

LIGHT, HEAT, AND POWER.

Ontario.

ST. CATHARINES.—The city council has concluded the negotiations with the Lincoln Electric Company for a five-year contract for the lighting of the city streets at \$50 per arc light, the city agreeing to take not less than one hundred lights after January 1st, 1910. The city has the power to renew the agreement at the expiration of the contract for a period of fifteen years. A clause inserted in the agreement giving power to the company to transfer or assign the agreement and the contract to the Cataract Company was struck out before adoption.

RECENT FIRES.

Nova Scotia.

HALIFAX.—The starch factory at Hunter River, P.E.I., was totally destroyed by fire November 1st during a fierce gale. The loss was \$8,000, and insurance \$4,000.

Quebec.

QUEBEC.—A disastrous fire visited the Lake St. John district on October 31st, when the bridge spanning the Assouapmouchouan River was completely destroyed. The bridge, which was built of wood, was covered, and was constructed by the Provincial Government some ten years ago. It was 1,800 feet in length and cost \$20,000, and was used solely for vehicles.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Ontario.

WOODSTOCK.—The London Western Counties Pipe Line company have written the city council asking for a franchise to supply the place with natural gas from Port Dover.

TORONTO.—City Engineer Rust has recommended to the Committee on Works an additional hydraulic dredge, at an approximate cost of \$76,000. He states that sand pump No. 1 has been in commission for about sixteen years, and will require extensive repairs. He also recommends the purchase of another tug to cost about \$10,000.

PERSONAL.

MR. F. S. FERGUSON has been appointed manager of the Canadian Iron and Foundry Company; office at St. Thomas, Ont.

MR. A. BYRNE, of the Garlock Packing Company, of Toronto, Montreal and Hamilton, has returned from an extended European tour.

MR. E. L. MILES, formerly assistant engineer on Toronto-Sudbury branch C.P.R., is now locating for C.N.R. in the Moose Mountain country.

MR. A. FRONHOEFER, formerly division engineer on C.P.R. double tracking, Smith's Falls to Montreal, is now district engineer, Division 4, District D, N.T. Railway.

MARKET CONDITIONS.

Toronto, November 5th, 1908.

In metals, the week has witnessed a good deal of "toning up," and the whole metal list of prices is either notably improved or stiffened in tone. There was a broadening demand last week for pig iron both in the United States and Canada, and to-day the enquiry keeps up, with more transactions certain in the States as a result of Taft's election over Bryan. American advices say that the next two months are sure to see a good many orders for structural material placed across the line.

This week's cold snap has stimulated what may be called cold weather hardware. And it has given a fillip to galvanized sheets and also tin. Building has been active in Toronto during last month. City hall statistics show that there were 552 permits granted during October, as compared with 334 during the same month last year, while the estimated value reached \$1,019,492 as compared with \$776,555 for the same month last year.

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

Antimony.—Price unchanged at 8½¢, with more enquiry.
Axes.—Standard makes, double bitted, \$8 to \$10; single bitted, per dozen, \$7 to \$9.

Bar Iron.—\$1.05 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, 1¼-inch, 10c.; 1½-inch, 9c. per foot; 2-inch, \$8.50; 2¼-inch, \$10; 2½-inch, \$10.60; 3-inch, \$12.10; 3½-inch, \$15.30; 4-inch, \$19.45 per 100 feet.

Building Paper.—Plain, 30c per roll; tarred, 40c. per roll. Business brisk.

Bricks.—Common structural, \$9 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.—Market active and higher here at 14¼ to 14¾c. The United States market has been variable during the week but is now higher.

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, moderate and steady.

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, \$3.50; 26, \$3.75; 28, \$4.20; 29, \$4.50; 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; 5/8-inch, \$3.55; ¾-inch, \$3.45; 7/8-inch, \$3.40; 1-inch, \$3.40.

Iron Pipe.—Black, ¼-inch, \$2.03; 3/8-inch, \$2.25; ½-inch, \$2.63; ¾-inch, \$3.56; 1-inch, \$5.11; 1¼-inch, \$6.97; 1½-inch, \$8.37; 2-inch, \$11.16; 2½-inch, \$17.84; 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; 3/8-inch, \$3.08; ½-inch, \$3.48; 5/8-inch, \$4.71; 1-inch, \$6.76; 1¼-inch, \$9.22; 1½-inch, \$11.07; 2-inch, \$14.76. Colder weather causes more movement.

Lead.—An active market at unchanged figures, say \$3.90.
Lead Wool.—\$12 per 100 lbs. f.o.b. factory.

Lime.—In adequate supply and moderate 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.—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, with perceptible stiffening; spruce flooring, \$25. No quotable change in price anywhere, but a more settled feeling.

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

Pitch.—An active trade at unaltered prices, at 70c. per 100 pounds.
Pig Iron.—More enquiry has developed within the past ten days. Meantime we do not alter prices. Clarence quotes at \$19.50 for No. 3; Cleveland, \$19.50 to \$20; in Canadian pig, Hamilton quotes \$19.50 to \$20.

Plaster of Paris.—Calced, wholesale, \$2; retail, \$2.15.
Putty.—In bladders, strictly pure, per 100 lbs., \$2.

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

	4-in.	6-in.	9-in.	10-in.	12-in.	24-in.
Straight pipe per foot	\$.020	\$.030	\$.060	\$.075	\$.100	\$.325
Single junction, 1 or 2 feet long.	.90	1.35	2.70	3.40	4.50	14.63

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, 1¼ 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 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.

Tank Plate.—Jowett's special pink label, 10½c. Cyclops, 18c.
Tank Plate.—3-16-inch, \$2.50.

Tin.—An advance has been declared and demand is good at 31½ to 33c.

Wheelbarrows.—Navy, steel wheel, jewel pattern, knocked down, \$21.35 per dozen; set up, \$22.35. Pan Canadian, navy, steel tray, steel wheel, per dozen, \$3.30 each; Pan American, steel tray, steel wheel, \$4.25 each.

Zinc Spelter.—Business very good at better prices, \$5 to \$5.50.

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Montreal, November 4th, 1908.

On the other hand, the situation in England is quite unsatisfactory. The market for Cleveland warrants is very flat and irregular. Prices have declined considerably owing to the news that the German syndicate, which controlled the price of pig in that country, has been dissolved, and that after the first of the new year individual makers will be at liberty to sell at open prices. It was generally hoped that at the last moment the syndicates agreement would be renewed, so that the news of the contrary reacted unfavorably upon the English market, as export from England will now be considerably curtailed. Owing to the weaker state of the warrant market, makers prices are also lower and there is less disposition on the part of consumers to purchase ahead. Stocks in store have again increased 6,500 tons. Notwithstanding the above, the market for steel and finished material has improved, prices being firm and demand for home consumption being better. The local market was very steady during the week. Practically everything required for fall and winter has now been ordered, and shipment will proceed actively from now till the close of navigation.

There were no changes of consequence throughout the market this week, prices being as follows:—

Antimony.—The market is easier, at 9 to 9½c.
Bar Iron and Steel.—Prices are steady all round, and trade is decidedly dull. Bar iron, \$1.00 per 100 pounds; best refined horseshoe, \$2.15; forged iron, \$2.05; mild steel, \$2.00; sleigh shoe steel, \$1.90 for 1 x ¾-base; tire steel, \$1.95 for 1 x ¾-base; toe calk steel, \$2.40; machine steel, iron finish, \$2.10.

Boiler Tubes.—The market is steady, quotations being as follows:—2-inch tubes, 8½c.; 2½-inch, 10c.; 3-inch, 11½c.; 3½-inch, 14½c.; 4-inch, 19c.

Building Paper.—Tar paper, 7, 10, or 16 ounce, \$1.50 per 100 pounds; felt paper, \$2.25 per 100 pounds; tar sheathing, No. 1, 50c. per roll of 400 square feet; No. 2, 35c.; dry sheathing, No. 1, 40c. per roll of 400 square feet, No. 2, 26c. (See Roofing; also Tar and Pitch).

Cement—Canadian and American.—Canadian cement, \$1.65 to \$1.75 per barrel, in cotton bags, and \$1.90 and \$2.05 in wood, weights in both cases 350 pounds. There are four bags of 8½ pounds each, net, to a barrel, and 10 cents must be added to the above prices for each bag. Bags in good condition are purchased at 10 cents each. Where paper bags are wanted instead of cotton, the charge is 2½ cents for each, or 10 cents per barrel weight. American cement, standard brands, f.o.b., mills, \$1.85 per