

fresne & Son; roofing, plumbing and heating, J. A. Giroux; painting, E. Berthelette; plastering, A. Cusson.—A. F. Dunlop, architect, has let the contract for a large building for the S. Carsely Co., on St. James street, with white marble front, to Simpson & Peel. The sub-contractors are: Masonry and brickwork, Wighton & Morrison; plumbing, etc., John Watson; iron work, Dominion Bridge Co.—Saxe & Archibald, architects, have let contracts as follows: Cottage on Grosvenor avenue, Westmount, for Thomas A. Lynch; masonry, John Quinlan; brickwork, Euclide Gauthier; carpenter work, A. Strang; roofing, heating and plumbing, E. C. Mount & Co.; plastering, Jos. Fabien; painting and glazing, W. J. Ryan; electric wiring, G. Scott.—Building permits have been granted as follows: House, wood, lined with brick, on Beaudry street, for F. X. Laliberte; two houses on Stanley street for Dame A. Duperrault. Architects, Gamelin & Hunt; masonry contractor, Durocher & Bros.; carpentry, L. E. Barie.

MARKET CONDITIONS.

The somewhat unexpected activity in building operations in Toronto has resulted in a scarcity of stock brick. During the dull period some brickmakers ceased manufacturing entirely, while others greatly curtailed their output. The supply this spring was therefore very meagre, and quite insufficient to meet the demand which has been experienced. Many buildings have thus been delayed, and work which otherwise would have been commenced before this will be postponed for a month or two. Prices of brick have consequently advanced, the range now being from \$7.25 to \$7.50 for good common.

In the plumbing trade the feature of the past week has been a reduction by the manufacturers in the price of lead-traps, in order to shut out, if possible, those of United States manufacture. The new list, which is as follows, applies only to Ontario and the west:

	1½ in.	2 in.	3 in.	4 in.
Full S.....	\$ 50	\$ 60	\$ 1 05	\$ 1 85
¾ S.....	50	60	1 05	1 80
P.....	45	55	95	1 60
Running.....	40	50	90	1 55
Running Y.....	45	55	95	1 70
Bag.....	60	80	1 35	2 15
S Bend.....	22	30	45	1 00
L Bend.....	28	35	60	1 45

EXTRA HEAVY.

Fulls.....	85	95	1 40	2 40	3 20
¾ S.....	85	95	1 40	2 35	3 00
P.....	75	85	1 25	2 15	2 40
Running.....	63	75	1 00	1 85	2 20
Running Y.....	65	85	1 25	2 25	2 85
Bag.....	1 05	1 20	1 85	2 90	4 55
S Bend.....	36	45	60	1 05	1 45
L Bend.....	48	58	80	1 30	1 85

STANDARD.

For extra long traps and bands add.....	3	4	6	8½	10
Extra heavy — For each inch over regular size.....	5½	6½	8	10½	12½

Increased orders for heavy iron and metals are reported from Montreal, and the tendency is firmer. Iron pipe particularly is in good demand.

There is a good demand for cement,

and prices have advanced slightly. English manufacturers are crowded with orders, notwithstanding that they advanced prices a couple of weeks ago and now announce a further rise of sixpence per barrel. The Dominion government have invited tenders for 120,000 barrels, for the Soulages canal, and will likely want some 80,000 barrels more for the Trent Valley canal. English brands are quoted at Montreal at \$2.10 to \$2.20 and Belgian at \$1.85 to \$2 per barrel. Fire-bricks range from \$16 to \$21.

Winnipeg brick manufacturers are experiencing a lively trade. There is a feeling that the local yards will not be able to supply the requirements, and builders are thus induced to contract in advance of immediate requirements. In that city the building season has opened with splendid prospects.

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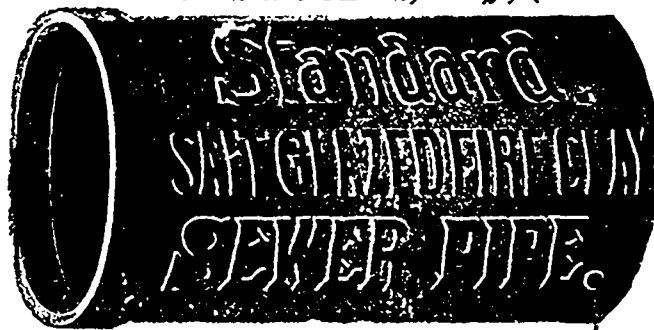


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