

Ottawa's Building Outlook.

The indications for building generally in Ottawa are for an average season only. Architects report fewer orders than last year at this time, and not nearly as many as the year before. This is said to be because of the unsettled conditions of the money market, and the belief expressed by many that the prices of building materials will go down. The prospective build-

er is thus in most cases holding off until things become somewhat more settled. Architects, however, do not look for any falling off in prices. Some expect a small advance. Materials look as though they would be unchanged. Some kinds of lumber are slightly cheaper, but others again are higher. Wages in the trades are about stationary, except for bricklayers, whose rates are to advance to 50 cents an

hour after May 1st. This will be 3 cents an hour higher than last summer. Speculative building is fairly active.

The Ontario Government proposes to vote \$100,000 to the acquisition of the National Battlefield Park and monuments at Quebec. Votes are also proposed for technical colleges at Hamilton and Sault Ste. Marie.

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