

CONCRETE FENCE POSTS

Under the direction of the Secretary of Agriculture for United States, a number of experiments have been undertaken during the past year with a view to determining whether or not a thoroughly practical concrete fence post, reinforced with steel, could be made sufficiently cheap to be used by farmers. The advantages of such fence posts would be many. The price of wood, particularly of the varieties used for fence posts, is continually rising, and even now the price is almost prohibitory in some sections of the country. Further, a properly constructed concrete post would be permanent, as it would neither rot nor undergo disintegration. A variety of methods of reinforcement have been tried, and experiments are still being conducted. The results thus far are said to have been most satisfactory. Experiments of a similar nature are about to be begun on methods for making concrete drains, watering troughs, roofs and barns, with the hope that concrete construction, so rapidly developing in the large cities, can be applied with benefit to the farm.

BUSINESS NOTES.

Cournoyer & Gagne, painters, Montreal, have dissolved.

The death is announced of Patrick Moinough, roofer, Montreal.

Marsan & Robillard, contractors, Montreal, have registered.

The Sanitary Plumbing Co., Granby, Que., has been dissolved.

The dissolution is announced of Mercure & LeBlanc, Delorimier, Montreal.

The Calgary Lime & Cement Company, Calgary, N. W. T., has been incorporated.

Breck & Halliday, electrical supplies, Kingston, Ont., are reported to have assigned to John Geale.

Edward Turgeon and Arthur Joannette have registered in Montreal as plumbers under the firm name of Turgeon & Joannette.

Quinn & Allen, plumbing and hardware merchants, St. John, N. B., have dissolved, and the business will be continued by Mr. Quinn.

The brick and tile yard of McClarty & Boyle, situated near Goderich, Ont., will be sold by public auction on Friday, March 10th.

J. W. Leonard has been appointed manager of construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's proposed railway between Sudbury and Toronto. Mr. Leonard will have his office in Toronto. The line is now graded between Sudbury and Byng Inlet and work upon the laying of the tracks will commence immediately upon the opening of spring.

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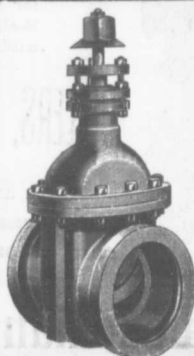
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