

No. 2 at \$4.25, with indications that the price will drop still lower. This decrease is somewhat due to the large supply of spruce lath which threatens to displace pine to a considerable extent. The price of lumber in the West is very likely to take another advance. The advances which are reported will be made shortly are: Dimension timber and boards, \$2 per thousand, and ship-lap \$1 to \$2 per thousand.

The scarcity of iron pipe in Toronto continues and during the past-week several houses have made advances of two per cent.

Owing to the recent bad weather brick manufacturers at Hamilton have been unable to replenish their stocks and a shortage of this material will likely be experienced. It is not expected that prices will rise to any extent owing to arrangements which are being made with outside dealers.

At Toronto Junction the brick manufacturers have recently suffered a serious loss, several days' output having been destroyed by the cold weather. One manufacturer estimated that 40,000 brick in his yard had been rendered useless.

In Toronto the brick industry is very brisk. The demand is excellent for all classes of the material and some manufacturers have been forced to make additions to their plant. Prices are firm and remain about the same as they were this time last year.

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