

Foundry Company, \$29.25; two-way, \$27.50; four-way, Hamilton Fire Escape Company, \$57. Stop valves, C. H. Perkins, \$13.45 for 6-inch and \$28.45 for 12-inch. Lead pipe, Ontario Lead Pipe and Barb Wire Company, \$4.40 per cwt. Iron valve and stop-cock boxes, St. Lawrence Foundry Co., \$1.40 for large and \$1.30 for small iron valve boxes; \$100 for double and \$65 for single iron stop-cock boxes. Lumber for sidewalk, The Reid Co., \$11.67 per 1000 feet for planks, scantling or boards. Cedar paving posts, The Reid Company, \$4.49 per cord; culls, \$4.29 per cord. Gravel, east of Yonge street, unscreened, Ashton & Son, 61½ cents per cubic yard; screened, John Bourne, \$1 per cubic yard; west of Yonge street, to John Mullen, at 64 cents for unscreened and \$1.05 for screened. Curb stone, The Owen Sound Stone Company. Lumber for waterworks, The Reid Company, \$12.79 per 1000 feet; hemlock, \$9.17 per 1000 feet; pine timbers, \$12.79 per 1000 feet; hemlock timbers, \$9.17 per 1000 feet. General supplies, W. F. Maas, Queen street, \$4.613.05. Special iron castings, Galloway, Taylor & Co., \$1.40 per cwt. Rubber valves and rubber, The Gutta Percha and Rubber Company. Wire nails, Aikenhead & Co., \$1.70 net per cwt. The tenders for oil and sewer pipe were referred to the city engineer for a report.

#### BUSINESS NOTES.

Morin & Bros., contractors, Maison-neuve, Que., have dissolved partnership.

E. Gauthier & Co., contractors, Montreal, have commenced business.

Clark & McFarlane, builders, Summerside, P. E. I., have dissolved partnership.

R. Coulson, dealer in builders' supplies, Niagara Falls, Ont., has sold out to Tallman & Co.

Pierre Dansereau, plasterer, Montreal, has filed a contestation of demand of assignment.

Aristide Belair, contractor, Maison-neuve, Que., is reported to have compromised at 50 cents on the dollar.

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#### THE EUROPEAN CEMENT SITUATION.

In an article under the above heading, a writer in the Cement and Engineering News thus reviews the European cement market.

The European Portland cement industry has been very satisfactory during the present season; prices have advanced, and the advance has been well maintained in the face of a decreasing demand from the States. Prices to-day are much higher than during the same period last year, due largely to the increased home consumption.

One year ago London Portland cement makers were offering cement at 22s. (\$5.50) per ton of 2,240 lbs. at their works in bulk; at present it is held at 27½s. (\$6.65), to 28¾s. (\$7.15) per ton in large shipping orders, the purchaser bearing all charges from the works. This is equivalent to \$1.54 per cask of 400 lbs. t.o.b. export steamer, London.

With regard to German cement, we are in a position to speak with some authority. At the present time we find it very difficult to get delivery of German cement at all. The bulk of the works have more business than they can get through, and although they have put up their prices export orders continue to flow. Such well known brands as Alse, Germania, etc., cannot be bought under 6s. per cask f.o.b. Hamburg, and it is very certain that next season there will be an equally lively

demand, and there is no chance, we think, of any reduction in price for next year.

We may say the prospects for local consumption next year in Germany are also very heavy, and recently very large contracts have been taken up by some of the Central and South German works for supplying cement to Southern European importers.

As regards Belgian cement, it was generally thought that when the American demand slowed off the works in that country would find themselves in an awkward position, as up to a year or two ago the United States was one of the chief consumers of Belgian cements. Fortunately for the Belgian makers, the large demand on English and German cements has thrown business into Belgium, with the result that to-day the works scarcely know which way to turn to keep ahead of orders, and prices have shown quite a record advance during the last few months. To-day's price for a first-class natural cement is about 4s. 8d. per cask f.o.b., or say, 5s. 10d. per barrel, cost and freight New York, Philadelphia, Boston or Baltimore. Lower qualities can probably be laid down at 2d. to 3d. less, but it is a cement that reliable dealers do not care to handle.

From the present outlook there is little inducement for English and German cement makers to cultivate American trade.

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