

Building Brick made in Ontario since 1898.

(From the reports of the Ontario Bureau of Mines.)

| | COMMON BRICK. | | | PRESSED BRICK. | | |
|-----------|---------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|---------|----------------|
| | M. | Value. | Average per M. | M. | Value. | Average per M. |
| | | \$ | \$ cts. | | \$ | \$ cts. |
| 1898..... | 170,000 | 914,000 | 5 376 | 8,970 | 100,344 | 11 187 |
| 1899..... | 233,898 | 1,313,750 | 5 617 | 10,808 | 105,000 | 9 715 |
| 1900..... | 210,430 | 1,379,590 | 5 738 | 11,562 | 114,419 | 9 896 |
| 1901..... | 259,265 | 1,530,460 | 5 903 | 12,846 | 104,394 | 8 127 |
| 1902..... | 220,500 | 1,411,000 | 6 399 | 19,755 | 144,171 | 7 298 |
| 1903..... | 230,000 | 1,561,700 | 6 790 | 23,703 | 218,550 | 9 220 |
| 1904..... | 200,000 | 1,430,000 | 7 150 | 26,857 | 226,750 | 8 443 |
| 1905..... | 250,000 | 1,937,500 | 7 750 | 26,000 | 234,000 | 9 000 |
| 1906..... | 300,000 | 2,157,000 | 7 190 | 39,860 | 337,795 | 8 475 |
| 1907..... | 273,882 | 2,109,978 | 7 704 | 69,763 | 648,683 | 9 298 |
| 1908..... | 222,361 | 1,575,875 | 7 087 | 56,167 | 485,819 | 8 649 |
| 1909..... | 246,308 | 1,916,147 | 7 779 | 53,167 | 490,571 | 9 227 |

In reviewing the brick industry of Ontario, the Director of the Bureau of Mines states "The demand for brick was active during the year, especially in the larger cities, building operations in Toronto, for instance, which is essentially a city of brick, being decidedly brisk. A large quantity of brick is manufactured in and around Toronto, many of the brick-yards being extensive and well equipped. Reference to the figures published by the Bureau as to the production of brick, shows that the average value at the yard has risen from \$5.73 per thousand in 1901 to \$7.78 per thousand in 1909, an increase of over 35 per cent. The cost of brick constructions has been heavily affected during the same time, since the cost of labour has experienced an advance probably quite as great.

"There has of late years been a marked improvement in the quality of brick made in first-class yards. Kilns of modern construction burn harder and more evenly, and there is a smaller proportion of soft brick. The present taste in brick houses too, does not demand the same uniformity of colour that was formerly insisted upon: in fact, a variety of shade, instead of being objected to, is rather desired. There is also a much greater range of products than was made years ago. From white and buff to cherry red, and up to a dark even purplish hue, bricks of all tints and shades are freely used, and pleasing effects are sometimes obtained by employing clinker or overburned bricks, greenish or yellowish in colour."

Paving Brick:—Paving bricks are made in Ontario only at West Toronto, from shale found on the banks of the Humber river. The annual production has been fairly constant at from 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 brick per season. The output finds a market chiefly in Toronto. Statistics of production are available since 1897 and are shown in the next table. The average price per thousand has varied from \$8 to \$20.