

Ave., 80 feet north of Marion St., cost \$7,000; W. Abercrombie, two s. d. 2-storey and attic bk. dwellings, Earnsbridge St., cost \$6,000. S. J. Weeks, one det. and two pr. s. d. 2-storey and attic bk. dwellings, n. side Cumberland St., cost \$10,500; J. H. Stokes, two pr. det. 2-storey and attic bk. dwellings, e. side Pape Ave., n. of Dagmar Ave., cost \$8,000; G. W. Hunter, det. 2-storey and attic bk. dwelling, w. side St. George St., nr. Bernard Ave., cost \$4,000.—Mr. J. M. Macdonald, 64 Wellington street west, wants tenders for grading, draining and sodding the new grounds for the Toronto Lacrosse Club in Rosedale.

**FIRES.**

**CHELMSFORD, ONT.**—Bennett & Irving's mills were burned last week.

**SARNIA, ONT.**—The W. C. T. U. coffee house was burned on the 10th inst.

**FORT ERIE, ONT.**—The Erie Beach hotel was destroyed on the 3rd inst. Loss \$16,000.

**SAULT STE MARIE, ONT.**—The Albion hotel was burned on the 3rd inst. Loss \$3,000.

**KINGSTON, ONT.**—Offord's block, on Brock street, was destroyed by fire on the 3rd inst.

**OTTAWA, ONT.**—The residence and barns of Mr. D. Rooney, of Nepean, were burned recently.

**DRAYTON, ONT.**—Mr. F. W. Schwendman's planing mill was burned on the 2nd inst. Loss \$5,000.

**YALE, B. C.**—The Hudson Bay Company's dwelling house was destroyed by fire on August 25. Loss \$3,000.

**HALIFAX, N. S.**—Mr. Alex. Stephens' residence at Northwest Arm was partially destroyed by fire on the 5th inst.

**MONTREAL, QUE.**—The shops of Messrs Day & Deblois, iron founders, were damaged to the extent of \$15,000 recently.

**LONDON, ONT.**—The premises of the Magee Manufacturing Company, corner of Adelaide and Bathurst streets, was destroyed by fire on the 10th inst. Loss \$3,000.

**CONTRACTS AWARDED.**

**VANCOUVER, B. C.**—D. McLaughlin has the contract for the addition to the Begbie street fire hall.

**LONDON, ONT.**—The contract for cedar block paving Queen's avenue has been awarded to S. Barfit at 68½ cents per yard.

**GALT, ONT.**—Mayor Lutz has let the contract for his new brick residence to be erected on the Blain property, to Mr. Wm. Lapsley.

**BRAMPTON, ONT.**—H. Hill has the contract for the brick work, and W. A. McCulla the carpenter work of the addition to the Queen's hotel.

**INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE, ONT.**—Messrs. Edgeworth & Rogers, of Stevensville, have been given the contract to erect the new parsonage, and work will be commenced at once.

**LUNENBURG, N. S.**—The contract for the erection of the new court house has been awarded to Mr. James Reed. The building will cost \$23,000. Mr. Henry Busch, of Halifax, is the architect.

**NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.**—The contract for the erection of the large brick block on the corner of Lorne and Columbia streets for Messrs. T. J. Trapp & Co., has been awarded to Mr. E. Burns.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—The Water Works Committee have awarded the contract for the new pumping house to Newman Bros., of St. Catharines, at the price of \$11,957.—Mr. E. J. Lennox, architect, has awarded the contract for excavating for the Toronto Athletic Club building on College street to Mr. J. Williams, at 14 cents per cubic yard.—The contract for the excavator, drainage, mason and bricklayer work for a mausoleum for Mr. H. A. Massey at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, has been awarded to Mr. W. D. McIntosh, at the price of \$15,000. Other trades not let yet. Mr. E. J. Lennox is the architect.—The Toronto Pressed Brick Co. have been

awarded the contract for the supply of pressed brick required for the new Gooderham building at the junction of Wellington and Front streets.

**USEFUL HINTS.**

When ordinary putty becomes very hard, it may be softened for the purpose of easy removal by keeping it moist for a short time with caustic soda potash, or, if the putty be painted, with nitric or muriatic acid it will be softened in about an hour.

Insoluble cement which is hard enough to withstand boiling sulphuric acid is obtained by gently melting india rubber and adding 8 per cent. tallow while stirring. Sufficient slaked lime should be added to give the compound the consistency of soft paste; 20 per cent. of vermilion is now added, which causes the mass to harden immediately.

**STRENGTH OF CAST IRON BEAMS.**—The strength of cast iron beams of a given area depends very much upon their section or shape. Thus, taking beams of the same area or cross section, one circular, 2.26 inches in diameter; another rectangular 2.3 x 9.75 inches, and another of cross section 3 x 4 inches, with a thickness of 0.64 inches, it was found by actual experiment that the tensile strength of the three was as one to .924 and .918 for the cross shaped as against the two specimens of rectangular, and as one to 1.054 in favor of the circular as against the cross shaped.

**Prices of Building Materials.**

**LUMBER.**

CAN OR CARGO LOTS.	
1½ and thicker clear picks, Am. ins.	\$30 00 @ 32 00
1½ and thicker, three uppers, Am ins.	37 00
1½ and thicker, pickings, Am ins.	27 00
1 x 10 and 12 dressing and better.	18 00 20 00
1 x 10 and 12 mill run.	13 00 14 00
1 x 10 and 12 dressing.	14 00 16 00
1 x 10 and 12 common.	12 00 13 00
1 x 10 and 12 spruce culls.	10 00 11 00
1 x 10 and 12 maple culls.	9 00
1 inch clear and picks.	28 00 30 00
1 inch dressing and better.	18 00 20 00
1 inch siding, mill run.	14 00 16 00
1 inch siding, common.	11 00 12 00
1 inch siding, ship culls.	\$10 00 \$11 00
1 inch siding, mill culls.	8 00 9 00
Cull scantling.	8 00 9 00
1½ and thicker cutting up plank.	22 00 25 00
1 in. strips, 4 in. to 8 in. mill run.	14 00 15 00
1 in. strips, common.	11 00 12 00
1½ inch flooring.	14 00 15 00
1½ inch flooring.	14 00 16 00
XXX shingles, sawn.	2 30 @ 2 35
XX shingles, sawn.	1 30 1 35

**Metallic Roofing Co. of Canada :**

	Per Square.
Eastlake steel shingles (galvanized).	\$2 25 to \$5 75
Eastlake steel shingles (painted).	3 75 4 00
Improved Broad Rib Roofing, (galvanized).	5 00 5 75
Improved Broad Rib Roofing (painted)	3 50 4 00
North Western steel siding (painted).	3 25 3 50
Manitoba steel siding (painted).	3 25 3 50
Metallic Finished Brk.	3 25 3 50
Tower or Mansard shingles, (galvanized).	6 25
Tower or Mansard shingles (painted).	4 50
Metallic Terra Cotta Tiles	7 00
Price of Copper shingles according to weight, and "Hayes" Patent Metallic Lathing according to quantity.	

**Canada Galvanizing & Steel Roofing Co. :**

Corrugated Iron, galvanized, 26 W. G., per lb.	5 cts.
Corrugated Iron, galvanized, 28 W. G., Corrugated Iron, painted, 26 W. G., per square.	4 00
Corrugated Iron, painted, 28 W. G., Broad Rib Roofing, galvanized, per square.	5 50
Broad Rib Roofing, painted.	4 00
Westlake shingles, steel, galvanized, per square.	5 00
Westlake shingles, steel, painted	3 50
Standard shingles, "Walter's patent," galvanized, per square	5 50
Standard shingles, "Walter's patent," painted.	4 00
Northwestern steel siding, patented, per square.	3 50
Metallic Finish Brk. per square.	3 25
Metallic Finish Clapboard, per square	3 50

**YARD QUOTATIONS.**

Mill cull boards and scantling.	10 00
Shipping cull boards, promiscuous widths.	13 00
Shipping cull boards, stocks.	1 00
Hemlock cantling and joist up to 16 ft.	11 00 12 00
" " " 18 "	12 00 13 00
" " " 20 "	13 00 14 00
Scantling and joist, up to 16 ft.	14 00
" " " 18 ft.	15 00
" " " 20 ft.	17 00
" " " 22 ft.	19 00
" " " 24 ft.	21 00
" " " 26 ft.	23 00
" " " 28 ft.	25 00
" " " 30 ft.	27 00
" " " 32 ft.	29 50
" " " 36 ft.	31 00
" " " 38 ft.	33 00
" " " 40 to 44 ft.	36 00
Cutting up planks, 1½ and thicker, dry board.	25 00 26 00
Cedar for block paving, per cord.	18 00 22 00
Cedar for Kerbing, 4 x 14, per M.	3 00 14 00

**D. M.**

1½ inch flooring, dressed, F. M.	28 00 31 00
1½ inch flooring rough, B. M.	25 00 28 00
1½ " " dressed, F. M.	28 00 28 00
" " undressed, B. M.	18 00 19 00
" " dressed.	15 00 22 00
" " undressed.	12 00 15 00
Beaded sheeting, dressed.	22 00 35 00
Clapboarding, dressed.	12 00
XXX sawn shingles, per M, 16 in.	2 65 2 75
Sawn lath.	2 00 2 20
Red oak.	30 00 40 00
White.	35 00 45 00
Cherry, No. 1 and 2.	18 00 20 00
Cherry, No. 1 and 2.	70 00 70 00
White ash, No. 1 and 2.	25 00 25 00
Black ash, No. 1 and 2.	20 00 30 00
Dressing stocks.	16 00 22 00
Picks, American inspection.	40 00
Three uppers, American inspection.	50 00

**BRICK—D. M.**

Common Walling.	\$7 50
Good Facing	9 00
Sewer	8 50 9 00

**Pressed Brick**

Plain brick, f. o. b. at Milton, per M.	\$18 00
" " 2nd quality, per M.	14 00
" " 3rd	10 00
Hard Building.	3 00
Moulded and Ornamental, per 100.	\$3 to 10 00
Roof Tiles.	74 00
Diamond locking tile.	16 00
First quality, f. o. b. at Campbellville, per M	18 00
2nd " " " "	14 00
3rd " " " "	11 00
Ornamental, per 100.	\$3 to 10 00
Tiles.	24 00

**Stone.**

Common Rubble, Per Toise, delivered	14 00
Large flat	18 00
Foundation Blocks, " Cubic Foot.	50

**Slate: Roofing (per square).**

" red.	18 00
" purple.	9 00
" unfading green.	9 00
" black slate.	7 75
Terra Cotta Tile, per sq.	25 00
Ornamental Black Slate Roofing.	8 25

**Sand :**

Per Load of 1½ Cubic Yards.	1 25
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**PAINTS. (In oil, per lb.)**

White lead, Can.	6 25 6 50
" zinc, Can.	6 25 7 50
Red lead, Eng.	5 25 6 25
" venetian.	1 60 1 75
" vermilion.	90 1 00
" Indian, Eng.	10 12
Yellow ochre.	5 10
Yellow chrome.	15 20
Green, chrome.	7 12
" Paris.	25 40
Black, lamp.	15 25
Blue, ultramarine.	15 20
Oil, linseed, raw (per Imp. gallon).	65 68
" " boiled.	63 72
" " refined.	78 85
Putty.	2 25 2 25
Whiting, dry.	75 1 00
Paris white Eng., dry.	60 1 25
Litharge, Am.	6 25 8
Sienna, burnt.	15 20
Umber, "	8 25 12

**CEMENT, LIME, etc.**

Lime, Per Barrel of 2 bushels, Grey.	40
" " White	55
Plaster, Calcined, New Brunswick.	2 00
" " Nova Scotia.	2 00
Hair, Plasterers', per bag.	1 00
Cement, Portland, per bbl.	3 00 3 50
" " Thoroid, "	1 50
" " Queenston, "	1 50
" " Napanee, "	1 50
" " Hull, "	1 50

**HARDWARE.**

<b>Cut Nails:</b>	
American Pattern, 1½ inch, per keg.	3 90
" " 1½ to 1¾ inch, per keg	3 10
Canadian Pattern, 1½ inch, per keg.	3 40
" " 1½ to 1¾ inch, per keg	2 95
" " 2 to 2½ inch, "	2 90
" " 2½ to 3 inch, "	2 65
" " 3 inch and larger.	2 40
Steel nails soc. per keg extra.	
Finishing nails, 1 inch, per keg.	5 40
" " 1½ inch, "	4 65
" " 2 inch, "	4 15
" " 1½ " " "	3 90
" " 1½ " " and larger.	3 90