

RECENT FIRES.

Quebec.

THREE RIVERS.—Fire which broke out on June 22nd destroyed one hundred buildings, including the post-office, telegraph offices, Bell Telephone office, all the banks, all the drug stores, all the principal groceries, all the dry goods stores, the old parish church, several private residences, and all the principal hotels. The loss will probably be about \$1,500,000.

Ontario.

BRANTFORD.—Severe electric storms passed over the city on the 19th inst. Lightning struck in a couple of places, doing most damage at the Brantford Cordage Works, where it completely demolished the brick chimney, which was one of the tallest in the city, and wrecked the roof of the boiler-house.

ST. CATHARINES.—This city suffered another serious loss by fire, when at an early hour this morning one of the mills of the Lincoln Paper Co., situated on the Welland Canal at the city limits, was totally destroyed at a loss which will reach probably \$85,000, with insurance of \$60,000. The cause is a complete mystery, though it may be laid at the door of friction. The expensive machinery used in making paper is ruined, officials of the Company declare.

PERSONAL.

MR. H. P. TIMMERMAN, general superintendent of the eastern division of the C.P.R., has been appointed to the position of industrial commissioner for lines east of Montreal.

MR. F. S. LAZIER has resigned from the staff of the Trent Valley Canal, Trenton, Ont., to accept a position on the Transcontinental Railway near Hervey Junction, Quebec.

MR. WILLIAM DOWNIE, superintendent of the Atlantic division of the Canadian Pacific Railway, was in Montreal recently and discussed with other officials of the road the advisability of securing certain coal areas in Queen's county, N.S., to ensure a supply for this section of the railway. Mr. Downie is on his way to British Columbia.

MR. GEORGE HODGE, superintendent of Canadian Pacific terminals in Montreal has been appointed superintendent of the Montreal-Quebec division of the road, and will enter upon his new duties on July 1st, succeeding Mr. W. J. Singleton.

MR. JOHN D. MATHESON, the civil engineer representing Warren & Wetmore, of New York, the architects who have charge of the construction of Fort Garry station and the great union railway yards, has taken up his residence in Winnipeg, Man.

MARKET CONDITIONS.

Toronto, June 25th, 1908.

It cannot be said that business is generally active, though a considerable number of small orders are passing. Buyers in Ontario seem timid and for the most part not sanguine; Western buyers are, after their fashion, more optimistic. The lack of large orders is quite noticeable. Not a few dealers and contractors in heavy goods are likely to be troubled for weeks by the disastrous break in the canal at Cornwall.

In the United States there is much dullness in industrial circles; in fact business of all kinds is suffering from the delay of new railway construction and backwardness of other forms of enterprise on a large scale. Prices of copper, lead, and spelter are pretty well maintained; iron and steel are subject to downward variations in the home market, as has been shown. Glasgow advices say that warrant iron is moving briskly to Germany and the Baltic, and the stock at 13th June was 22,000 tons lower than on 13th May. Scotch iron is well maintained. It is worthy of notice that the Canadian Government has extended the time of the bounties on lead.

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

American Bessemer Sheet Steel.—Fourteen-gauge, \$2.45; 17, 18 and 20-gauge, \$2.60; 22 and 24-gauge, \$2.65; 26-gauge, \$2.80; 28-gauge, \$3.

Antimony.—Business very quiet, price for Cookson's, 9c.

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

Boiler Plates.— $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch and heavier, \$2.40. Fair supply, prices steady. Boiler heads 25c. per 100 pounds advance on plate.

Boiler Tubes.—Demand limited. Lap-welded, steel, $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch, 10c.; $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, 9c. per foot; 2-inch, \$8.50; $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$10; $2\frac{3}{4}$ -inch, \$10.60; 3-inch, \$12.10; $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$15.30; 4-inch, \$19.45 per 100 feet.

Building Paper.—Plain, 32c. per roll; tarred, 40c. per roll. Orders are of a limited character.

Bricks.—Common structural, \$9 to \$10 per thousand, wholesale, and the demand is still active. Red and buff pressed are worth, delivered, \$18; at works, \$17.

Cement.—Price of Canadian makes to the dealer in 1,000 barrel lots and up is \$1.80, in cotton bags, on car, Toronto. Retail price is \$2 per barrel, 350 pounds. The quantity delivered from mills is much larger than in 1907.

Copper, Ingot.—Not much doing here, the general market rather irregular; price, $13\frac{3}{4}$ c. for large purchases, and $14\frac{1}{4}$ c. for small.

Detonator Caps.—75c. to \$1 per 100; case lots, 75c. per 100; broken quantities, \$1.

Dynamite, per pound, 21 to 25c., as to quantity.

Felt Paper—Roofing Tarred.—Market steady at \$2 per 100 pounds. A good many small orders.

Fire Bricks.—English and Scotch, \$32.50 to \$35; American, \$25 to \$35 per 1,000. Demand continues fair.

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, \$3.25; 12-14-gauge, \$3.35; 16, 18, 20, \$3.50; 22-24, \$3.70, 26, \$3.95; 28, \$4.40; 29 or 30, \$4.70 per 100 pounds. Demand very active.

Iron Pipe.—Black, $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch, \$2.03; $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch, \$2.25; $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$2.63; $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch, \$3.56; 1-inch, \$5.11; $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch, \$6.97; $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$8.37; 2-inch, \$11.16; $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$17.82; 3-inch, \$23.40; $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$29.45; 4-inch, \$33.48; $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$38, 5-inch, \$43.50; 6-inch, \$56. Galvanized, $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch, \$2.85; $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch, \$3.08; $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$3.48; $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch, \$4.71; 1-inch, \$6.76; $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch, \$9.22; $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$11.07; 2-inch, \$14.76. These downward changes indicate the decline spoken of last week.

Lead.—The market is weaker, price now down to \$3.75.

Lime.—In plentiful supply and moderate movement. Price for large lots at kilns outside city 21c. per 100 lbs. f.o.b. cars; Toronto retail price 35c. per 100 lbs. f.o.b. car.

Lumber.—Pine is in moderate supply, and the demand limited. Price of culls lower, as noted below. Dressing, 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; culls, \$20. Southern pine and Norway pine are somewhat easier. Hemlock moves more freely and quotes at \$19 to \$21.50, according to size. Much spruce comes from the East and is in better demand; the price asked for flooring is \$25 wholesale and \$28 retail. Shingles, B.C., in more active demand, retailing at \$3.75 per thousand. Laths are quiet, No. 1 quote at \$4 on track, No. 2 at \$3.50.

Nails.—Wire, \$2.55 base; cut, \$2.70; spikes, \$3.15.

Pitch.—Fair demand at 75c. per 100 lbs.

Pig Iron.—Business here is quiet and of small volume, price same. Summerlee quotes:—No. 1, \$25.50; No. 3, in car load lots, \$22 to \$23 here; Gleggarnock, \$25.50; Clarence, No. 3, \$19.25 to \$19.50; No. 1 Cleveland, \$20 to \$22.

Steel Beams and Channels.—The cut in American prices does not affect this market, at least not so far. We quote:—\$2.50 to \$2.75.

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