

¾-inch, \$4.71; 1-inch, \$6.76; 1¼-inch, \$9.22; 1½-inch, \$11.07; 2-inch, \$14.76. Makers are holding prices stiff and anticipate a rise.

Lead.—Quiet and unchanged at \$3.90 to \$4.00. Old Country market quiet but steady.

Lead Wool.—\$200 per ton f.o.b. factory.

Lime.—In adequate supply and brisk movement. Price for large lots at kilns outside city 22c. per 100 lbs. f.o.b., cars; Toronto retail price 35c. per 100 lbs. f.o.b. car

Lumber.—We quote dressing pine \$32 to \$35 per thousand; common stock boards as to grade \$24 to \$28; cull stocks \$20; sidings, \$17.50. Norway pine is neglected in favor of Southern, which is much stronger in fibre and the price well maintained. Hemlock continues to sell pretty freely. Some blocks have changed hands lately. Spruce flooring is quoted at \$25.00 and plenty moving. The season being practically over for shingles, there is but little movement in them, and prices are weak though unchanged at \$3.20 for British Columbia. White pine lath are scarcer, No. 1 especially, we quote \$4 for No. 1 and \$3.50 for No. 2 firm. A good deal of varied stuff is moving, not so much good pine as cheaper goods, such as hemlock and spruce. But all kinds of Canadian lumber are likely to continue firm.

Nails.—Wire, \$2.55 base; cut, \$2.70; spikes, \$3. There is a fair supply and no especial activity.

Pitch.—Very quiet; price, 70c. per 100 lbs.

Pig Iron.—Business continues quiet; prices are decidedly maintained. Clarence quotes at \$20.50 for No. 3; Cleveland, \$20.50 to \$21.00; in Canadian pig. Hamilton quotes \$20.00 to \$20.50.

Plaster of Paris.—Calcined, wholesale, \$2; retail, \$2.15. Trade quiet.

Putty.—In bladders, strictly pure, per 100 lbs., \$2.25; in barrel lots, \$2.05.

Rope.—Sisal, 9½c. per lb.; pure Manila, 12½c., Base

Sewer Pipe.—

	4-in.	6-in.	9-in.	10-in.	12-in.	24-in.
Straight pipe per foot	\$0.20	\$0.30	\$0.60	\$0.75	\$1.00	\$3.25
Single junction, 1 or 2 feet long	.90	1.35	2.70	3.40	4.50	14.63
Double junctions	1.50	2.50	5.00	....	8.50	....
Increases 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	....

In steady demand; price 70 per cent. off list at factory for car-load lots; 60 per cent. off list retail.

Steel Beams and Channels.—Quiet. We quote:—\$2.50 to \$2.75, according to size and quantity; if cut, \$2.75 to \$3; angles, 1¼ by 3-16 and larger, \$2.50; tees, \$2.80 to \$3 per 100 pounds. Extra for smaller sizes of angles and tees.

Steel Rails.—80-lb., \$35 to \$38 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.—Market steady, with fairly good demand; 10-gauge, \$2.50; 12-gauge, \$2.55; American Bessemer, 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.

Tool Steel.—Jowett's special pink label, 10½c. Cyclops, 18c.

Tank Plate.—3-16-inch, \$2.50.

Tin.—Fluctuations continue abroad; unchanged locally as to price but quiet meanwhile.

Wheelbarrows.—Navy, steel wheel, Jewel pattern, knocked down, \$21.35 per dozen; set up, \$22.35. Pan Canadian, navy, steel tray, steel wheel, per dozen, \$3.30 each; Pan American, steel tray, steel wheel, \$4.25 each.

Zinc Spelter.—Business less active at same prices, \$5.25 to \$5.50. The London market stronger.

Montreal, December 18th, 1908.

Chicago advices state that consumers have practically withdrawn from the market, being covered for the immediate future and in many cases well into the new year. What further buying may be done, will probably be held over till the new year. Makers, however, appear indifferent, and are quoting former prices. Business in Philadelphia is quiet, and no revival is looked for till the new year. Tariff questions are exerting an unsettling influence and will do so until they are settled. There are larger enquiries in New York, and furnaces have received tenders for delivery of some large lots in eastern territory. Generally speaking, however, the market is quiet, pending the new year and more definite indications as to the seriousness of the tariff proposals.

London advices are to the effect that German buying has fallen off, and the situation is easy in view of the fact that stocks continue to increase and some makers, at least, are anxious sellers. The result is that prices have about touched the lowest point of the year. Steel mills are running about half time, and even on this basis stocks seem to be accumulating. Makers of foundry iron continue to experience good enquiry for local consumption, and some people are becoming desirous of covering requirements for the first half of next year, although it would seem that makers are not anxious sellers at present prices. Glasgow has developed weakness and prices are at a low point under less buoyant advices.

There has been a better enquiry in Canada during the past week, and several fair-sized lots have changed hands at advancing prices. A number of consumers have been in the market for carload lots, recently, for prompt delivery, thus indicating a scarcity of metal in the hands of consumers and a promising increase in demand during the next three or four months. It is stated on good authority that some of the local dealers have sold more goods during the past ten days than the previous three months.

Prices of various lines on the local market are again unchanged, and demand is quite dull.

Antimony.—The market is steady at 9 to 9½.

Bar Iron and Steel.—Prices are steady all round, and trade is quiet. Bar iron, \$1.10 per 100 pounds; best refined horseshoe, \$2.15; forged iron, \$2.05; mild steel, \$2.00; sleigh shoe steel, \$1.90 for 1 x ¾-base; tire steel, \$1.95 for 1 x ¾-base; toe calk steel, \$2.40; machine steel, iron finish, \$2.10; smooth finish, \$2.75.

Boiler Tubes.—The market is steady, quotations being as follows:—2-inch tubes, 8½c.; 2½-inch, 10c.; 3-inch, 11½c.; 3½-inch, 14½c.; 4-inch, 19c.

Building Paper.—Tar paper, 7, 10, or 16 ounce, \$1.60 per 100 pounds; felt paper, \$2.40 per 100 pounds; tar sheathing, No. 1, 55c. per roll of 400 square feet; No. 2, 35c.; dry sheathing, No. 1, 45c. per roll of 400 square feet, No. 2, 28c. (See Roofing; also Tar and Pitch).

Cement.—Quotations are for car lots, f.o.b., Montreal. Canadian cement is \$1.55 to \$1.65 per 350-lb. bbl., in 4 cotton bags, adding 10c. for each bag. Good bags re-purchased at 10c. each. Paper bags cost 2½c. extra, or 10c. per bbl. weight. English cement is \$1.65 to \$1.85 per 350-lb. bbl. in 4 jute sacks (for which add 8c. each) and \$2.20 to \$2.40 in wood. Begian cement is \$1.60 to \$1.65 in bags—bags extra—and \$2.10 in wood.

Chain.—The market is steady as follows:—¼-inch, \$5.30; 5-16-inch, \$4.05; ¾-inch, \$3.65; 7-16-inch, \$3.45; ½-inch, \$3.20; 9-16-inch, \$3.15; ¾-inch, \$3.05; ¼-inch, \$3; ¾-inch, \$2.95; 1 inch, \$2.95.

Copper.—The market is steady at 15 to 15½c. per lb. Demand continues limited.

Explosives and Accessories.—Dynamite, 50-lb. cases, 40 per cent. profit, 18c. 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, 50c. per lb. Fuses, platinum, single strength, per 100 fuses:—4-ft. wires, \$3.50; 6-ft. wires, \$4; 8-ft. wires, \$4.50; 10-ft. wires, \$5. Double strength fuses, 15¢ extra, per 100 fuses. Fuses, time, double-tape, \$6 per 1,000 feet.

Galvanized Iron.—The market is steady. Prices, basis, 28-gauge, are:—Queen's Head, \$4.40; Comet, \$4.25; Gorbals' Best, \$4.25; Apollo, 10½ oz., \$4.35. 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 10½ oz., and English 28-gauge.

Galvanized Pipe.—(See Pipe, Wrought and Galvanized).

Iron.—Prices are higher, owing to the iron having been put in store. Values, however remain about the same, the tendency being firm. The following prices are ex-store: Canadian pig, \$18 to \$19 per ton; No. 1 Summerlee, \$21 to \$21.50; No. 2 selected Summerlee, \$20.50 to \$20.75; Carron soft \$20.25 to \$20.75; No. 3 Clarence, \$18.75 to \$19 per ton.

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