

VICTORIA BUILDERS' EXCHANGE.

On Thursday, April 23rd, the contractors and builders of Victoria, B.C., held a meeting the object being to form a Builders' Exchange. There was a large attendance and it was agreed to organize and form an Exchange to be known as the Victoria Builders' Exchange. The following officers were appointed: president: W. D. McKillican, chairman; E. W. Whittington, secretary; Thos. Catterall, treasurer.

NOTES.

Our readers will no doubt be interested in the announcement in this number of the Canada Supply Co. of Windsor, Ont., referring to an entirely new departure in roofing materials in Canada.

A second and enlarged edition of Fred T. Hodgson's book on Estimating Frame and Brick Houses has been published by the David Williams Company, of New York and is sold at \$1.00 per copy. The book contains numerous scale drawings and other illustrations.

The Otis Elevator Company, of New York, have announced their intention of putting up a large factory in Canada for the manufacture of Otis elevators. Pending the selection of a suitable location, and the erection of a factory, they have leased the elevator plant of the Leitch & Turnbull Company, Limited, at

Hamilton. It is understood that when the new factory is in operation, the Leitch & Turnbull Company will act as Western selling agents for the Otis Company.

The statue of Liberty Enlightening the World, which stands at the entrance to New York Harbour, was the first work which brought M. Eiffel into notice. When several admirers of America in France resolved to present it with a colossal statue that would be symbolic, M. Bartholdi, the sculptor, was invited to prepare the model. After many consultations it was determined that the figure should consist of a number of plates of copper, which were to be riveted together so as to form an exterior covering for a skeleton consisting of lattice girders. The designing of the interior structure was left to M. Eiffel, and his success led to his connection with the Eiffel Tower and his subsequent prosperity. But for some unknown reason says the Builders' Reporter there was no great welcome for poor Liberty when she crossed the Atlantic. She was treated as if she were a white elephant, and was made a *casus belli* between various departments. At present we believe the War Department has charge of the gift. Mariners do not care for lights of a novel kind, and the flaming torch of Liberty is said to be of no avail. Orders have therefore been given for the light to be extinguished. The copper needs cleaning, and possibly the air may have injured some of the plates. It will not be complimentary to Frenchmen if their offering, which is the biggest statue in the world, should become a ruin.

EXAMINATION TO QUALIFY FOR ASSOCIATESHIP IN THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF BRITISH ARCHITECTS.

The Royal Institute of British Architects desiring to give facilities for those in the Colonies to qualify by examination for associateship in the R. I. B. A., will hold the second examination from July 4th to 10th, 1902, in Montreal. Applications, fees and probationary work must reach London not later than May 5th, 1902. Intending candidates who must be over 25 years of age, can obtain application forms and copies of the previous examinations on application to

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