

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

Antimony.—Price unchanged at 8½c., with more enquiry.

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

Bar Iron.—\$1.95 base, from stock to the wholesale dealer.

Boiler Plates.—1-4 inch and heavier, \$2.40. Boiler heads 25c. per 100 pounds advance on plate.

Boiler Tubes.—Orders are small. 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, \$15.30; 4-inch, \$19.45 per 100 feet.

Building Paper.—Plain, 30c per roll; tarred, 40c. per roll. Business no longer brisk, but much fallen off.

Bricks.—Common structural, \$9 per thousand, wholesale, and the demand moderately active. Red and buff pressed are worth, delivered, \$18; at works, \$17.

Cement.—Market still weak; cement can be had in 1,000 barrel lots at \$1.70 per bbl, including the bags, which is equal to \$1.30 without bags. At this time of year building operations are closing down, demand is therefore naturally limited. The smaller dealers, however, are busy selling small quantities.

Coal Tar.—Season about over, price still \$3.50 per barrel.

Copper Ingot.—There is more activity in the States, and better demand here. Prices are higher, at 15 to 15½c. with a prospect of their maintenance for a while.

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.—Only moderate request. Price \$1.80 per 100 pounds.

Fire Bricks.—English and Scotch, \$32.50 to \$35; American, \$28.50 to \$35 per 1,000. A steady but not large demand.

Fuses—Electric Blasting.—Double strength, per 100, 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. 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, \$4.30; 30, \$4.50 per 100 pounds. 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.

Iron Chain.—½-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; 1 1/8-inch, \$3.55; 1 1/4-inch, \$3.45; 1 1/2-inch, \$3.40.

Iron Pipe.—Black, ¼-inch, \$2.03; 3/8-inch, \$2.25; ½-inch, \$2.63; ¾-inch, \$3.50; 1-inch, \$5.11; 1 1/4-inch, \$6.97; 1 1/2-inch, \$8.37; 2-inch, \$11.16; 2 1/2-inch, \$17.82; 3-inch, \$23.40; 3 1/2-inch, \$29.45; 4-inch, \$33.48; 4 1/2-inch, \$38, 5-inch, \$43.50; 6-inch, \$56. Galvanized, ¼-inch, \$2.86; 3/8-inch, \$3.08; ½-inch, \$3.48; ¾-inch, \$4.71; 1-inch, \$6.76; 1 1/4-inch, \$9.22; 1 1/2-inch, \$11.07; 2-inch, \$14.76. Steady request of late.

Lead.—Active and unchanged at \$3.90 to \$4.00 Old Country market quiet but steady.

Lead Wool.—\$20.00 per ton, f.o.b. factory.

Lime.—In adequate supply and moderate movement. Price for large lots at kilns outside city 22c. per 100 lbs. f.o.b., cars; Toronto retail price 35c. per 100 lbs. f.o.b. car

Lumber.—Dressing pine we quote \$32 to \$35 per thousand for usual lengths (12, 14, and 16 ft.), and stock sizes of boards, and \$38 to \$40 for special lengths, common stock boards, as to grade, \$24 to \$28; Cull stocks, \$20; sidings, \$17.50. Norway pine is neglected in favor of Southern, which is much stronger in fibre and the price well maintained. Hemlock continues to sell pretty freely, though not in large lots. Spruce flooring is quoted at \$25 and plenty moving. The season being practically over for shingles, there is but little movement in them, and prices are weak though unchanged at \$3.20 for British Columbia. White pine lath are scarcer, No. 1 especially, we quote \$4 for No. 1 and \$3.50 for No. 2 firm. A good deal of varied stuff is moving, not so much good pine as cheaper goods, such as hemlock and spruce. But all kinds of Canadian lumber are likely to continue firm, because smaller quantities of logs have been taken out this season.

Nails.—Wire, \$2.55 base; cut, \$2.70; spikes, \$3. There is a fair supply and no special activity.

Pitch.—An active trade at unaltered prices, at 70c. per 100 pounds.

Pig Iron.—Business is only moderate; prices are decidedly maintained. Clarence quotes at \$20.50 for No. 3; Cleveland, \$20.50 to \$21.00; in Canadian pig. Hamilton quotes \$20.00 to \$20.50. We note elsewhere the old country market.

Plaster of Paris.—Calced, wholesale, \$2; retail, \$2.15. Active business.

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

Rope.—Sisal, 9½c. per lb.; pure Manila, 12½c., Base

Sewer Pipe.—

	4-in.	6-in.	9-in.	10-in.	12-in.	24-in.
Straight pipe per foot	\$.20	\$0.30	\$0.60	\$0.75	\$1.00	\$3.25
Single junction, 1 or 2 feet long	.90	1.35	2.70	3.40	4.50	14.63
Double junctions	1.50	2.50	5.00	6.00	8.50	26.63
Increases and reducers	1.50	2.50	5.00	6.00	8.50	26.63
P. traps	2.00	3.50	7.50	9.00	15.00	46.63
H. H. traps	2.50	4.00	8.00	9.50	15.00	46.63

In good demand; price 70 per cent. off list at factory for car-load lots; 60 per cent. off list retail.

Steel Beams and Channels.—Quiet. We quote:—\$2.50 to \$2.75, according to size and quantity; if cut, \$2.75 to \$3; angles, 1 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, with fairly good demand; 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.

Tool Steel.—Jowett's special pink label, 10½c. Cyclops, 18c.

Tank Plate.—3-16-inch, \$2.50.

Tin.—Market very irregular, but active and prices strong at 32 to 33c. Price in Singapore is higher, but the visible supply has increased and London is weak.

Wheelbarrows.—Navy, steel wheel, Jewel pattern, knocked down, \$21.35 per dozen; set up, \$22.35. Pan Canadian, navy, steel tray, steel wheel, per dozen, \$3.30 each; Pan American, steel tray, steel wheel, \$4.25 each.

Zinc Spelter.—Business fairly active at better prices, \$5.25 to \$5.50. The London Market stronger.

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is reported to have been able to place its order for 3,000 tons for delivery second quarter, at around \$14.50, Valley, per ton, this being from \$1.00 to \$1.50 less than many makers were demanding. In fact, some were apparently not anxious to quote at all. It would seem that the situation in scrap in the west is exceedingly firm and that a shortage in this material is being experienced. The United States Corporation is now in the market for it. A few railways have placed their orders for steel rails and the report that one road has purchased foreign rails is denied. Some very good orders for structural steel have also been placed, so that the outlook continues promising.

In England, notwithstanding the more favorable conditions, particularly in the United States, the market for iron lacks strength and the situation is not very encouraging. Cleveland warrants have declined about a shilling and the hematite trade continues rather slow, so far as new business is concerned. The East coast sends in better reports than the West coast. It would seem that makers are not very badly situated as regards orders and a favorable feature is that the price for future delivery is much higher than that for prompt.

The local market is very little changed, though pig iron has had to be marked up somewhat, owing to the altered basis upon which it is quoted. Cement is available at lower figures, in some cases, for immediate delivery, though manufacturers are looking forward hopefully to the coming season. The rest of the market shows very little alteration. The copper market is firm at present, and in fact, the tone throughout the list is hopeful.

Antimony.—The market is steady at 9 to 9 1-4c.

Bar Iron and Steel.—Prices are steady all round, and trade is quiet. Bar iron, \$1.25 per 100 pounds; best refined horseshoe, \$2.15; forged iron, \$2.05; mild steel, \$2.00; sleigh shoe steel, \$1.90 for 1 x 3/8-base; tire steel, \$1.95 for 1 x 3/8-base; toe calk steel, \$2.40; machine steel, iron finish, \$2.10; smooth finish, \$2.75.

Boiler Tubes.—The market is steady, quotations being as follows:—2-inch tubes, 8½c.; 2 1/2-inch, 10c.; 3-inch, 11½c.; 3 1/2-inch, 14½c.; 4-inch, 19c.

Building Paper.—Tar paper, 7, 10, or 16 ounce, \$1.60 per 100 pounds; felt paper, \$2.40 per 100 pounds; tar sheathing, No. 1, 55c. per roll of 400 square feet; No. 2, 35c.; dry sheathing, No. 1, 45c. per roll of 400 square feet, No. 2, 28c. (See Roofing; also Tar and Pitch).

Cement.—Quotations are for car lots, f.o.b., Montreal. Canadian cement is \$1.55 to \$1.65 per 350-lb. bbl., in 4 cotton bags, adding 10c. for each bag. Good bags re-purchased at 10c. each. Paper bags cost 2½c. extra, or 10c. per bbl. weight. English cement is \$1.65 to \$1.85 per 350-lb. bbl. in 4 jute sacks (for which add 8c. each) and \$2.20 to \$2.40 in wood. Belgian cement is \$1.60 to \$1.65 in bags—bags extra—add \$2.10 in wood.

Chain.—The market is steady as follows:—¼-inch, \$5.30; 5-16-inch, \$4.05; ¾-inch, \$3.65; 7-16-inch, \$3.45; 1-inch, \$3.20; 9-16-inch, \$3.15; 1 1/8-inch, \$3.05; 1 1/4-inch, \$3; 1 1/2-inch, \$2.95; 1 inch, \$2.95.

Copper.—The market is steady at 15½c. per lb. Demand continues limited.

Explosives and Accessories.—Dynamite, 50-lb. cases, 40 per cent. profit, 18c. 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, \$3.50; 6-ft. wires, \$4; 8-ft. wires, \$4.50; 10-ft. wires, \$5. Double strength fuses, 1½ extra, per 100 fuses. Fuses, time, double-tape, \$6 per 1,000 feet.

Galvanized Iron.—The market is steady. Prices, basis, 28-gauge, are:—Queen's Head, \$4.40; Comet, \$4.25; Gorbals's Best, \$4.25; Apollo, 10½ oz., \$4.35. 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.—Prices are higher, owing to the iron having been put in store. Values, however remain about the same, the tendency being firm. The following prices are ex-store: Canadian pig, \$18 to \$19 per ton; No. 1 Summerlee, \$21 to \$21.50; No. 2 selected Summerlee, \$20.50 to \$20.75; Carron soft \$20.25 to \$20.75; No. 3 Clarence, \$18.75 to \$19 per ton.

Laths.—See Lumber, etc.

Lead.—Trail lead is unchanged and steady, at \$3.70 to \$3.80 per 100 pounds, ex-store.

Lead Wool.—\$12 per ton. f.o.b. factory.

Lumber, Etc.—Prices on lumber are for car lots, to contractors, at mill points, carrying a freight rate of \$1.50. At the moment, the market is exceptionally irregular and prices are uncertain. Red pine, mill culls out,

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The markets for pig iron in the United States are less active and strong than the indications of a few weeks ago gave promise of. Added to other somewhat complex factors, is that of the tariff, introduced lately by Mr. Hill and more especially by Mr. Carnegie. The latter having come out strongly for free trade in iron and steel, manufacturers are more or less uncertain in their attitude, and whether Mr. Carnegie's attention that the industry would benefit greatly from free trade is justifiable or not, the unsettling of conditions cannot but have the effect of delaying business in the meantime. The Westinghouse Company