

STRUCTURAL STEEL

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1-inch, \$16.50; 1 1/4-inch, \$22.50; 1 1/2-inch, \$27; 2-inch, \$36; 2 1/2-inch, \$57.50; 3-inch, \$75.50; 3 1/2-inch, \$95; 4-inch, \$108.

Plates and Sheets.—Steel.—The market is steady. Quotations are: \$2.20 for 3-16; \$2.30 for 1/8, and \$2.10 for 1/4 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 \$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.

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 10 1/2c. for Manila. Wire rope, crucible steel, six-strands, nineteen wires; 1/4-in., \$2.75; 5-16, \$3.75; 3/8, \$4.75; 1/2, \$5.25; 5/8, \$6.25; 3/4, \$8; 7/8, \$10; 1-in., \$12 per 100 feet.

Spikes.—Railway spikes are steady at \$2.35 per 100 pounds, base of 5/8 x 9-16. Ship spikes are steady at \$2.85 per 100 pounds, base of 3/8 x 10-inch, and 3/8 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 unchanged, at 33 1/2 to 34c.

Zinc.—The tone is steady, at 5 1/4 to 6c.

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Toronto, September 23rd, 1909.

Advices from the Old Country indicate improved conditions in iron and steel. Demand, both domestic and external, is better, and the labor troubles, long so threatening, have pretty well subsided. In the United States, prices of iron and steel are firm and higher, with production stimulated by an active demand from railways. Canadian furnaces are well employed and have orders ahead for some months.

Wholesale business in Toronto is fairly active in various lines, iron and steel and other metals not the least so. Building continues in the city, of dwellings especially, at a rate which causes prudent observers alarm lest overdoing in this direction may cause a reaction which must seriously affect real estate dealers and speculative builders. A better feeling begins to appear in cement, while bricks appear to be as active as ever. Lumber is firm in tone. Roofing material active and steady.

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

Antimony.—Demand inactive, market unchanged at \$9 per 100 lbs.

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

Bar Iron.—\$1.95 to \$2, base, per 100 lbs., from stock to wholesale dealer. Market well supplied.

Boiler Plates.—1/4-inch and heavier, \$2.20. Boiler heads 25c. per 100 pounds advance on plate.

Boiler Tubes.—Orders continue active. Lap-welded, steel, 1 1/4-inch, 10c.; 1 1/2-inch, 9c. per foot; 2-inch, \$8.50; 2 1/4-inch, \$10; 2 1/2-inch, \$10.60; 3-inch, \$12.10; 3 1/2-inch, \$15; 4-inch, \$18.50 to \$19 per 100 feet.

Building Paper.—Plain, 30c. per roll; tarred, 40c. per roll. Demand is fairly active.

Bricks.—Business is very active, 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., 60c. per ton of 2,000 lbs., 1-inch, 2-inch, or larger, price all the same. The supply is excessive; hence the lowered price. Broken granite is selling at \$3 per ton for good Oshawa.

Cement.—Shipments are fairly heavy, mainly on existing contracts, and not much new business is offering. An indication of a disposition towards greater stiffness in the market is afforded by the following quotation made to-day by a large producing company:—"Our price to-day for Portland cement, f.o.b. Toronto, is \$1.70 net cash including cotton bags, for acceptance within 10 days from date of quotation, and for shipment within 30 days from date of acceptance." According to stories in the newspapers, the cement merger is assuming shape. Smaller dealers report a fair movement in small lots at \$1.40 per barrel in load lots delivered in town, bags extra; in shop, \$1.35. In packages, \$1.40 to \$1.50, including paper bags.

Coal.—Retail price for Pennsylvania hard, \$6.75 net, steady. This price applies to grate, egg, stove, and chestnut; only pea coal is cheaper, namely, \$5.75. These are all cash, and the quantity purchased does not affect the price. Soft coal is in good supply, American brokers have been covering the ground very fully. In the United States there is an open market for bituminous coal and a great number of qualities exist. We quote. Youghiogheny 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, 10c. less; slack, \$2.50 to \$2.70; cannel coal plentiful at \$7.50 per ton; coke, Solv. foundry, which is largely used here, quotes at from \$5.25 to \$5.50; Reynoldsville, \$4.50 to \$4.75; Connellsville, 72-hour coke, \$5.25 to \$5.50.

Copper Ingot.—The market is very firm, but heavy stocks still act as a drag. We quote as before \$13.85 to \$14.05 in this market, with a fair movement.

Detonator Caps.—75c. to \$1 per 100; case lots, 75c. per 100; broken quantities, \$1.

Dynamite. per pound, 21 to 25c., as to quantity.

Roofing Felt.—An improvement in demand of late, no change in price, which is \$1.80 per 100 lbs.

Fire Bricks.—English and Scotch, \$30 to \$35; American, \$25 to \$35 per 1,000. The demand is steady.

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.

Galvanized Sheets.—Apollo Brand.—Sheets 6 or 8 feet long, 30 or 36 inches wide; 10-gauge, \$2.90; 12-14-gauge, \$3.00; 16, 18, 20, \$3.10; 22-24, \$3.25; 26, \$3.40; 28, 3-85; 29, \$4.15; 10 1/4, \$4.15 per 100 lbs. Fleur de Lis—gauge, \$4.50; 20-gauge, \$4.25; per 100 lbs. This downward change is the result of dissolution of an agreement between British and United States makers.

Iron Chain.—1/4-inch, \$5.75; 5-16-inch, \$5.15; 3/4-inch, \$4.15; 7-16-inch, \$3.95; 1/2-inch, \$3.75; 9-16-inch, \$3.70; 5/8-inch, \$3.55; 3/4-inch, \$3.45; 7/8-inch, \$3.40; 1-inch, \$3.40, per 100 lbs.

Iron Pipe.—Black, 1/4-inch, \$2.03; 3/8-inch, \$2.26; 1/2-inch, \$2.63; 3/4-inch, \$3.16; 1-inch, \$4.54; 1 1/4-inch, \$6.19; 1 1/2-inch, \$7.43; 2-inch, \$9.90; 2 1/2-inch, \$15.81; 3-inch, \$20.76; 3 1/2-inch, \$26.13; 4-inch, \$29.70; 4 1/2-inch, \$38; 5-inch, \$43.50; 6-inch, \$56. Galvanized, 1/4-inch, \$2.86; 3/8-inch, \$3.08; 1/2-inch, \$3.48; 3/4-inch, \$4.31; 1-inch, \$6.19; 1 1/4-inch, \$8.44; 1 1/2-inch, \$10.13; 2-inch, \$13.50, per 100 feet. Talk is still heard of an advance, but nothing definite.

Lead.—Prices steady outside. This market is steadier, and demand quiet, at \$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. Demand is good.

Lumber.—Although prices are stiffening generally, there is no freedom in buying shown by country dealers in Ontario, who continue to order "from hand to mouth." It is the city trade building being still active, which still absorbs the attention of producers or large merchants. Some sizes of native pine, for example, 2-inch good and 10 x 12 inch stock, are becoming scarce. British Columbia shingles are easier; everything else on the list appears to be on the upward trend according to outside advice. The almost wonderful demand from builders in the city, however, continues, and the keen competition to fill it makes the market almost a buyers' one. We quote dressing pine \$32 to \$35 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; shingles, British Columbia, \$20; lath, No. 1, \$4.25; No. 2, \$3.75; for white pine, 48-inch; for 32-inch, \$1.60, and very few to be had.

Nails.—Wire, \$2.25 base; cut, \$2.70; spikes, \$3 per keg of 100 lbs.

Pitch and Tar.—Pitch, demand moderate, price so far unchanged at 70c. per 100 lbs. Coal tar fairly active at \$3.50 per barrel.

Pig Iron.—There is fair activity and prices are maintained. Clarence quotes at \$20.50 for No. 3; Cleveland, \$20.50 to \$21; 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.—Calcined, New Brunswick, hammer brand, car lots, \$2; retail, \$2.15 per barrel of 300 lbs.

Putty.—In bladders, strictly pure, per 100 lbs., \$2.25; in barrel lots, \$2.05. Plaster's, \$2.15 per barrel of three bushels.

Ready Roofing.—An improved request is noted lately, at catalogue prices before quoted.

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 Pennsylvania slate 10x16 may be quoted at \$7.25 per square of 100 square feet, f.o.b., cars, Toronto; seconds, 50c. less. The demand continues active; competent roofers are scarce.

Rope.—Sisal, 9 1/2c. per lb.; pure Manila, 12 1/2c. 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	1.90	1.35	2.70	3.40	4.50	14.65
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	....

Business steady; price, 73 per cent. off list at factory for car-load lots; 65 per cent. of list retail. Small lots subject to advance.

Steel Beams and Channels.—Quiet.—We quote:—\$2.50 to \$2.75 per 100 lbs., according to size and quantity; if cut, \$2.75 to \$3 per 100 lbs.; angles, 1 1/2 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 at the former prices; 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. Quite a quantity of light sheets moving.

Tank Plate.—3-16-inch, \$2.40 per 100 lbs.

Tool Steel.—Jowett's special pink label, 10 1/2c. Cammel-Laird, 16c. "H.R.D." high speed tool steel, 65c.

Tin.—The feeling in tin is firm, and the price unchanged at 31 1/2 to 32c. **Wheelbarrows.**—Navy, steel wheel, Jewel pattern, knocked down, \$21.60 per dozen; set up, \$22.60. Pan Canadian, navy, steel tray, steel wheel, \$33.00 each; Pan American, steel tray, steel wheel, \$4.25 each.

Zinc Spelter.—A very active movement continues, and the market is very firm at \$5.75 to \$6 per 100 lbs.

CAMP SUPPLIES.

Beans.—Hand Picked, \$2.60 to \$2.70; prime, \$2.40 to \$2.50; Rangoon, hand-picked, \$1.90 to \$2.

Butter.—Dairy prints, 20 to 21c.; creamery rolls, 24 to 25c.

Canned Goods.—Peas, 77 1/2 to \$1.12 1/2; tomatoes, 25, 85 to 90c.; tomatoes, 35, 95c. to \$1; pumpkins, 35, 80 to 85c.; corn, 85 to 95c.; peaches, 25, white, \$1.50 to \$1.60; yellow, \$1.00 to \$1.05; strawberries, 25, heavy syrup, \$1.90 to \$1.95; raspberries, 25, \$1.90 to \$1.95.

Cheese.—No old cheese on hand; new cheese, large, 13c.; twins, 13 1/4c.

Coffee.—Rio, green, 10 to 12 1/2c.; Mocha, 21 to 23c.; Java, 20 to 31c.; Santos, 11 to 15c.

Dried Fruits.—Raisins, Valencia, 6 to 6 1/2c.; seeded, 1-lb. packets, fancy, 7 1/2 to 8c.; 16-oz. packets, choice, 7 to 7 1/2c.; 12-oz. packets, choice, 7c.; Sultanas, good, 5 to 6c.; fine, 6 to 7c.; choice, 7 to 8c.; fancy, 8 to 9c.; Filiatras currants, 6 1/2 to 7c.; Vostizzas, 8 1/2 to 9c.; uncleaned currants, 7c. lower than cleaned. California Dried Fruits.—Evaporated apricots, 12 to 15c. per lb.; prunes, 60s to 70s, 7 to 7 1/2c.; 90s to 100s, 6 1/2c.; evaporated apples, 8c.

Eggs.—New laid, 24 to 25c. per dozen, in case lots.