

**THE SITUATION.**

Mechanics and their laborers in the building trades in Toronto are demanding an increase in the rate of wages as follows: Stonecutters, from 38 to 45 cents per hour; masons, 32 to 40 cents; bricklayers, 33½ to 36 cents; laborers, 19 to 21 cents. The employers have conceded nothing, but are negotiating with a view to arriving at an understanding with the workmen. Skilled workmen are also being advertised for in Great Britain. In view of the fact that the building outlook cannot be considered promising, the demand for an increased rate of wages appears to be singularly ill advised.

The Canadian Contractors' Hand-Book, 50 cents to "Record" subscribers.

One paying contract is worth a dozen losing ones. Keep up prices. Bid on everything that comes along, calculating on a profit. The most successful bidders in the country pursue this plan, and they are continually taking in good contracts. -*Builders' Gazette.*

When one beam is let in, at an inclination to the depth of another, so as to bear in the direction of the fibres of the beam that is cut, the depth of the cut at right angles to the fibres should not be more than one-fifth of the length of the piece, the fibres of which, by their cohesion, resist the pressure.

An anomaly in building construction is reported from Amsterdam, where there is a floor built (one cannot say laid) which has no joists whatever. The floor is composed of three thicknesses of tongued and grooved flooring, each layer being one and one-half inches thick. The first course is laid diagonally across the opening; the second also diagonally, but the reverse of the first; and the third course is laid parallel with one of the sides of the room. Each layer is securely nailed to the other. The middle of the floor is kept about two and one-half inches higher than it is at the sides of the room. The room is sixty feet square.

**TENDERS**

WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL

**THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH,**

for erecting an addition to No. 23 Queen Street West, Toronto.

GORDON & HELLIWELL, Architects,  
24 King St. East, Toronto.

**TENDERS**

Received until 12 o'clock noon of MARCH 29TH, for the whole of the work required in the erection and completion of pair semi-detached residences on Madison Avenue. Plans, etc., at the office of Robert Ogilvie, Architect, 9½ Adelaide St. East, Toronto. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

**TENDERS**

Will be received up to MARCH 28TH, 1890, for all trades required in the erection of a

**BRICK RESIDENCE IN ROSEDALE.**

Plans and specifications may be seen at my office.

ALEX. HARVEY, Architect,  
Campbell Block, cor. Keel and Dundas Streets,  
WEST TORONTO JUNCTION.

**TENDERS WANTED.**

**SEALED TENDERS** for seating—either by chair or pew—the proposed new Methodist Church, Howmanville, Ont., will be received by the undersigned up to

**SATURDAY, MARCH 29.**

Samples of each style of seat must be submitted for inspection and mentioned in tender respectively. Further information obtained from the architect, Mr. Wm. Bunny, Howmanville. The Committee do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

P. TREBILCOCK,  
Secretary Building Committee.

**TO BUILDERS.**

Tenders will be received by the undersigned until 12 o'clock noon on

**SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH,**

for the erection of a house on Bernard Avenue. Plans may be seen at this office.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

**DARLING & CURRY,**  
Architects,  
MAIL BUILDING, TORONTO.

**TO IRON FOUNDERS AND BLACKSMITHS.**

**TENDERS** will be received until the 24th inst. for the whole of the Wrought and Cast Iron Work, including Wrought Iron Beams, Cast Iron Columns, Iron Staircases, Vault Doors, &c., necessary in connection with the erection of

**Head Office Building for the Freehold Loan & Savings Co.,**

on the north-west corner of Adelaide and Victoria Sts., Toronto.

Plans, specifications and details can be seen at the offices of the architect.

E. J. LENNOX, Architect,  
71 Yonge St., Toronto.



**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.**

Tenders will be received by registered post, addressed to the City Engineer, up to 12 o'clock noon of the 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 1890, for the construction of the following works, viz.:

**BLOCK PAVEMENTS.**

Dundas Street widening, from Queen Street to Arthur Street; Crawford Street, from Queen St. to DeFoe Street; McMaster Avenue, from Rathnally Avenue to Avenue Road; McPherson Ave., from Avenue Road to Rathnally Avenue; Rathnally Avenue, from Rathnally Crescent to McPherson Avenue west; Salisbury Avenue, from western limit of present pavement to 190 feet westerly; Dundas Street, from Somerton Avenue to Bloor Street.

**SCORIA BLOCK PAVEMENT.**

Sherbourne Street, from King St. to Queen Street. Plans can be seen, quantities and forms of tender obtained on and after Tuesday, 18th inst., at the City Engineer's office.

A deposit in the form of a marked cheque, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for the sum of 5 per cent. on the value of the work tendered for under 51,000, and 2½ per cent. over that amount, must accompany each and every tender, otherwise it will not be entertained.

All tenders must bear the bona fide signatures of the contractor and his sureties (see specifications) or they will be ruled out as informal.

The Committee do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

JOHN SHAW,  
Chairman Committee on Works,  
Committee Rooms, Toronto, March 12th, 1890.

**FOR SALE.**

**200,000 Bricks** and One Brick and One Brick and Tile Machine manufactured by Close & Son, of Woodstock, for sale cheap. Apply to  
C. DENNE, Newmarket.

**TO CONTRACTORS.**

**SEALED TENDERS** will be received by the undersigned until 12 o'clock noon of

**SATURDAY, THE 29TH INST.,**

for the Mason, Bricklayer, Carpenter, Roofer, Plasterer, Painter and Glazier, and Iron Work of the Administrative Block of the Royal Victoria Hospital to be erected on University Street.

The plans and specifications prepared by Messrs. H. Saxon Snell, F. R. I. B. A., & Son, London, England, to be seen and all necessary information to be had at my office.

The contractors are to submit the names of two sufficient sureties for the due performance of the work, and the consent in writing of such sureties.

JAMES R. RHIND,  
Assistant Architect.

Room 11, Temple Buildings, St. James St.,  
Montreal, 1st March, 1890.

**Prices of Building Materials.**

**LUMBER.**

**CAR OR CARGO LOTS.**

1½ and thicker clear picks, Am. ins.	\$30 00@12 00
1½ and thicker, three uppers, Am. ins.	37 00
1½ and thicker, pickings, Am. ins.	27 00
1 x 10 and 12 dressing and better.	18 00 20 00
1 x 10 and 12 mill run.	13 00 14 00
1 x 10 and 12 dressing.	14 00 16 00
1 x 10 and 12 common.	12 00 13 00
1 x 10 and 12 spruce culls.	10 00 11 00
1 x 10 and 12 maple culls.	9 00
1 inch clear and picks.	28 00 30 00
1 inch dressing and better.	18 00 20 00
1 inch siding, mill run.	14 00 15 00
1 inch siding, common.	11 00 12 00
1 inch siding, ship culls.	10 00 11 00
1 inch siding, mill culls.	8 00 9 00
Cull scantling.	8 00 9 00
1½ and thicker cutting up plank.	22 00 25 00
1 inch strips, 4 in. to 8 in. mill run.	14 00 15 00
1 inch strips, common.	11 00 12 00
1½ inch flooring.	14 00 15 00
1½ inch flooring.	14 00 16 00
XXX shingles, sawn.	2 30 @ 2 35
XX shingles, sawn.	1 30 1 35
Eastlake galvanized steel shingles, 24 W. G., per square.	6 60
Eastlake galvanized steel shingles, 26 W. G., per square.	5 50
Eastlake painted steel shingles, per sq.	4 00
Round pointed galvanized steel shingles, per sq.	5 00
Round pointed painted steel shingles.	4 25
Round pointed, unpainted, "ferme tin" shingles.	4 00
Manitoba galvanized, steel siding, per square.	5 00
Manitoba painted steel siding, per sq.	3 50
Painted sheet steel pressed brick.	3 50
Painted crimped steel sheeting.	3 40
Price of Copper shingles according to weight.	

**YARD QUOTATIONS.**

Mill cull boards and scantling.	10 00
Shipping cull boards, promiscuous widths.	13 00
Shipping cull boards, stocks.	14 00
Hemlock cantling and joist up to 16 ft.	11 00 12 00
" " " 18 "	12 00 13 00
" " " 20 "	13 00 14 00
Scantling and joist, up to 16 ft.	14 00
" " " 18 ft.	15 00
" " " 20 ft.	16 00
" " " 22 ft.	18 00
" " " 24 ft.	20 00
" " " 26 ft.	22 00
" " " 28 ft.	24 00
" " " 30 ft.	26 00
" " " 32 ft.	28 00
" " " 34 ft.	30 00
" " " 36 ft.	32 00
" " " 38 ft.	34 00
" " " 40 to 44 ft.	35 00
Cutting up planks, 1½ and thicker, dry board.	25 00 26 00
" " " " "	18 00 22 00
Cedar for block paving, per cord.	5 00
Cedar for Kerbing, 4 x 14, per M.	24 00

**B. M.**

1½ inch flooring, dressed, F. M.	28 00 32 00
1½ inch flooring rough, B. M.	18 00 22 00
1½ " " dressed, F. M.	25 00 28 00
" " undressed, B. M.	1 00 19 00
" " dressed.	18 00 22 00
" " undressed.	12 00 15 00
Hatched sheeting, dressed.	22 00 35 00
Clapboarding, dressed.	12 00
XXX sawn shingles, per M, 16 in.	2 65 2 75
Sawn lath.	2 00 2 20
Red oak.	30 00 40 00
White.	35 00 45 00
Basswood, No. 1 and 2.	18 00 20 05
Cherry, No. 1 and 2.	70 00 70 00
White ash, No. 1 and 2.	25 00 25 00
Black ash, No. 1 and 2.	20 00 30 00
Dressing stocks.	16 00 22 00
Picks, American inspection.	40 00
Three uppers, American inspection.	50 00

**BRICK—P M**

Common Walling.	\$ 7 50
Good Facing.	9 25
Sewer.	9 00
<b>Pressed Brick:</b>	
Plain brick, f. o. b. at Milton, per M.	\$18 00
" " and quality, per M.	13 00
Ornamental brick, at Milton, per 100.	\$3 to 10 00