

Tool Steel.—Jowitt's special pink label, or octagon drill steel, 10½c. per pound; Capital, 12c.; Conqueror, highspeed, 65c. base; Velos, highspeed, 60c. base.

Zinc.—Very little doing, we quote 5½c

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Montreal, April 15th, 1908.

The situation throughout the pig-iron markets of the world is reported to show very little change, this week. There has been further talk of reduction in price in the United States and, although an attempt is being made to maintain prices at their former level, it seems to be the general opinion that purchasers need not pay the prices generally given out.

In England and Scotland the situation seems firmer than in the United States. The higher grades of metal are in fair demand and it is claimed that the tone of the market is firm. Shipments are about to leave for Canada and will arrive here about the opening of navigation.

Locally, a moderate amount of orders is being booked for metal for delivery upon the opening of navigation. This, and the approach of the time mentioned, is occasioning quite a little interest, not only in the metal market, but among dealers in finished and semi-finished products as well. Shipments of all sorts of steel and metal and products thereof will go forward actively as soon as the ice is off the waterways. Demand, however, is much behind what it was a year ago.

Antimony.—The market holds steady and sales are being made at 9½ to 10c. per lb.

Bar Iron and Steel.—Prices continue steady at the recent decline. Business is showing a seasonable improvement. Bar iron, \$1.90 per hundred pounds; best refined horseshoe iron, \$2.15, and forged iron, \$2.05; mild steel, \$2.05; sleigh shoe steel, \$2.05 for 1 x ¾-base; tire steel, \$2.05 for 1 x ¾-base; toe talk steel, \$2.50; machine steel, iron finish, \$2.15.

Boiler Tubes.—The market holds steady, demand being fair, prices are as follows:—2-inch tubes, 8 to 8¼c.; 2½-inch, 11c.; 3-inch, 12 to 12¼c.; 3½-inch, 15 to 15¼c.; 4-inch, 19¼ to 19½c.

Building Paper.—Tar paper, 7, 10, or 16 ounce, \$2 per 100 pounds; felt paper, \$2.75 per 100 pounds; tar sheathing, No. 1, 60c. per roll of 400 square feet No. 2, 40c.; dry sheathing, No. 1, 50c. per roll of 400 square feet, No. 2, 32c.

Cement—Canadian and American.—Canadian cement, \$1.70 to \$1.75 per barrel, in cotton bags, and \$1.95 and \$2.05 in wood, weights in both cases 350 pounds. There are four bags of 87½ pounds each, net, to a barrel, and 10 cents must be added to the above prices for each bag. Bags in good condition are purchased at 10 cents each. Where paper bags are wanted instead of cotton, the charge is 2½ cents for each, or 10 cents per barrel weight. American cement, standard brands, f.o.b. mills, 85c. per 350 pounds; bags extra, 10c. each, and returnable in good condition at 7½c. each.

Cement—English and European.—English cement is steady at \$1.85 to \$1.90 per barrel in jute sacks of 82½ pounds each (including price of sacks) and \$2.20 to \$2.30 in wood, per 350 pounds, gross. Belgian cement is quoted at \$1.70 to \$1.80 per barrel in bags, and \$2.05 to \$2.20 per barrel, in wood.

Copper.—The market is slightly weaker, quotations being now 14 to 14½c. per pound. Demand continues limited.

Iron.—Prices for delivery after the opening of St. Lawrence navigation are approximately as follows:—No. 1 Summerlee, on cars, Montreal, \$20.50 to \$21 per ton; No. 2 selected Summerlee, \$20 to \$20.50; No. 3, soft, \$19.50 to \$20; Cleveland, \$18.50, and No. 3 Clarence, \$18; No. 1 Carron, \$22 to \$22.50; Carron special, \$20.25 to \$20.75; Carron, soft, \$20 to \$20.50. Stocks on spot are light. Clarence No. 1 is quoted at \$20.50 to \$21; Clarence No. 3 at \$19 to \$19.50; Carron No. 1 at \$24.50 to \$25, and Carron, soft, at \$22.50 to \$23, cars, Montreal.

Lead.—Trail lead is quoted weaker, at \$3.90 to \$4 per 100 lbs., ex-store.

Nails.—Demand for nails is improving, but prices are steady at \$2.30 per keg for cut, and \$2.25 for wire, base prices.

Pipe—Cast Iron.—Trade dull and prices steady at \$36 for 8-inch pipe and larger; \$37 for 6-inch pipe, \$38 for 5-inch, and \$39 for 4-inch at the foundry. Gas pipe is quoted at about \$1 more than the above.

Pipe—Wrought.—The market is firm but dull. Quotations and discounts for small lots, screwed and coupled, are as follows: ¼-inch to ¾-inch, \$5.50, with 54 per cent. off for black and 38 per cent. off for galvanized. The discount on the following is 66 per cent. off for black and 56 per cent. off for galvanized: ½-inch, \$8.50; 1-inch, \$16.50; 1¼-inch, \$22.50; 1½-inch, \$27; 2-inch, \$36; and 3-inch, \$75.50; 3½-inch, \$95; 4-inch, \$108.

Spikes.—Railway spikes are in better demand, \$2.60 per 100 pounds, base of 5½ x 9-16. Ship spikes are steady at \$3.15 per 100 pounds, base of 5½ x 10 inch and 5½ x 12 inch.

Steel Shafting.—At the present time prices are steady at the list, less 25 per cent. Demand shows an improvement.

Steel Plates.—Demand is good, and the market steady. Quotations are: \$2.55 for 3-16, \$2.40 for ¾, and \$2.30 for ½ and thicker, in smaller lots.

Tar and Pitch.—Coal tar, \$4 per barrel of 40 gallons, weighing 575 to 600 pounds; coal tar pitch, No. 1, 75c. per 100 pounds, No. 2, 65c. per 100 pounds; pine tar, \$4.35 to \$4.50 per barrel of about 280 pounds; pine pitch, \$4.25 per barrel of 180 to 200 pounds.

Tin.—The market is steady at 33½ to 34c. per pound.

Tool Steel.—Demand is light, but the market is firm. Base prices are as follows: Jessop's best unannealed, 14½c. per pound, annealed being 15½c.; second grade, 8½c., and high-speed, "Ark," 60c., and "Novo," 65c.; "Conqueror," 55 to 60c.; Sanderson Bros. and Newbould's "Sabon," high-speed, 60c.; extra cast tool steel, 14c., and "Colorado" cast tool steel, 8c., base prices. Sanderson's "Rex A" is quoted at 75c. and upward; Self-Hardening, 45c.; Extra, 15c.; Superior, 12c.; and Crucible, 8c.; "Edgar Allan's Air-Hardening," 55 to 65c. per pound.

Zinc.—The market is unchanged, at 5¼ to 5½c. per pound.

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Winnipeg, April 13th, 1908.

Bar Iron.—\$2.60 to \$2.70.

Beams and Channels.—\$4 to \$4.50 per 100 up to 15-inch.

Building Paper.—4½ to 7c. per pound.

Bricks.—From \$11 to \$12 per 1,000, three grades.

Cement.—\$3.25 to \$3.50 per barrel.

Roofing Paper.—60 to 67½c. per roll.

Nails.—\$4 to \$4.25 per 100.

Tool Steel.—15 to 20c. per pound.

Lumber.—No. 1 pine, spruce, tamarac, British Columbia fir and cedar—2x4, 2x6, 2x8, 8 to 16 feet, \$27.25; 2x20 up to 32 feet, \$38.

Timber, Rough.—8x8 to 14x16 up to 32 feet, \$34; 6x20, 8x20 up to 32 feet, \$38; dressed, \$37.50 to \$48.25.

Boards.—Common pine, 8 in. to 12 in. wide, \$38 to \$45; siding, No. 2 white pine, 6 in., \$55; cull red or white pine or spruce, 6 in., \$24; No. 1 clear cedar, 6 in., 8 to 16 ft., \$60; Nos. 1 and 2 British Columbia spruce, 6 in., \$55; No. 3, \$45.

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