connected with the lines of the Bell Telephone Company at Brockville and Prescott. It is interesting to note that these points can now be reached by long distance telephone.

NEWMARKET.—The central telephone station has been transferred from Starr's store one door further north. The change involved nearly a week's work by a gang of seventeen men. In the new switchboard accommodation is provided for 250 subscribers.

ST. CATHARINES.—The new circuit lately added to the lines of the Bell Telephone Company between St. Catharines and Welland has greatly aided telephone communication between these two points, as well as with intermediate towns.

Manitoba.

WINNIPEG.—The Telephone Commission, Manitoba, is now discussing with the American telephone companies adjoining the Province a revision of rates for long distance messages across the line.

PERSONAL.

MR. JOHN OSMOND has been appointed mechanical superintendent of the Smart Manufacturing Co., Brockville, Ont.

MR. THOMAS HEWITT, superintendent of the Kingston Waterworks, has resigned, the resignation to take effect January 1st, 1909.

MR. KEMPER J. KNOTT, of Chicago, has been elected a director of the Allis-Chalmers Company, to succeed Jos. S. Measle, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

MR. E. W. McClennan, former manager of the Bell telephone exchange at Orillia, Ont., and section manager of the surrounding towns, has been appointed traffic manager of the Manitoba Government system in Winnipeg. He will take over his new duties immediately.

MR. HENRY N. NOLD has severed his connection with the Berlin Machine Works, of Beloit, Wis., and Hamilton, Ont., as electrical engineer, and has opened an office at Room 2, Hamilton Provident and Loan Chambers, Hamilton, Ont., as a consulting electrical and mechanical engineer. Mr. Nold's work will embrace the preparation of estimates, plans, specifications, and the supervision of installation of railway, lighting, power and industrial enterprises.

MARKET CONDITIONS.

Toronto, 12th November, 1908.

In building materials there is nothing novel to chronicle. Lumber is moving slowly, cement decidedly dull at the factories, but fairly active among the small dealers, bricks still in demand. Structural steel hardly in the running until next spring, American advices indicate a distinctly better feeling. Foundry and forge iron are also moving with more freedom, 30,000 tons having been sold since Election Day.

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

Antimony.—Price unchanged at 8¾c., with more enquiry.

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

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, 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.— Market still weak; cement can be had in 1,000 barrel lots at $1.70 per barrel, including the bags, which is equal to $1.30 without bags. At this time of year building operations are closing down, demand is therefore naturally limited. The smaller dealers, however, are busy selling small quantities.

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

Copper Ingot.—There is more activity in the States, and if anything a steadier feeling; prices are firm at 14 1-2 to 14 3-4c. here.

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; 10¾, $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. Increased demand of late.

Iron Chain.—¼-inch, $5.75; 5-16-inch, $5.15; ⅜-inch, $4.15; 7-16-inch, $3.95; ½-inch, $3.75; 9-16-inch, $3.70; ⅝-inch, $3.55; ¾-inch, $3.45; ⅞-inch, $3.40; 1-inch, $3.40.

Iron Pipe.—Black, ¼-inch, $2.03; ⅜-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, $17.82; 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; ⅜-inch, $3.08; ½-inch, $3.48; ¾-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.— Consumption has increased, the market is fairly firm at $3.90 to $4.00.

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.— Business is only moderate; pries are decidedly maintained. 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.—Calcined, wholesale, $2; retail, $2.15.

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

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	$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

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.

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

Tank Plate.—3-16-inch, $2.50.

Tin.— The market is still strong with a steady demand, at 31 1-2 to 33c.

Wheelbarrows.—Navvy, steel wheel, Jewel pattern, knocked down, $21.35 per dozen; set up, $22.35. Pan Canadian, navvy, steel tray, steel wheel, per dozen, $3.30 each; Pan American, steel tray, steel wheel, $4.25 each.

Zinc Spelter.— Business fairly active at better prices, $5 to $5.50.

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Montreal, November 11th, 1908.

All the signs, at the present moment, indicate an improvement in the iron and steel markets of the United States after the turn of the year. There is reason to believe that the succession of declines in the price of pig-iron, which have been in evidence since May, 1907, have ceased and that the next movement will be upwards. Since the date mentioned, standard Bessemer iron has experienced a total decline of $8.70 per ton, the average price last month being $14.58. It would seem that producers are now selling special lots for prompt delivery, at $14.50, Valley furnaces, and that they are asking from that figure to $14.75 for deliveries after the beginning of next year. This would give a higher average for November than for October, and, while almost unchanged, as yet, the market for current pig is very strong and tending in the direction of higher levels. Naturally, however, only time can show whether higher or lower levels will be reached.

The English markets have been unchanged during the past week. Demand is slow and stocks are increasing and were it not that the home consumption is fairly satisfactory, prices would probably have declined. The German situation is largely in control of the English market, as, should price cutting become prevalent among makers there, it will be practically impossible for any exporting to be done from England. Makers of good Scotch brands are well taken care of for the next three or four months to come, and are not disposed to make any concessions. Germany has been the biggest consumer of Middlesboro iron; but very little Scotch iron goes there, so that the Scotch are very little disturbed over the situation.