waterworks system, the price being \$287 Work will likely be started spring

TORONTO, ONT .- The Temiskaming Railway Commission have awarded the following contract for supplies: Angle bars, 15,500, Hamilton Steel and Iton Works; spikes, Pilow and Hersey Man-ufacturing Co., Montreal; bolts, Toronto Bolt and Forge Works; nutlocks, W. C. Nun, Montreal.

THE CEMENT MARKET.

Portland cement has during the past two months been sold lower than at any time before, so low in fact, says Cement and Engineering News, of Chicago, that it cannot be manufactured at many of the mills at prices quoted. The mills have now less than 2,000,000 barrels in stock. When this is marketed there will be a decided advance over present quotations.

Several of the western mills have advanced prices 25 cents per barrel. This advance is 45 cents per barrel higher than the lowest quotation heretofore made by certain western mills. This advance will in the near future become general in our opinion. We theretofore advise consumers to close for the year's supply at once.

The surplus stock now in the hands of the mills will certainly be picked up by large consumers at present prices in the near future. We reiterate, lay in your stock of cement now, as prices will never be lower.

TORONTO BUILDERS' EXCHANGE.

The annual meeting of the Toronto Builders' Exchange was held in their offices, Yonge Street Arcade, on January 18th. There was a large attendance of representatives of the building trade, and the reports showed that substantial progress had been made during the year.

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