

naturally exerting a disadvantageous influence upon the trade. It is generally admitted that most of the recent business has been done at a decline in price and the tendency towards lower levels is still observable. About the only business worthy of special mention, at the moment, is that coming from the car and railway works, and even here nothing particularly encouraging is to be noted. An order for no less than 800,000 tons of furnace coke has just been booked for delivery, extending over three years.

In Great Britain, producers of pig-iron, almost without exception, continue to take a hopeful view of the market, particularly as labor troubles, actual and anticipated, seem to be diminishing. Makers are not exhibiting any hurry to sell, except upon their own terms, their belief being that prices are more likely to advance than to decline. Demand for finished iron and steel is still increasing, and makers of plates and angles are in receipt of a substantial volume of business. The ship-building industry continues to show activity and the volume of work is steadily increasing. Although prices are firm, there does not seem to be any great increase in the amount of business being put through by the trade as a whole.

Trade in the local market shows but little change, as compared with the past few weeks. Demand keeps up and stocks on spot are practically cleaned out, so that the entire trade is waiting on supplies to arrive on the opening of navigation. Demand for deliveries extending over the summer months is fairly good, and some good orders have been placed. Prices continue steady and the tendency for special Scotch brands is in an upward direction.

Merchants report that the market for plates and sheets continues steady, although more has to be paid for the new stock. At the same time prices on the old stock refuse to advance, and dealers hardly know what to expect from the situation. Trade, however, is excellent, being largely in excess of that of a year ago.

Prices are as follows:—

Antimony.—The market is steady at 8½ to 8¾c. (111).
Bar Iron and Steel.—The market promises to advance shortly. Bar iron \$1.85 per 100 pounds; best refined horseshoe, \$2.10; forged iron, \$2; mild steel, \$1.85; sleigh shoe steel, \$1.85 for 1 x ¾-base; tire steel, \$1.00 for 1 x ¾-base; toe calk steel, \$2.35; machine steel, iron finish, \$1.90; imported, \$2.20 (111, 119)

Building Paper.—Tar paper, 7, 10, or 16 ounces, \$1.80 per 100 pounds; felt paper, \$2.75 per 100 pounds; tar sheathing, 40c. per roll of 400 square feet; dry sheathing, No. 1, 30 to 40c. per roll of 400 square feet; tarred year will be the largest in the history of the country. Prices on foreign fibre, 55c. per roll; dry fibre, 45c. (See Roofing; also Tar and Pitch). (164).

Cement.—Canadian cement is quotable, as follows, in car lots, f.o.b. Montreal:—\$1.30 to \$1.40 per 350-lb. bbl., in 4 cotton bags, adding 10c. for each bag. Good bags re-purchased at 10c. each. Paper bags cost 2½ cents extra, or 10c. per bbl. weight. (26, 164).

Chain.—Prices have advanced considerably of late, being now as follows per 100 lbs.:—¾-inch, \$5.10; 5-16-inch, \$4.50; ¾-inch, \$3.70; 7-10-inch \$3.45; ½-inch, \$3.35; 9-16-inch, \$3.25; 5/8-inch, \$3.20; ¾, ¾, and 1-inch, \$3.15.

Coal and Coke.—Anthracite, egg, stove or chestnut coal, \$6.75 per ton, net; furnace coal, \$6.50, net. Bituminous or soft coal: Run of mine, Nova Scotia coal, carload lots, basis, Montreal, \$3.85 to \$4 per ton; canal coal, \$9 per ton; coke, single ton, \$5; large lots, special rates, approximately \$4 f.o.b., cars, Montreal

Copper.—Prices are strong at 14¼ to 14¾c.

Explosives and Accessories.—Dynamite, 50-lb. cases, 40 per cent. proof, 15c. in single case lots, Montreal. Blasting powder, 25-lb. kegs, \$2.25 per keg. Special quotations on large lots of dynamite and powder. Detonator caps, case lots, containing 10,000, 75c. per 100; broken lots, \$1; electric blasting apparatus:—Batteries, 1 to 10 holes, \$15; 1 to 20 holes, \$25; 1 to 30 holes, \$35; 1 to 40 holes, \$50. Wire, leading, 1c. per foot; connecting, 30c. per lb. Fuses, platinum, single strength, per 100 fuses:—4-ft. wires, \$3; 6-ft. wires, \$3.54; 8-ft. wires, \$4.08; 10-ft. wires, \$5.

Galvanized Iron.—The market is steady. Prices, basis, 28-gauge, are:—Queen's Head, \$4.10; Colborne Crown, \$3.85; Apollo, 10¼ oz., \$4.05. Add 25c. to above figures for less than case lots; 26-gauge is 25c. less than 28-gauge, American 28-gauge and English 26 are equivalents, as are American 10¾ oz., and English 28-gauge. (111).

Galvanized Pipe.—(See Pipe, Wrought and Galvanized).
Iron.—The outlook is strong. The following prices are for carload quantities and over, ex-store, Montreal, prompt delivery: No. 1 Summerlee, \$21.50 to \$22 per ton; selected Summerlee, \$21 to \$21.50; soft Summerlee, \$20.50 to \$21; Clarence, \$19.50 to \$20; Carron, No. 1, \$21.50 to \$22, and Carron special, \$21 to \$21.50. (111).

Laths.—See Lumber, etc.

Lead.—Prices are about steady at \$3.55 to \$3.65.

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 of \$1.50. Red pine, mill culls out, \$18 to \$22 per 1,000 feet; white pine, mill culls, \$16 to \$17. Spruce, 1-in. 4-in. and up, \$15 to \$17 per 1,000 ft.; mill culls, \$12 to \$14. Hemlock, log run, culls out, \$13 to \$15. Railway Ties; Standard Railway Ties, hemlock or cedar, 35 to 45c. each, on a 5c. rate to Montreal. Telegraph poles: Seven-inch top, cedar poles, 25-ft. poles, \$1.35 to \$1.50 each; 30-ft. poles, \$1.75 to \$2; 35-ft., \$2.75 to \$2.25 each, at manufacturers' points, with freight rate to Montreal. Laths: Quotations per 1,000 laths, at point 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. (112)

Nails.—Demand for nails is better and prices are firmer, \$2.40 per keg for cut, and \$2.25 for wire base prices. Wire roofing nails, 5c. lb.

Paints.—Roof, barn and fence paint, 90c. per gallon; girder, bridge and structural paint for steel or iron—shop or field—\$1.20 per gallon, in barrels; liquid red lead in gallon cans, \$1.75 per gallon.

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: ¾-inch, \$5.50 with 63 per cent. off for black, and 48 per cent. off for galvanized; ¾-inch, \$5.50, with 50 per cent. off for black and 44 per cent. off for galvanized; ¾-inch, \$8.50, with 60 per cent. off for black, and 50 per cent. off for galvanized. The discount on the following is 71½ per cent. off for black, and 61¼ per cent. off for galvanized; ¾-inch, \$11.50;

1-inch, \$16.50; 1¼-inch, \$22.50; 1½-inch, \$27; 2-inch, \$36; 2½-inch, \$57.50; 3-inch, \$75.50; 3½-inch, \$95; 4-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; ¾, \$5.25; ¾, \$6.25; ¾, \$8; ¾, \$10; 1-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 5½ x 10-inch, and 5½ 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 firm, at \$34.50 to \$35.

Zinc.—The tone is easy, at 5¾ to 6c.

CAMP SUPPLIES.

Beans.—Prime pea beans, \$2 per bushel. (74).

Butter.—September and October creamery, 28 to 32c.; dairy, 23 to 24c.

Canned Goods.—Per Dozen.—Corn, 80 to 85; peas, \$1.05 to \$1.15; beans, 75 to 80c.; tomatoes, 82½ to 90c.; peaches, 28, \$1.65, and 38, \$2.65; pears, 28, \$1.60, and 38, \$2.30; salmon, best brands, 1-lb. talls, \$1.87½, and flats, \$2.02½; cheaper grades, 95c. to \$1.65. (74).

Cheese.—Finest, colored, 12¾c.; white, 13 to 13¾c. (74).

Coffee.—Mocha, 20 to 25c.; Santos, 15 to 18c.; Rio, 10 to 12c. (74).

Dried Fruits.—Currants, Filatras, 5½ to 6½c.; 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, 9¼ to 9¾c. (74).

Eggs.—New laid, 21 to 23c. (74).

Flour.—Manitoba, 1st patents, \$5.80 per barrel; 2nd patents, \$5.30; strong bakers, \$5.10. (74).

Molasses and Syrup.—Molasses, New Orleans, 27 to 28c.; Barbadoes, 40 to 50c.; Porto Rico, 40 to 45c.; syrup, barrels, 3¾c.; 2-lb. tins, 2 dozen to case, \$2.50 per case. (74).

Potatoes.—Per 90 lbs., good quality, 45 to 60c. (74).

Rice and Tapioca.—Rice, grade B, in 100-lb. bags, \$2.95 to \$3; C.C., \$2.90. Tapioca, medium pearl, 4½ to 4¾c. (74).

Rolled Oats.—Oatmeal, \$2.45 per bag; rolled oats, \$2.20, bags. (74).

Tea.—Japans, 20 to 38c.; Ceylons, 20 to 40c.; Ceylon, greens, 19 to 25c.; China, greens, 25 to 50c.; low-grades, down to 15c. (74).

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. (74).

Provisions.—Salt Pork.—\$30 to \$34 per bbl.; beef, \$18 per bbl.; smoked hams, 16 to 20c. per lb.; lard, 17 to 18c. for pure, and 11½ to 13¾c. per lb. for compound. (74).

MONTREAL HORSE MARKET.

Dealers reported a slight improvement in trade. It would seem that Manitoba and the Northwest is taking quite a few cheap horses just now, prices ranging from \$75 to about \$125 each. Heavy draft, 1,500 to 1,700 lbs., \$250 to \$325 each; light draft, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs., \$200 to \$250 each; light animals, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs., \$100 to \$175 each; inferior, broken-down horses, \$50 to \$100 each, and choice saddle or carriage animals, \$350 to \$500 each.

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Toronto, April 14th, 1910.

It is now two weeks since the strike began (1st April) among bituminous coal mine workers in Virginia and Pennsylvania. Owing to these labor troubles the supply everywhere is lessened, and manufacturers here as well as in the United States are threatened with having to shut down. The Hamilton smelter has a very light supply, and Toronto is not much better off. It is difficult to quote prices now. Contracts are being made, it is true, but not to any great extent, on account of unsettled condition of the market. However, it is expected that a speedy settlement will be effected. The mines are getting in shape to handle the larger tonnage expected to be needed after all the differences are adjusted and the trade settles down.

As to anthracite the present prices may be said to govern, i.e., \$7.25 net, with \$6 for pea coal. But the summer quotations will begun on 1st May, which may be expected to be reduced.

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. (332).

Axes.—Standard makes, double bitted, \$8 to \$10; single bitted, per dozen, \$7 to \$9. (217, 377).

Bar Iron.—\$2.00 to \$2.10, base, per 100 lbs., from stock to wholesale dealer. Market supply limited. (332).

Bar Mild Steel.—Per 100 lbs., \$2.10 to \$2.20. (372).

Boiler Plates.—¾-inch and heavier, \$2.20. Boiler heads 25c. per 100 pounds advance on plate. Tank plate, 3-16-inch, \$2.40 per 100 pounds. (241, 362, 450).