

in this city has been imported from New Brunswick and elsewhere, the cost of importation being equal to \$5.00 per thousand, besides the ten per cent. duty: in the face of all this can it be doubted (here where all the material for brick-making is in such abundance, costing literally nothing, where fuel is cheaper and wages no higher than in the places whence the bricks are imported,) that bricks can be made here as cheaply as in other places, now that the demand is so large; and more particularly since, if the building of the sewers is proceeded with, a large quantity will be also required by householders for cesspools.

DRAIN PIPES.—The present prices per yard are, for

9 inch diameter	\$1.00
12 inch, "	1.50
15 inch, "	2.85

Whilst in Rugby, England,

9 inch, diameter is	\$0.28
12 inch, "	0.46
15 inch, "	0.75

In Glasgow,

9 inch, diameter is	\$0.25
12 inch, "	0.32
18 inch, "	0.50

Pipes of fire clay, in Glasgow, 12 inch. 0.57

I do not expect that pipes can be made here at these prices, labour being so much higher. But we have close at hand an abundance of material, both of ordinary clay, such as the cheaper of the Glasgow pipe is made, and also of fire clay, of which at the different coal mines of the Province thousands of tons have to be brought out of the pits and thrown away, and this more particularly at the Cumberland mines, where such large quantities have to be removed with the coal, that the disposal of it becomes very troublesome. Notwithstanding all this, nine tenths of all the fire brick and such material are imported. When it is taken into consideration that there will be wanted for the house drainage, independent of what is wanted in the streets, between 50 and 60 miles of this pipe, can it be doubted but that under these circumstances a very material reduction will be made on the present prices?

LIMES AND CEMENTS.

In a country like this, where limestone abounds, and where it is accessible by water, and within twenty-five miles of the city by rail, in inexhaustible quantities, is it not astonishing that there is so much imported? And as for hydraulic, or "water lime," where we have so many beds of limestone occurring in such geological positions and of such varied composition, it cannot be doubted but many good hydraulic cements may exist and be supplied at half the price of cements which I have estimated at \$4 per barrel.

Taking these things into consideration, I thought best in addition to my estimate at present prices to make one at what I consider a reasonable reduction consequent on the magnitude of the contracts as well as the lower price of material.