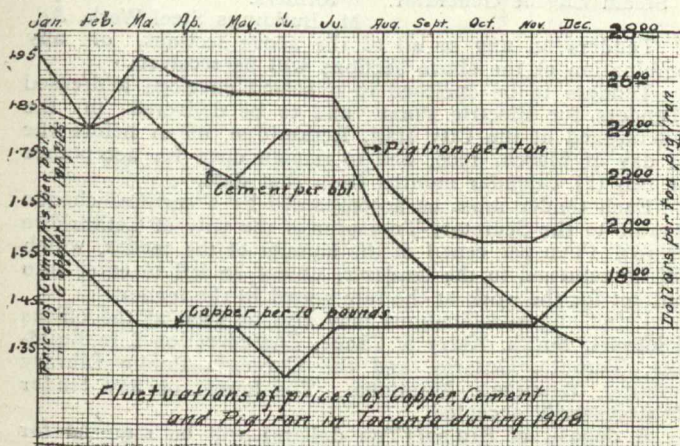
Tin.—Prices are 32c. to 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Zinc.—The market is steady at $\frac{5}{8}$ to $\frac{5}{16}$ c.

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Toronto, February 18th, 1909.

The outlook is improving. Among the signs of increased trade is the experience of a lumber traveller on the road who sold more car loads of lumber in South-western Ontario than in any week for months. He reports that many dealers have been buying from hand to mouth for half a year or more, and are now bare of stock. Orders have come in, too, for April shipment of building paper, sewer pipe, fire-bricks, and small quantities of cement. Architects have orders for more and better styles of buildings than this time last year, which gives hope for good employment by builders when spring opens.



No special activity appears, however, in metals or hardware at the moment; metals are especially dull this week. There are no immediate features of moment in foreign markets, and in the iron trade of Britain not much business is passing.

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

Antimony.—Partakes somewhat of the greater strength that characterizes all metals this week. Not much selling, however. Price as before, 93-4c.

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

Boiler Plates.—1-4-inch and heavier, \$2.40. Boiler heads 25c. per 100 pounds advance on plate.

Boiler Tubes.—Orders continue active. Lap-welded, steel, 1-1-4-inch, 10c.; 1-1-2-inch, 9c. per foot; 2-inch, \$8.75; 2-1-4-inch, \$10; 2-1-2-inch, \$10.60; 3-inch, \$12.10; 3-1-2-inch, \$15; 4-inch, \$18.50 to \$19 per 100 feet.

Building Paper.—Plain, 30c. per roll; tarred, 40c. per roll. A moderate demand can be now reported, for shipment about 1st April.

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

Cement.—Price in 1,000-barrel lots \$1.70 per barrel, including bags, or \$1.30 without bags. Smaller quantities, \$1.55 to \$1.60 per barrel, in load lots delivered in town, and bags extra. No marked activity.

Coal Tar.—Nothing doing, price maintained at \$3.50 per barrel.

Copper Ingot.—We do not change our quotation from 15c. to 15 1/2-c. Matters have quieted down, and there is but slight movement at unchanged prices.

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.—Still quiet on account of coarse climatic conditions. Price maintained at \$1.80 per 100 lbs.

Fire Bricks.—English and Scotch, \$30 to \$35; American, \$27.50 to \$35 per 1,000. The demand has become quite active.

Fuses.—Electric Blasting.—Double strength, per 200, 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, \$3.50; 26, \$3.75; 28, \$4.20; 29, \$4.50; 30, \$4.50 per 100 pounds. Fleur de Lis—10-gauge, \$4.30; 12-gauge, \$4.05; 14-gauge, \$3.50. Queen's Head—10-gauge, \$4.50; 12-gauge, \$4.25. Sheets are in very active request.

Iron Chain.—1/4-inch, \$5.75; 5-16-inch, \$5.15; 1/2-inch, \$4.15; 7-16-inch, \$3.95; 3/4-inch, \$3.75; 9-16-inch, \$3.70; 1-inch, \$3.55; 1-1/4-inch, \$3.45; 1-1/2-inch, \$3.40; 1-3/4-inch, \$3.40.

Bar Iron.—\$1.95 to \$2, base, from stock to wholesale dealer.

Iron Pipe.—Black, 1/4-inch, \$2.03; 1/2-inch, \$2.25; 3/4-inch, \$2.63; 1-inch

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Lead.—Quiet and unchanged at \$3.90 to \$4.00 here. Excitement abroad quieted.

Lime.—In adequate supply and slow movement. Price for large lots at kilns outside city 22c. per 100 lbs. f.o.b. cars; Toronto retail price 35c. per 100 lbs. f.o.b. car.

Lumber.—We quote dressing pine \$32 to \$35 per thousand; common stock boards higher at \$26 to \$30.00; cull stocks, \$20; sidings, \$17.50. Norway pine is neglected in favor of Southern, which is much stronger in fibre and the price well maintained. Hemlock continues to sell pretty freely, and in car lots brings \$16.50 to \$17.00. Spruce flooring is quoted at \$22.00 in car lots. The season being practically over for shingles, there is but little movement in them, but prices are suddenly strong at \$3.20 for British Columbia. White pine lath are scarcer, No. 1 especially, and stiff in price. No. 1 are \$4, and No. 2 \$3.50. Spruce laths are scarcer in this market and prices keep up. More spruce and hemlock have moved than pine. Prices are maintained all over the list.

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

Pitch.—Demand is flat; price, 70c. per 100 lbs.

Pig Iron.—Business continues quiet; prices are fairly well maintained. Clarence quotes at \$20.50 for No. 3; Cleveland, \$20.50 to \$21.00; in Canadian pig, Hamilton quotes \$19.50 to \$20.

Plaster of Paris.—Calcined, wholesale, \$2; retail, \$2.15. Trade quiet.

Putty.—In bladders, strictly pure, per 100 lbs., \$2.25; in barrel lots, \$2.05.

Rope.—Sisal, 9/16c. per lb.; pure Manila, 12/16c., Base

Sewer Pipe.—

	4-in.	6-in.	9-in.	10-in.	12-in.	24-in.
Straight pipe per foot	\$0.20	\$0.30	\$0.60	\$0.75	\$1.00	\$3.25
Single junction, 1 or 2 feet long	.90	1.35	2.70	3.40	4.50	14.63
Double junctions	1.50	2.50	5.00	8.50
Increases and reducers	1.50	2.50	5.00	8.50
P. traps	2.00	3.50	7.50	15.00
H. H. traps	2.50	4.00	8.00	15.00

In steady demand; price 73 per cent. off list at factory for car-load lots; 65 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, 1-1-4 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, for 500 tons or over: Montreal, 12-lb. \$45, 16-lb. \$44, 25 and 30-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, 10/16c. Cyclops, 16c.

Tin.—The tone of outside markets is firmer, some authorities still think the price must go up. The production has increased. No change in price here, 30 to 31c.

Wheelbarrows.—Navy, steel wheel, Jewel pattern, knocked down, \$21.33 per dozen; set up, \$22.35. Pan Canadian, navy, steel tray, steel wheel, per dozen, \$1.30 each; Pan American, steel tray, steel wheel, \$4.25 each.

Zinc Spelter.—Business fairly active, market strong at \$5.25 to \$5.50, and more enquiry.

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Winnipeg, February 16th, 1909.

The local trade continues quiet and preparations are being made on all hands ordering supplies for the coming season, and dealers in many cases have already placed their spring orders.

The local architects are exceptionally busy just now as most of them have plans under way of large works to be done during the present year. No further rise in the price of lumber has taken place and new lists have not yet been compiled, although the list price in all probability will be changed instead of merely giving a smaller discount.

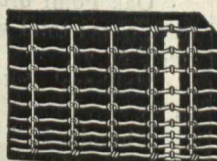
The Cement Block business is likely to have a good season's run as many of the architects are favorable to using a cement faced block. The price of cement is still quoted at an exceptionally low figure giving very little profit for the dealers.

This week the Annual Bonspiel is on in Winnipeg and many of the out-of-town merchants and business men are in the city and will take the

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A statement has been prepared for the Minister of Railways showing the circumstances of every level crossing fatality in the last five years. The total number of deaths is 270 and the returns show that in ninety-five per cent. of the cases the accident was due to carelessness or recklessness on the part of the individuals concerned.

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