

Imports of Building Brick.

Fiscal Year.	M.	Value.	Fiscal Year.	M.	Value.	Fiscal Year.	M.	Value.
		\$			\$			\$
1880.....	340	2,067	1890.....	1,933	12,500	1900.....	1,792	19,305
1881.....	415	4,281	1891.....	589	9,744	1901.....	2,800	20,677
1882.....	3,500	24,572	1892.....	621	5,075	1902.....	4,087	33,802
1883.....	1,418	14,234	1893.....	1,489	14,108	1903.....	2,881	28,493
1884.....	3,263	20,258	1894.....	2,220	18,320	1904.....	13,455	117,468
1885.....	3,108	14,632	1895.....	575	4,705	1905.....	25,515	168,122
1886.....	983	5,929	1896.....	1,057	23,189	1906.....	21,934	194,897
1887.....	276	2,440	1897.....	2,094	10,336	1907 (9mos)	8,495	88,144
1888.....	2,483	20,720	1898.....	639	6,652	1908.....	13,790	139,105
1889.....	2,590	24,585	1899.....	2,611	21,306	1909.....	10,894	103,773

Prices.—The price of brick is somewhat lower in the eastern parts of Canada than in the west. The average price of common brick at the yard in 1907, according to the returns furnished by the producers, ranged from a minimum of \$5.47 in Nova Scotia to a maximum of \$10.67 in Alberta. Prices in 1908 averaged somewhat higher in the Maritime Provinces, but lower in Ontario and the west; this was a year of comparative dullness in the building trades with a falling off in production. In 1909, however, the demand became brisk again and prices averaged somewhat higher, running from a minimum of \$5.69 in Nova Scotia to a maximum of \$9.73 in British Columbia.

The following table shows the average prices of common and pressed brick in the several provinces during 1907, 1908, and 1909. These are the average values of brick sold at the yard as furnished by the producers.

Average Prices per Thousand of Common and Pressed Brick.

	Common Brick.			Pressed Brick.		
	1907.	1908.	1909.	1907.	1908.	1909.
Nova Scotia.....	\$ 5.47	\$ 5.81	\$ 5.69	\$12.53	\$13.84	\$12.36
New Brunswick....	7.45	8.17	7.14	8.21	16.70	12.00
Quebec.....	6.43	6.37	6.38	11.60	11.62	14.00
Ontario.....	7.61	7.24	7.71	9.45	8.74	9.46
Manitoba.....	10.19	9.24	9.14	13.67	15.45	12.00
Saskatchewan.....	10.43	10.46	9.66	11.18	14.00
Alberta.....	10.67	8.60	9.21	17.89	12.97	13.03
British Columbia..	10.45	9.21	9.73	20.95	20.40	31.05
Canada.....	7.87	7.39	7.81	10.07	9.67	11.01