

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 14 to 14½c.

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, 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. Double strength fuses, 4-ft., \$3.75; 6-ft., \$4.29; 8-ft., \$4.83; 10-ft., \$5.37. Fuses, time, double-tape, \$6 per 1,000 feet; explothmeters, fuse and circuit, \$7.50 each.

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 10¼ oz., and English 28-gauge.

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

Iron.—The outlook is strong. The following prices are for carload quantities and over, free on dock, Montreal, prompt delivery; No. 1 Summerlee, \$20.50 to \$21; selected Summerlee, \$20 to \$20.50; soft Summerlee, \$19.50 to \$20; Clarence, \$18.25 to \$18.50; Midland or Hamilton pig is quoted at \$20 to \$20.50 per ton for No. 1 f.o.b., cars at point of production, No. 2 being \$19.50 to \$20, and No. 3 \$19 to \$19.50 for delivery during the next six months. It is said Dominion and Scotia companies are not quoting prompt delivery. Carron No. 1, \$20.50 to \$21; Carron special, \$20 to \$20.50.

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. 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, 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., \$1.75 to \$2; 35-ft., \$2.75 to \$3.25 each, at manufacturers' points, with 5c. freight rate to Montreal. Laths: Quotations for 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, \$3.40 per keg for cut, and \$2.35 for wire, base prices. Wire roofing nails, 5c. lb.

Nails.—Demand for nails is better and prices are firmer, \$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 is unsettled and uncertain, as dealers are compelled to meet competition from all sources. Prices are easy and approximately as follows:—\$31 for 6 and 8-inch pipe and larger; \$32 for 5-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 much better and the tone is firm, though prices are steady, moderate-sized lots being: ¼-inch, \$5.50 with 63 per cent. off for black, and 48 per cent. off for galvanized; ½-inch, \$5.50, with 59 per cent. off for black and 44 per cent. off for galvanized; ¾-inch, \$8.50, with 69 per cent. off for black, and 59 per cent. off for galvanized. The discount on the following is 72½ per cent. off for black, and 62½ per cent. off for galvanized; 1-inch, \$11.50; 1½-inch, \$16.50; 2-inch, \$22.50; 2½-inch, \$27; 3-inch, \$36; 3½-inch, \$43.50; 4-inch, \$47.50; 5-inch, \$55; 6-inch, \$61.50; 8-inch, \$75.50; 10-inch, \$95; 12-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 ⅜ 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 10½c. for Manila. Wire rope, crucible steel, six-strands, nineteen wires; ¼-in., \$2.75; 5-16, \$3.75; ¾, \$4.75; 1, \$5.25; 1½, \$6.25; 2, \$8; 2½, \$10; 3, \$12 per 100 feet.

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 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 unchanged, at 32½ to 33c.

Zinc.—The tone is steady, at 6 to 6¼c.

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Toronto, November 18th, 1909.

One might suppose, from the continuous demand in Toronto for lumber for dwellings that prices must be firm to the point of advancement. But much of this which moves is of a lower grade, which indeed is offered ofte at prices below present cost of production. And it can hardly be that the erection of cheap dwellings will continue at such a pace as has characterized the past year or two. Even speculative builders must learn that there are a great many buildings vacant. There is much lumber on

hand outside the city, which will prevent a rise of price in the immediate future.

The iron market is firm, and in some grades prices higher. Founders are looking for pig but hardly willing to pay advanced prices. Structural steel in the States is very firm and some shapes are higher. Other metals are, as a rule, steady in price. Extraordinary activity exists in automobile factories in the States, which are ordering largely of certain shapes of steel for future delivery.

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

Antimony.—Demand active and price higher at \$9.25 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.—¼-inch and heavier, \$2.20. Boiler heads 25c. per 100 pounds advance on plate. Tank plate, 3-16-inch, \$2.40 per 100 lbs.

Boiler Tubes.—Orders continue active. Lap-welded, steel, 1¼-inch, 10c.; 1½-inch, 9c. per foot; 2-inch, \$8.50; 2¼-inch, \$10; 2½-inch, \$10.60; 3-inch, \$12.10; 3½-inch, \$15; 4-inch, \$18.50 to \$19 per 100 feet.

Building Paper.—Plain, 30c. per roll; tarred, 40c. per roll. Demand is only moderate.

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 demand has been active for some weeks, and supply not equal to it; feeling is upward. Broken granite is selling at \$3 per ton for good Oshawa.

Cement.—Manufacturers' prices for Portland cement are \$1.35 without bags, or \$1.65 including cotton bags for car lots on board car, Fort William or Port Arthur; the price at Toronto is \$1.30 without bags, or \$1.70 with bags. Smaller dealers get \$1.35 to \$1.40 per barrel without bags, in load lots, delivered in town. Demand is fairly steady.

Coal.—Retail price for Pennsylvania hard, \$7.25 net, steady. This price applies to grate, egg, stove, and chestnut; only pea coal is cheaper, namely, \$6.00. 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 roc. less; slack, \$2.50 to \$2.70; cannel coal plentiful at \$7.50 per ton; coke, Solvey foundry, which is largely used here, quotes at from \$5.75 to \$6.00; Reynoldsville, \$4.90 to \$5.00; Connellsville, 72-hour coke, \$5.50.

Copper Ingot.—Demand quite heavy, and price advanced to 14¼c. Supply adequate.

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. Much is being now used for lumber camps.

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.

Iron Chain.—¼-inch, \$5.75; 5-16-inch, \$5.15; ¾-inch, \$4.15; 7-16-inch, \$3.95; 1-inch, \$3.75; 9-16-inch, \$3.70; 1½-inch, \$3.55; 2-inch, \$3.45; 2½-inch, \$3.40; 3-inch, \$3.40, per 100 lbs.

Iron Pipe.—Repeat quotations of last week, as follows:—Black, ¼-inch, \$2.03; ½-inch, \$2.25; ¾-inch, \$2.63; 1-inch, \$3.28; 1½-inch, \$4.70; 2-inch, \$6.41; 2½-inch, \$7.70; 3-inch, \$10.26; 3½-inch, \$16.39; 4-inch, \$21.52; 4½-inch, \$27.08; 5-inch, \$30.76; 6-inch, \$38; 7-inch, \$43.50; 8-inch, \$56. Galvanized, ¼-inch, \$2.86; ½-inch, \$3.08; ¾-inch, \$3.48; 1-inch, \$4.43; 1½-inch, \$6.35; 2-inch, \$8.66; 2½-inch, \$10.40; 3-inch, \$13.86, per 100 feet.

Lead.—Prices steady outside. This market is steadier, and demand quiet, at \$2.75 to \$2.85 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 without freight. Demand is good.

Lumber.—Prices continue steady, and city demand still active. We quote dressing pine \$32.00 to \$35.00 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 to \$24; shingles, British Columbia, weak, and rather over-stocked, \$3 to \$3.10; lath, No. 1, \$4.40, white pine, 42-inch; No. 2, \$3.75; for 32-inch, \$1.60.

Nails.—Wire, \$2.35 base; cut, \$2.60; spikes, \$2.85 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. Plasterer's, \$2.15 per barrel of three bushels.

Ready Roofing.—Dealers report a large demand, the prices being as before, per catalogue

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 Bangor slate 10 x 16 may be quoted at \$7 per square of 100