

Prices of Building Materials.

CONDITION OF THE MARKET.

TORONTO: Business has shown some expansion within the past week, improvement in demand for several lines being reported. In consequence of the summer freight rate, which took effect recently, shipping has been quite active, as some orders were held until the lower rate could be obtained. Wire and cut nails, cement, building paper and galvanized iron show some improvement. Glass is featureless and little asked for. In Hamilton the local brick-makers have commenced a war as to prices, and it is said that the price of common brick has been reduced to \$4.

MONTREAL: As the result of a meeting of iron manufacturers held in Montreal last week, it has been decided that the agreement on the wire nail schedule shall no longer be held good. This means that the wholesale jobbing trade can fix any scale of discount they choose. There has been a fair inquiry during the past week for cut and wire nails and general hardware. Heavy metals are quiet, with few changes, pig lead being a little firmer. An active inquiry continues for cement for spring delivery, and stocks in the hands of dealers are lighter than usual at this season of the year. An improvement is also noted in paints and oils.

LUMBER.

CAR OR CARGO LOTS.

Toronto. Montreal.

Table listing lumber prices for various grades of pine, spruce, and fir, including descriptions like '1 1/2 to 2 clear picks, Am ins.' and prices in dollars and cents for both Toronto and Montreal.

VALD QUOTATIONS.

Table listing quotations for various types of lumber such as 'Mill call boards and scantling', 'Shipping call boards', and 'Hemlock scantling and joist'.

B. M.

Table listing prices for building materials under the 'B. M.' category, including '1 1/2 in. flooring, dressed', 'Sawn lath', and 'White oak'.

Toronto. Montreal.

BRICK—M

Table listing brick prices for various types like 'Common Walling', 'Good Facing', 'Pressed Brick, Per M', and 'Hard building brick'.

SAND.

Table listing sand prices, including 'Per Load of 1 1/2 Cubic Yards'.

STONE.

Table listing stone prices for various types like 'Common Rubble', 'Large flat Rubble', 'Foundation Blocks', and 'River John, N. S., brown freestone'.

OHIO FREESTONE, FROM THE GRAFTON STONE CO.'S

Table listing Ohio freestone prices for various types like 'No. 1 Buff Promiscuous', 'No. 1 Buff Dimension', and 'Sawed Ashlar'.

LONGFORD STONE.

Table listing Longford stone prices for 'Rubble, per 30M car. f.o.b. quarries'.

SLATE.

Table listing slate prices for 'Roofing (per square)', 'Terra Costa Tile', and 'Ornamental Black Slate Roofing'.

PAINTS. (In oil, per lb)

Table listing paint prices for various colors and types like 'White lead, Can.', 'Red lead, Eng.', and 'Yellow ochre'.

Toronto. Montreal.

Table listing prices for 'Sienna, burnt', 'Umber', and 'Turpentine'.

CEMENT, LIME, etc.

Table listing cement and lime prices for various brands like 'Portland Cements', 'Keene's Coarse Whites', and 'Hydraulic Cements'.

HAEDWARE.

The following are the wholesale selling prices to dealers, and are published only as a guide to builders:

Table listing hardware prices for 'Cut nails, 50d & 60d', 'Steel', and 'CUT NAILS, FENCE AND CUT SPIKES'.

CASING AND BOX, FLOORING, SHOOK AND TOBACCO BOX

Table listing prices for casing and box materials, including 'NAILS' and 'FINISHING NAILS'.

SLATING NAILS.

Table listing slating nail prices for different sizes like '5d, per 100 lbs.'.

COMMON BARREL NAILS.

Table listing common barrel nail prices for sizes like '1 inch, per 100 lbs.'.

CLINCH NAILS.

Table listing clinch nail prices for sizes like '3/4 inch, per 100 lbs.'.

SHARP AND FLAT PRESSED NAILS.

Table listing sharp and flat pressed nail prices for sizes like '3/4 inch, per 100 lbs.'.

STEEL WIRE NAILS.

Table listing steel wire nail prices for sizes like 'Iron pipe, 1/2 inch, per foot'.

Lead Pipe.

Table listing lead pipe prices for sizes like '16 to 24 gauge, per lb.'.

Galvanized Iron.

Table listing galvanized iron prices for sizes like '16 to 24 gauge, per lb.'.

Structural Iron.

Table listing structural iron prices for sizes like 'Steel Beams, per 100 lbs.'.