

Iron Pipe.—Black, ¼-inch, \$2.03; ½-inch, \$2.25; ¾-inch, \$2.63; 1-inch, \$3.56; 1½-inch, \$5.11; 2-inch, \$6.97; 2½-inch, \$8.37; 3-inch, \$11.16; 3½-inch, \$17.82; 4-inch, \$23.40; 4½-inch, \$29.45; 5-inch, \$33.48; 5½-inch, \$38, 6-inch, \$43.50; 6½-inch, \$56. Galvanized, ¼-inch, \$2.86; ½-inch, \$3.08; ¾-inch, \$3.48; 1-inch, \$4.71; 1½-inch, \$6.76; 2-inch, \$9.22; 2½-inch, \$11.07; 3-inch, \$14.76. Colder weather causes more movement.

Lead.—Active and unchanged at \$3.90 to \$4.

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. 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, though not in large lots. Spruce flooring is quoted at \$25 and plenty moving. The season being practically over for shingles, there is but little movement in them, and prices are weak though unchanged at \$3.20 for British Columbia. White pine lath are scarcer, No. 1 especially, we quote \$4 for No. 1 and \$3.50 for No. 2 firm. A good deal of varied stuff is moving, not so much good pine as cheaper goods, such as hemlock and spruce. But all kinds of Canadian lumber are likely to continue firm, because smaller quantities of logs have been taken out this season.

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; prices 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.—Calced, wholesale, \$2; retail, \$2.15. Active business.

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	\$.020	\$.030	\$.060	\$.075	\$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	...	4.00	...
P. traps	2.00	3.50	7.50	...	15.00	...
H. H. traps	2.50	4.00	8.00	...	15.00	...

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 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.—Market very irregular, but active and prices strong at 32 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 fairly active at better prices, \$5.25 to \$5.50.

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Montreal, November 18th, 1908.

The situation in the United States continues to improve, but this improvement seems, as yet, to be more sentimental than actual. Valley furnaces, however, have higher asking prices and are firm at them, the quotation being on a basis of \$15.50 for No. 2 foundry. For delivery first or second quarter of next year, asking prices are higher. Consumption, though larger, is not specially so, though there is much more activity among producers. One of the leading bar mills is now able to operate to full capacity, although independent mills are not so fortunate. Sheets also show an improvement. Steel billets are fairly active, and an order for 25,000 steel axles has just been placed by one of the railways. Philadelphia quotes 25c. more, per ton, on pig-iron, owing to improved trade in finished products. It is hard to say how much of this firmness is due to actual requirements; but there is a feeling that there will shortly be increased consumption.

The Glasgow market is firm. Advices from Germany are not encouraging, and the Belgian outlook has not improved. Cleveland warrants are higher for one month or three months than on spot. East coast producers appear to have plenty of work on hand and are more or less independent at present. Middlesboro reports that the downward movement has been checked, a fair trade having been done during the past few days at rising prices. The improved conditions in America appear to be responsible for the better tone, makers feeling that America is the most sensitive in this matter, the trade revival of some years ago and the subsequent depression having first been felt there. Although the quiet season is now on in England, there is a feeling that after it is past there will be a marked improvement.

The local market shows very little change. Trade is pretty dull at the moment in all lines, but there is a fairly hopeful tone, possibly largely as a reflection of the sentiment in the United States. The metal markets are all firmer, prices of antimony, lead and copper being higher than for some time past. There are very few changes, however, throughout the list, the following being the latest quotations:—

Antimony.—The market is easier, at 9 to 9 1-4c.

Bar Iron and Steel.—Prices are steady all round, and trade is decidedly dull. Bar iron, \$1.90 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, 10c.

Building Paper.—Tar paper, 7, 10, or 16 ounce, \$1.60 per 100 pounds; felt paper, \$2.40 per 100 pounds; tar sheathing, No. 1, 55c. per roll of 400 square feet; No. 2, 35c.; drv sheathing, No. 1, 45c. per roll of 400 square feet, No. 2, 28c. (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 350 pounds; bags extra, 10c. each, and returnable in good condition at 7½c. each.

Cement—English and European.—English cement is steady at \$1.70 to \$1.90 per barrel in jute sacks of 82½ pounds each, sacks extra, and \$2 to \$2.20 in wood, per 350 pounds, gross. Belgian cement is quoted at \$1.60 to \$1.75 per barrel in bags, bags extra, and \$1.75 to \$1.85 per barrel, in wood.

Chain.—The market is steady as follows:—¼-inch, \$5.30; 5-16-inch, \$4.05; ¾-inch, \$3.65; 7-16-inch, \$3.45; ½-inch, \$3.20; 9-16-inch, \$3.15; ¾-inch, \$3.05; ¾-inch, \$3; ¾-inch, \$2.95; 1 inch, \$2.95.

Copper.—The market is firmer at 15 to 15 1-2c. per pound. Demand continues limited.

Explosives and Accessories.—Dynamite, 50-lb. cases, 40 per cent. proof, 18c. in single case lots, Montreal. Blasting powder, 25-lb. kegs, \$2.25 per keg. Special quotations on large lots of dynamite and powder. Detonator caps, case lots, containing 10,000, 75c. per 100; broken lots, \$1. Electric blasting apparatus:—Batteries, 1 to 10 holes, \$15; 1 to 20 holes, \$25; 1 to 30 holes, \$35; 1 to 40 holes, \$50. Wire, leading, 1c. per foot; connecting, 50c. per lb. Fuses, platinum, single strength, per 100 fuses:—4-ft. wires, \$3.50; 6-ft. wires, \$4; 8-ft. wires, \$4.50; 10-ft. wires, \$5. Double strength fuses, 1½ extra, per 100 fuses. Fuses, time, double-tape, \$6 per 1,000 feet.

Galvanized Iron.—The market is steady. Prices, basis, 28-gauge, are:—Queen's Head, \$4.40; Comet, \$4.25; Gorbals Best, \$4.25; Apollo, 10½ oz., \$4.35. Add 25c. to above figures for less than case lots; 26-gauge is 25c. less than 28-gauge. American 28-gauge and English 26 are equivalents, as are American 10½ oz., and English 28-gauge.

Galvanized Pipe.—(See Pipe, Wrought and Galvanized).

Iron.—Canadian pig iron is offered at \$18 for best, down to \$17 for lower grades, while imported iron in car lots, on cars, on dock, Montreal, is as follows, for larger lots lower prices would be taken: No. 1 Summerlee, \$20.25 to \$20.75 per ton; No. 2 selected Summerlee, \$19.75 to \$20.25; Cleveland, \$18.50; and No. 3 Clarence, \$18; Carron, special, \$20.25 to \$20.75; Carron, soft, \$19.25 to \$19.75.

Laths.—See Lumber, etc.

Lead.—Trail lead is strong and prices are higher, at \$3.70 to \$3.80 per 100 pounds, ex-store.

Lead Wool.—\$12 per ton. f.o.b. factory.

Lumber, Etc.—Prices on lumber are for car lots, to contractors, at mill points, carrying a freight rate of \$1.50. At the moment, the market is exceptionally irregular and prices are uncertain. Red pine, mill culls out, \$18 to \$22 per 1,000 feet; white pine, mill culls, \$22 to \$25. Spruce, 1-in. by 4-in. and up, \$16 to \$18 per 1,000 ft.; mill culls, \$14 to \$16. Hemlock, log run, culls out, \$14 to \$16. Railway Ties: Standard Railway ties, hemlock or cedar, 35 to 45c. each, on a 5c. rate to Montreal. Telegraph Poles: Seven-inch top, cedar poles, 25-ft. poles, \$1.35 to \$1.50 each; 30-ft., \$1.75 to \$2; 35-ft., \$2.75 to \$3.25 each, at manufacturers' points, with 5c. freight rate to Montreal. Laths: Quotations, per 1,000 laths, at points carrying \$1.50 freight rate to Montreal, \$2 to \$3. Shingles: Cedar shingles, same conditions as laths, X, \$1.50; XX, \$2.50; XXX, \$3.

Nails.—Demand for nails is moderate, but prices are steady at \$2.30 per keg for cut, and \$2.25 for wire, base prices

Pipe—Cast Iron.—The market is strengthening and dealers look for higher prices shortly. Meantime former quotations hold: \$33 for 8-inch pipe and larger; \$34 for 6-inch pipe; \$34 for 5-inch, and \$34 for 4-inch at the foundry. Pipe, specials, \$3.10 per 100 pounds. Gas pipe is quoted at about \$1 more than the above.

Pipe—Wrought and Galvanized.—The market is quiet and steady at last week's range: ¼-inch, \$5.50 with 63 per cent. off for black, and 48 per cent. off for galvanized; ¾-inch, \$5.50, with 59 per cent. off for black and 44 per cent. off for galvanized. The discount on the following is 69 per cent. off for black and 59 per cent. off for galvanized; ½-inch, \$8.50; ¾-inch, \$11.50; 1-inch, \$16.50; 1½-inch, \$22.50; 2-inch, \$27; 2½-inch, \$36; 3-inch, \$47.50; 3½-inch, \$55; 4-inch, \$70

Railway Ties.—See lumber, etc.

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