

The principal brick plants are located at Estevan, Prince Albert, Saskatoon, Rosthern, Verigin, and Yorkton.

Alberta.—Twenty-nine operating firms reported a production of 73,640 thousand brick valued at \$750,982, as compared with 45,480 thousand valued at \$441,606 in 1909 by twenty-eight firms; showing an increase in value of production of \$309,376 or about 70 per cent. As in the other western provinces, the production has been rapidly increasing. Several new plants were in course of construction during the year which were expected to be ready for operation during 1911. The principal centres of present production are Edmonton, Calgary, Medicine Hat, and Lethbridge.

British Columbia.—The production during 1910 by nineteen active firms was 36,316 thousand brick valued at \$394,473. These statistics include reliable estimates for two firms that did not report directly to this Department. The production by fifteen firms in 1909 was reported as 28,445 thousand brick valued at \$305,520. The average price at the yard of common brick during the year was \$9.77, while pressed brick sold at from \$20 to \$40 per thousand. Vancouver, New Westminster, Port Haney and vicinity, Victoria, and Sydney are the principal centres for the production of common brick, while pressed brick are made in considerable quantities at Clayburn.

Paving Brick.—Hitherto the only paving brick made in Canada have been those made at West Toronto from shale found on the banks of the Humber river. A beginning has, however, now been made in the manufacture of paving brick in British Columbia at Clayburn, by the Clayburn Brick Co., from shales found in Sumas mountain. The annual production in Ontario has been fairly constant at from 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 brick per season, and the output finds a market chiefly in Toronto. Statistics of production are available since 1897 and are shown in the next table; the average price per thousand has varied from \$8 to \$20.

In 1910 the number of paving brick sold was 4,215,000, valued at \$78,980, while during the same year there were imported 10,503 thousand paving brick, valued at \$124,994. These imports include: 2,786 thousand, valued at \$29,936, or \$10.75 per thousand, from the United States, and 7,717 thousand, valued at \$95,058, or \$12.32 per thousand, from Great Britain.