

Prices of pig-iron and steel are holding about the same as previously and there is no likelihood of any advance in the immediate future.

Advices from Great Britain are exceedingly uninteresting. Nothing new of importance has developed within the past week, and production and consumption are going on at about the same rate as previously. Prices show but slight fluctuations, and the situation is generally easy.

A report of the Lake Superior Corporation indicates prosperity in this concern. The directors state that the company has orders on its books sufficient to keep it employed for several months to come, the C.P.R. being a particularly liberal purchaser. Reports of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company are to the effect that the output of the concern, in all its branches, is to be greatly increased. During the past week also an improvement has taken place in the conditions surrounding the Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Company, the fight which has been in progress for some time between leading interests having been settled. The president has purchased from an antagonistic interest twenty thousand shares of the stock, this being the best evidence of his confidence in the immediate future of the concern.

Trade in pig-iron and steel, and the various finished and unfinished products, has been steady during the week, and no change of price is noticed.

The market holds steady at recent prices:—

Antimony.—The market is steady at 8c. to 8½c.

Bar Iron and Steel.—The market holds dull and steady. Bar iron, \$1.90 per 100 pounds; best refined horseshoe, \$2.15; forged iron, \$2.05; mild steel, \$1.90; sleigh shoe steel, \$1.90 for 1 x ¾-base; tire steel, \$2.00 for 1 x ¾-base; toe calk steel, \$2.40; machine steel, iron finish, \$1.95; imported, \$2.20.

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.

Chain.—The market is unchanged, being now per 100 lbs., as follows:—¼-in., \$5.30; 5-16-in., \$4.70; ¾-in., \$3.90; 7-16-in., \$3.65; ½-in., \$3.55; 9-16-in., \$3.45; ¾-in., \$3.40; ¾-in., \$3.35; ¾-in., \$3.35; 1-in., \$3.35.

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; cannel coal, \$9 per ton; coke, single ton, \$5; large lots, special rates, approximately \$4 f.o.b., cars, Montreal.

Copper.—Prices are strong at 13½ to 14c.

Explosives and Accessories.—Dynamite, 50-lb. cases, 40 per cent. profit, 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, 50c. 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, 10½ 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 10½ oz., and English 28-gauge.

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

Iron.—The market is steady and prices unchanged. Following are the prices, on cars, ex-wharf, Montreal:—No. 1 Summerlee, \$20.50 to \$20.75 per ton; selected Summerlee, \$20 to \$20.25; soft Summerlee, \$19.50 to \$19.75; Carron, special, \$20 to \$20.50; soft, \$19.50 to \$20; Clarence, \$17.25 to \$17.50; Cleveland, \$17.25 to \$17.50 per ton.

Laths.—See Lumber, etc.

Lead.—Prices are easier, at \$3.35 to \$3.45.

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. by 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, 33 to 45c. each, on a c. rate to Montreal. Telegraph Poles: Seven-inch top, cedar poles, 25-ft. poles, \$1.35 to \$1.50 each; 30-ft., \$1.75 to \$2; 35-ft., \$2.75 to \$3.25 each, at manufacturers' points, with c. freight rate to Montreal. Laths: Quotations per 1,000 laths, at points 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.

Nails.—Demand for nails is steady and prices are: \$2.40 per keg for cut, and \$2.35 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:—\$12 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.

Pipe, Wrought and Galvanized.—Demand is about the same, and the tone is firm, though prices are steady, moderate-sized lots being: ¼-inch, \$4.50, with 63 per cent. off for black, and 48 per cent. off for galvanized; ¾-inch, \$5.50, with 59 per cent. off for black, and 44 per cent. off for galvanized; ¾-inch, \$8.50, with 67 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; ¾-inch, \$11.50; 1-inch, \$16.50; 1¼-inch, \$22.50; 1½-inch, \$27; 2-inch, \$36; 2½-inch, \$57.50; 3-inch, \$75.05; 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.

Rails.—Quotations on steel rails are necessarily only approximate and depend upon specification, quantity and delivery required. A range of

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.

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).

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; ½, \$5.25; ¾, \$6.25; ¾, \$8; ¾, \$10; 1-in., \$12 per 100 feet.

Spikes.—Railway spikes are steady, 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.

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 to \$34.50.

Zinc.—The tone is easy, at 5½ to 6c.

CAMP SUPPLIES.

Beans.—Prime pea beans, \$2 to \$2.25 per bushel.

Butter.—Fresh made creamery, 23 to 23½c.

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

Cheese.—The market ranges from 11c. to 11½c., covering all Canadian makes.

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

Dried Fruits.—Currants, Filiatras, 5½ to 6½c.; choice, 8 to 9c.; dates, 4 to 5c.; raisins, Valentias, 5 to 6½c.; California, seeded, 7½ to 9c.; Evaporated apples, prime, 8 to 8½c.

Eggs.—No. 1 eggs are 20 to 21c.; selects, 22 to 25c.

Flour.—Manitoba, 1st patents, \$5.90 per barrel; 2nd patents, \$5.40; strong bakers', \$5.20.

Molasses and Syrup.—Molasses, New Orleans, 27 to 28c.; Barbadoes, 40 to 45c.; Porto Rico, 40 to 43c.; syrup, barrels, 3½c.; 2-lb. tins, 2 dozen to case, \$2.50 per case.

Potatoes.—Per 90 lbs., good quality, 60 to 70c.

Rice and Tapioca.—Rice, grade B., in 100-lb. bags, \$2.75 to \$2.80; C.C., \$2.65. Tapioca, medium pearl, 5½ to 6c.

Rolls Oats.—Oatmeal, \$2.20 per bag; rolled oats, \$2, bags.

Sugar.—Granulated, bags, \$5.05; yellow, \$4.65 to \$5. Barrels 5c. above bag prices.

Tea.—Japans, 20 to 38c.; Ceylons, 20 to 40c.; Ceylon, greens, 19 to 25c.; China, green, 20 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.—\$27 to \$34 per bbl.; beef, \$18 per bbl.; smoked hams, 16 to 20c. per lb.; lard, 16½ to 17½c. for pure, and 12½ to 14c. per lb. for compound.

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The Grand Trunk Railway strike has already begun to affect business. Many trades are feeling its inconvenience in being unable to move product either in our out. There is an active demand for lumber, of various sorts, while structural steel is temporarily quiet; steel sheets active. The ingot metals are quiet, as is usual at this time of year.

In camp supplies, smoked meats show an upward tendency, while butter and new cheese are higher. Dried fruits tend upward, raisins are distinctly higher. Vegetables are not easy to obtain, they are affected by the train-hands' strike on the Grand Trunk.

The following are wholesale prices for Toronto, where not otherwise explained, although for broken quantities higher prices are quoted:

Antimony.—Trade is quiet, price unchanged at \$8.50.

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

Bar Iron.—\$2.05 to \$2.15, base, per 100 lbs., from stock to wholesale dealer. Free movement.

Bar Mild Steel.—Per 100 lbs., \$2.15 to \$2.25. Sleigh shoe and other take same relative advance.

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.

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