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**Tea.**—Japans, 20 to 38c.; Ceylons, 20 to 40c.; Ceylon, greens, 19 to 25c.; China, greens, 25 to 50c.; low-grades, down to 15c.  
**Fish.**—Salted.—Medium cod, \$7 per bbl.; herring, \$5.25 per bbl.; salmon, \$15.50 per bbl., for red, and \$14 for pink. Smoked fish.—Bloaters, \$1.10 per large box; haddies, 7½c. per lb.; kippered herring, per box, \$1.20 to \$1.25.  
**Provisions.**—Salt Pork.—\$30 to \$32 per bbl.; beef, \$15 per bbl.; smoked hams and bacon, 15 to 18c. per lb.; lard, 17c. for pure and 12c. for compound. (38).

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Toronto, February 24th, 1910.

Cold weather has been fairly steady for weeks in Ontario, and snow plentiful. This cannot be said to have helped building operations; and yet building has been fairly active, especially in the large cities. Winnipeg is likely to have a remarkably active spring and summer in building, Toronto likewise. In most of the United States the prospect is for a record-breaking building year in 1910, contracts already made there for spring are unusual in both cities and towns.

The metals trade has continued fairly active, iron and steel prices continuing steady. Foundries are busy, as a rule. Tin has been irregular outside by reason of speculation, but is not quotably altered here. Copper has witnessed much speculation in Britain and the States, and large quantities have been moving. Lead and antimony are maintained at former figures. Demand for lumber keeps up well, good pine commanding firm prices because scarce. Cement and brick quiet. Tarred paper and roofing felt steady, with good spring prospects.

The following are wholesale prices for Toronto, where not otherwise specified, 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.**—¼-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, 1¼-inch, 10c.; 1½-inch, 9c. per 10 feet; 2-inch, \$8.50; 2¼-inch, \$10; 2½-inch, \$10.60; 3-inch, \$11 to \$11.50; 3½-inch, \$18 to \$18.50 per 100 feet.  
**Building Paper.**—Plain, 27c. per roll; tarred, 35c. 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 are in request. 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 still 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. 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 10c. less; slack, 2.50 to \$2.70; canal coal plentiful at \$7.50 per ton; cox4, 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. Soft coal and slack are scarce.  
**Copper Ingot.**—The consumption is larger than ever, but production may be said to beat the record. Such conditions afford play for the speculators. Price here, 14½c. per lb., and the demand active.  
**Defonator Caps.**—75c. to \$1 per 100; case lots, 75c. per 100; broken quantities, \$1.  
**Dynamite,** per pound, 21 to 25c., as to quantity. (83).  
**Felt Roofing.**—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.**—¼-inch, \$5.75; 5-16-inch, \$5.15; ¾-inch, \$4.15; 7-16-inch, \$3.05; ½-inch, \$3.75; 9-16-inch, \$3.70; ¾-inch, \$3.55; ¾-inch, \$3.45; ¾-inch, \$3.40; 1-inch, \$3.40, per 100 lbs.  
**Iron Pipe.**—A steady request at former prices.—Black, ¼-inch, \$2.01; ¾-inch, \$2.25; ¼-inch, \$2.63; ¼-inch, \$3.28; 1-inch, \$4.70; 1¼-inch, \$6.41; 1½-inch, \$7.70; 2-inch, \$10.26; 2¼-inch, \$16.30; 3-inch, \$21.52; 3½-inch, 27.08; 4-inch, \$30.78; 4½-inch, \$35.75; 5-inch, \$39.85; 6-inch, \$51.70. Galvanized, ¼-inch, \$2.86; ¾-inch, \$3.08; ½-inch, \$3.48; ¾-inch, \$4.43; 1-inch, \$6.35; 1¼-inch, \$8.66; 1½-inch, \$10.40; 2-inch, \$13.86, per 100 feet. (74, 188).  
**Lead.**—An active demand at previous prices, which are \$3.75 to \$3.85 per 100 lbs.  
**Lime.**—Retail price in city 2c. per 100 lbs. f.o.b. car; in large lots at kilns outside city 2c. per 100 lbs. f.o.b. car without freight. Demand is moderate.  
**Lumber.**—Prices are generally firm, especially in pine. 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, \$20 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.

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**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.**—Calc. ned. New Brunswick, hammer brand, car lots, \$1.95; retail, \$2.15 per barrel of 100 lbs.

**Rope.**—Sisal, 9½c. per lb.; pure Manila, 10½c. 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	....
Increasers 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, 1½ 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.**—The market continues steady; 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; 10½, \$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, 10½c. Cammel-Laird, 16c. "H.R.D." high speed tool steel, 65c. (4).

**Tin.**—There has been much speculation in London, but the recent level of prices has shown some disturbance. Quotations here, 34½ 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 as before, \$5.75 to \$6 per 100 lbs.

## CAMP SUPPLIES

**Butter.**—Dairy prints, 23 to 24c.; creamery prints, 20c. 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, \$1.50 to \$1.85; raspberries, 25, \$1.50 to \$1.95 (38).

**Carrots.**—60c. and 65c. a bag.

**Cheese.**—Large, 12½c.; twins, 13c.

**Coffee.**—Rio, green, 11 to 12½c.; Mocha, 21 to 23c.; Java, 20 to 31c.; Santos, 11 to 12c.

**Dried Fruits.**—Raisins, Valencia, 5½ to 6½c.; seeded, 1-lb. packets, fancy, 7½ to 8c.; 16-oz. packets, choice 7 to 7½c.; 12-oz. packets, choice, 7c.; Sultanas, good, 5 to 6c.; fine, 6 to 7c.; choice, 7 to 8c.; fancy, 8 to 9c.; Filiiaras currants, 6½ to 7c.; Vostizzas, 8¼ to 9c.; uncleaned currants, ¼c. lower than cleaned. California Dried Fruits.—Evaporated apricots, 15 to 16c. per lb.; prunes, 60s to 70s, 7 to 7½c.; 90s to 100s, 6½c.; evaporated apples, 8c. (38).

**Eggs.**—Cold storage, 28c.; new laid, lower, at 30 to 31c. 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 cents., Glasgow freights, 28s. 6d. Ontario Flour.—Winter wheat patents, for export, \$4.20 to \$4.25, in buyers' sacks outside.

**Lard.**—Tierces, 15½c.; tubs, 15½c.; pails, 16c.