

Mr. Boyd,—

You will not find it that way. One block will be one-quarter inch thicker at the back than on the front side.

Mr. Woodison,—

Not with some of the experiences that I have had, especially in good cupola block makers. I have not enlarged on my experiences, I have stated actual facts. The average fire brick manufacturer knows how to make fire brick, i.e., they know approximately the quantity of silica and aluminum which is necessary, and they do know how to make them so as to secure proper results and they can make the three dimensions which you give, namely height, breadth and length, but when it comes to placing them in the kilns and firing them and so on, they fall down, but I can say that we are now getting less than one-eighth variations.

Mr. Baldwin,—

I do not think that sufficient care is taken in the packing of bricks in the cars. More straw should be used.

Mr. Woodison,—

In some cases there is considerable straw used and in others they are very lax. Sometimes we have had them shipped and there has been no straw.

Mr. Baldwin,—

I have not found much difference in those coming from the Old Country and those from the States in the matter of chipping. That would be a good matter for Mr. Woodison to take up, i.e., the packing of the bricks.

Mr. Woodison,—

Mr. Fleury—the bricks that we have come to the Toronto plant, do they come in pretty good shape?

Mr. Fleury,—

Very good shape.

Chairman,—

Mr. Wright—can you say anything on this subject.