

Pipe, Cast Iron.—The market shows a steady tone although demand is on the dull side. Prices are firm, and approximately as follows:—\$32 for 6 and 8-inch pipe and larger; \$33 for 3-inch and 4-inch at the foundry. Pipe, specials, \$3 per 100 pounds. Gas pipe is quoted at about \$1 more than the above. (74, 188).

Pipe.—Wrought and Galvanized.—Demand is about the same, and the tone is firm, though prices are 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; ¾-inch, \$8.50, with 69 per cent. off for black, and 59 per cent. off for galvanized. The discount on the following is 71½ per cent. off for black, and 61½ per cent. off for galvanized; 1-inch, \$11.50; 1½-inch, \$16.50; 2-inch, \$22.50; 2½-inch, \$27; 3-inch, \$36; 3½-inch, \$57.50; 4-inch, \$75.50; 5-inch, \$95; 6-inch, \$108.

Plates and Sheets.—Steel.—The market is steady. Quotations are: \$2.20 for 3-16; \$2.30 for ¼, and \$2.10 for ½ and thicker; 12-gauge being \$2.30; 14-gauge, \$2.15; and 16-gauge, \$2.10. (111).

Rails.—Quotations on steel rails are necessarily only approximate and depend upon specification, quantity and delivery required. A range of \$30.50 to \$31 is given for 60-lb. and 70-lb.; 80-lb. and heavier, being \$30; 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. (73).

Railway Ties.—See lumber, etc.

Roofing.—Ready roofing, two-ply, 70c. per roll; three-ply, 95c. per roll of 100 square feet. Roofing tin caps, 6c. lb.; wire roofing nails, 5c. lb. (See Building Paper; Tar and Pitch; Nails, Roofing). (164).

Rope.—Prices are steady, at 9c. per lb. for sisal, and 10½c. for Manila. Wire rope, crucible steel, six-strands, nineteen wires; ¼-in., \$2.75; 5-16, \$3.75; ¾, \$4.75; 1, \$5.25; 1½, \$6.25; 2, \$8; 2½, \$10; 3-in., \$12 per 100 feet. (132).

Spikes.—Railway spikes are firmer at \$2.45 per 100 pounds, base of 5½ x 9-16. Ship spikes are steady at \$2.85 per 100 pounds, base of ¾ x 10-inch, and ¾ x 12-inch. (132).

Steel Shafting.—Prices are steady at the list, less 25 per cent. Demand is on the dull side.

Telegraph Poles.—See lumber, etc.

Tar and Pitch.—Coal tar, \$3.50 per barrel of 40 gallons, weighing about 500 pounds; roofing pitch, No. 1, 70c. per 100 pounds; and No. 2, 55c. per 100 pounds; pine tar, \$8.50 per barrel of 40 gallons, and \$4.75 per half-barrel; refined coal tar, \$4.50 per barrel; pine pitch, \$4 per barrel of 180 to 200 pounds. (See building paper; also roofing).

Tin.—Prices are unchanged, at 3½ to 33c.

Zinc.—The tone is steady, at 6 to 6½c.

CAMP SUPPLIES.

Beans.—Prime pea beans, \$1.85 per bushel. (38).

Butter.—September and October creamery, 26c.; dairy, 22 to 23c.

Canned Goods.—Per Dozen.—Corn, 80 to 85; peas, \$1.05 to \$1.15; beans, 75 to 80c.; tomatoes, 82½ to 90c.; peaches, 25, \$1.65, and 35, \$2.65; pears, 25, \$1.60, and 35, \$2.30; salmon, best brands, 1-lb. talls, \$1.87½, and flats, \$2.02½; cheaper grades, 95c. to \$1.65.

Cheese.—Late makes, 11¼ to 11¾c.; finest makes, ¼c. more.

Coffee.—Mocha, 20 to 25c.; Santos, 15 to 18c.; Rio, 10 to 12c. (38).

Dried Fruits.—Currants, Filiatras, 5¼ to 6¾c.; choice, 8 to 9c.; dates, 4 to 5c.; raisins, Valentias, 5 to 6c.; California, seeded, 7½ to 9c.; Sultana, 8 to 10c. Evaporated apples, prime, 9½ to 9¾c.

Eggs.—No. 1 candled, 26c.; and select, 29 to 30c.; new laid, 35c.

Flour.—Manitoba, 1st patents, \$5.70 per barrel; 2nd patents, \$5.20; strong bakers, \$5.

Molasses and Syrup.—Molasses, New Orleans, 27 to 28c.; Barbadoes, 40 to 50c.; Porto Rico, 40 to 45c.; syrup, barrels, 3½c.; 2-lb. tins, 2 dozen to case, \$2.50 per case.

Potatoes.—Per 90 lbs., good quality, 50 to 60c.

Rice and Tapioca.—Rice, grade B., in 100-lb. bags, \$2.95 to \$3; C.C., \$2.90. Tapioca, medium pearl, 4½ to 4¾c.

Rolled Oats.—Oatmeal, \$2.45 per bag; rolled oats, \$2.20, bags.

Tea.—Japans, 20 to 38c.; Ceylons, 20 to 40c.; Ceylon, greens, 19 to 25c.; China, greens, 25 to 50c.; low-grades, down to 15c.

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).

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.

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Mill's in the United States take a long time to deliver iron and steel material. In heavy goods, say, 2 to 4 months, or as long probably as old country delivery, so that the demand for heavy goods is maintained. The activity of movement among our American neighbors continues, which makes it likely that prices will not easily be reduced. Prices of other metals are, as a rule, unchanged. Canadian pig-iron producers continue busy, and hardware manufacturers do not appear to have altered quotations.

Soft coal is scarce, especially slack coal, while the prices have not been much affected. Some fears as to labor troubles account for this scarcity, as various railways are endeavoring to get some coal ahead. Coke is more difficult to obtain, and shipments are slow. Heavy snow in the mining country in the States is another cause, making shipments irregular.

A peculiar and marked advance has taken place in white wood, or yellow poplar, the material for bodies of automobiles, in the United States. The advance is placed as high as 70 to 80 per cent. within six weeks, say from \$75 per M, to \$140. Ash, too, is somewhat higher, the output of autos. being enormous. For all kinds of pine the Canadian market is firm, first-class boards being especially in request and scarce. An illustration of the market is the fact that sale was made in Ottawa the other day of a large lot of clear pine strips at \$50 per M, while 5 and 7-inch strips changed hands at \$42.

Among the signs that the Americans are "feeling good" is the fact that three of the large automobile factories in Detroit are enlarging their plants. The output is enormous.

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.—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; 2½-inch, \$10; 3-inch, \$11 to \$11.50; 3½-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 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. Youghiogeny 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; cannel coal plentiful at \$7.50 per ton; coke, Solvey foundry, which is largely used here, quotes at from \$5.75 to \$6.00; Reynoldsville, \$4.90 to \$5.00; Connellsview, 72-hour coke, \$5.50. Soft coal and slack are scarce.

Copper Ingot.—The speculative movement has been very great and it is not easy to forecast the future. The price here is higher at 14½c. 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.)

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, \$3.95; ½-inch, \$3.75; 9-16-inch, \$3.70; 5/8-inch, \$3.55; ¾-inch, \$3.45; 7/8-inch, \$3.40; 1-inch, \$3.40, per 100 lbs.

Iron Pipe.—A steady request at former prices:—Black, ¾-inch, \$2.03; 1-inch, \$2.25; 1¼-inch, \$2.63; 1½-inch, \$3.28; 2-inch, \$4.70; 2½-inch, \$6.41; 3-inch, \$7.70; 3½-inch, \$10.26; 4-inch, \$16.39; 4½-inch, \$21.52; 5-inch, \$27.08; 6-inch, \$30.78; 7-inch, \$35.75; 8-inch, \$39.85; 9-inch, \$51.70. Galvanized, ¾-inch, \$2.86; 1-inch, \$3.08; 1¼-inch, \$3.48; 1½-inch, \$4.43; 2-inch, \$6.35; 2½-inch, \$8.66; 3-inch, \$10.40; 4-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 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, \$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 10 x 16 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 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	....