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THERE is a fair amount of activity in Building Conditions. building enterprise throughout the Dominion, the volume of which will probably equal that of last season. On the whole, however, the work is of a less important character than last year, and the expenditure proportionately less. Toronto architects and builders have good cause to complain of the lifeless conditions prevailing in that city the present year. The number and value of buildings for which permits have been granted is greatly below the record of last year. This is in a large measure due to the fact that with one exception there have been no fires of any consequence involving the destruction of buildings. While rightly enough every precaution is taken to prevent the danger to life and property from fire, we are sometimes led to wonder what would become of architects and builders if the destroying element were put entirely under control. The amount of their occupation would be so greatly reduced that many would be forced into other callings.

CANADIAN architects and builders should be interested in a point of law relating to the definition of a party wall, which came up for argument in the English courts recently. A firm of store-keepers were summoned to appear in court on the charge of having violated the London building law by piercing openings in a party wall. The section of the law bearing on the case reads as follows: "Every party wall shall be carried up of a thickness in a building in the warehouse class, equal to the thickness of such wall in the topmost story above the roof-flat or gutter of the highest building adjoining thereto to such a height as will give a distance of at

What Constitutes a Party Wall?