

NEWS AND NOTES.

The citizens of Westmount, Ont., will petition the Government to build a new post office.

City Architect McCallum has revised the building by-laws of the City of Toronto, and has sent out draughts of the new regulations to the Board of Trade, the Manufacturers' Association, the Architects' Association, and the Builders' Association, in order that the proposed changes may be criticized and altered if necessary. The proposed alterations are not radical in their nature, and cannot be expected to materially alter the situation as regards building.

The Brockville Cement Pressed Brick and Concrete Company, Limited, has secured the agency of the International Portland Cement Company, of Hull.

The Grand Trunk Pacific is about to commence the construction of a large cement bridge at Edmonton. The cement was supplied by the Stinson-Reeb Builders' Supply Co., of Montreal.

The Colonial Portland Cement Company, of Wiar-ton, Ont., have placed an order with the Owen Sound Iron Works Company for three large slurry pumps, three feed pumps and two steel smoke stacks.

The Superior Portland Cement Co., of Orangeville, has not yet turned out any cement, but expect to do so by mid-May. The buildings are substantial and their machinery modern. That there was some disappointment at the recent annual meeting at the delay in completing the works seems natural, but the shareholders appear satisfied that the company has a prosperous future before it.

A majority of the Portland cement manufacturers in Germany have formed themselves into groups or syndicates to promote the industry. Rudolph Dykerhoff, the well-known manufacturer, says that, owing to the great impulse given to building construction the demand for cement has been extensive, and a majority of the works have been fully engaged to meet it. Selling prices have advanced, but, unfortunately for the manufacturer, this advantage has been offset by the increased cost of the materials which enter into the manufacture of cement, and a general advance in wages, etc.



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A concrete block factory company is being formed at MacLeod, Alta., and two new brickyards are to be opened. Building will be brisk there in the spring. A new hotel and the new Hudson Bay building are nearly finished, and a mill will shortly be built. Two new blocks and four banks and other buildings in brick, stone, or concrete are to be erected.

The twenty-one storey addition to the Fisher Building, Chicago, has been finished and is now occupied. This addition has set a new time record in erection, only sixty days being required for the construction of the steel structure. There are 1,157.35 tons of steel in the steel structure of the addition, which rests on sixteen caissons, containing 48,000 cubic feet of concrete. Fire-proof construction of the most approved design has been used throughout, and the exterior of the building, Gothic in design, of pressed brick and terra cotta, resembles the older building which it adjoins.

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