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No. 1.

OTTAWA, 20th November, 1880.

SIR,—I am preparing to tender on the new Parliament Buildings shortly to be erected at Toronto (to cost upwards of \$600,000), wherein a large amount of structural iron work will be required; and as I desire the fullest information, I shall feel obliged if you will give me prices for such work, which will cover girders, beams, tees, angles, &c., of wrought iron for interior and roofing, and cast iron columns, &c., for other work.

You will please state the price for such work delivered at the frontier, say Ogdensburg or Buffalo, or at your works. The iron to be of first rate quality, such as is used for bridge building. On the other side you will find general specification of what is required. An early answer will oblige,

Yours, &c,

FRED. TOMS, Contractor, Ottawa.

General Specification.

Wrought iron girders under 30 feet.

“ “ over “

“ beams, channels, eyebars.

“ angles, plates, tees.

Cast iron columns 12 inches and over, from 15 to 28 feet.

Wrought iron columns.

General castings.

No. 2.

PHILADELPHIA, 24th November, 1880.

DEAR SIR,—Answering your favor of the 20th inst. We manufacture all the wrought iron material inquired for, excepting plate iron. We can make general quotations, but it will be of very little value to you. In order to quote prices that you can safely use, we shall require specification in detail, as follows, to wit:

Sizes and length of beams and channels, whether plain or fitted, and, if fitted, the character of fitting. Girders—depth and plan of construction, and load to be carried. Eyebars—size of bar, eye, and pin-hole, and any further information that you can give. If you have the plans, and can come on and talk the matter over with our engineer, it would be an advantage.

Hoping to hear from you again, we are, very truly yours,

GEO. GERRY WHITE, Secretary.

P. S. Prices for Plain beams, no work in the way of

fitting..... 3c. per lb.

Prices for Channels, ordinary size..... 3 1/8c. “

Angles..... 2 7/8c. “

T Iron..... 3 1/4c. “

Cast columns we do not make.

The above prices may change any time, and we quote them simply as of to-day, without agreeing to hold to them.

FRED. TOMS, Esq.

No. 3.

PHILADELPHIA, 27th November, 1880.

DEAR SIR,—Yours of the 20th was duly received. I referred your enquiry relative to wrought iron to the Phoenix Iron Company. As to the cast iron (that being my specialty), would say I prefer seeing the drawings before giving prices binding.