

GREAT BRIDGE OPENED.

The new Queen's Borough bridge, connecting New York and Long Island City, was opened recently. Thousands of people and a long procession of automobiles gathered at either end of the bridge, all anxious to be first over after Mayor George B. McClellan, accompanied by several of the city officials, had crossed the 7,749 foot roadway in an automobile.

A number of newsboys beat everybody, but the mayor in running from Manhattan to Queen's Borough was as fast as the boys could sprint.

The formal opening will be held on June 12th. A \$20,000 fund has been raised for the celebration.

The new bridge in many ways is a remarkable structure, of the cantilever type. It cost about \$15,000,000, and has been about ten years in building. There are five spans, the longest of which is 1,182 feet, that being the longest span in America and one of the longest in the world. The height of the floor above the East River is 135 feet, which permits the largest ships to pass under it.

The bridge has a capacity which exceeds that of any other in the world. It is a double-decker, with two sixteen feet promenades and room for the elevated car tracks on the upper floor. The main roadway is 56 feet wide.



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Laths.—See Lumber, etc.

Lead.—Prices are about steady, at \$3.60 to \$3.70.

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 sc. 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 sc. 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 poor, 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; ½-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 50 per cent. off for galvanized: ¾-inch, \$8.50; 1-inch, \$11.50; 1¼-inch, \$16.50; 1½-inch, \$22.50; 2-inch, \$27; 2½-inch, \$36; 3-inch, \$37.50; 3½-inch, \$45; 4-inch, \$50.80.

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, 70c. per roll; three-ply, 95c. per roll of 100 square feet. (See Building Paper; also Tar and Pitch).

Rope.—Prices are steady, at 9c. per lb. for sisal, and 11c. for Manila. Wire rope, crucible steel, six-strands, nineteen wires; ¼-in., \$2.75; 5-16, \$3.75; ¾, \$4.75; ½, \$6; ¾, \$7.25; 1, \$8.50; 1½, \$10; 2-in., \$12 per 100 feet.

Spikes.—Railway spikes are in dull demand and prices are steady at \$2.30 per 100 pounds, base of 5¼ 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 ¾, and \$2.15 for ¼ 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, \$3.75 per barrel of 40 gallons, weighing about 500 pounds; roofing pitch, No. 1, 90c. per 100 pounds; and No. 2, 50c. 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).

Tin.—Prices are unchanged, at 32 to 32½c.

Zinc.—The tone is steady, at 5½ to 5¾c.

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Winnipeg, Manitoba, April 27th, 1909.

The Western market conditions are in splendid shape and the demand continues to grow for all lines of builders' supplies. A report comes from British Columbia that the price of shingles is likely to advance 10 cents.