

Despatches.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Difference in favour of Yellow Pine.....				£388	2	0
Bulk-heads, &c. in hold, of Rigá Fir, 3 inches, 2760 cubic feet, at 3s.....	414	0	0			
Solution.....	220	0	0			
Labour.....	12	18	0			

£646 18 0

Difference in favour of Rigá Fir..... £319 2 0

We are, &c.

(Signed)

R. BLAKE.
J. WATTS.
J. OWEN.

53, KING WILLIAM STREET,
London Bridge, 13th August, 1845.

Sir,

In obedience to your desire I beg to inform you that the cost of preparing Timber for building purposes, if it be desired to preserve it from dry rot only, will be from 9s. to 13s. 6d. per load, according to the greater or lesser absorbent properties of the wood.

But if the Timber is intended to be rendered un-inflammable, the cost will vary from 25s. to 35s. per load, and it may be well to mention that unseasoned Timber is even more readily and effectually prepared than that which has been cut, the sap in green wood being firmly set by the process.

I am, &c.

(Signed,)

C. JACKSON,
Secretary.

Sir W. BURNETT, K. C. H.,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

LONDON, 21st August, 1845.

Sir,

In reference to the conversation wherewith you honoured me yesterday, respecting the employment of certain proposed Woods in the rebuilding of Quebec, and the formation of Railways in Canada, I beg to state, that if it were determined to send out either Sir W. Burnett's or Payne's Apparatus, I apprehend there would still be time to do so, previous to the departure of the last full ships for the *St. Lawrence*, at the cost of about a thousand pounds; and really when one reflects on the enormous expenditure which is said to have attended the transport of a single 24 pounder, during the last American War in winter time, from *Montreal* to *Kingston*, and that the object of the present suggested outlay would be an eminent, and timely, beneficent one, I would venture respectfully to press it on the consideration of Government. It is a plan indeed, which I feel so much confidence in myself, as to have the desire to undertake it as a financial speculation, if I had the funds conveniently at hand to do so.

Since writing thus far, I have been called on by the Secretary of Sir W. Burnett's Company, who says he would undertake the shipment of an Apparatus on their plan, this season, which Payne will not, as he requires three months' preparation, and says there are six prepared for the Russian Government, which it has taken twelve months to complete.

I venture no opinion on the respective merits of these rival processes, but am satisfied that either process would prevent the fibrous portions of the wood from flaming, and thus afford the required security from sudden or extensive ignition.

Should it be considered desirable to send out specimens of either, or both of the modes of preparation, to the Governor General, they can be had by reference to the respective Patentees.

The two tremendous calamities which have occurred so closely on each other at the ill-fated place in question, may be regarded as of a public nature; but a great portion of the individual settlers in the Province have to go through the ordeal of having their houses at least once burnt down, as it happened to myself some years ago, whilst at sea on my way home.

Independent of the large sum voted by Parliament here and applicable to the relief of the sufferers, both the Admiralty and the Ordnance Departments have building, and other operations going on in the Province for which the Apparatus recommended might be used.

It would be alike applicable, in all likelihood, for the construction of Railways, and especially desirable in the section of the Western District about Port Sarnia, where I reside, since there is no stone to be had even for the formation of common roads, which are now constructed of mere planks.

I have applied, Sir, the usual terms of parlance in speaking of the two appalling catastrophes in question, but after all they may eventually prove blessed events, if as I hope and trust they produce a kindly fusion of the repulsive feelings between the two races,—if the sympathy shown by their neighbours to the French portion who are the principal sufferers on the spot, and the extensive subscriptions promoted here at home, and the paternal care both of the Governor General and of your Department, all tend to create that grateful and congenial return of sentiment which may be confidently anticipated. * * * * *

Your obliging condescension, Sir, has encouraged me to go into these latter details, which I trust you will excuse.

Any expense or fatigue or trouble which I may have incurred by my return from Liverpool, and change of route, will be amply repaid, if I can find that I have been of the least service in the matters herein treated.

I have, &c.

(Signed,)

H. JONES, P. M.

Of Maxwell, in Sarnia, Western District.

G. W. HOPE, Esq.,

&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 455.

DOWNING STREET,
6th November, 1845.

My Lord,

I transmit to Your Lordship copies of a Correspondence which has passed between Mr. Payne—who has invented a process for preserving Timber from decay—and this Office, on the subject of an alleged mistake which has occurred either in this Office or in Canada, in stating that one of the materials used by Sir William Burnett in his plan of preventing wood from igniting, is chloride of lime. According to Mr. Payne's representation chloride of zinc is the solution used by Sir William Burnett and not chloride of lime.

Your Lordship will be pleased to give publicity to this explanation, with the view of repairing any injury which may have been occasioned to Mr. Payne by this mistake.

I have, &c.

(Signed,)

STANLEY.

The Right Honourable
Lord METCALFE, G. C. B.,
&c. &c. &c.

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