

Advices from Great Britain are exceedingly uninteresting. Practically nothing new is forthcoming, and it would almost seem as though the situation there was dependent upon that in the United States. At any rate, all eyes there are turned towards the United States, and the principal point of interest is whether or not reductions are to be made in the tariff against foreign iron and steel, and the extent of such reductions. There seems to be an impression that very little news of importance will be forthcoming until these matters are settled.

In Canada, also, the entire trade is finding its principal interest in the situation in the United States. Awaiting further declines, there, trade here is dull. Up to the present, prices have been but little affected in Canada, owing to the fact that for a long time past importations from the United States to Canada were made at such figures that recent declines there do not disturb holders here. Further declines, however, in all probability would, and the belief exists here to no small extent that further declines are bound to occur in the United States. Meantime there is a fair demand from several quarters, here, and some business has been closed within the past week.

The very steadiness in the list of prices, lately, would indicate the dullness of the market, hardly a change having been made in months. Spikes are a little easier, this being the only alteration this week. It is thought, however, that practically the entire list would be shaded in order to induce business.

Antimony.—The market is steady at 9 to 9½.

Bar Iron and Steel.—Prices are steady all round, and trade is 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; smooth finish, \$2.75.

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 ounces, \$1.60 per 100 pounds; felt paper, \$2.40 per 100 pounds; tar sheathing, No. 1, 35c. per roll of 400 square feet; No. 2, 35c.; dry sheathing, No. 1, 45c. per roll of 400 square feet, No. 2, 28c. (See Roofing; also Tar and Pitch).

Cement.—Quotations are for car lots, f.o.b., Montreal. Canadian cement is \$1.55 to \$1.65 per 350-lb. bbl., in 4 cotton bags, adding 10c. for each bag. Good bags re-purchased at 10c. each. Paper bags cost 2½c. extra, or 10c. per bbl. weight. English cement is \$1.65 to \$1.85 per 350-lb. bbl. in 4 jute sacks (for which add 8c. each) and \$2.20 to \$2.40 in wood. Belgian cement is \$1.60 to \$1.65 in bags—bags extra—and \$2.10 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; 1-inch, \$3; ¾-inch, \$2.95; 1 inch, \$2.95.

Copper.—The market is about steady at 14½ to 15c. per lb. 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, \$1 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.—Prices are rather higher, and the outlook is steady. The following prices are ex-store: Canadian pig, \$18.50 to \$19.50 per ton; No. 1 Summerlee, \$21 to \$22; No. 2 selected Summerlee, \$20.50 to \$21.50; Carron soft, \$20.25 to \$20.75; No. 3 Clarence, \$19 to \$20 per ton.

Laths.—See Lumber, etc.

Lead.—Trail lead is firmer, at \$3.75 to \$3.85 per 100 pounds, ex-store.

Lead Wool.—\$10.50 per hundred, \$200 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 continues steady at \$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 steady, moderate-sized lots being: 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; ¾-inch, \$8.50; ¾-inch, \$11.50; 1-inch, \$16.50; 1½-inch, \$22.50; 1¾-inch, \$27; 2-inch, \$36; 2½-inch, \$57.50; 3-inch, \$75.50; 3½-inch, \$95; 4-inch, \$118.

Rails.—Quotations on steel rails are necessarily only approximate and depend upon specification, quantity and delivery required. A range of \$31.50 to \$32.50 is given for 60-lb., 70-lb., 80-lb., 85-lb., 90-lb., and 100-lb. rails, per gross ton of 2,240 lbs., f.o.b. mill. Re-laying rails are quoted at \$27 to \$29 per ton, according to condition of rail and location.

Railway Ties.—See Lumber, etc.

Roofing.—Ready roofing, two-ply, 64c. per roll; three-ply, 86c. per roll of 100 square feet. (See Building Paper; also Tar and Pitch).

Rope.—Prices are steady, at 9½c. per lb. for sisal, and 12c. for Manila. Wire rope, crucible steel, six-strands, nineteen wires; ¼-in., \$2.75; 5-16, \$3.75; ¾, \$4.75; ¾, \$6; ¾, \$7.25; ¾, \$8.50; ¾, \$10; 1-in., \$12 per 100 feet.

Spikes.—Railway spikes are in dull demand and prices are steady at \$2.30 per 100 pounds, base of 5½ x 9-16. Ship spikes are also dull and steady at \$2.85 per 100 pounds, base of ¾ x 10-inch, and ¾ 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 ½, and \$2.15 for ¾ 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 gallons, and \$2.50 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).

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Tin.—Prices are 32c. to 32½c.

Zinc.—The market is steady at 5½ to 5¾c.

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Winnipeg, March 15th, 1909.

Market quotations still remain the same but there is a strong likelihood that lumber will show an increase very shortly, especially in the West. In view of the prosperity in every line of trade, manufacturers of lumber and shingles, and all other wood products are curtailing their out-put now, thus starving the market. This is reported to be more in the shingle industry than in the lumber as practically all the shingle mills on the Coast are shut down.

Cement is spoken of as likely to take a rise. Dealers state that manufacturers are going to advance their prices so dealers will have to also.

Indications continue very bright for an immense building trade in the West this year, and a number of proposed structures have already been commenced.

Winnipeg quotations are as follows:—

Anvils.—Per pound, 10 to 12½c.; Buckworth anvils, 80 lbs., and up, 10½c.; anvil and vise combined, each, \$5.50.

Bar Iron.—\$2.25 to \$2.60.

Beams and Channels.—\$3 to \$3.25 per 100 up to 15-inch.

Building Paper.—¼ to 7c. per pound. No. 1 tarred, 84c. per roll; plain, 60c.; No. 2 tarred, 62½c.; plain, 56c.

Bricks.—\$11, \$12, \$13 per ton, three grades.

Cement.—\$2.65 to \$2.75 per barrel.

Chain.—Coil, proof, ¼-inch, \$7; 5-16-inch, \$5.50; ¾-inch, \$4.90; 7-16-inch, \$4.75; ¾-inch, \$4.40; ¾-inch, \$4.20; ¾-inch, \$4.05; logging chain, 5-16-inch, \$6.50; ¾-inch, \$6; ¾-inch, \$8.50; jack iron, single, per dozen yards 15c. to 75c.; double, 25c. to \$1; trace-chains, per dozen, \$5.25 to \$6.

Dynamite.—\$11 to \$13 per case.

Hair.—Plaster's, 80 to 90 cents per bale.

Hinges.—Heavy T and strap, per 100 lbs., \$6 to \$7.50; light, do., 65 per cent.; screw hook and hinge, 6 to 10 inches, 5½c. per lb.; 12 inches up, per lb., 4½c.

Iron.—Swedish iron, 100 lbs., \$4.75 base; sheet, black, 14 to 22 gauge, \$3.75; 24-gauge, \$3.90; 26-gauge, \$4; 28-gauge, \$4.10. Galvanized—American, 18 to 20-gauge, \$4.40; 22 to 24-gauge, \$4.65; 26-gauge, \$4.65; 28-gauge, \$4.90; 30-gauge, \$5.15 per 100 lbs. Queen's Head, 22 to 24-gauge, \$4.65; 26-gauge English, or 30-gauge American, \$4.90; 30-gauge American, \$5.15; Fleur de Lis, 22 to 24-gauge, \$4.50; 28-gauge American, \$4.75; 30-gauge American, \$5.

Lead Wool.—\$10.50 per hundred, \$200 per ton, f.o.b., Toronto.

Pipe.—Iron, black, per 100 feet, ¼-inch, \$2.50; ¾-inch, \$2.80; ¾-inch, \$3.40; ¾-inch, \$4.60; 1-inch, \$6.60; 1¼-inch, \$9; 1½-inch, \$10.75; 2-inch, \$14.40; aglvanized, ¾-inch, \$4.25; ¾-inch, \$5.75; 1-inch, \$8.35; 1¼-inch, \$11.35; 1½-inch, \$13.60; 2-inch, \$18.10. Lead, 6½c. per lb.

Picks.—Clay, \$5 dozen; pick mattocks, \$6 per dozen; clevises, 7c. per lb.

Pitch.—Pine, \$6.50 per barrel; in less than barrel lots, 4c. per lb.; roofing pitch, \$1 per cwt.

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RAILWAY ORDERS.

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6417—Feb. 19—Dismissing complaint of Cyril Hind, Mannville, Alta., alleging excessive freight rates charged by the C.P.R. Co. on a horse shipped from St. John to Strathcona, Alta.

6418—Feb. 19—Dismissing complaint of Peter Reid, that the C.P.R. has removed gates and cut the posts and wires where the railway affects his property, causing loss by cattle getting on right-of-way and being killed.

6419—Feb. 19—Dismissing application of city of Edmonton, for an Order declaring that the plan, profile, and book of reference of the C.P.R. Co.'s location through Edmonton is not in accordance with the Railway Act, and that the same be cancelled and annulled.

6420—Feb. 19—Dismissing complaint of United Farmers of Alberta that railway companies had not fenced their right-of-way, that grain cars are not provided with proper grain doors, that freight rates are excessive, that serious losses are sustained by reason of stock cars not being promptly spotted for unloading; and that in districts where new railway lines are being built farmers are compelled to sustain heavy losses because the companies do not fence or protect their right-of-way while work is being done thereon.