

British Columbia.

NELSON.—A large rink is one of the new buildings contemplated for this city. The building will be the largest of its kind in British Columbia.

VANCOUVER.—A new Y.M.C.A. building is under consideration here. A building is contemplated to cost at least \$250,000.

MISCELLANEOUS.**Ontario.**

BARRIE.—A grant of \$2,000 is under consideration by the Roads and Bridges Committee of County Council for the purpose of improving certain roads here.

HAMILTON.—The Board of Works in the estimates made for the coming year ask for an appropriation of \$294,000. Of this amount \$250,000 is the estimate for permanent road work.

ELMIRA.—A test of the new pumping machinery of the Elmira waterworks was made recently. The engine is an oil engine, belted to a horizontal duplex power pump, and exceedingly satisfactory results were obtained.

BRADFORD.—The County Council of Simcoe has set apart the sum of \$7,000 for the permanent repair of roads already built under the good roads system. The county engineer was instructed to carefully examine county roads early in the spring and report as to the sum of money to be expended on permanent construction of roads.

ST. CATHARINES.—The St. Catharines Board of Trade are endeavoring to make the deepening and enlargement of the Welland Canal, in preference to the Trent Valley Canal project, a live issue. A resolution is to be prepared and sent around to the various Boards of Trade for their sanction, and then a memorial on the subject will be drawn up and presented to the Dominion Government.

Manitoba.

WINNIPEG.—The city proposes to spend from a million to a million and a half on local improvement works this season.

PERSONAL.

MR. D. SINCLAIR, B.A. Sc., of New Liskeard, contributed to a recent number of "The 'Varsity" an interesting article on "The Young Graduate and the Engineering Profession."

MR. S. B. CODE, B.A. Sc., town engineer for Smith's Falls, was on the last ballot elected an associate member of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, but because of a typographical error his name did not appear in the list published in the "Canadian Engineer."

MR. ARTHUR D. LITTLE, chemical engineer of Boston, has just been re-elected official chemist of the American Paper and Pulp Association, at the recent meeting of which he read a most enlightening paper upon recent developments in the manufacture of paper and pulp.

MR. A. W. ROBINSON, M. Can. Soc. C.E., of Montreal, sailed from New York, February 26th, having been commissioned to examine and report on the River Niger with a view to improvement of navigation by dredging. He has also in hand the design of dredging plant for the extensive improvements on the Upper Nile, which the Egyptian Government are entering upon for irrigation purposes.

TRADE INQUIRIES.

A London firm manufacturing electric and hydraulic lifts, revolving shutters, collapsible gates, staircases, petrol and electric motors, and general machinery, desires to be placed in touch with Canadian importers of the same.

Inquiry has been received from a London firm for the names of Canadian importers of gas retort carbon for the manufacture of calcium carbide, electrodes, etc.

A Dutch firm is desirous of getting into touch with Canadian exporters of timber.

Inquiry has been received from a firm in Holland for the names of Canadian importers of building materials.

A London firm desires to appoint a sole agent in British Columbia for their improved opal glass wall tiles.

An English firm manufacturing goods handled by the hardware and builders' trades desires to appoint agents in British Columbia.

A firm of commercial agents at Montreal desires to secure the representation of United Kingdom exporters of hardware.

A manufacturers' agent in Vancouver, B.C., desires to obtain the representation in British Columbia of United Kingdom manufacturers of hardware and other goods. He also desires to act as buying agent for English importers of British Columbia timber.

A well-established firm in London, having agents in various parts of the world, is anxious to get into touch with Canadian manufacturers of wood pulp who require representation.

A Midlands firm wishes to purchase Canadian cobalt ore, and would like to get into communication with Canadian mine owners and shippers.

An English manufacturer of fog signals desires to hear from Canadian importers of the same.

Inquiry has been made by a London firm for Canadian importers of aneroid barometers, compasses, surveying instruments, and scientific instruments of every description.

A North of England firm manufacturing cement-making machinery and supplying complete cement-making plants desires to get into communication with interested parties in Canada.

A Glasgow firm of shipbuilders and engineers is open to build all descriptions of light draft vessels, including lighters (complete or in sections for shipment abroad), steam tugs, river and coasting steamers, etc., not exceeding 200 ft. in length, desires to hear from interested parties in Canada.

MARKET CONDITIONS.

Toronto, February 27th, 1908.

The snow which just now covers most of Southern Ontario does not easily permit construction work, consequently heavy materials are scarcely moving. Contractors as well as merchants look forward, however, to a very fair season's activity once the spring opens.

British advices describe the pig iron market as firm, manufactured iron dull, steel decidedly hopeful. American makers of constructional steel are still trying to maintain prices in the face of slack trade and accumulating stocks, but without conspicuous success. Local conditions for metals may be obtained from our price list.

The following are wholesale prices for Toronto, where not otherwise explained, although for broken quantities higher prices are quoted:

American Bessemer.—Fourteen-gauge, \$2.45; 17, 18, and 20-gauge, \$2.60; 22 and 24-gauge, \$2.65; 26-gauge, \$2.80; 28-gauge, \$3.

Antimony.—Quiet, but inquiries are coming in more freely; we quote 11½ to 13c.

Bar Iron.—\$2.20 base, from stock to the wholesale dealer. No great activity.

Beams and channels, \$2.75 to \$3, according to size and quantity; angles, 1¼ by 3-16 and larger, \$2.65; tees, \$2.90 to \$3 per 100 pounds. Extras for smaller sizes.

Boiler Heads.—25c. per 100 pounds advance on boiler plate.

Boiler Plates.—¼-inch and heavier, \$2.50. Supply probably adequate and quotations still firm.

Boiler Tubes.—Lap-welded steel, 1¼-in., 10c.; 1½-in., 9c. per foot; 2-in., \$9.10; 2¼-in., \$10.85; 2½-in., \$12; 3-in., \$13.50; 3½-in., \$16.75; 4-in., \$21 per 100 ft.

Building Paper.—Plain, 32c. per roll; tarred, 40c. per roll, and the market decidedly strong at these prices.

Bricks.—Common structural \$10 per thousand, wholesale; small lots \$12 to \$13, and the demand moderate. Red and buff pressed are worth \$18 at Don Valley Works.