

trades. People in the States have been trying to see, and indeed to work, a boom in those trades for months, which, however, is slow to arrive. But a boom in Canadian iron-smelting circles is a different proposition.

Old Country metal markets of to-day show activity. On yesterday there was quite a flurry. Quotations of Straits tin in London, which were £133 10s. spot on 9th, were £135 17s. 6d. on 10th, and £134 7s. 6d. firm on 11th; copper, on same three days, was quoted £58 13s. 9d.; £58 15s.; and £59, being excited on Wednesday, Middlesbro pig-iron has shown trifling advances during the week.

Bricks are active still, stone steady, and lumber firmly held, building within the city being remarkably brisk. Cement continues in over supply, every mill being apparently over-produced. Whether there is or is not anything definite in the much-talked-of merger, it is certain that at least two very large producers are not "in it," and that there is no resultant stiffness in the market.

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.**— $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch and heavier, \$2.20. Boiler heads 25c. per 100 pounds advance on plate.

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

**Building Paper.**—Plain, 30c. per roll; tarred, 40c. per roll. Season over, nothing doing.

**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., 70c. per ton of 2,000 lbs., 1-inch, 2-inch, or larger, price all the same. Broken granite is selling at \$3 per ton for good Oshawa.

**Cement.**—Cement is being offered at the low price of \$1.55 per barrel in car lots, including cotton bags, and sales have been made within the month at 5c. less than this. Until the consumption increases, prices will not improve. Smaller dealers report a fair movement in small lots at \$1.40 per barrel in load lots delivered in town, bags extra. 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; canal coal plentiful at \$7.50 per ton; coke, Solvey foundry, which is largely used here, quotes at \$5.25 to \$5.50; Reynoldsville, \$4.50 to \$4.75; Connellsville, 72-hour coke, \$5.25 to \$5.50.

**Copper Ingot.**—The market outside is higher and was excited yesterday. But we quote still \$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, 5c.

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

**Roofing Felt.**—An improvement in demand of late, no change in price.

**Fire Bricks.**—English and Scotch, \$30 to \$35; American, \$27.50 to \$35 per 1,000. The demand is steady and stocks light.

**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, \$3.05; 12-14-gauge, \$3.15; 16, 18, 20, \$3.35; 22-24, \$3.50; 26, \$3.75; 28, \$4.20; 29, \$4.50; 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ , \$4.50 per 100 lbs. Fleur de Lis—28-gauge, \$4.30; 26-gauge, \$4.05; 22-24-gauge, \$3.50. Queen's Head—28-gauge, \$4.50; 26-gauge, \$4.25, per 100 lbs. Sheets continue in active request.

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

**Iron Pipe.**—Black,  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch, \$2.03;  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$2.26;  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch, \$2.63;  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$3.16; 1-inch, \$4.54; 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch, \$6.19; 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$7.43; 2-inch, \$9.90; 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$15.81; 3-inch, \$20.76; 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$26.13; 4-inch, \$29.70; 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$38; 5-inch, \$43.50; 6-inch, \$56. Galvanized,  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch, \$2.86;  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$3.08;  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch, \$3.48;  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$4.31; 1-inch, \$6.19; 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch, \$8.44; 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, \$10.13; 2-inch, \$13.50, per 100 feet. Some talk of an advance in price.

**Lead.**—Prices steady outside. This market is steadier, and demand rather better 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. In active demand.

**Lumber.**—The local demand for stuff is maintained, but there is not so much doing outside. Southern pine continues to move, and the stock on hand is depleted. Spruce flooring is not so much heard of here, since better prices can now be had for spruce at home in New Brunswick and Quebec. Hemlock is steady, but not active. Lath are held stiffly at quotations, and none too plentiful; many are being made up north to go to the States. The 32-inch lath, so long a feature of the market, are nearly all gone. 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, \$3.20; 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.

**Plaster of Paris.**—Calcined, New Brunswick, hammer brand, wholesale, \$2; retail, \$2.15 per barrel of 300 lbs.

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

**Ready Roofing.**—More demand during the past few days, 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 10 x 16 may be quoted at \$7.25 per square of 100 square feet, f.o.b., cars, Toronto; seconds, 50c. less.

**Rope.**—Sisal, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per lb.; pure Manila, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. 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	.....
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. off 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 $\frac{1}{4}$  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 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Cammel-Laird, 16c. "H.R.D." high speed tool steel, 65c.

**Tin.**—After some ups and downs this week the London market showed an advance. We still quote 31c. to 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

**Wheelbarrows.**—Navy, steel wheel, Jewel pattern, knocked down, \$21.60 per dozen; set up, \$22.60. Pan Canadian, navy, steel tray, steel wheel, per dozen, \$3.30 each; Pan American, steel tray, steel wheel, \$4.25 each.

**Zinc Spelter.**—A very active movement continues, and the market is firm at \$5.50 to \$5.75.

#### 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 $\frac{1}{2}$  to \$1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; tomatoes, 25, 85 to 90c.; tomatoes, 35, 95c. to \$1; pumpkins, 35, 80 to 85c.; corn, 85 to 95c.; peaches, 25, white, \$1.80 to \$1.85; yellow, \$1.90 to \$1.95; 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, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; twins, 13c. Santos, 11 to 15c.

**Coffee.**—Rio, green, 10 to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Mocha, 21 to 23c.; Java, 20 to 31c.; Santos, 11 to 15c.

**Dried Fruits.**—Raisins, Valencia, new, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 6c.; seeded, 1-lb. packets, fancy, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 8c.; 16-oz. packets, choice, 7 to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 12-oz. packets, choice, 7c.; Sultanias, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 9c.; fancy, 11 to 12c.; extra fancy, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 15c.; Filiatras currants, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 7c.; Vostizias, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 9c.; uncleaned currants, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. lower than cleaned. California Dried Fruits.—Evaporated apricots, 12 to 15c. per lb.; prunes, 60s to 70s, 7 to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 90s to 100s, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; evaporated apples, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

**Eggs.**—New laid, 22 to 23c. per dozen, in case lots.

**Lard.**—Stocks are light. Tierces, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; tub, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; pails, 15c. per lb.

**Molasses.**—Barbadoes, barrels, 37 to 45c.; Porto Rico, 45 to 60c.; New Orleans, 30 to 33c. for medium.

**Pork.**—Short cut, \$25 to \$26 per barrel; mess, \$23.50.

**Potatoes.**—Ontario, old, 75 to 90c. per bag in car lots on track.

**Rice.**—B grade, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per lb.; Patna, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Japan, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 6c.

**Salmon.**—Fraser River, talls, \$2; flats, \$2; River Inlet, \$1.55 to \$1.75.

**Smoked and Dry Salt Meats.**—Long clear bacon, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. to 14c.; firm, tons and cases; hams, large, 13 to 14c.; small, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 16c.; rolls, 13 to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; breakfast bacon, 17c.; backs (plain), 18c. to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; backs (peameal), 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. to 19c.; shoulder hams, 12c.; green meats out of pickle, 1c. less than smoked.

**Spices.**—Allspice, 16 to 19c.; nutmegs, 30 to 75c.; cream tartar, 22 to 25c.; compound, 15 to 20c.; pepper, black, pure Singapore, 14 to 17c.; pepper, white, 20 to 30c.

**Sugar.**—Granulated, \$4.70 per 100 lbs. in barrels; Acadia, \$4.60; yellow, \$4.30; bags, 5c. lower; bright coffee, \$4.60; bags, 5c. less.

**Syrup.**—Corn syrup, special bright, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per lb.

**Teas.**—Japans, 18 to 35c. per lb.; Young Hysons, 16 to 35c.; Ceylons, medium, 16 to 45c.

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Montreal, August 12th, 1909.

In the United States, all the iron and steel markets are tending upwards. The tariff is now definitely settled, but, for the most part, Canada is little affected. It is stated that the duty against foreign pig-iron has been fixed at 15c. instead of at 40c., as formerly. In that case, such companies as the Dominion Iron and Steel, Algoma Steel, and perhaps more particularly Nova Scotia Steel and Coal, in which is understood to be making a specialty of ore exporting, should be enormously benefited by the change. Demand throughout the market is generally quieter than for some time past, but this in no way weakens the market, prices being firmer than for a long time past, under the circumstances. The general feeling is that advances will take place before much longer. As soon as the dull season is past, the market will likely become very active.

The situation in England and Scotland is more hopeful than for months past. In fact, cables have just been received announcing advances of 1/6 on pig-iron. The recent troubles threatened by the impending coal strike seem now to have disappeared, and while there is little improvement in demand from the continent, there is a very much better trade in the home market. Demand from Canada, also, shows an improvement, a few orders being in for fall delivery, already.

In the local market, trade is rather quiet. Orders are beginning to come for delivery before the close of navigation, and the feeling is spreading that it would be wiser to make purchases at the earliest possible moment in case prices should advance. The opinion is expressed here that prices on pig-iron will advance before the end of the month.

In other lines, such as finished and semi-finished material, no changes are taking place, the alterations of a week ago having been succeeded by great steadiness. The market is quoted as follows:—

**Antimony.**—The market is steady at 8 $\frac{3}{4}$  to 9c.

**Bar Iron and Steel.**—Prices are steady and trade is quiet. 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  $\frac{3}{4}$ -base; tire steel, \$1.90 for 1 x  $\frac{3}{4}$ -base; toe calk steel, \$2.35; machine steel, iron finish, \$1.90; smooth finish, \$2.70; imported, \$2.20.