

Toronto, February 3rd, 1910.

In the metals market a moderate but steady consumptive demand can be reported, which is pretty well for this season of the year. More activity is reasonably certain when spring comes and navigation opens, for building promises to be active. Transportation companies both on land and water are looking for an active spring movement, the production of manufacturers must be large. Money is not scarce; and the flotation of new schemes or the amalgamation of established ones are proceeding with much assurance.

In the United States there is feverish activity in some industrial directions. This is chastened in others, however, by the hanging-back in the securities market, to await the result of the tobacco case and other trust matters in the Supreme Court. The United States Steel Corporation, it is true, has made a phenomenally successful report for the December quarter, but as against that is to be placed the "meat strike," and the effect it is having on packers and retail butchers. Clearly, the stock market has received a chill, after the fever of last week. Reports come of continued large orders in iron and steel, but by no means so large in the department of railway equipment as was hoped or believed. The situation cannot be called clear. Many stock operators expect the air to be electric until the Supreme Court returns to work after a three weeks' vacation.

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

Antimony.—Demand quiet at 9c. per 100 lbs. (111).

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

Bar Iron.—\$2.00 to \$2.10, base, per 100 lbs., from stock to wholesale dealer. Market supply limited. (111).

Bar Mild Steel.—Per 100 lbs., \$2.10 to \$2.20.

Boiler Plates.— $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch and heavier, \$2.20. Boiler heads 25c. per 100 pounds advance on plate. Tank plate, 3-16-inch, \$2.40 per 100 lbs.

Boiler Tubes.—Orders continue active. Lap-welded, steel, $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch, 10c.; $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, 9c. per 100 feet; 2-inch, \$8.50; $2\frac{1}{4}$ -inch, \$10; $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$10.60; 3-inch, \$11 to \$11.50; $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$18 to \$18.50 per 100 feet.

Building Paper.—Plain, 30c. per roll; tarred, 40c. per roll. Demand is good for spring requirements.

Bricks.—A very active season has closed, and prices are as below. Prospects excellent for business in 1910. Price at some yards \$9 to \$9.50, at others, \$9.50 to \$10 for common. Don Valley pressed brick move also freely. Red and buff pressed are worth \$18 delivered and \$17 at works per 1,000.

Broken Stone.—Lime stone, good hard, for roadways or concrete, f.o.b., Schaw station, C.P.R., 75c. until further notice, per ton of 2,000 lbs., 1-inch, 2-inch, or larger, price all the same. Not much doing. Broken granite is selling at \$3 per ton for good Oshawa. (164).

Cement.—The figure of \$1.60 may now be quoted at Toronto in car lots per barrel without bags. A large contract recently closed by the city was at \$1.57. In smaller parcels \$1.70 is asked by city dealers, plus bags, (26, 86, 169).

Coal.—Retail price for Pennsylvania hard, \$7.25 net, steady. This price applies to grate, eggs, stove, and chestnut; only pea coal is cheaper, namely, \$6.00. These are all cash, and the quantity purchased does not affect the price. Soft coal is in good supply, American brokers have been covering the ground very fully. In the United States there is an open market for bituminous coal and a great number of qualities exist. We quote. Youghiogheny lump coal on cars here, \$3.70 to \$3.80; mine run, \$3.60 to \$3.75; slack, 2.65 to \$2.85; lump coal from other districts, \$3.40 to \$3.70; mine run roc. less; slack, 2.50 to \$2.70; canal coal plentiful at \$7.50 per ton; coal, Solvay foundry, which is largely used here, quotes at from \$5.75 to \$6.00; Reynoldsville, \$4.90 to \$5.00; Connellsville, 72-hour coke, \$5.50.

Copper Ingot.—The speculative movement has been very great and it is not easy to forecast the future. The price here is higher at $1\frac{1}{4}$ c. per lb., and the demand active.

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

Dynamite, per pound, 21 to 25c., as to quantity. (83.)

Roofing Felt.—A good prospect for spring trade at an unchanged price, which is \$1.80 per 100 lbs.

Fire Bricks.—English and Scotch, \$30 to \$35; American, \$25 to \$35 per 1,000. Fire clay, \$8 to \$12 per ton.

Fuses.—Electric Blasting.—Double strength 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, per 100 count. Bennett's double tape fuse, \$6 per 1,000 feet.

Iron Chain.— $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch, \$5.75; $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$5.15; $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch, \$4.15; 7-16-inch, \$3.95; $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$3.75; 9-16-inch, \$3.70; $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch, \$3.55; $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$3.45; $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch, \$3.40; 1-inch, \$3.40, per 100 lbs.

Iron Pipe.—A steady request at former prices:—Black, $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch, \$2.03; $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch, \$2.25; $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$2.63; $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch, \$3.28; 1-inch, \$4.70; $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch, \$6.41; $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$7.70; 2-inch, \$10.26; $2\frac{1}{4}$ -inch, \$16.39; 3-inch, \$21.52; $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, 27.08; 4-inch, \$30.78; $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$35.75; 5-inch, \$39.85; 6-inch, \$51.70. Galvanized, $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch, \$2.86; $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch, \$3.08; $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$3.48; $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch, \$4.43; 1-inch, \$6.35; $1\frac{1}{4}$ -inch, \$8.66; $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$10.40; 2-inch, \$13.86, per 100 feet. (74, 188).

Lead.—An active demand at firm prices, say \$3.75 to \$3.85 per 100 lbs.

Lime.—Retail price in city 35c. per 100 lbs. f.o.b., car; in large lots at kilns outside city 22c. per 100 lbs. f.o.b. car without freight. Demand is moderate.

Lumber.—Prices continue steady, and city demand moderate. We quote dressing pine \$32.00 to \$35.00 per M; common stock boards, \$26 to \$30; cull stocks, \$20; cull sidings, \$17.50; Southern pine dimension timber from \$30 to \$45, according to size and grade; finished Southern pine according to thickness and width, \$30 to \$40. Hemlock in car lots, \$16.50 to \$17; spruce flooring in car lots, \$22 to \$24; shingles, British Columbia, are higher, we quote \$3.10; lath growing scarce and stiffening, No. 1, \$4.40, white pine, 48-inch; No. 2, \$3.75; for 32-inch, \$1.60.

Nails.—Wire, \$2.35 base; cut, \$2.60; spikes, \$2.85 per keg of 100 lbs.

Pitch and Tar.—Pitch, unchanged at 70c. per 100 lbs. Coal tar dull at \$3.50 per barrel. This is the dead season.

Putty.—In bladders, strictly pure, per 100 lbs., \$2.25; in barrel lots, \$2.10. Plasterer's, \$2.15 per barrel of three bushels.

Ready Roofing.—Little doing; prices are as per catalogue.

Roofing Slate.—Most of the slate used in Canada comes now from

Pennsylvania or Maine, the Canadian supply being slender and mostly from the Rockland quarries of the Eastern Townships in Quebec. There is a great variety of sizes and qualities, so that it is difficult to indicate prices. But No. 1 Bangor slate 10x16 may be quoted at \$7 per square of 100 square feet, f.o.b., cars, Toronto; seconds, 50c. less. Mottled, \$7.25; green, \$7.

Pig Iron.—There is great activity and prices are maintained. Clarence quotes at \$21 for No. 3; Cleveland, \$20.50 to \$21, Summerlee, for winter delivery, \$22.50 in Canadian pig, Hamilton quotes \$19.50 to \$20 per ton. Producing plants are everywhere busy, and there is considerable business in prospect for 1910.

Plaster of Paris.—Calced, New Brunswick, hammer brand, car lots, \$1.95; retail, \$2.15 per barrel of 300 lbs.

Rope.—Sisal, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per lb.; pure Manila, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per lb., Base.

Sewer Pipe.—

	4-in.	6-in.	9-in.	10-in.	12-in.	24-in.
Straight pipe per foot	\$0.20	\$0.30	\$0.65	\$0.75	\$1.00	\$3.25
Single junction, 1 or 2 ft. long	.90	1.35	2.70	3.40	4.50	14.65
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	....

Business quieter; price, 73 per cent. off list at factory for car-load lots; 65 per cent. off list retail. Small lots subject to advance. (52, 84, 138).

Steel Beams and Channels.—Quiet.—We quote:—\$2.50 to \$2.75 per 100 lbs., according to size and quantity; if cut, \$2.75 to \$3 per 100 lbs.; angles, $1\frac{1}{4}$ by 3-16 and larger, \$2.50; tees, \$2.80 to \$3 per 100 pounds. Extra for smaller sizes of angles and tees. (30, 41, 50, 4, 176, 127, 132, 145, 118, 119).

Steel Rails.—80-lb., \$35 to \$36 per ton. The following are prices per gross ton, for 500 tons or over; Montreal, 12-lb. \$45, 16-lb. \$44, 25 and 30-lb. \$43.

Sheet Steel.—We do not alter prices as yet; American Bessemer, 10-gauge, \$2.50; 12-gauge, \$2.55; 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. Quite a good demand exists, and there is prospect of higher prices.

Sheets Galvanized.—Apollo Brand.—Sheets 6 or 8 feet long, 30 or 36 inches wide; 10-gauge, \$2.90; 12-14-gauge, \$3.00; 16, 18, 20, \$3.10; 22-24, \$3.25; 26, \$3.40; 28, \$3.85; 29, \$4.15; 30 $\frac{1}{2}$, \$4.15 per 100 lbs. Fleur de Lis—28-gauge, \$4; 26, \$3.80 per 100 lbs. A very large tonnage of all sorts has been booked. The feeling is toward an advance. (111).

Tank Plate.—3-16-inch, \$2.40 per 100 lbs.

Tool Steel.—Jowett's special pink label, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Cammel-Laird, 16c. "H.R.D." high speed tool steel, 65c. (4).

Tin.—The price is now steady at $3\frac{1}{4}$ to 35c.

Wheelbarrows.—Navy, steel wheel, Jewel pattern, knocked down, \$21.60 per dozen; set up, \$22.60. Pan Canadian, navy, steel tray, steel wheel, \$3.30 each; Pan American, steel tray, steel wheel, \$4.25 each. (132).

Zinc Spelter.—A very active movement continues, and a large business is being done. Price very firm at \$5.75 to \$6 per 100 lbs.

CAMP SUPPLIES.

Beans.—Hand picked, \$2.25; prime, \$2.15. (38).

Beets.—85c. a bag.

Butter.—Dairy prints, 23 to 24c.; creamery rolls, 29c. per lb.

Canned Goods.—Peas, \$1.10 to \$1.50; tomatoes, 35, 85c. to 95c.; pumpkins, 35, 80 to 85c.; corn, 80 to 85c.; peaches, 25, white, \$1.50 to \$1.60; yellow, \$1.90 to \$1.95; strawberries, 25, heavy syrup, \$1.90 to \$1.95; raspberries, 25, \$1.90 to \$1.95. (38).

Carrots.—60c. and 65c. a bag.

Cheese.—Large, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; twins, 13c.

Coffee.—Rio, green, 11 to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Mocha, 21 to 23c.; Java, 20 to 31c.; Santos, 11 to 15c.

Dried Fruits.—Raisins, Valencia, 6 to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; seeded, 1-lb. packets, fancy, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8c.; 16-oz. packets, choice, 7 to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 12-oz. packets, choice, 7c.; Sultanas, good, 5 to 6c.; fine, 6 to 7c.; choice, 7 to 8c.; fancy, 8 to 9c.; Filiatas currants, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7c.; Vostizzas, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9c.; uncleaned currants, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. lower than cleaned. California Dried Fruits.—Evaporated apricots, 15 to 16c. per lb.; prunes, 60s to 70s, 7 to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 90s to 100s, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; evaporated apples, 8c. (38).

Eggs.—Cold storage, 28c.; new laid, 37c. per dozen, in case lots.

Flour.—Manitoba Flour.—Quotations at Toronto are:—First patents, \$5.60; second patents, \$5.10; strong bakers', \$4.90; 90 per cent., Glasgow freights, 28s. 6d. Ontario Flour.—Winter wheat patents, for export, \$4.20 to \$4.25, in buyers' sacks outside.

Lard.—Tierces, 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; tub, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; pails, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per lb., market firm.

Molasses.—Barbadoes, barrels, 37 to 45c.; Porto Rico, 45 to 60c.; New Orleans, 30 to 33c. for medium.

Onions.—\$1.25 a bag.

Potatoes.—Best, 65 and 70c. a bag.

Turnips.—45c. the bag.

Pork.—Market uncertain. Short cut, \$29 per barrel; mess, \$27.

Rice.—B. grade, $\frac{3}{4}$ c. per lb.; Patna, 5 to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Japan, 5 to 6c.

Salmon.—Fraser River, talls, \$2; flats, \$2; River Inlet, \$1.55 to \$1.75.

Smoked and Dry Salt Meats.—Long clear bacon, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per lb., tons and cases; hams, large, 14 to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; small, 16c.; rolls, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; breakfast bacon, 18c.; backs (plain), 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 19c.; backs (peameal), 18c. to 19c.; shoulder hams, 13c.; green meats out of pickle, 1c. less than smoked. Market steady.

Spices.—Allspice, 16 to 19c.; nutmegs, 30 to 75c.; cream tartar, 22 to 25c.; compound, 15 to 20c.; pepper, black, pure Singapore, 14 to 17c.; pepper, white, 20 to 30c.

Sugar.—Granulated, \$4.95 per 100 lbs. in barrels; Acadia, 4.85; yellow, \$4.55; bags, 5c. lower.

Syrup.—Corn syrup, special bright, $\frac{3}{4}$ c. per lb.

Teas.—Japans, 20 to 35c. per lb.; Young Hysons, 16 to 35c.; Ceylons, medium, 16 to 45c.

THE HORSE MARKET.

The local market is about as usual. Some choice top drafters were sold at \$256.

In Chicago the best drafters, 1,700 lbs. and over, are going anywhere from \$275 to \$500 each, while light drafters of 1,550 to 1,650 lbs. are bringing \$250 to \$325. Farm workers are going at \$140 to \$185.