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At the time of going to press the members of the Ontario Association of Architects are meeting in annual convention in the School of Practical Science, Toronto. A full report of the proceedings will be published in the Canadian Architect and BuILDer for February.

## 1894.

THE commencement of a new year, which will be the seventh in the life of this Journal, prompts a few remarks of a personal character, and concerning the professional and business interests with which we stand identified.
IT will be observed that in this first number of the new year a departure has been made from our usual practice of publishing illustrations of exclusively Canadian buildings. Having been repeatedly requested to reproduce occasionally foreign subjects, it was decided to give up the present number to illustrations of work of this character, and the cover design, for which we are indebted to Mr. Ernest Wilby, was worked out in harmony with this idea. It is our purpose in future to reproduce from time to time suchsperimens of the work of foreign architects as it is hoped will prove interesting and instructive to our readers.

Regarding the Canadian Architect and Builder, it can be said that despite some adverse influences, it continues to make steady progress. Additions to the number of its subscribers throughout Canada, and especially the towns and cities of the Northwest, have of late been gratifyingly large. As an index to the esteem in which the ARCHITECT AND BUILDER is held by some of its subscribers, we quote from the letter of an architect in a western Ontario city as follows: "I take all the best architectural publications in the States-six in number-and yours-and not considering price, I think yours the best of the lot for everyday practical work, and for good solid reading." The writer of this letter adds, "Can you suggest anything I can do to help you-if so, it shall be done." It would enbance not a little the interest and prosperity of the Journal, if every architect, builder and contractor who is a subscriber, would evince similar anxiety to individually assist its development. To those who have been negligent in this particular, the present affords a good opportunity to turn over a new leaf.

A strong effort will be put forth to give to the Architect AND BUILDER during 1894 a greater interest than it has ever had before, and without lessening its value to architects, to make it the source of information of a useful character to master builders and contıactors. The co-operation of our readers is invited. Let us know what class of information is most required and we will endeavor to supply it. Especially do we invite requests for information on problems arising out of construction work of any kind; in such cases an earnest effort will be made to throw light on the difficulty. If knowledge of new and improved methods has been acquired let us know about it so that our readers may share the advantage. There has in the past been too little in the nature of exchange of experiences on this line. Let us have more of it in the future, and the result will be beneficial to everybody. Let no reader think he "knows it all"-he doesn't. If be will give others the benefit of what he does know he can depend on receiving equally valuable information in return.

In the advertisement pages of the Architect and Builder are represented the leading manufacturers and dealers in building materials and appliances. The attention of architects and
builders is constantly being drawn in these pages to improvement in materials, and no progressive architect or builder should fail to examine these announcements with the same degree of attention which he bestows on any other department of the Journal. It is the wide-awake, progressive manufacturer and dealer who advertises, and who is able to place at the disposal of architects and builders the newest and most improved materials, and is consequently most deserving of encouragement and patronage. The successful results achieved in modern buildings are due in no small measure to men of this class.
We have made a certain amount of careful enquiry since the opening of the year, in order to gain what knowledge we might regarding the building outlook for 1894 , this being always a subject of paramount importance to the many whose interests are largely dependent upon building enterprise. These enquiries indicate that a fairly active season is in prospect, and that taking the country as a whole the volume of building operations in 1894 will equal if not exceed that of last year. If this should prove to be the case there should be little cause for disappointment in view of the world-wide depression which at present exists. It must be remembered that most Canadian cities with the exception of
Toronto were more than usually active in building enterprise Toronto were more than usually active in building enterprise last
year. This is especially true of Montreal Winnipeg. In Toronto the existence of well-known Ottawa and operated to check development in this well-known local causes Toronto a considerable amount in this line; and yet even in done, and all are agreed that so tar as that city is concerned if no improvenent may be expected as compared with last season, there will be no retrogression. The remodelling of existing buildings which began a year or two ago may be expected to continue for some time to come. This applies not only to buildings used for business purposes, but also to central residential properties. It is learned that there is a brisk demand for modern residences in central localities, and that as fast as houses are modernized they are tenanted. If this fact were impressed on the attention of owners of central property, much of which is now unremunerative because of the lack of accommodation afforded by old style houses, extensive improvements would doubtless follow.
There is another direction in which improvement is demanded and which would tend to enhance considerably building activity in Toronto during the coming season. There is urgent need, as was pointed out by the Mayor in his inaugural address, for large additions to the school accommodation throughout the city. At present the School Board are obliged to rent upwards of thirty rooms to provide for the large number of pupils who for lack of room cannot be admitted to the school buildings. For this temporary accommodation, which is necessarily defective, the School Board pays a rental of about $\$ 7,000$ per year. This amount capitalized at 4 per cent. would pay interest on $\$ 175,000$. It is estimated that the additional accommodation required could be provided by building additions to the present school buildings at a cost of $\$ 75,000$ to $\$ 80,000$. The interest on this expenditure would be $\$ 3,000$ to $\$ 3,500$, or half the sum which must now be paid as rent for inferior accommodation. Thus by enlarging the present schools a saving of upwards of $\$ 3,000$ per year might be effected, more satisfactory accommodation proin tiding builders sum of money expended which would assist period which will elapse before a decided improvement in buef ditions shall take place. There decided improvement in conceeding at once with tbis work in the fact that reason for prolikely to come a time when it can fact that there is never We hope that the City Council will take carried out at less cost. facts, and when the estimates of will take cognizance of these consideration, vote the amount of the School Board corne up for
Outside of Toronto indications of to enlarge the schools. already apparent, and as above stan considerable activity are will develop satisfactorily. A certated, we believe the season ing architects and supply firms, appear number of persons, includly discouraged, and dre doing lits, appear to have become suddenand predicting that things are going to the " butting on long faces persons are doing not a little to retard the imow-wows." Such which all are looking for and which there isproved conditions pose will be much longer delayed. Let everyboreason to supful courage on, and do what is possible to inspire cont a cheerthe future ; in this way "good times" will the sooner be brought
about. There is cause for the greatest encouragement in the knowledge of the fact that while Canada is less prosperous than at some former periods in her history, she is to-day experiencing in a lesser degree than any other country on the face of the globe the existing commercial depression, and as a consequence will be among the first of the nations to feel the benefit of the rising tide of returning prosperity. Let us stop croaking and go to work to make the best of the situation, which after all, isn't half so bad as some have pictured it.

We are much gratified by the interest manifested in our students' competition for a Town House, the result ot which is announced in another part of this paper. Fifteen designs in all were received in this competition, representing the work of students in the provinces of Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia. The interest which has thus been shown shall encourage us to announce other competitions from time to time in the future.

CANADIAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.
The eigth annual meeting of the above Society took place in Montreal on the ro and irth inst. There was a good attendance of members. The chair was occupied by the President, Mr. E. P. Hannaford.
The subject of organizing the Society into a close corporation was reported on by a committee, the carrying into effect of the proposal being supported by Mr. Alan Macdougall, of Toronto. It was decided, however, that no present action should be taken.
The treasurer's report showed a very satisfactory state of the finances, and that in all respects the Society was in a flourishing condition.
By invitation of the Montreal Street Railway Management an interesting visit was made to the Company's new power station, and on the evening of the second day the annual dinner was held at the Windsor, the occasion proving to be most enjoyable.
The election of officers resulted as follows: President, P. Alexander Peterson ; Vice-Presidents, H. Wallis, P. W. St. George, Montreal, and Alan Macdougall, Toronto ; Secretary, Prof. McLeod ; Treasurer, K. W. Blackwell ; Librarian, W. McNab.

## TORONTO BUILDERS' EXCHANGE.

The annual meeting of the Builders' Exchange of Toronto was held iu the rooms of the Association, 8 Victoria st., on Monday, January I5th, at $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., the President, Wm. Pears, presiding.

The following were present: Wm. Pears, Jas. Crang, Jno. Aldridge, Mr. Tasker, (rep. the Don Brick Co.) J. Vokes, H. Martin, J. Thompson, Mr. Hewitt, Jr., T. Cannon, Sr., T. Cannon, Jr., Jno. Lucas, Geo. Wright, J. Bedford, Edw. Gearing, Ben. Brick, Jno. Maloney, Jno. Barnard, W. Page, F. B. Lockwood, Jno. Vick, C. S. Boon, Jno. Russell, Geo. Oakley, Wm. Park, Wickett Bros., Curtis \& Rowe, Jas. Priestley, Isaac Price, Bayliss \& McCurdy and Thos. Aikenhead.
The Treasurer's report, attested by the auditors, showed the finances to be in a satisfactory condition. The Secretary's report showed the membership to comprize the names of 120 firms representing all branches of the building trade and the supply business. The directors report was discussed with much interest. The Lien Law Committee were praised for the satisfactory work accomplished in connection with the amendment to the Lien Act. The president in commenting upon the bill, expressed his opinion that the amendments would tend to put the building trade upon a more satisfactory foundation, and that rash speculation in building would be less likely to occur in the future.
The following officers were elected for 1894 :-Wm. Pears, President, re-elected, unanimously; Ist Vice-President, Wm. Park ; 2nd Vice-President, Geo. Oakley, re-elected ; Treasurer, David Williams, re-elected. The following were elected upon the Board of Directors: Jno. Aldridge, Jas. Thomson, Wm. Booth, Jas. Crang, H. Martin. In addition to the above the Board will be supplemented by one representative from each Trade Section of the Exchange. The auditors for 1894 are Messrs. Geo. Clay and Frederic Holmes.
The President-elect thanked the Exchange for the honor of his re-election, and also congratulated the members upon the satisfactory progress of the Exchange, in spite of dull times.

## ILLUSTRATIONS.

C. A. \& B, COMPETITION FOR A TOWN HOUSE-DESIGN BY "IGNORAMUS" (MR. J. EUGENE PAYETTE, MONTREAL) AWARDED FIRST POSITION.
"BITS FROM MY SKETCH BOOK"-BY EUSTACE G. BIRD. CERTOSA DI PAVIA, FINESTA SULLA, FACCIATA DELLA chiesa, italy.
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THE WEST END OF NAVE, WELLS' CATHEDRAL.-FROM A DRAWING BY MR. E. WILBY.
The portion of nave shown in this view dates from the earlier part of the I 3th Century. The strong Romanesque feeling runbing through the whole design is quite exceptional in a building piers, the a date. It may be seen in the form of the clustered piers, the profile of the arch mouldings, in the continuous mould to triforium arcade, and in the square or octagonal abaci to capitals in place of the more usual circular Early English.
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The window tracery and other carved work has been carefully restored and a new stone figure of St. Mary placed in the middle pinnacle on the eastern side. The tower is 150 feet high, and contains a "ring" of ten bells. It was built in 1492-1507 A.D; and for simplicity of design and graceful proportions it is unequalled in England.

## Eustace G. Bird.

"CANADIAN ARCHITECT AND BUILDER" COMPETITION FOR A TOWN HOUSE.
THE best designs received in this competition have faults which would negative their actual erection without alteration, but there is sufficient merit in them and sufficient evidence of study to fully merit the award of the prizes offered. The three best designs are by "Ignoramus," "Gotham," and "Colonial," the three prizes have been given to them in that order.
"Ignoramus" sends in a design, published in this number, which has the defect of not being essentially a town house, and the further defect of an attic (reached by a stair crossing a window) which, slim as it appears in plan, would be still worse in execution, and it is obvious that he was quite aware of this from the floor lines which he has set against the elevations. But the other floors are good, especially the ground floor, which is very well arranged for comfort and interior effect, and on the whole there is an originality and thought shown.
"Gotham" has a good design also. It is a great question whether it would not be better if turned over so as to get the dining room on the south. The arrangement of the front bedroom is unstudied, and the back stairs rather too close work and too dark for comfort. The style of exterior treatment is very good and simple.
"Colonial" has a very clear drawing. The plan is more complex than those of the first two and has many faults. The main Stair is ill planned and could have been right in the same space. The kitchen is too small ; the dining room is all doors and windows. The stable is impractical.
The other competitors have been arranged approximately in order but without the same effort at certainty as was made in arranging the relative positions of the first three. The following points with reference to them may be noted:
"Demos," who makes a good fourth, has a rather commonplace plan but an elevation showing considerable merit and feeling for brickwork.
"Peck" has some excellent points, and is none the worse for not having very salient features. All is in fairly good quiet taste. He should black his walls in plan for reproduction on a reduced scale.
"Module" has not fulfilled the conditions. There is not
enough room left on the lot for light on one side and a driveway on the other. The floor plan thus gets a roominess to which it is not entitled. The elevation shows understanding of colonial work.
"Hasty"-The kitchen is too small. The pantry is only a bit of passage. The dining room is $12^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime}$ wide, has a mantel on one side and a radiator on the other. This interference with the passageway on both sides would be a serious inconvenience in so narrow a room. The bedroom floor is not well studied. The exterior is unpretending but not bad.
"I894" has a very good plan, a little ambitious, but without falling into striking defects. The exterior is not pleasing, but is also not commonplace.
"Far" has made an initial mistake in having planned a basement kitchen. In spite of the space thus gained on the ground floor he has not succeeded in giving an impression of space. The elevations show originality, though in a crude stage.
"Scribbler" has a very good straightforward plan, but with all the rooms to the north, and the south occupied by stairs and a long passage. The design is poor.
"Victoria" has a basement kitchen at the extreme front (under the drawing room) and a dining room at the extreme back on a floor above. It would be hard to atone for this to a housekeeper by any other convenience proceeding from this arrangement, and there does not seem to be anything of the kind. The storey thrown over the driveway is a good idea.
"Cosmo"-The elevations (drawn in a scratchy way) are good -much better than the plan, which seems to show inexperience. The stairway is badly placed, right at the front door.
"Gamut," "Jack" and "Enchell" seem hardly up to the competition.

SETTING AND BURNING ROOF TILES.
In setting plain roofing tiles the first thing to do is to see that the kiln bottom is in proper shape. This should fall from the sides to the center about $1 \frac{1}{2}$ inch, that is, it should be $1 \frac{1}{2}$ inch lower in the middle than the outer sides; this tends, when the sinking of the goods commences, to bring them together for mutual support. On the other hand, if the kiln bottoms are dead level, the setting is liable to open in firing, and the tiles reel in various directions, causing great waste. In setting plain roof tiles, these should be set in courses, each course covering a certa!n extent of ground before No. 2 course is set, and not built up in bungs, which is sometimes done. The latter system gives no tie of support; plain tiles in setting should be interlocked; each 10 or 11 tiles, as the case may be, should be set on the header and stretcher principle. This forms another tie to keep from reeling, and every other tile should be reversed, i.e., the plain end of one tile resting against the nib of the previous one, leaving a cavity between the tiles for the draught. In setting pin tiles, say 8 or to tiles in a bung, divide the number given in equal quantity, and bring them together in a convex form; this gives you heat passage through the centre as well as the angle of the bung, set on the header and stretcher plan, same as the nib tile. Firing should be done with great caution; all through the burning special care should be taken until the fire is clear through, which should be done in a steady and progressive manner.

## MOSAICS LAID IN GOLD.

The church of St. Mark, in Vencie, is said to contain the finest mosaics in the world. And, indeed, in not many places will they be found laid in such costly beds and with such extravagant profusion. On the walls, the ceilings and cupolas the tiny bits of rare marble are laid in exquisite designs on a bed of gold. Of these there are over 40,000 square feet of surface, the effect of the colored marble, each individual piece surrounded by its thread of gold, impress the beholder with a sense of grandure and beauty rarely experienced in gazing at the best efforts of the builder's art.

A Michigan paper announces the receipt by a local builder of a large shipment of cedar lumber from Messrs. Geo. Cassidy \& Company, Victoria, B. C., and describes the material as follows:-It is absolutely clear, lighter in weight than pine, of beautiful color and texture, and best of all, not more expensive than our best clear dry pine, very little of which is now obtainable at any price. This wood is growing rapidly in public favor for interior finishing, its natural shades and graining, when it is properly filled and oil polished, being equal to the most expensive hardwoods. It also takes the place of baswood and more expensive material for carriage work.

## WINNIPEG.

## (Correspondence of the Canadian Architect and Builder.)

There is little or no stir in the building line here at present-not even a rumour about an office building, or new upera house. "' Tis strange, 'tis passing strange," for at this time each year we are entertained with graphic descriptions of costly "sky-scrapers" to be erected the following springand as for opera houses, they are without number-designed and fitted up in the most improved style, and second to none, here or elsewhere. The newspapers are always " creditably informed "that the "capital" has been subscribed, and that the work will be proceeded with at once, if not sooner. In spring the snow disappears-carrying with it those visions grand, and with them the hopes of the architects, who then dream of what might have been if their clients-the men of ideas-had only succeeded in dazzling the men of dollars, with the prospect of reaping a golden harvest from the in. vestment of the capital required to carry out their ambitious projec:s
Some three years since the Y.M.C.A. purchased an excellent site for their new home at the corner of Portage avenue and Smith street, and they have paid off the major portion of the purchase money. Some of the leading men of the city have promised, as soon as the balance is paid, and the property free of encumbrance, to erect thereon an association building designed "up to date," for it bas become a recogrized fact that it is a benefit, not only to the young men themselves, but also to the community at large -for the former to have a home to which they are ever welcome, and a place of recreation, where they can enjoyably spend their evenings, and The Hudson's Bay Compally, mentally and physically.
the Commissioner (who took charge the management of Mr. Chipman, in the spring time a who took charge about two years ago) are like the bears renewed life-making their influence lethargy, and shewing evidence of North-West, while their unprofitable branches are bat Manitoba and the company, octopus like, stretch forth branches are being lopped of. The mising districts, consequentry forth and take possession of new and proeach year providing newently they have to expend a considerable amount business. This necessarily stimulates trade in carry on their ever increasing to all.

Winnipeg should cougr between Main street and the Red River, are no Hudson's Bay flats, lying they have hitherto been, for the proprietors (the Hudson's Bay Co.) have decided to turn them into athletic and racing grounds. This is one.) have most laudable enterprises ever undertaken here, and will without doubt prove a great boon to the citizens, for the grounds are in the heart of the city, where everyone can go for a day's enjoyment without cost or fatigue. The grading was commenced last autumn, and this year fences, grand stand, stables and other buildings will be erected.
The Provincial Government provided in the estimates for the current year, the sum of $\$ 45,000$ tor the erection of a Normal School building, and
last spring they applied to the Dominion the old driving park-fronting on Broad Government to grant a portion of building. The Dominiong on Broadway-for a site for the proposed wards, at the solicitation of the Winnipeg Cricket to give the site, but aftermisunderstanding, thonght their grounds Cricket Club-who, from some game would be seriously interfered with adjoining, and consequently their The Dominion Government reconsidered were the building erected there. the land to the Province. It is to bered the matter and declined to convey give the matter their favorable considoped that " the powers that be " will received light, and find that they were making " a mountain.C. have rehill," This site is one of the finest, if making "a mountain out of a mole next and opposite the Government buildings and in the centre of the fashionable south end, where parents are willing to pay the additional fee required to permit their children to attend the model classes in connection , Normal School.
Regret has been expressed that in a progressive city such as this, which can boast of excellent ward schools and colleges, that the Normal School should have no home of its own in which to carry on its important work, and complete the links of the chain of our admirable system of education, When forsooth, the noble game of cricket must not be interfered with.
When old Fort Garry was removed to make way for the onward march of civilization, the arched stone gateway alone remained. With battleesson, reminding the passing by time and tempest, it stands as an object times which occurred passing beholder of the exciting scenes and stirring when this country-now beginning to blossive portals during the early days "Great Lone Land." Among the many suggestionse-was known as the vation, one of the best is, that the city puggestions regarding its preserfor a public park, the situation city purchase the site on which it stands property for the purpose. Another suggestion is making it an excellent ment to remove the gateway, Another suggestion is for the Provincial Governof either the Government House rect at the entrance of the grounds acted upon, would combine House or the Legislative buildings, which, if Scientific Society of Winnipeg intiment with utility. The Historical and a fund for the restoration of this inted in the autumn subscriptions towards unfortunately their invitation was not respondic of ages passed away, but thusiasm so common in more sentimental countri with the outburst of entical people and little affected by sentiment, especs, We are a plain pracpaterfamilias is reminded daily that the coal pile is illy at this season when and the weather delightfully colder. Should this growing beautifully less, torique, which seems to be "nobody's child" " this farned monument histo coming generations, a blot will ever rest crumble to dust, and be lost to coming generations, a blot will ever rest on the fair name of those in
authority, and children yet unborn will rise up and call them-well, not exactly blessed-for their indifference and parsimony in not preserving what will then be known as the lost stones of Fort Garry.

## MOULDINGS.

Filler or Listel right-angled mouldings require no description.
The Astragal or Bead.- To describe this moulding, divide its height into two equal parts, and from the point of division as a centre, describe a semi-circle, which is the contour of the astragal.
Doric Annulets.-The left-hand figure shows the Roman, and the right-hand figure the Grecian form of this building. To describe the latter, proceed thus: Divide the height $b a$ into four
equal parts, and make the projection equal to three of them. The equal parts, and make the projection equal to three of them. The vertical divisions give the lines of the under side of the an nulets, and the height of each annulet, $c c$, , is equal to one-fifth the projection
lines of slope.

Listel and Fascia.-(Roman). Divide the whole height into four equal parts, make the listel equal to two of these, and its projection equal to two. With the third vertical division as a center, describe a quadrant. (Grecian.) -Divide the height into four equal parts, make the fillet equal to one of them, and its projection equal to three-fourths of
 its height.

Cavette or Hollow. In Roman architecture this moulding is a circular quadrant; in Grecian architecture it is an ellipitical quadrant, which may be described by any of the methods given in the first part of the work.

Ovolo or Quarter-round-This is a convex moulding, the reverse of the cavetto, but described in the same manner.

Cyma Recta.-A curve of double curvature, like former, and formed in same manner.
Trochilus of Scolia. A hollow moulding, which, in Roman architecture is formed of two unequal circular arcs, thus: Divide the heigl.t into ten equal parts, and at the sixth division draw a horizontal line. From the seventh division as a center, and with seven divisions as radius, describe from the lower part of the moulding and arc, cutting the above
 horizontal line, and join
 by a line which bisects ; and center and the point of intersection center, with half the length of the tine point of bisection as a to form the upper part of the curve. There are many other methods of drawing this moulding. The Grecian trochilus is an elliptical or parabolic curve, the proportions of which are shown by the divisions of the dotted lines.
The Torus.- The Ron
ts contour is of The Roman moulding is semi-cylindrical, and its contour is of course a semicircle. The Grecian moulding is either elliptical or parabolic ; and although this and the other Greek mouldings may be drawn, as we have said, by one or in the first part of the work, and by ellipses and parabolas, described illustrated, it is much better and by other methods about to be them by the eye, first setting off their accustomed to sketch this plate, by the divisor off their projections, as shown in this plate, by the divisions of the dotted lines.

## PERSONAL.

Mr. John Day, architect, Guelph, Ont., has recently returned from a visit
to Kansas City. to Kansas City.
F. G. Beckett. who for several years was a student of architecture in Toronto and at Cornell University, has entered upon the practice of his pro-
fession in Toronto. Mr. Henry Jame died at his residence in that architect of the Militia Department at Ottawa, years. Mr. James entered the Department of November, at the age of 55 Was appointed chief arehitect of the Militia of Public Works in 1878 , and that time he practiced as a civil engineer.

CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY, QUEBEC** By H. Staveley.

1N the Quebec Gazette of 8th Sept., 1796, appears an account of a great fire, which ten days before had devastated a large part of the upper town, and in the course of which the church and convent of the Order of Recollects were destroyed. The site upon which these buildings stood is that which is bounded towards the
north by St. Anne street, towards the south by St. Lewis street, towards the west by Garden street, and on the east by the Parade Grounds, or Place D'Armes.
After the fire the government took possession of the property, and had the ruins of the former buildings levelled to the ground. D., first Bish subsequently the Right Rev. Jacob Mountain, D. cost to buishop of Quebec, induced King George III at his own the to build the "Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity," upon mission above designated. On the inth November, 1799, a comLord Bishas appointed by Letters Patent, consisting of the Rector of Queb Quebec, the Chief Justice of Lower Canada, the building Quebec, and the Attorney General, for the purpose of Plailding this church.
the Royal Ard specifications were obtained, and Capt. Robe, of For theyal Artillery, was appointed superintendent of the work. bility sterlingices we learn that he received $£ 300$ in all proba$\$ 80,000$ sterling, or say $\$ 1,458$. As the expenditure totalled about higher me must conclude that the architect was moved by which motives than those of the "Tariff" to perform the duties, were well a lapse of nearly Ioo years, one is willing to admit not well done. Possibly, however, the Captain's income was not altogether dependent upon the exercise of his architectural assisted Capt. Robe's own record tells us that he was materially Credit fy Capt. Hill, of the Royal Artillery, to whom he gives parts," hor the "general plan". "The detailed plans of the several parts," however, he says, were drawn by himself. Further on we aid of Capt throughout, "I (Capt. Robe), had continually the of Capt. Hall's judgment and good taste." The unselfishness him capt. Robe's statements makes one feel an admiration for manner which increased as we further hear from him in what him to he obtained the thoughts and inspiration which enabled portions produce the church, whose quiet dignity, pleasing proendears, and chaste architectural detail have combined to walls ; to to all whose happiness it is to worship within its church." to such, it is, as many have expressed it, "a dear old dimentlowing Captain Robe's description we learn that the of St. Mas of the church were taken from those of the Church Gibb's Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, and which is illustrated in east and Book of Architecture, published in the year 1728. The accordingest ends are ornamented with pilasters of the Ionic pediment to Palladio, and supporting a modillion cornice and Pediment, but without a frieze. This idea was taken from the boldneon at Rome, so executed, and was done to give more The pila the pilasters for the intended height of the building. the Poisters project less than Palladio's rule directs, owing to quarries, aux Trembles stone which, in the then state of the "enormous could not be got in masses large enough, without an oblate vaus expense." The pediments are surmounted with for the stoves, which at the angles of the building serve as flues either stoves within the church. As the vases are not now on supposediments or at the angles of the building, it must be as regard that for some good reason they have been removed ; with verys those which served as flues, they have been replaced The very everyday square chimney tops.
placed ther, 24 feet square, contains 8 bells, which were scription therein in 1830 at a cost of $\$ 2,800$-defrayed by subcription.
Ionic whole designs within the church are of the ancient masters order, but from the proportions of different approved the ers, according to their situation. The Venetian window at The pulpit is the Ionic of Vitruvius, according to Vignola. lonic of (long since replaced by the one now in use) is the oaken of Alberti, and is described as follows: "The ancient poly pulpit placed in the centre, was in form a twelve-sided from th, and was reached on either side by staircases entered fromt the front, and meeting in a platform in rear. Directly in door on and attached to the pulpit, was the reading desk with a a three-ach side, and in front of this the clerk's desk"-verily changes decker of "ye olden tymes." As evidencing how time in use will things earthly, it may be noted that the pulpit now memory most likely soon give place to a more elegant one, in should of the late revered Bishop Williams, or if the memorial of the take another form, than that of a new pulpit, the position of the latter must perforce be changed in view of the recent dewhich to place choir seats in the chancel, in consequence of the nave pulpit will now be placed towards the north side of

Capt.
parted. Robe also informs us that the organ (long since degreat is a design of his own, and that the fret work of the ing anch, over the nave, 41 feet from the floor, is his own, bebe an imitation of ancient stucco work, but deeming plaster to taking his itable material for this climate, had adopted wood*ing his idea from the common mode of ceiling rooms in
J. . The writer of this article has drawn his information from a " Monogiaph" by
the Wurtele, Esc.. entitled "The English Cathedral of Quebec" and read before the Literary and Historical Society ot Quebec, roth March, 189 .

Quebec, with board and batten, but aiming at a better effect, had crossed the battens diagonally.

The columns and entablature between nave and aisles, and supporting the arched roof, are of Ionic from Palladio, as correctly followed as wood work would admit.

The floors and pews, the bishop's throne, the gallery fronts, the chancel rails, etc., are all of oak. The columns are of pitch pine encased with "other wood," many times painted. The arched ceiling is entirely of pine, also painted. The chancel is. semi-circular inside, on a radius of 18 feet. On the wall within the chencel to the south side of the altar are the "Ten Commandments," in two large tablets, having broad gilt cable borders. On the north side are two similar tablets, containing the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer.

The Bishop's throne is situated on the south side of the chancel, with the font immediately opposite thereto. Stalls are provided for the Dean, Archdeacon and Canons of the Cathedral to the number of eight seats, and as before intimated, in a few days choir seats for 24 persons will be placed in front of the clergy stalls, half on the north side and half on the south side of the chancel.

In the centre aisle there are about fifteen massive oaken benches used by the children of the Orphan Homes; they are movable, and in case of funerals and processions, are taken away, and the central aisle or passage is left clear for its full width of ten feet.

The records shew that the masons began laying the foundations on the IIth August, i800. Service was performed in the church on the 4 th August, 1804. Considering the size of the building- 135 feet long, 73 feet wide and 40 feet high to eaves of roof-and its generally plain character, it may be gathered that no extraordinary speed was attained in its erection, but as substantiality and a due and proper regard for procuring dry, well seasoned wood, were in those days esteemed of more value than now, we may suppose that the length of time occupied in building the church was more a matter of choice than of necessity.

Beneath the chancel floor repose the mortal remains of Charles, Duke of Richmond, Lenox and Autuguy, who died at Richmond, in Upper Canada, on the 29th of August, 1819, marked by a brass plate sunk in the floor, and the Right Reverend Jacob Mountain, D.D., first Bishop of Quebec, who died in the year 1825 .

Throughout this venerable edifice are many handsome mural tablets in memory of distingurshed persons, including those above mentioned ; also Bishop Stuart, Lieut.-General Hunter, Lieut.-Governor of Upper Canada, 1805 ; Hon. John Stewart, Hon. Carleton Thomas Moncton, son of Viscount Galway; Rev. G. V. Housman, for twenty-nine years rector of Quebec, and about twenty others, all most interesting to examine, bringing to mind as they do, men and events of the century now drawing to its close, and of men who figured prominently in the ancient city in days of yore.

Stained glass windows of more or less merit also keep fresh in memory many citizens whose good deeds are worthy of commemoration. Foremost among these is the beautiful east end window, the central light containing the "Ascension," with the "Baptism" and "Transfiguration" in the side lights, symbolic representation of the four Evangelists occupying the space above and beneath the latter. This is to the memory of the second Bishop
Mountain, third Bishop of Quebec. A very handsome window Mountain, third Bishop of Quebec. A very handsome window
has also been erected to the memorv of Judge Stuart and Judge has also been erected to the memorv of Judge Stuart and Judge Black (half brothers) - and others in rememes, and of Archibald Campbell, Agnes Campbell, Geo. B. Symes, and Mrs. Young.

Strangers visiting the church are often puzzled as to the meaning of two old flags which hang in the chancel, all tattered and torn. They were formere deposited for safe colors f ${ }^{\text {th }}$ regiment of foot, and were ing in the cathedral 22 nd June, 1870, when Arthur, then Lieusented to the reg.C.O. Rifle Brigade.
tenant in this church, consisting of
The splendid commun solid silver, was the special gift of King twelve massive They are exquisitely engraved and embossed with the Royal Arms and the Arms of the Diocese. The alms dish the Royal Arrly beautiful work of art, the bottom being a repreis a particularly then of therd's Supper.

Such is a breef and imperfect sketch of a venerable building dear to the hearts of many, not only of those still residing in the city of Quebec, but to hundreds whose lot is now cast in far distant parts. There are those whose early recollections of the old church come back to them in far-off India, in New Zealand, in old England, and our own North-West ; and sure we are that often times their mental vision recalls the graceful proportions, the lofty vault, the antiquated oaken pews and open benches, dark with age, the curtained pew for vice-regal use, the Episcopal throne, whence has issued in their childhood's days the peaceful words of the benediction from the saintly lips of a Mountain or a Williams - the mural tablets and brasses, the stained glass windows-all-make up a picture never to be effaced from the memory of those whose privilege it has been to
worship within its ancient walls, and to join in the glorious liturgy of the Church of England, which has ever been rendered in this church with due dignity and solemnity.


THE annual exhibition of the Toronto Art Students' League, occurring almost simultaneously with the appearance of their highly decorative calendar for 1894, brings prominently before the literary and artistic public, the existence of an institution which has been quietly working its way upward, and place among whe the art organizations of respects holds a unique is neither very long nor very eventful. It is a story Its history unobtrusive development by a healthy It is a story of steady a small beginning to a sturdier a healthy natural growth from On September, 22nd, 1886 and maturer vigor.
A. H. Howard to the artists a circular was sent forth by Mr. them to a meeting for the formation of a club of the city, calling the added strength that comes from union, should, re relying on tion to afford better opportunity for the prosecution a posistudies than could be secured by any individual action of art date fixed for the meeting was Friday evening action. The the plare a little room at 56 King striay evening, Sept. 24th, and
O. R. Husht, kindly loaned bylM r. O. R. Hughes, and at that time and place the ait faithful gathered together. It was by no means a large, and faithful not a particularly awe-inspiring assemblage. The room was an upper room, and according to the story of some who were there, it was very decidedly "upper," with an approach to it that is said to have been much darker and much more difficult and dangerous than the passage to Hades as pictured by reliable writers of ancient times.
These untoward circumstances, however, proved to be no bar to the fulfilment of the purpose for which the meeting was called. There were present Messrs. A H. Howard, W. D. Blatchly, C. M. Manly, O. R. Hughes, J. D. Kelly, and others proposed for membership were Messrs. Wm.
 Chaten Skiching, Quebec.
drawing from the life several evenings a week instead of one as before. An elaborate constitution was framed and Mr. Bulatchly fulwas elected the first president. Mr. Blatchly successfully fulfilled the duties of this position until 1890 , when he witharew and was succeeded by Mr. Wm. Thomson, who in turn withdenein 1891 and was succeeded by Mr. R. Holmes. The manae ment of the business is vested in an executive committee eleven members elected annually on the first Tuesday in March.
The committee for the present year is composed of: Mr. R. Holmes, President ; Mr. J. D. Kelly, Vice-president ; Miss SecreM. F. Adams, Treasurer; Mr. W. W. Alexander, Cor. Secretary; Mr. F. H. Brigden, Rec. Secretary ; Miss G. E. Spunt, Chairman House Committee; Mr. W. D. Blatchly, Chairma ComSchool Committee ; Mr. J. Willson, Chairman Library Com
mittee mittee.
The League is a co-operative concern. All members share alike in meeting the expenses and enjoying the privile pes. There are no paid officers or instructors. The membership tees are, for men, $\$ 3.00$ for entrance and $\$ 2.00$ per month during $\$ 1.5^{\circ}$ eight working months of the year ; and $\$ 2.00$ entrance and $\$ 1.50$ per month for ladies; and the amount received goes to pay current expenses. The treasurer is instructed to make a reserve sufficient to meet expenses of the summer months, and if any surplus remains, the library or the house-furnishings or the first and wardrobe derives the benefit of it. The instituif firmly in the oremost a life-class, and seems to have set itself and Persione resolve, unalterable as the laws of the Medes acsPersians, that it shall draw directly from the life, and if necessary every other consideration must bend in obedience to the carrying out of this line of action.
The life-class meets always three evenings a week and frequently as often as five evenings a week, and a programme is laid out, providing for about an equal number of nude and $\mathrm{cos}^{-}$ tume studies. For some time considerable difficulty was ${ }^{\mathrm{ex}} \mathrm{x}$ perienced in securing suitable models, and many are the funny stories told of models who prided themselves on their physique because it tipped the scale rided themselves on the This difficulty has, however, been largely overcome by a system of persistently paying the best prices and demanding the best servere and during last year out of nearly one hundred evenings there were only three occasions when models failed to keep their appointments, and their places had to be taken by volun:eers from the members.
The lighting of the place was another problem that required time and patience and some ingenuity for its solution, and it was only after a long series of experiments that a satisfactory light for the model was secured. The model's light at present in use consists of several strong gas jets brought so closely together as to form practically one light, which is provided with a large reflector, while several movable joints in the pipe admit of its being


Summer Sketching Class-Quebec. placed in any position requin and to the back of thequired. Then around the room, above fors at work is a double semi-circlo of gas jets provided with shades, which are designed to preven an interference of these lights with the light on the model.

The series of monthly compositions still remains a most important feature of the League's programme of work. The lifeclass is intended to supply the means of obtaining an intimate acquaintance with the form, proportions and construction of the fisure, together with a knowledge of the textures of drapery and the folds it assumes under varying conditions; and an acuteness of perception, an accuracy of drawing and a facility in the
use of materials comes from the constant exercise in these directions afforded by the work of this class. All these are, however, only the langauge with which the artist speaks, the medium through which he has to set forth his thoughts, and the composition class is designed to afford him a familiarity in the application of his language to the expression of his ideas in an artistic way. Three subjects are announced every month and the com"Tositions brought in on the first Monday of the following month. Durance Vide " Inn," "The Path through the Orchard," and "In Durance Vile" are the subjects for the present month, and give

a very fair idea of the character of the subjects selected. Taking illustrese as a title, each member is supposed to prepare an arranging in black-and white or color, choosing his incident, and sing his leading lines and distributing his masses of light and shade according to his own conception of the subject and The draw of what a pictorial composition should be.
chara drawing from photographs is of a somewhat similar the bucter. There are many of the League members who "press the button and do the rest" with no mean power, and their work daes good service in this department. A suitable subject conprints some point of pictorial value is selected and a number of taking it distributed among the members. Each one, then, laking the prominent point in the print for the basis of a compogests adds figures or other accessories as his imagination sugillustration the requirements of the subject demand. The Snap bord shot showing only the cow with a glimpse of the river bumbed by trees. When the sketches are brought in they are are drawn, and tickets marked with corresponding numbers sketrawn by the contributors from the official League hat, and and so No. I becomes the property of the holder of ticket No. I, and so on until the collection is disposed of.
makes N. D. S. L. club is a feature of the League's work which ances very serious demands upon the patience and perseverthat of its members. A story is told of a musician who affirmed that a day's neglect of practice could be felt by himself, that two days' neglect was noticeable by his friends, while on the third club the public was sensible of the falling off. The N. D. S. L. membes been formed in the League to encourage among its members a system of every day practice in their work. The title Linea" (no day without a line), and every member of the

League who is prepared to undertake the making every day of a sketch, however pretentions or however slight, is recognized as a member of this inner circle.

In addition to the life-class and business evenings an evening is frequently given over to the reading and discussion of papers on art matters prepared or selected by the members, followed un special occasions by "a trifling foolish banquet" with the singing of many songs and the telling of many tales. A favorite recreation for a part of such an evening is fivepoints. For this idle diversion, pieces of paper of uniform size are prepared and marked
 with five points jotted down pretty much at random, and a serious struggle ensues as each one wrestles with the problem of constructing a figure with hands fitting on two of the given points, feet on another two and a head on the fifth.
The months of summer are spent in the woods and the fields. Every Saturday is set apart for sketching excursions by the whole League, and smaller meets are generally held on Wednesdays, while special arrangements are made for more extended trips covering several days or several weeks, and in this way during the summer as well as the winter, the members are held together by a bond of common interest ; and the loyalty to their institution so eminently characteristic of the League membership is not to be wondered at when one considers how intimately the interests of the individual are bound up in the interests of the body.

At the close of the summer an exhibition of the summer's work is held. It is a private exhibition to be viewed only by the members themselves and their intimate friends. There is no jury; the committee hang successes and failures alike, and many are the lessons such a collection can teach, with here a scrap of scribbler-paper bearing a delightful sketch and there a piece of good paper dirtied and spoiled by a miserable failure.
The public exhibition is always held in December. An intelesting feature of the last two of these has been a collection of the original d:awings contributed to certain publications prepared by the League, with a collection also of negatives, printing blocks and pıoofs illustrating the processes of reproduction em ployed. Made up as it is of persons engaged in practical art work the League had for some time entertained the idea of issuing some such illustrated publication, and this idea took practical shape in 1892. Arrangements were made for publishing a cal endar for the following year, and early in December it put in its appearance in the form of a booklet of 24 pages with a lithographed

life Class-A Costume Study. cover in pale bling the title "Ninety-Three." There were 12 and gold bearing the title Ninety-Three. There were 12 pages and illustrations characteristic of the Canadian seasons contributed by different members of the League, while on the opposite pages were appropriate quotations from the verses of Canadian writers. The favor with which this attempt was received encouraged the League to further efforts in the same line, and the kindly accorded co-operation of a number of literary people has made possible the production of "Ninety-Four," with a genuinely high degree of literary and artistic excellence. The literary part of the book consists of hitherto unpublished
verses by a number of the poets of our country, and as many as fifteen members of the League are represented by drawings, which consist of decorative settings harmonizing with the character of the literary contributions, four calendar pages and four full-page drawings illustrating the seasons. The cover is from a delicate and graceful design in purple gray, carmine, gold and white by Mr. A. H. Howard, and the excellence of the printing and engraving is assuredly a matter of very gratifying surprise In these publications all the contributions have been volunteered purely as a labor of love, and no member personally derives any pecuniary profit from their success. If the venture prove profit able financially the surplus goes into the general locker, and as the League relies entirely on its own resources without support from the government or wealthy patrons, its treasury frequently
has plenty of room for additions.

## PROPOSED CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

At a recent meeting of the Montreal members of the Province of Quebec Association of Architects, Mr. J. R. Gardiner Province address on the desirability of forming a Canadian Institute of Architects, and suggested the following as a basis of organiza-
tion :Mem
Membership to consist of all members of the four provincial bodies, viz, Ontario, Quebec, Maritime Provinces and

## POINTS ON HEATING.

ONE of the greatest, if not the greatest, natural force in existence for the carrying off of heat is wind, and when we know something of the effects of wind in cooling buldings we learn to consider it more carefully, and plan more thoughtfully for the admission of light. For instance, in experiments with glass houses, a room heated to $70^{\circ}$ with the outside temperature at zero, in still weather the inside temperature will be lowered 20 in five minutes and 45 seconds ; with the wind blowing three miles an hour the same result will be attained in two minutes and thirty-five seconds. When, however, this wind reaches a velocity of 27 miles an hour the time required to lower the temperature $20^{\circ}$ is only 48 seconds. Now it will be readily seen of what vast importance is the consideration of this one element alone, especially when we remember that there is hardly a day passes during the cold weather in our climate, where the velocity of the wind does not reach and many times go beyond the latter figure.
The materials entering into the construction of a building all have d known conducting power, and had we time and space we could give the ascertained conducting power in tabular form. is not the intent of this short article to go into details, but in a
few instances to few instances to give the reader some points of vital importance provided he intends to build.

The manner in which a building is put together determines


Toronto art Students' League-Drawing from Photograph,
the Western Provinces. Any architect in the Maritime or
Western Provinces Western Provinces to be made a member direct to Maritime or
Institute instead of thadian Institute instead of through the Provincial body until having a
body of their own.
her the The Council of
of the Council of the Canadian Institute to consist of members Province to select two members for several bodies. Each their roll book, three members if more than first 50 members on one hundred. The province of Quebec to be represented by over
more than two more than two out of three or four members be represented by not In case where there is no provincial body, members of that province will be able to vote through the body, members of that pro-
The duties of the Dominion body. the charter whe the Dominion Association will be: 1 . the charter, which is to include a tariff of professional 1 , To amend
which is to which is to be passed in the Dominion Parliament legally the charges, legally the same throughout the Dominion, a cont so as to be which are to be sent member; 2, To set examination tariff and where there sent to the provincial set examination papers and where there are sufficient numbers of candidates same date,
while having an exal while having an examinationt numbers of candidates to be worth Institute, who will examine same exation, sealed, to the Canadian 3,- To set rules for the guidance of and report at their meeting ; 4, To hold competitions for members and in competitions ; prizes and travelling studentship will be award students at which To decide any arguments brought up by the provincial ; 5 th,
6 th, The Councll to meet treal. The first meeting to be in Toronty in Toronto and Mon-
Mons
largely how much of a plant will be required to heat it comfort ably. If built in a loose manner, so that, as the saying is, "you can through a cat through the crevices," no heating engineer, however expert a calculator he may be, could tell to a certainty, how much heat would be required; for ofttimes a building of this construction will require many times more heat than one well built.
People often remark that were they able they would build a brick house, believing that such a house would be much warmer than a frame one. But on the contrary, experiment has shown that a frame building lathed and plastered inside, and covered outside with paper felt, sheathed and clapboarded, will lose seventy-five per cent. less heat than a brick one of the same thickness of wall. There is a loss of about 25 per cent. more heat without the paper felt than with. There is another thing that people do not often think of in the construction of buildings and that is the amount of glass that is used in the building of the structure. More window surface than just enough to properly light a room is a constant expense in cold weather and the expense is no inconsiderable amount when the time extends square period of years. The comparative loss of heat between a square foot of glass and a square foot of 12 inch brick wall is as I to 6, that is a square foot of glass will lose as much heat as ${ }^{6}$ square feet of 12 inch brick wall. Not many people consider the advantages to be obtained by the use of what is termed the double sash. Careful experiments show that when fitted with this kind of sash 75 per cent. less heat is lost than with the single window.


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Towers and Steeples - Sir Christopher Wren, Architect.



## NOTES FROM ST. JOHNS, N. F.

S everyone knows, the city of St. John's has untortunately suffered from two large conflagrations ; that of 1846 , however, was not so disastrous as the recent one, which broke out after six weeks drought when everything was dry as tinder ; owing to this and the high winds then raging, it soon got beyond control, and before night the whole of the eastern and central portions of the city was in flames. It must have been a magnificent sight, harmonizing even with the rugged grandeur of its surroundings, and enough en to satisfy the ultra-æsthetic cravings of a hero.
The loss was very great ; all the principal public buildings were destroyed, as also were the leading wholesale and retail houses and the better class of residences. Except on the main the firegfare, Water street, where it has been a necessity since the fire of 1846 to build in some incombustible material, there were very few brick or stone buildings. This fact explains to a From extent the fire getting so great a hold on the city.
From an architectural point of view the most unfortunate This, saide was the burning of the Church of England Cathedral. Atlantic, said to be the finest specimen of Gothic on this side the Scott. Was one of the masterpieces of the late Sir Gilbert of Gothi was designed in the style of the Early English period successfully and even in its ruined condition, one can see how obtained ly the designer mastered his problem. The effect is part ned more by perfect proportions and careful massing of the of than any elaborateness in detail-resulting in a noble piece The aitecture.
he nave was started as far back as 184 -, but the chancel and then epts were only completed a few years before the fire. Even portion building was not finished, as it still lacked the upper will yet be the large central tower. Some are sanguine that it pass befe finished, but it is to be feared that many years must nave are the this consummation. Only the outside walls of the mass are left standing, the whole of the stone arcading being a dama of ruins. The chancel and transepts, although badly of the ed, did not suffer so much as the nave, and these portions tion cathedral are being restored to be used by the congregaIt is bunds permit of the whole building being finished.
tural monumenprising and refreshing to find such an architecthinks of ment in this country of fog and ice, which one usually during of only in connection with cod fish and seals, and which berog part of the year is surrounded by a small army of iceThe unexks looking like so many ghosts as they silently glide by charmexpectedness of such a thing no doubt lends an additional picture, and the building, set off by a background of rugged For squeness, is a pleasing sight to the stranger.
presented atime after the fire the burnt-out portions of the city ruineded a novel and curious spectacle-streets and streets of to indicouses, and in the majority of cases only heaps of rubbish stood indicate what had once been. Here and there where had perfe a number of frame buildings, one would come across a like grim forest of chimneys, standing stark and bare, some looking others pillars set up to commemorate the fiery scourge, and great 'Gothic arches of a ruined cathedral.
Some very quaint bits were to be found ; indeed it needed very light sometimes when looking at a building with the electric imagine streaming through window openings and fissures, to castle or onesself back in the Old Country viewing some old of the or abbey by moonlight. The stunted and blackened piles this, butharves show to what an extent the fire went ; not only the fish the sidewalks were completely destroyed, as were also fish used to be dried.
The burning of the cathedral was not only the unfortunate happening of the fire, but it was the most unexpected, for everyits considered it fireproof; this belief was really the cause of by those ction, as the interior was filled with furniture and goods stands whose homes were burning, and although the cathedral cracked in an isolated position, the heat of the fire ultimately mass of the lead glazing, the sparks flying through the chaotic thing of household belongings stored therein, and before anyflames, buld be done the entire building was filled with furious as if greedy bursting out through the roof and licking the stone walls some ideedy that nothing should be left. This instance give The cit of the fierceness of the fire and its unrelenting hold. World- city is built around the harbor-one of the finest in the entering and rises picturesquely from the water's edge. When one seeming "Narrows" one sees row upon row of houses, each the seeming to spring from that below. The view culminates in formino cathedrals, which stand like sentinels over the city, roofs. The eing apex to the grouped up medley of walls and some The extreme hilliness of the place renders building in only parts somewhat more difficult than usual, nor is this the tates a stacle, for the city is built on solid rock, which necessistreet, hreat deal of blasting. On the harbor side of Water must be reverer, there is much made up ground, and here piling spect we resorted to before anything can be done. In one rethe fire ater street when rebuilt will be much improved. Before roofs in such nearly all the buildings were finished with pitched often had to a way that the unfortunate pedestrian in winter old portion to run for his life. This can still be witnessed in the portion of the city. In the new buildings the roofs are
all flat, as they should be when brought out to the street line in a climate like this.

Of all the new buildings put up on Water street at present, not more than a dozen can lay claim to any architectural merit, for the jerry builder has been at work, and some awful looking piles of brick and mortat meet the eye. Where he has attempted anything it is only a futile effort to copy some architect's design, with the usual result of poor detail, absurd proportions, and general incongruity.

There will be one part of St. Johns with a group of buildings worthy of any city, for within a stone's throw of the two cathedrals will be the Church of England Synod halls and schools with residences, the Presbyterian church, the Methodist college, the Gower Street Methodist church, the Congregational church, Presentation Convent, the Christian Brothers' College, the two Bishops' residences, and the Anglican clergy house. The locality, which might appropriately be called "The Architectleral Square," is well-chosen, for the gently rising ground gives a pleasing relief and masses the buildings well one with another. The government and other public buildings in different parts of the city will certainly add to its architectural attractions, but beyond these and the buildings already mentioned there will not e anything that should be called architecture. There are a great many frame buildings springing up like mushrooms all over the place, having no particular inerit but that of fulfilling their primary purpose of affording shelter from the elements.

St. John's has been a busy place during the past summer, and much has been done to obliterate traces of the fire. Even now, though, these are only too apparent. There will be less building next season if one can judge from present indications, and after that, affairs will be pretty much in their normal condition.
C. H. A. B.

## THE CENTRAL ONTARIO SCHOOL OF ART AND

 INDUSTRIAL DESIGN.Architects should take an interest in the progress of this school and it would be well for architectural students to attend some of its classes. The school is now in its fourth session and is steadily growing. The course is based upon study from the antique and from life as the means of highest training for eye and hand in preparation for design of all kinds. These classes, which are under the care of the best instructor procurable in Toronto, form the whole course for some students who are aimng merely at skill in drawing and painting. But the ultimate aim of the school is to form a centre of education in the arts of industrial design as well as in the graphic arts. On the board of directors are, besides artists and architects, several of the leading manufactures and producers of objects requiring design. Work in the precious metals, lithography and engraving, furniture, carpet weaving, stained glass and decoration are all represented on the board. An analysis of the students' egister shows among the students lithographers, glass stainers, decorators, designers, carvers in wood and stone, cabinet makers, ewellers, painters and engravers. Efforts are continually being made to extend the usefulness of the school in the direction of teaching industrial design. The larger the school becomes the reater will be its power of enlarging this department. For this reason it is to be hoped that it will continue to increase and be such a centre of teaching in art as will realize its name to the full. It is better to have one good school than many indifferent ones. Centralization of schools means concentration of the students' fees and power therefore to employ the best eachers. One teacher can handle many students, and there is a distinct gain to the art student in being one of a large number rather than one of few. In no other class of work is the benefit of association with others so great. The students in the arge ateliers of Paris derive as much benefit from their manner f working together as they do from the occasional visits of the reat man under whose name they are associated. It would be good thing for Toronto and for the country if this school can fostered so as to become a great central school of art with funds arge enough to attract to its teaching staff men of the best class.
It is worth pointing out to architects that subscribers of \$1o per annum are entitled to send one student to the evening lasses. It may sometimes be worth while to invest this much in training a promising student who cannot himself afford to pay for instruction.

PAINTING INIERIOR WOODWORK.
Some people seem to think that as soon as wood is used inside a house, here arises a deadly sin against the proprieties if it be painted, aud hence all interior woodwork should be finished in its natural colour and grain. How can they reconcile the uncompromising hardness and coldness with hich anstained or unpainted piece of oak or white pine will obtude
解 were far better to stasome other wood, be it understood, but to get the de-effect-not tor, for harmony with its surroundings. But really there can be噱 polished china gloss if it be desired. If it be honest to paint the outside of our dwellings in colours to please us, what harm can there be in choosing such colors as may be agreeable for our inside finish, and boldy painting the woodwork to suit our decorative scheme? This idea is gaining ground, and the area of varnish finish is almost ended; or at least the time when varnish alone was considered to convey a title to respectability, and when painted interior woodwork was supposed to be sure indication of poverty and social inferiority, for now even the richest and most favoured socially dare to paint their woodwork, if its suits them best to do so, - Furniture and Decoration.

## CANADIAN BUILDING STONES AT THE WORLD'S

## FAIR.

A PROMINENT and interesting feature of the admirable collection of of building stones from at the World's Fair, was the variety of specimens mens were collected by the Dominion provinces of the Dominion. These specithe Ontario Government Mining Bur Government Survey at Ottawa, and by we have obtained the pent Mining Bureau, Toronto, and from these sources In material of this description, Oereinafter printed in regard to them varieties of limestone, freestone and sandstone particularly rich. Many excellent an excellent quality of quicklime. The Guelph dolomite first named yields for building purposes. The hare. The Guelph dolomites are well adapted quarried from beds varying in thickese grained, Kingston limestone is quarried from beds varying in thickness from six inches to a foot, and alhue in the course of a few years. At many places the fry years.
At Dorion in Thunder Bay District, it is is fine enough to work as marble. veins. Elsewhere in the same district is found an argillor, variegated with a milk white, branded with pale grey, and of a rich arillaceous limestone of (mottled), known as Penessie Marbie. Another variety wand pale green Marble," possesses good colors, but does not ther variety called "Serpentine County yields the largest quantity of marble fur commercial polish. Renfrew Good marble, black, white and pink is found commercial purposes. Hastings, and Barrie township in Frontenac County. At Cornwall, on the River St. Lawience County.
marble" is being worked. St. Lawrence, a fairly gnod quality of black
Extensive deposits of Medina sandstone are wither
River Credit in the County of Peel.
Several points are worked at the Forks of the
the very best quality. Good granite, rich
West of Fort William it occurs of a brownish flaws, is found in many places; where it inclines to a pale purple. Near the grey in some localities, elsestrongly resembles that of Peterhead granite, City of Kingston the color Black Syenites are found Peterhead granite, but is a brighter red, Black Syenites are found along the north shore of Lake Superior.
In addition to Ontario's exhibit
Ine samples of sandstone of a fine grained nature by at Chicago some Nova Scotia, North West Territories and Brianed nature by Nat Nicago some arge collection of marbles and granites from various parta, together with a The following Gegical Survey.
The following particulars of the character and variety of Canadian ex
hibits of building stones, the hibits of building stones, the purposes for which variety of Canadian ex-
and the sources of to tects, engineers, builders and expected to prove of much interest to arch terial in this line is obtainable.

John Hyslop, Goderich Limestones,
About thirty feet of this rock, int.-Six-inch cube of limestone, dressedn a clift at Mr. Hyslop's quarry The stone makes good lime, but is chiefly ulocks can be easily obtained. piers of the Maitland bridge at Goderich, and the Goderich Jurposes. The
it.
Geological Survey-Six-inch cube limestone, dressed-From the quarry thick. The stone is ike, Ont. The beds are from three to twelve quarry been used to some extent for bridges in the town of Pembroke, and has lar to that exhihited, gave,-carbonate An analysis of a specimen, siminesia $9^{\circ} 29$; carbonate of iron, carbonate of lime, $0^{\circ} 69$; insoluble, $6.3^{\circ}{ }^{\circ} 9^{\circ}$; carbonate of magGeological Survey.-Six-inch
of Mr. John Mahoney, Que.
Geological Survey.-Six-i
of Mr. C. B. Wright. These quarries have lone, dressed-From the quarry long time, the beds, which are quarries have been extensively worked for a a large area for a depth of fifteen feet. Blocks ten by five by removed over
be taken out, and are be taken out, and are sold at from 25 to 35 cents per cubic foot. Mree feet can
stone is used for building stone is used for building purposes in the city of Ottawa. foot. Most of this
tion of some of the beds tion of some of the beds presents a banded structure, the lower portion por por-
finely granular. The stone is finely granular. The stone is easily dressed and susceptible portion being
and sharp tooling. and sharp tooling.
Geological Survey,-Six-Inch cubes of grey and white limestone dolish From an e, ,tensive band of crystalline limestone white limestone, dressed alternating with other, which vary in thickness, are sometimes grey in lichpolish and weathers evenly. Duddswell Marble andy.
limestone, dressed.
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Geological Survey
Geological Survey.-A six-inch cube of limestone dressed-Montreal, Q Trembles, Q. -A six-inch cube of limestone, dressed-Point aux
Worthington \& Co, Montre
At the quarry of Messrs. Worthington \& Co
limestone worked cut by joints from ten from eight inches to four or five feet Q. the beds of ing. The stone is of to forty feet apart, which greatly faceilitates the the and are easily be obtained. It ellent quality, and blocks of any required quarryeasily be oblained. It is carried to Montreal, a distance of sixed size can in scows towed by steam tugs. Charles Dussault, La Chevrot
-The Trenton formation, which is the next in suchese of limestone, dressed fiere nearly forty mile yiels excellent building in succession above the BirdsThe beds are from above Quebec, and at many Montreal, at Chevrotoward the trom three to eighteen inches thick at intermediate places stratified, in irregular layers of from bituminous limestone ; which is insing bituminous shale. Public Whate.
Public Works Department, Quebec, Q.-Six-inch cube of limestone
dressed, from Deschambault quarry, Que.-In this from nine inches to three feet in thickness, and the quarry the beds vary tensively in the cities cut stone work can be obtained finest stone suitable for Geological Survey, Quebec and Montreal for the last has been used exGeological Survey. - Six-inch cube of dolomite, dast thirty years.
brown dolomite is from
Mr. McEwan, at Beckwithe quarries of the Canadian Pacific Kailway, and also largely for general building purposes, It for window and door sills, and very soft, but hardens on exposure. The round ctone when first quarried is
as bridges and culverts and as bridges and culverts along the line of the Broundhouse when first quarried is
are built of it. Blockville, as well
are built of it. Blocks $3 \times 3 \times 15$ feet can be obtained ville and Ottawa Railway,
The following exbibits were included in obtained.
P. A. Johnston, St. Davids, Ont.,-Six-inch Ontario Government collec-
P. A. Johnston, St. Davids, Ont.,-Six-inch cube, dressed, from Queens-
ton Quarry.

Union Co-operative Stone Co., Thorold, Ont.-Six-inch cube, dressed from Thorold quarry.
Robt. McInnes, Owen Sound, Ont.-Six-inch cube, dressed.
T. J. Kilpatrick, Kingston, Ont.-Six-inch cube, dressed, from Wolfe T. J. Kilpatrick, Kingston, Ont.-Six-inch cube, dressed, fro sland Quarry.
John Battle, Thorold, Ont.-Small rough block,
D. Kennedy, Guelph, Ont.- 12 inch dolomite cube, dressed; $6 \times 9$ block,
dressed.
P. A. Johnston, Queenston,-Paving block.
Geo. Farquhar,

Geo. Farquhar, Toronto Stone Co., Toronto, Ont.-twelve inch cube
dressed. dressed.
Dressed Magnesian blocks, from Elora, Ont.
Robt. L. Gibson, Bear
Robt. L. Gibson, Beamsville, Ont.-Dressed block, $2 \times 1 \times 1$ foot.
City of Ottawa.-Dressed and polished block, $20 \times 12 \times 7$ inches.
Town of Thorold. - Cubic foot, dressed and polished.
Tuwn of Fergus.-Magesian block, black, dressed.
Mr. White, Anderton, Essex Co. -9 inch cube.
Pelee Island, Ont.,-Six-inch dressed cube.
SANDSTONE AND FREESTONE.
The following exhibits were included in the collection of the Geological Survey, Ottawa:-
Vancouver C
Vancouver Coal Mining and Land Company, (Limited), S. Robbins, Supt., Nanaimo B. C.-Six-inch cube of sandsione, dressed. -From quar ries on Newcastle Island, B. C. Among the coal-bearing rocks on New castle Island there are beds of brownish-grey sandstone, which afford excellent material for building and flagging stones. The upper beds are of San Francisco and it was from one of these that Mr. E. E. Emery, of mint in that city. Blocks for pillars were construction of potior dressing were twenty-seven feet six inches in length, and meter- Flagstones, with even surfaces as and three feet ten inchese, have also been obtained, and are easily quarried, much as ten feet squat some of the medsures will afford eod quartied, and it is not unilk The Chicago and Verte Island Stone Cos.
ube of sandstane Verte Island Stone Co. of Chicago, U. S. A. - Six-inch cube of sandstone, dressed.-From quarries on Verte Island, Nipigon Bay, The upper bed alone is stone is known to have a thickness of thirty the United States Geological Survey feet thick. Mr. Geo. P. Merrill, of thion of it, and found it to be corvey, recently made a microscopic examination of it, and found it to be composed of quartz and felspar, with a very little mica. The crushing strength is reported to be 11,500 ibs, to
inch. Thus far it has been used principally in the United States.
Credit Forks Stone Co., Credit Forks, Ont. - Six-inch cube of sandstone, dressed. - From quarries at Caledon, Ont. The brownish-red variety of the stone occurs in beds six feet thick, and is underlaid by a greyis acres
whitish sandstone. The beds have been whitish sandstone. The beds have been stripped
and the stone removed to a depth of fifteen feet.
Six-inch cube of sandstone, dressed.-From Skead's quarry, about four miles from Ottawa. The stone is very fine grained, of a brownish grey difficult, and would make handsome buildings. It appears, however, to be to som to quarry, the blocks obtaned being of very irregular form, owing long may sonchoidal fracture. A dressed specimen, about seven ree ment Buy be seen in the coping of the wall round the grounds of the Parliament blocks ing blocks of Ohio stone by its finer texture
near Pembroke, Ont sandstone, dressed.-From Mr. John Rankin's quarry, near Pembroke, Ont. The stone occurs in beds from six to twenty inches thick. It is easily worked, and although soft, is tough and retains
sharp angles. The Pembroke court hetimes employed for making monuments.
Caledonia Freestone Coments
From quarries at Rockland, N, B. Six-inch cube of sandstone, dressed.-
R. B. Heustis.-Six-inch cube of sandstone, dressed.-From quarry at
Wallace, Cumberland County. Heustis is from water mark from a quarry at Wallace situated about 150 feet above high zontal, and and only 600 yards from a good harbor. The beds are horifunt inches for the first fifteen feet from the surface vary in thickness from cordinges thick to two feet ; below this there is a massive bed, which ac cording to Mr. Heustis, is from three to eight feet thick. It is divided into facilitate masses by joints from six to fourteen feet apart, which greatly facilitate the quarrying. The price of the stone delivered on board vessels in the harbor is from forty to sixty cents per cubic foot Blocks containing 160 cubic feet have been shipped. The quarry is held by a stock joint company.
Nova Scotia Advisory Board.-Nine-inch cube of brown sandstone, quarry, Pictou, N cube of chocolate sandstone. dressed.-From Mckenies Board exhibits eleven dressed specimens above, the Nova scotia Advione, from various localities in Ned specimens of sandstone and two of limeso The following exhibus were Scotia.
tion :-
Carroll \& Vick, Toronto.--Six-inch dressed cubes brown and grey free-
stone; block $2^{\prime} 3^{\prime \prime} \times 2^{\prime} 10^{\prime \prime}$ of Credit Valley brown freestone, (medina formation) 23 $2^{\prime \prime} \times 2^{\prime} 10^{\prime \prime}$. The top is artistically carved in Romanesque style, haviose specimens were taken fromield bearing the Ontario coat of arms.
pecimens were taken from Credit Forks Quarries, 40 miles north west of Ioronto, on C. P. R railway.
Dressed block freestone (banded) from near Perth, Ont., also twelve-inch dressed cube (double banded), twelve-inch dressed cube (white,) window Chicago and Verte Iscality.
Chicago and Verte Island Stone Co., Port Arthur, Ont.-Dressed six-inch sandstone cube ; dressed six-inch cube (red).
Indian Mission Quarry Ont.-Half dressed six-inch cube. argillaceous sandstone
C. F. Gildersleeve, Kingston.-Small rough block red sandstone, from quarry near Kingston ; sandstone modules, and sandstone (deep red) from Cataraqui Quarries
McKellar Bros., Fort William Ont
half dressed six-inch cube from quarry at Rossport block white

1. C. Goddard, Toronto, twelve-inch dressed freestone cube, from quarry Orangeville, Ont.

The following exhibits wer tion:colors red and collection (no locality given)-large rough hewn blocks, west of Fort Will and from Ignace station on the C. P. Railway, 150 dressed and polished, also material is saidso block $91 / 2 \times 101 / 2 \times 8$ inches, diessed and polished.
hese specimens exist in immense quantities in the locality from
From Pearl were taken,
Lake Superior. -1 River Station, Township of McTavish, west of Black Bay, inches, dressed and polished cube dressed and polished and a block $5 \times 5^{5 / 2} \times 8$
seems well adapted for monumental work, pillars, etc. It exists in area of From Square miles.
Folrom Kingston, Ont.-Block (red) $6 \times 10 \times 61 / 2$ inches, dressed and noh cube ; round column (red) 7 inches high and 5 inches in diameter; sevenand 6 inches (red) dressed and polished; tapering pillar (red) 22 inches high W. C. Cass square at base, polished.
W. C. Caldwell, M. P. P., Lanark.-Two large blocks, dressed ; polishmens one side. The location in Renfrew County, from which these speciare excelle taken is an extensive one. The quality and color of the stone ous localitit. Mr. Caldwell also showed small polished specimens from variillustralities in the Counties of Frontenac and Lanark; small specimens,
 north, and a large block (red) dressed and polished on one side, from the rh shore of Lake Huron.
The following exhibits were included in the collection of the Dominion R. Forsyth, Moy :-

Q- Forsyth, Montreal-Cube of granite.-From Beebe Plain, Stanstead, "Eastern Townshin abundance in Barnston, Stanstead, and elsewhere in the Eastern Townships" of the Province of Quebec. In the last-named townWhite quartz, white felspar, and black mica, and takes a fine polish. It is
ease easily quartz, white felspar, and black mica, and takes a fine polish. It is
quired and in many localities can be obtained in blocks of any reit, and itie. The new Eastern Townships Bank at Sherbrooke is built of A'tlantic was used many years ago for bridges on the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railway. Mr. Forsyth also exhibited a 6 inch cube dressed, and Miln column, dressed, from quarries at Birch Cove, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Milne, Coutts \& Co., St. George, N. B. - Red granite, polished.
Hoast side John Young, Montreal.- Specimens of salmon-red syenite, from the more than the harbor of Kingston. The rock is exposed for a length of and has a a quarter of a mile, with a breadth of upwards of roo yards, takes a fine polish.
Bay of Fundy Red Granite Co.-A monument of red syenite polished, three four head-stones square at the base, and fifteen feet bigh. Value \$1000; Charlotte County, C. B.

## marble.

The following exhibits, formed part of the Ontario Government collecobtained from case except that of Retfrew marbles, the specimens were oeen done by way of development, but not enough to test fully the qualities of the deposits :-
Jas. E, Harrison, Bridgewater, Ont.-White dressed and polished speciand band a grey and white banded six-inch cube, dressed; white column J. Smith $\&$ specimens of grey marble.
pinkish Smith \& Co., Sydenham, Ont.-Small blocks of pale green clouded and block 62 white, half dressed and polished on one side ; and a grey banded C. P. Brow, polished.
from E. Brown, Sault Ste Marie,-Small rough specimen of green clouded, From Lake, Thunder Bay.
From 20 miles west of Wolfe River Station on the Canadian Pacific Railpolished - Thunder Bay District, a small block, black and grey, $5^{1 / 4} \times 53 / 4 \times 3$ inches, Interstratified with indurated red a horble and bed about twenty feet thick, This is a beautifully variegated marble that might be effectively utilized for mantels and other indoor work. From the same locality was shown a small slab $6 x_{1} x_{3 \times 1}$ inch, light purple, veined with greenish grey and brown.
Nipom west of Nipigon Station, a slab 2rx9 $1 / 2$ inches, polished, of so-called Nipigon marble. -Plentiful on line of Canadian Pacific Railway, close to Polish. Bay. Approaching argillite in composition ; does not take a high Collee
Bay District. of "Marbles" from Nipigon series, Wolfe Lake, Thundet from twrict.--This handsome collection of polished cubes, varying in size quantitie to six inches, represents material said to exist re riderable the tints. Though not susceptible to high polish, they are rich in color, purplints, varying from a mellow grey, through deeper shades to light pinks,
veipe they . For mantles, panels, mosaics, and interior work of various kinds, ed as true mace a good effect. In quality they are too argillaceous to be classas true marbles.
The following exhibits from Madoc, Ont., were made by Mr. P. W. Ellis, inchesto, for the Hungerford Marble Co. - Small block, black, $6 \times 6 \times 31 / 2$ streak; paper weight, black, $3^{1 / 2 \times 4 \times x \text { inch ; paper weight, black, with white }}$ grey, d $31 / 2 \times 3 \times r$ inch; turned paper weight, pink; turned paper weight,
slab, dark mottled; turned pillar cap, grey, dark veined, 13 inches high; Slab, wark mottled; turned pillar cap, grey, dark veined, 13 inches high;
white, for table top $20 \times 24$ inches; white, turned pillar, 14 inches high; White, white, for table top $20 \times 24$ inches; white, turned pillar, 14 inches high;
$8 \times 0$ receiver ; pillar, black, 6 feet 6 inches high; white block, $8 \times 9 \times g$ card receiver; pillar, black, 6 feet 6 inches high; white block,
polished, dressed and polished ; white, to inch cube dressed and Cresc.
Crescent Gold Mining Co., Malone, Ont.-White slab, $7 \times 30$ inches, reThe to possess excellent working qualities.
Thip of Ballowing specimens were obtained from the Sanford property, townPink of rich County of Frontenac:-
slab $12 \times 8$ rich tint, small pillar 13 inches high ; pink, block $6 \frac{1}{2} \times 6 \times 5$; pink, inches high and $12 \times 8$ inches white slab $13 \frac{1}{2} \times 1 \frac{1}{2}$ inches; white turned pillar 17 inches high and 5 inches in diameter ; grey, with brown veins, pillar 4 inches diameter ; white slab $102 \times 15^{\frac{1}{2}}$ inches; grey, light
clouded clouded, slab $10 \frac{1}{2} \times 15^{\frac{1}{2}}$ inches dressed and polished; pinkish white with dark
grey veins
 $\frac{\text { small }}{}$ pillar $14 \frac{1}{2}$ inches inches, dressed and polished; white, with brown veins, $43 / 4$ inches diamerer, dressed and polished; brown with brown veins, $9 \times r i \frac{1}{2} \times 2$ inches, dressed and polished; white, with ed and polins, 6 inch cube, dressed and polished; white, 6 inch cube, dressgrey, small bhed; grey, small block $6 \times 6 \times 5$ inches, dressed and polished;
dary dark grey veins, dressed and polished.
The following exhibits were included in the collection of the Dominion Fromment Survey :-
From Mount Mark, near Horne Lake, Vancouver Island.-Short column
and pedestal in very thick of marble. - The crystalline limestones of Mount Mark occur ing a great bads, interstratified with diorite. They are capable of affordfine enough variety of marbles suitable for ornamental purposes, though not commough for statuary. White, dove-gray, and bluish tints are the most blocks, entirely free from flaws, could be easily obtained.
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From entirely free from flaws, could be easily obtained.
From Arnprior, Ont.-Marble, striped, light and grey.
Grom Gloucester, Ont.-Brownish grey specimens.
Point Claire - Yellowish-white.
townshi Claire-Brownish black and greenish black specimens.-In the cownship of Grenville and its augmentation, a band of crystalline limestone, and $\begin{gathered}\text { aning Eosoon Canadense, has an extensive run through the country, }\end{gathered}$ ground marked with cases a peculiar variety of marble, having a white
forms angular masses several inches in diameter. The serpentine usually runs in bands marking the stratufication of the rock. These bands, as in the case of the Arnprior marble, are sometimes even, and at other times corrugated, giving diversities of pattern. Sometimes the serpentine, incorrugated, giving of green, is sulphur yellow, as in the specimen from Grenville. In stead of green, is sulphur yellow, as in the specimen from Grenville. In many parts of the country, the Laurentian marbles. These, however, are fiom foreign minerals, and give white marbles. and sometimes they are usually too coarse-grained for statuary purposes, and sometimes they are barred with slightly different colour. Slevir. Many years ago a mill for limestone occurring in the township of Elzevir. Many years ago, a mill for cutting and polishing marble was erected on the Catumet, but the
for the marble was not sufficient to make the enterprise protitable. L'Original, Ont.-Grey marble, with thickly disseminated wite spots ; Dark gray marble, with more thinly disseminated white spots. - The bed from which the specimen $(a)$ is taken, varies in thickness from three to six inches; it is near the surface, and easily quarried, but has hitherto been but little used. The locality is a quarter of a mile from the south bank of the Ottawa, four miles west of L'Original village, and sixty-four above Montreal. The white spots are caused by small bivalve shells (Atrypa plena) filled with calc-spar. Cf the darker variety $(b)$ there are two beds, of six inches with calc-spar. Cf the darker variety and one foot respectively near che slocks large enough for chimney-pieces and tables are readily ob(a). Bl.

Jas. Worthington \& Co.-Montreal, specimen of grey marble.
Jas. Worthington \& Co.- Montreal, specimen of grey marble.
From Montreal, Que.- Specimens of grey marble from the Trenton and Chazy formations.
From St. Dominique, Que. - Specimens of dove grey and dove grey with white spots.
From St. Armand, Que.-Specimens of white, white clouded with pale green, and dove grey marked with white and black. The material, which takes a high polish, occurs in great abundance in the vicinity of Phillipsburg on Lake Champlain.-About a mile and a half south eastward. The Philipsburg the occurs a black marble, simiar so this specinen. The beds dip to the eastward at an angle of about twelve degrees; a quarry was many years ago opened on one of them, which has a considerable thickness. The stone was exporied of quarries of black, marble at Glen's Falls, wher York, but the opening of quarries of black marble at Glen's Falls, where there is good water power,
Enterprise to be abandoned.
From
Caughnawaga, Que.-Specimens of grey and grey with red spots.-Similar grey marbles with red spots (generally corals), occur in the spome formation as the rock of Caughnawaga, behind the city of Montreal, and on Isle Bizard. In all of these localities the rock is filled with fossils, which are plainly seen on the polished surfaces.
From Dudswell, Que. - Specimens of cream white, striped with yellow ; dark grey and yellowish, fawn yellow and white. -The specimens exhibited of.cream white and yellow, and dark grey and yellow, are from beds that of cream white one another. The yellow streaks in both of these marbles are composed of dolomite, while the light ground of the one, and the dark ground posed of dolomite, while the light ground When the dark grey approaches解 whes it sometimes does and the yellow streaks are narrow, the black, which it sometimes does and the the Porter marble from Northern marble bears a strong resemblance to the Porter malysis, the resemblance taly, sometimes known as black and gold. between the two is further sustained bellow veins are dolomite.
ground is a pure limestone, and the From Esquimaux Island, Mingan group.-Specimens of drab marble.From Esquimaux Island, Mingan group.-specity on Esquimaux Island, This drab coloured marble occurs in great might be easily loaded on board of of the Mingan group, where the stone mand takes a uniform polish.
small vessels. It cuts with great faciity, and take, -At St. Lin about
From St. Lin, Que.-Polished slab of red mable. - limestone, portions thirty miles from Montreal, there are massive beds ofle.
From St. Joseph, Beauce, Que.-Polished slab of red marble veined with white.-This handsome marble occurs near the River Guillaume, associated whith red shales and sandstones, resembling those of Sillery, near Quebec. The bed is from ten to forty feet thick, andin a distance of half a mile on its strike is exposed in four places. The marble takes a fair polish, and
could be obtained in large blocks. The locality is forty-five miles south of Quebec.
From Hull, Que.-Polished slabs, spotted green and white.
From Arnprior, Ont.- Polished slab and ten inch cube of marble striped, light and dark grey. - Near the mouth of the Madawaska, in the township light and dark grey.-N of crystalline limestone is exposed. The rock conore which are sometimes narrow and sometimes wide, producing, where there are no corrugations in the layers, a regularly barred or ducing, wittern. The colours are various shades of light and dark grey striped patter, white. The dark colours are due to a greater or less intermingled witu whit . amount of graphite, which is corse, but it takes a good polish. Contexture of the stone is somew in the decorative work of the Houses of siderable quantities we
From Harton. Ont -Polished slab of grey crystalline marble.-This stone has been largely gely emp easily obtained.
From Texada Island, Strait of Georgia, B. C -Polished slab of grey From Texada ksots and veins ; polished slab of greyish-white marble with marble weins. - A quarry has been worked to some extent on the shore of brownish veis. Malaspina Strait near
exhibited form low clifs notes.
In the N. B. Section were shown some handsome granite monuments exhibited by Messrs. Epps, Doads a Co., Mibited polished granite Tate Meeting \& C... One large
castle, N. B.

Scotia section was a collection of dressed cubes of sandstone and granite exhibited by the Government of Nova Scotia.
The North West Territories supplied some dressed cubes of sandstone exhibited by Leonard Gaetz, Red Deer River, J. G. McCallum, Calgary, A. McKay, Indian Head.
In the Quebec Court were some dressed cubes of granite, gneiss and limestone from different places in the province exceptionally fine limestone from Bryson marble.
The New Rockland Slate Co., Rockland, Que., exhibited a large block of late, together with manufactured articles, such as sinks, wash-troughs, blackboards, roofing slates, etc.

When papering on white-washed walls it is necessary to first size the surface. Use good glue size and add a pint of malt vinegar to the gallon of the size. The vinegar acts upon the whiting and causes the paper to adhere strongly and permanently.

BRITISH COLUMBIA INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.
THE third annual meeting of the British Columbia Institute of Architects took place in Victoria on the 2nd of December, 1893. The society comprises twenty-four members, of whom the following were elected as officers and Council for the en-
suing year:
President-C. O. Wickenden, Vancouver.
Ist Vice-President-R. B. Bayne, Victoria.
2nd Vice-President-C. J. Soule, Victoria.
Hon. Treasurer-E. Mallandaine, Victoria.
E. Daycil-C. G. Tiarks, Sharp, New Westminster; Thos. Hooper, R. E. Day, J. G. Tiarks, S. A. McClure, Victoria ; A. E. McCartney, Vancouver ; Thos. Honeyman, Nanaimo.
Hon. Secretary-C. E. Sharp.

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The busıness transacted was, excepting one subject, of the
The quest routine kind.
Bill" was to be brought before the "Architects' Registration Bilsion was to be brought before the Legislature in the coming
session was discussed, and the outcome of the disula session was discussed, and the outcome of the discussion was
that it was the opinion of the meeting that it that it was the opinion of the meeting that it would probably
best further the object to be attained, to place the society in communication with the eastern societies to ascertain what if anything was being done by them, and to consider the question as a Dominion one. With this object, the Secretary of the
society will be instructed by the Council to communicate with society will be instructed by the Council to communicate with
the eastern societies on the subject. The competition on the subject.
The competition question has been unfortunately of the too
requent heart-burning and unsatisfactory character frequent heart-burning and unsatisfactory character, af the on a
motion before the meeting it was determined to mith the Ontario society, obtain cotermined to communicate
wies with the Ontario society, obtain copies of their particulars of them.

The question of the recent competition in Victoria for ward schools occupied considerable attention of the meeting. It was the opinion of the meeting that after a public competition had
been called for, faith was broken with the competitors action of some of the membersen with the competitors in the tion of an inferior plan for one of the wool Board in the selection of an inferior plan for one of the wards. A circumstance
that lends additional force the the ratepayers of the North Ward petitioned against this shat tion for a school building being carried out on such a design for
that ward.
The report of the Council for the closing year was accepted and passed, and the meeting closed with the following address
from the vice-president occupying the chair.

In the unavoidable absence of our President, the
presidential address devolves upon me as your senior vice-president, I re-
gret it to some extent, as the are gret it to some extent, as the action I have lately taken in your Council may the vexed question of competitions.
Since our last meeting in
prevailed in our profession-we have not a seriod of unexampled dullness has prevailed in our profession-we have not a single new member to welcome ; and I think with brighter times and more doing that resignation to record, several new men who have not yet joined us. I that we might count upon difference in lack of attendance of many of our members does not foreshadow dissolution. Busier times may perhaps bring with it a little moreenthusiasm and interest ; if such improvement does come, I venture to ex press the hope that we may in the coming year meet more frequently than
we have done in the past we have done in the past one, and that our meetings may be, as they should the means of stimulating energy and enthusiasm amongst us, and I would urge upon all to make some little effort to a better attendance (to-day half our members are not present), and to make occasionally if required some self-sacrifice in order to attend, and to contribute from if required some stores of experience and knowledge for our mutual benefit. In Victoria we inaugurated at the beginning of this season a series of bit. In Victoria we for the reading of and discussion after of matters professional, but this for lack of attendance fell through at the fourth meeting.
You all know the fate of our "Architects' Bill," more badly beaten than
its predecessor. We have already discussed this que its predecessor. We have already discussed this question, and beaten than Mr. Soule's proposition, and put ourselves ine should wait, as decided on ern brethren. Since our 1
at our success in regulating, or being in we patted ourselves on the back petitions, we have passed through three. fair way to regulate, public comproof of the honesty which fell to the lot of a Vancouver-the Government proof of the honesty of Victoria architects and freedom from undue inprofessional arbitrators. Mr. Sorby, of instaction following the selection of honors, with, to my way of thinking, our city, secured one of the five artistically executed, thoroughly English in charming bit of design, most Next we have to record the competition for the Prete, the work of an artist. prohibiting any more or less framed by ourselves, and carrying Asylum, prohibiting any canvassing of the committee-a work brought to cently opened clause heard no dissatisfaction. Of competition that carried with it so far as I have ter ; it goes to show that Of the third competition, the least said I have ture. I hope our action will our self-congratulations last year were premaAbout this time last year, prevent repetition.
this city, and after some self-constituted commintee, to of your members through-not because we were or six meetings had been held, by-laws for and perhaps if feeling that our worlsy to devote the time, but I fancy from would have been valuable if whld have been a thankless was superorogatory, nitude as we worked at it worked out. It also. I thins task; it certainly nitude as we worked at it that, without admitting it to each so in mag-
shirked it. In occupying this chair to-night, I am going to indule cism of the past year's work in the buildings of this city. Of course, you can form your own opinion of my remarks, and after I have finished criticize
them at your will.

There are few completer buildings in Victoria of the past year that will call for much more than a passing r.ot ce. A departure from the general
run is seen in the Temple building offices of Messrs. Ward \& Co., a red run is seen in the Temple building offices of Messrs. Ward \& Co, a with
brick and terra cotta building that suffers from its close juxtaposition win brick and terra cotta building that suffers from its close juxtaposition with re-
its high neighbor, and is dwarfed by it. I would more like to feel wit made its high neighbor, and is dwarfed by it. I would more like to feel with
ference to it that the well designed ference to it that the well designed and treated terra cotta detail was to the
for it, and not its façade for the detail. There is in some grilles to for it, and not its faç ade for the detail. There
ground floor win'

The Davie block is another new block I would make a passing reference to. Some of you will remember the Times' criticisms, and the criticisms on " such criticisms that followed, and the amusing reference to "Dog Latin styles-Romanesque. Toone who has studied Romanesque art in its native country such references will certainly be amusing. The term Romanesque as applied out here is a misnomer in every sense. The Five Sisters block was so called by the same authority when the designs for it were first seen. I do not like the trabeated architceture affected here by some of our architects in the use of roughly hewn stone ; it looks coarse, especially when used in a third and fourth story; and the zinc shams, such as find place in this block, are I think to be condemned as untruthful and unconstructive. Better put up with plainer and simpler forms if economy has to be take into account.
The new Protestant Orphans' Home, perched as it is on a hill, might have had a more effective outline than it has, and the money spent on brick decoration, which is not seen until close under the building, might have been devoted to carrying up the roof of the semi-circular portions of the
front. front.
It remains to be seen what the two new ward school buildings will b when completed. There is a breadth of treatment about the North ward building that shows up effectually at present, if it is not going to be crusted
in appearance by the roof. in appearance by the roof.
I think that I may include the Board of Trade new building in this year's completion. I do not like it in hardly a single feature. I do not like to see a building, standing as it does, the end and flank to the sea approach bits Victoria, as factory-like in its want of treatment as this is, and there are bics of eccentricity in the facade that seem to be simple indulgences as done here minute detail an error, I think, to put at such a he cornice grotesqueness culminates in the in the crowning feature of the the corners. The middle stage is decidedly weak in design, and the plan seems to and crooked passages, and is badly lighted in memen, in
I was one of the Victoria members of our Association who attended last year's meeting in Vancouver and in the company of your other vice-presi yent made the most of our time in seeing that city-grown out of all recog
den
nition nition to me since taking it in my visit from India in the latter part of 1888 .
We paid We paid considerable attention and went over some new buildings unde when shation-and this period of construction is, as you all know, the We when shams stand unveiled, and when true construction can be seen. work
were both forcibly impressed with were both forcibly impressed with the difference in character of the
done in Victoria and that done in Vancouver have a degree of solidity done in Vancouver. In Vancouver the build uildings in our Capital City; ours are only too often what 1 look on as mere
match-box know where the difficulty comes our architects should kick against in for something better than mere lath and plaster partition walls, goes in for brick in accordance with good by-law construction partition walls, goes in ror bion: he would soon be put out of the field by $Z$, perhaps a needy self-styled architect, who, creeping in behind A, informs A's client a nat he, Z, can save at least $\$ 1000$ of cost, said client being left entirely in the dark as to where
and how the so-call and thow so-called saving comes in. To my mind A should carefully and thoroughly urge upon his client the question of stability and solidity as go in in opposition to $Z$, and then only on his client accepting responsibiter, go in in opposition to $Z$, and fight him with his own weapons. 1 fear though, that some of our clients, if reports are true, play you off one agains the other and then take the cheapest; some of you sell your work Dutch
auction bidding. In my three yors such construction as I three years of residence in Victoria, I work and practice in India I have done have ventured on, and yet in my than my peers. The work I refer to as done in Victoria is not healthy work of construction, and I think it regrettable that in the Capital of the province our architects should feel impelled to do such work-that such work should be looked on as a necessity. Men as owners of such work cannot, , false economy.
I was very much surprised only the other day to learn that the Building Inspector in Victoria has it in his power to alter a detail of construction in an architect's design. I should protest against such interference in the construction details in a competent arehitect's work; I mean one who may be reasonably credited with possessing sufficient knowledge of construction. I think that with good by-laws and a good Inspector to see them honestly carried out, interference with an architect's construction would not be called for, and with good by-laws, not restrictive ones, and a resolute enforcement of them, such buildings as I have commented on would not be perpetrated. It is within my province to-day to enter on protest against the recent action of the bricklayers of this city in their striking against the appointmen of a clerk of works not belonging in their striking against the appod for the municipal supervision belonging to their organization, appointed for anticipate that you are all of one mind. If such action and claim as they made were once acceded to, on such a plaint as was theirs, it would place us
architects architects quite at their dictation.
Before we meet again, gentlemen, let us hope that things may improve with us all
idle men.
The next annual meeting of the society was fixed for $\mathrm{Ne}^{W}$ Westminster, on the first Friday in November, 1894.

Red slate is of recent discovery. The most beautiful of its class, it ranks
In the among the costliest material in use for constructional purposes. In the northern part of Washington County, N. Y., within a circle less than fifteen
miles in diameter, are There are two parallel said to be the only red slate quarries ever fou the Granville vein being beins about five miles apart ; the one known as district, and of softer quality, can be foring purposes; the other, in House district, and
trimmings.
A discovery for hanging paper on damp walls is being put to a practical test in Germany. It solution of shellac spirit, of somewhat greater consistency than the ordinary French polish, and then hanging it with consistency than side thus treated to the damp wall. The paper-hanging is then performed in the usual manner with paste. Any other resin that is equally soluble in spirits may be used in place of the shellac. According to requally soluble in spirits may be us is found equally effective in preventing the penetration of dampness.

## CANADIAN CITY ENGINEERS.

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Robert Surtees, City Engineer of Ottawa, Ont., was born at Ravensworth, Yorkshire, England, March 3rd, 1835 . He known his apprenticeship with the late George Mason, a well to civil engineer in Darlington. At the age of 2r he came acted Cada, and first settled in the city of Hamilton, where he acted as Assistant City Engineer for four years, when he removed to New Edinburgh, a village now embraced within the city of Ottawa, where he established himself as an Engineer and Architect.
During his fifteen years residence there he designed and had charge of many important public works, amongst them the
Protes the city t Hospital and the Carleton County Court House in $\mathrm{O}_{\text {nt }}$ city of Ottawa. He was engineer of the town of Peterboro', ing engi city of Hull, P. Q., waterworks, and acted as consultand engineer for a number of municipal corporation drainage In water works schemes.
Ottawa 1875 he accepted the position of engineer for the city of Warks were under his direction and supervision some important sewer were carried out, such as the construction of the main former, and the enlargement of the water works system, the coner costing half a million dollars and three years labor to lar amete, and the latter work entailing the expenditure of a simi in the unt. These works may be classed as amongst the finest $\mathrm{Mr}_{\mathrm{r}} \mathrm{D}$ ominion.
Mr. Surtees is a member of the Canadian and American Weclety of Civil Engineers, as Works the American Water Orks Association. been a itically he has always ligion a Conservative. In reChurch is a member of the thurch of England and is views.ughly evangelical in his tow and He married in Hamilof two daughters and four family

## A Study in lime

$\mathrm{L}_{\text {IME }}$ constitutes so large a Portion of the building material B. Grin this country, says V $\dot{M a g a z i n e l l}^{\text {Grin }}$ in the Painters that evaine, that it seems to me tor shery builder and decoranature, cold be familiar with its and reactionposition, impurities of reaction upon the elements ing in orgized substances comis tankentact with it. "Lime earths anked with the alkaline in its, and is never found pure bined native state, but commarble, with carbonic acid in stone , calcerous spar, limephuric and shells, and with sul Phosic acid in gypsum, and of animic acid in the bones made als." When lime is carbo by burning the native kilnonate or limestone in taining it is usually impure, conoxide of alumina, silica, sesquiof m iron, magnesia, oxide heat inganese, clay, \&c. The carbonic acid is expelled by the $m_{\text {listur }}$ ithe kiln, but when cool and exposed to the air it absorbs comes and carbonic acid, and crumbles into powder, and belime air-slacked lime. When water is added to the fresh hydrate tis evolved, the stone cracks and powders, forming takes 700 time. Lime is so sparingly soluble in water that it acts uno times its weight in water to completely dissolve it. It compan vegetable colors like an alkali. Lime has many inmetallicles, among which we may name: "All acids, all botallic acidulous and ammoniacal salts, borates, alkaline carthey can, and astringent vegetable infusions." In other words, sition cannot exist together in solution without natural decompoThe and combining their acids, forming calcium salts.
upon plainter and decorator finds a large portion of his work stand the plaster walls, and to do it intelligently he must underused in it composition of the wall and the nature of the materials on the its construction, and the effect which they may have upthe the various materials which he may be called upon to use in goes at his of his work. If he is not posted in this respect, he with at his task in the dark, and must not be surprised if he meets lime incasional disappointment and failure. We know that the with in the well may contain impurities, and that the sand mixed The sanay contain clay, and that clay may contain sulphur. Phate sand may be mixed with oron pyrites, sulphate of lime, sulcess of barytes, magnesia, \&c. In the great crushing prowhich which ground the mighty rocks to sand, all the minerals or what contained went in. Who can tell what they were from what has been added since the sand has been drifting place to place? Who knows what salts will be formed
when the impurities are set free and brought together by the water used in mixing the lime and sand into mortar? The heat in the lime in drying may prevent much that would otherwise happen: but in after years, when the plaster has been long or frequently wet, the sulphur and magnesia coming in contact may produce sulphate of magnesia (espom salt). This salt con tains more than 51 per cent. of the water of crystalization, and often has very much to do keeping walls damp and in forming crystaline incrustations upon the surface, especially upon brick walls. This salt is completely decomposed by fresh lime, but the lime in plaster, which has been long water-soaked, seems to have become sufficiently inert to admit of the formation of the salt in question. This salt is also decomposed by "potassa and soda, and their carbonates by baryta and stronia, and their soluble salts;" but the trouble is to apply any of these decomposing agents to the source of supply in the interior of the brick or mortar of a brick or plastered wall. We may decompose the crystal upon the surface, but the dampness inside will continue to throw out more of the salt. We sometimes sufficiently decompose it near the surface, to make it possible to check its further advance. First soak the wall with the decomposing agent, and after it is dry apply a coat of waterproof paint or gum. For the outside the dry hot weather of summer is the best, because the hot weather will dry the surface after the decomposing agent has been applied.
An example of the rapid formation of the crystals of this salt came under my observation two years ago in a basement. A bank of clay had been cut down and a plastered wall made near to it. Subsequently the basement was flooded with water, which stood for several days, thoroughly soaking the wall. Within a few weeks I discovered crystals upon the surface of the wall ; they continued to increase until several square yards of the wall were covered, in places half an inch in thickness. The product was unmistakably epsom salts. I found, upon examination, that the wall was still wet, and that the space between the wall and the bank had been filled with earth, which had been washed from the top of the bank, which I found still damp. As an experiment, a small portion of the wall was dried by artificial heat, and then kept wet for a day by frequent applications of a strong solution of carbonate of soda. The plaster was then dried and given two coats of orange shellac. At the end of eighteen months no more crystal had formed upon the place which had been treated. The crystals of this salt upon brick walls are frequently called saltpetre ; but I am at a loss to know why, because the taste and form of crystals in the two salts are so much unlike. Saltpeter is found in old plaster rubbish, in combination with lime and common salt; but in this combination it seems to be inert. Saltpetre has a sharp, cooling, and slightly bitterish taste, and its crystals are long, striated, semi-transparent six-sided prisms. Epsom selt crystalizes in four-sided prisms, is colorless and transparent, of bitter, nauceous, saline taste.

The Engineering Society of the School of Practical Science, Toronto, has decided to establish a monthly paper.

The new high school building recently erected at Niagara Falls, Ont., was formally opened on the 8th inst. by the Minister of Education. The bulding is erected in Wesley Park, and is surrounded by seven acres of ground. The building and site cost about $\$ 30,000$.

A representative of the National Wall Paper Company of America was in Ottawa recently for the purpose of inducing the Customs Department, in making valuation of imported wall papers, to allow for a discount of 20 per cent. which the company offers to all dealers who use its goods excluslvely.

The new hotel Frontenac, erected by the Canadian Pacific Railway at Quebec, was opened to the public on the 18th of December. The building contains I70 bed rooms, some of which are 3 Io feet above the level of the St. Lawrence. The building occupies a magnificent site, affording views up and down the river, of the Isle of Orleans, and of the Laurentian range of mountains. It is designed in the old chateau style, the decorations and furniture being of 16 th rentury character. Mr. Bruce Price, of New York, was the architect.

## THE BUILDINGS OF THE DOMINION.

## By G. F. Stalker.

TO what extent and in what manner the government is justified in encouraging by substantial aid, the development of art depends upon a variety of circumstances. The possession, however, of galleries of art treasures and of fine buildings is an unmistakeable evidence of national culture and progress; and no country having any pretension to greatness can afford to be without them. The balance sheet of the solvency. We must look into a different ledger for of national solvency. We must look into a different ledger for the indelible marks which show the onward or backward movement of the people. But the finance minister and every otner minister, can do a vast amount to foster and develop such thoughts and feelings as will ineffably impress themselves on the national character, and find expression in works of art which will be an indication to future generations of our standing as a people.
The ministers of the crown in this country are the chosen
leaders of the people, and they like to be spoken of as such But they are, in many instances, like to be spoken of as such. But they are, in many instances, only the followers of public sentiment. Ideas and schemes, which on the face of them have the stamp of necessity (sometimes of urgency), are put on one side because there has been no public demand for them and so much valuable time is wasted in weary waiting for the great unwieldy mass of the people to meet together, formulate their ideas, and submit their wishes to those in authority. All this seems just the rerersp of what it ought to be. The wise leaders, whose names have come down to us, have been men who, being ideas, and of their time, have educated the people up to their ideas, and legislated and acted without the necessity of everrecurring agitation and turmoil.
At present we want one or more of the ministers to strike out and take the lead in national art matters. The course is perfectly clear, and whoever steps into it will have the satisfaction
of knowing that the laurels plucked from the brow of any which he will gain will not be the chaplet of any of his of any of his contemporasie, nor from It is, of course freely predecessors.
way, the chief one being admitted that there are difficulties in the an race. The British people we belong to a somewhat utilitaripending money on " mere pending money on " mere works of art," and it has taken a long the beautiful them to acknowledge the refining influences of the beautiful and pure in art, upon the national character. But this is admitted now, and leading men throughout the empire
lose no opportunity of impressing this truth upon us. In fact, if we look at the matter fairly this truth upon us. In fact, if we look at the matter fairly, the encouragement of art by the national government is really utilitarian in its effect. The national advancement and refinement are a quid pro quo for the national expenditure.

A slight indication of the way the wind is blowing was given during the last session of the Dominion Barliament. While the estimates were being discussed the Minister of Interior asked annual expenses of the National Gallery, when from dollars for the quarter a loud complaint was raised $y$, when from an unexpected not twenty or thirty thousand, which would have bum asked was granted as the smaller sum. The fact that the been as readily with the general approval of the House is the complaint met that the time has gone by when ministers need be afraid to ask for the expenditure of public money for art purposes ; and it must be with satisfaction that every man of education and good
sense will regard this fact.

But it must not be supposed in speaking of art, that painting and sculpture only are referred to. Architects need not take a second place to their brothers of the brush and chisel in the beneficient effects on the public mind which are produced by their own branch of art. On the contraly its place in the trio of while, as an art always been, and will ever be the first. And on the mind, it is practically refining and ennobling influences on the mind, it is prastically interwoven with every phase of
human existence. On this account
duct the business of the because it would be impossible to conbuilding accommodation, architectut necessary and adequate amount of encouragement at the hands of the government a fair fault can be found with at the hands of the government. No viding buildings when and wherent governments so far as prosary. But the system which was adopted been found necesDominion and which was was adopted at the birth of the time has nothing to recommend its continuance suitable for that When the Dominion tocommend its continuance at the present. architects in the country came into existence there were very few mand for them. Since the comparatively no very great derapid strides and has develop, however, the country has made mal extent. With this doped in every direction to an abnorbetter class of building, and has come the demand for a country and grown up in it to surchitects have come iuto the larger cities particularly are well provide demand; so that the high order, and give unmistakeable provided with buildings of a Dominion as capable a bisty of architectse that we have in our any other country at the present day.

The government has no need, the
its architecture to the abilities and services to restrict itself for necessary and suitable thirty years ago. The system which was
followed at Confederation was the best system for a young country; but we shall be doing a wise thing when we follow the example of Britain and other countries, and give opportunities. to more than one architect to display their architectural abilities.
In quite recent times there have been a great many $\begin{aligned} & \text { Foreign }\end{aligned}$ public buildings erected in England, such as the Foreg Offices, the Law Courts, the Natural History Museum, these Admiralty Offices, etc., etc. In every case the designs for thes buildings were chosen either by public or limited competitioneThe object the British Government had in view in these comp to titions was, not only to obtain the best designs, but to give architects generally an incentive to put forth their best effould and to bring into prominence the talents of some wh otherwise have remained unknown.

It is impossible to overestimate the benefits to the profession and to architecture in England, which have resulted from thesed competitions. The influence of the designs that were subm pas and that remained for many weeks on public exhibition the completely revolutionized architecture in England. At ago beginning of the present century and until about fifty years a is architecture in England was at a very low ebb. Now there, o no country in which buildings are erected on a grander scalen to more beautiful design, or where so much attention is given architectural principles and detail.

To say that this has been brought about by the system having competitive designs for government and other bullden would be to claim a great deal too much. But no one can ducing that this has been one of the most potent factors in producing the change. If such a system were to be adopted in Can the there is no doubt that the effect upon the architecture oncour country would be beneficial, but it would give national encorge agement to architecture without incurring any further chars upon the Dominion exchequer than is incurred now. The the of maintaining the architects department in connection withual government amounts to more that five per cent. of the arefore value of the buildings erected. The change would ther It is involve no financial loss, but rather a gain to the country. rased not, however, for this reason that the question is here raesen Neither is it from any desire to find fault with the pry. I government architect or to speak disparaingly of his ablity the present system is to remain unchanged it would be no ealified matter to find, in the whole Dominion, a man better quach an office necessary no longer exist

The buildings erected by the Dominion Government are chiefly post offices, custom houses, government offices an drill halls, and though there is not much variety in the classe of buildings, the location and local requirements introdent elements sufficient to require considerable variety of treatme time But the most versatile architect becomes in the course of in his liable to repeat himself; he may even become sterotyped in the versatility. We cannot therefore, look for much progress ing architecture of our national buildings, when we continue throman a long series of years to engage the services of only one mand But we are cettainly running the risk of remaining a still in this respect ; and to do so is to retrograde.

But if it be a wise thing for the sovernment to secure by com petition the best designs from the best architects in the country for our public buildings, it would be equally unwise to abolain absolutely the office of government architect, and here public we might imitate the practice of the motherland. In all pubso buildings there are changes made as time goes on. And when any building has been completed according to the arch tects design, the plans are deposited with the government will look tect, who, with a sufficient staff of capable assistants,
after any future changes which may be found necessary.
As already stated, the course is open for any Minister of the Crown to distinguish himself by lifting our national art up to ${ }^{3}$ higher level than it occupies now. And the foregoing is humbly submitted as an outline of a system which could easily be adopted in regard to our public buildings, and one which would give great satisfaction to the profession generally, as large being of inestimable and lasting benefit to the country at lars

## NEW YORK CITY HALL COMPETITION.

ON the 20th of December, the Advisory Board of Arcbitects in the above competition presented their report, in which they announced the selection from I 34 designs submitted of numb the $13,23,28,35,107$ and 113 as the six which most nearly mee six requirements. The final selection will be made from these the selected designs at the close of the present month, and names of the successful competitors announced.

The oldest school building in Montreal, situated at the corner of Cote and Lagauchetiere streets, has been sold for the sum $\$ 20,000$, for manufacturing purposes.

The Arts and Crafts Association of Hamilton, has been or ganized at Hamilton, Ont., local artists and architects bed is among the chief promoters. The object sought to be attainertist to foster local talent and assist in bringing the work of amilton before the public. The organization meeting in the Ham ap Art School was well attended. Mr. E. W. Morrison was be pointed secretary of the Association, the election of officer ing deferred to a subsequent meeting.

## CANADIAN vs, FOREIGN CEMENT.

Quebec, December 23, 1893.
Editor Canadian Architect and Builder.
Sir,-In your last issue, Dec., '93, page i2 I, you say in relation the firstian cement, alluding to the Soulanges Canal : "This is cement instance as far as we are aware in which imported ter."
I would inform you that some $\$ 80,000$ worth of imported Portand cement is said to have been used in the new docks, Quebec, Canadian are perfectly right in deploring the ignoring of our Canadian industries.
C. Baillairgé,

City Engineer, Quebec.

## Editor COOF DIAGRAM.

Sir, I I
roofing wherewith enclose you a practical diagram on hip your readers :

${ }^{\text {A }} \mathrm{C}$-width of building.
E G and B D-length of common rafter.
$B \mathrm{C}$ and B G-rise of roof.
A D and B E -run of common rafter.
$I_{2}$ and $C$ F-length of hip.
12 and 3 -exact length and bevels of jack rafters.
A. B. Campbell,

Brandon, Man.
THE ROOF TRUSSES
one of action of trusses on walls, and their weight aad thrust, is studied the important matters in building that should be carefully for any and understood by all builders. In designing a truss $\mathrm{f}_{0}$, whind of building there are several factors to be provided $N_{\text {ational }}$ whe following article by Mr. I. P. Hicks, in the Let A Builder, fully illustrates:
C , and A B, C B (Fig. I) be two rafters, placed on walls at A and much meeting in a ridge B. Even by their own weight, and spread more when loaded, these rafters would have a tendency to be restratward at A and C, and to sink at B. If this tendency ${ }_{\mathrm{B}} \mathrm{C}$ be perfed by a tie established betwixt A and C, and if A B, B will berfectly rigid, and the tie A C incapable of extension, $r_{0 o f, ~ i n ~ w h e ~ a ~ f i x e d ~ p o i n t . ~ T h i s, ~ t h e n, ~ i s ~ t h e ~ o r d i n a r y ~ c o u p l e-~}^{\text {b }}$ which the tie A C is a third piece of timber ; and which

may be used for spans of limited extent ; but when the span is reason that the tie A C tends to bend downwards or sag, by come impairength, then the conditions of stability obviously bedown and imed. Now, if from the point B a string or tie be let impossible attached to the middle D, of A C, it will evidently be remain of for A C to bend downwards so long as A B, B C $\mathrm{fixed}_{\mathrm{xe}}$ poin the same length ; D, therefore, like B, will become a ${ }^{\text {Span may }}$, if the tie B D be incapable of extension. But the diminished increased, or the size of the rafters A B, C D be Prevented, until the latter also have a tendency to sag ; and to the fixed this, pieces D F, D F are introduced, extending from F and E point D to the middle of each rafter, and establishing altered in as fixed points also, so long as D E, D F remain un"to trinss" length. Adopting the ordinary meaning of the verb reason why as expressing to tie up (and there seems to be no ${ }^{\text {or }}$ tie why we should seek further for the etymology), we truss In like the point D, and the frame A B C is a trussed frame. to it. Inanner, F being established as a fixed point, G is trussed of the In every trussed frame there must obviously be one series component parts in a state of compression, and the other
in a state of extension. The functions of the former can only be filled by pieces which are rigid, while the place of the latter may be supplied by strings. In the diameter, the pieces A B, C B are compressed, and A C, D B are extended; yet in general the tie D B is called a king-post, a term which conveys an altogether erroneous idea of its duties. Thus we see how the two

principal rafters, by their being incapable of extension, serve, through the means of the king-post, to establish a fixed point in the center of the void spanned by the roof, which again becomes the point d'appui of the struts, which at the same time prevent the rafters from bending, and serve in the establishing of other fixed points; and the combination of these pieces is called a king-post roof.

It is sometimes, however, inconvenient to have the center of the space occupied by this king-post, espectally where it is necessary to have apartments in the roof. In such a case recourse is had to a different manner of trussing. Two suspending posts are used, and a forth element is introduced, namely, the straining beam a $b$ (Fig. 2), extending between the posts. The principle of trussing is the same. The rafters are compressed, the straining beam is compressed, and the tie-beam and posts, the latter now called queen posts, are in a state of tension.

In some roofs, tor the sake of effect, the tie-beam does not stretch across between the feet of the principals, but is interrupted. In point of fact, although occupying the place of it, it does not fill the office of a tie-beam, but acts merely as a bracket attached to the wall ( $\mathrm{F}_{1}$ g. 3). It is then called a hammer-beam.

## MWUFACTVRES $A$ av/ MTERIAS

The firm of Lomer \& Rose, metal merchants, Montreal, has been dissolved.

A quarry of black granite of good quality, is reported to have been discovered at Bocabec, N. S.
A Canadian patent, No. 44.650 , has been granted to H, W. Kincaid, of Athens, Ont., for a metallic shingle.

The stone which is to be used in the construction of the Soulanges Canal will be obtained from quarries at Rockland, Que.
The Canadian Cut Nail Association decider at a recent meeting, not to make any change in prices. The Wire Nail Manufacturers decided to make a five per cent. reduction in the discount allowed the trade.
A vitrified brick manufactured by the Hamilton and Toronto Sewer Pipe Co., was recently tested, and after having been immersed in water for three days, showed an increase in weight of only 4-9ths. of an ounce, the original weight being 7 pounds.
Awards were granted to exhibits at the World's Fair by the following Canadian firms: New Rockland Quarry Co., Rockland, Que., for slate sink, etc. ; P. W. Ellis \& Co., Toronto, veined marble ; the Rathbun Co., Deseronto, cements ; J. R. Ward, Grenville, Que., marbles.

The St. Johns Stone Chinaware Company, of St. Johns, Que., has been reorganized with Messrs, Laviolette and Leduc of Montreal, as president and vice-president and Mr. Alex. Macdonald as managing director. The re-bullding of the company's factory at St. Johns is being rapidly pushed forward.

Messrs. Wm. Gibson, Benton, N. B., Robert A. Stuart and J. M. Hanson, of St. Andrews, N. B., have entered into partnership to quarry, manuficture and deal in granite and stone, the firm name being Gibson, Stuart \& Hanson. The term of partnership is from the first of December, 1893 , to the first of December, 1903.

It is reported that under the management of T. F. Pharoab, the slate quarry near Danville, Que., is being successfully operated, upwards of 50 men being employed. There are some benches of pure slate 30 feet thick, and single pieces of seven to twelve tons weight are quarried. The material is worked into blackboards, flooring, roofing, etc.
The first annual meeting of the shareholders of the LaPrairie Press Brick and Terra Cotta Company, was held at the offices of the company, 188 Peter street, Montreal, on the 16 th of December, when a very satisfactory statement of affairs was presented, and satisfaction was expressed with the result of the manufacturing thus far done. It has been decided to invest some $\$ 25,000$ in additional plant, the intention being to manufacture during the present year about $10,000,000$ common and pressed bricks. The following board of directors have been appointed:-A. A. Ayer, J. W. R. Brunnett, Peter Lyall, John McKergow, J. W. Tester, A. D. Taylor and Hugh Cameron. At a meeting of the directors, A. A. Ayer, was elected president, J. W. R. Brunnett. vice-president, and T. A. Morrison, secretarytreasurer.


QUEBEC IN 1894.

## By Chas. Baillairge.

THE old-fashioned city of over 25 years ago has put off many of its characteristic traits and donned quite a new and comparatively modern physiog-
nomy.

The
toto, as with the the have either disappeared in toto, as with the three facing on the St. Charles precipitousness of the cliff, the unnecessary account of the lowered to allow of being seen over; thus oiving to have been entering the city from the C.P.R. a splendid view of the portone of the finest and most extensive in the world - of the portremodelled, rebuilt in mast extensive in the world-or have been lying wards, which had come to view the barriers as lines of social distinction between themselves and the would-be aristos within.
The stratagetic curves of the old approaches to the city walls having lost their prestige under the high and far flying missiles of war of modern times, the sinuosities outside of the city gates are now replaced by straight and unbroken lines of streets, while the crenelated tops of the new gates are there to remind us of our ancient military glory.
The "Grande Allée," extending a mile beyond the city proper, has had its width not less than doubled, and along its southern side we have the splendid new "Drill Hall," built ater the designs of M. M. Taché \& Fuller, architects, but laid at a level fully five feet lower than it should have been to be properly seen from the St. Louis road.

Nearly opposite the Drill Hall is the Short and Wallick monument, designed and executed by our talented Canadian artist, Hebert, who also carved the "Indian Group" over the fountain opposite the tower of the Parliament buildings, but about three feet architect, Mr. Charest, should be. The new Government erected withr. Charest, should see to this, and that there be the enclosure walls around carriage may drive under and persons be porchway such that a the building under cover and persons be thus enabled to enter the bull, having under cover, instead of, as in the case of the last lady's head as hold an umbrella over every gentleman's and ments thoroughly drenched by the storm the buildings with gar-

The portico alled by the storm.
erected opposite the main could be most easily and æsthetically the two angle piers of the porch a tower by making each of those on the opposite side porch a group of four columns like ture and completing the sides.

The most unginly
Grande Allée is that of facade along the river side of the ley had made quite a fine skating rink which architect Staveof the street, but which feature when on the opposite side vented from having carried out on its of economy, he was preto its present site to clear out on its previous lines when moved liament Buildings. clear the ground fronting on the new Parup all along the thoroughfare, and of various houses have sprung tects Raymond, Berlınguet, Peachy, Tanguay, Bussieres, Ber nier, Talbot and others, with, further Tanguay, Bussieres, BerFemale (old military) Ors, with, further on, Stent and Laver's Home, with the St. Bridget's Asy Asylum, Le Court's Protestant on the opposite side, including the so-called Langelier block by Berlinguet, but where the site is fo-called Langelier block by edifice-too many trumpery fine far too straitened for the size of crowding of the bavs and finials about its roof, and too much tico. Dr. Verge's dwelling is amongst central corps and por-
The principal architectural feature alors worthy of remark. is, of course, the Parliament Buildings this thoroughfare alluded to, the architects of which were M. already incidentally Derome, Cousin, Gauvin and Lesage ; bui. Gauvreau, Taché, the present, published in such a journal, may hat an article like as a lesson to all concerned and to architects and its full utility,
general to prevent the repetition of such a costly blunder, it will be seen that the building all around the 300 feet quadrangle should have been 60 feet in depth instead of 50 feet, making rooms instead of guts of the spaces on either side the cen for corridor, and adding 33 per cent. to the available depth for stairs instead of the break-neck things they are.
The building, of which the exterior is well enough propor tioned and the architectural features not unæsthetic, though no building can be truly grand which, like this, has not a central feature-a dome for instance, a spire or a tower rising from structure in its midst, and around which the outer portions of the edifice may cluster and rise the one above the other ("pyra mider") an expression which can hardly be rendered in the sister language except by the word 'to tower,' but which is ex emplified in our new Frontenac Hotel, by Bruce Price, of NewYork, architect, with the exception that the roof over ther entrance gate should have been made just one storey higter, and thus have hidden at the same time the upper rear corner of the main building not intended to be seen, and which protrudes itself most ungraciously into sight.

Now it will hardly be credited that while the splendid $\mathrm{cul}^{\mathrm{Ll}}$ stone enclosure wall and lofty ornamental wrought and cast iron railing around the Marine Hospital, Quebec, designed by the writer, costs but $\$_{13} .00$ per foot lineal complete in situ, the mere coping alone of the more than 6,000 feet lineal of walls surround ing the Parliament grounds, with its underlying plinth course and dwarf foundation to the rock, and exclusive of cement, has been paid for at the enormous rate of $\$ 29.50$ per foot lineal, ex clusive of iron work, thus swelling its cost to four times the price of the wall alluded to, and amounting to the astounding sum o \$200,000 or more.

The workmanship, it is necessary to say, is very fine, and the 12-foot granite monoliths superb; but I do not know at whose door the fault is to be laid of giving the separating pillars a pro jection on all sides of only $11 / 2$ in.. which should have been at leas from 3 to $4 \frac{1}{2}$ inches to render the work architecturally effective, making it deeply to be regretted that so much of the public money has been expended on a work which in proper hand could have been rendered an acceptable feature of the genern design at much less than balf the cost.

Persons who have not visited the city within the last fifteen years must be reminded that we have a terrace which is wel worth seeing, and of which Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne, while performing the ceremony of throwing it open the public in 1879 , said to Mr . Baillairgé, engineer of the str the ture, while cordially congratulating him and shaking him by behand, "this is the finest promenade in the world," and so I be lieve it may be considered, not only on account of its length though less than that of St. Germain in France, but hanging al it does, so to say, from the face of the cliff at the sensatio height of 182 feet above mean tide level of the St. Lawrence.

This terrace, erected by the city entirely of wood at the time, and at a cost of only $\$ 20,000$, from motives of economy, the since been walled in on the river side at the expense orming Federal Government at a cost of over $\$ 60,000$, said wall forming portions of the enceinte fortification of the city, and which haw been destroyed by the landslide of 1841 ; and what it will now behove us soon to do, is to replace the perishable structure by stone and iron, brick and asphalt : cross walls at distances of sixty feet apart being necessary not only for floor supporting purposes, but to counteract the ever-present, ever-active ton dency of all such side-hill structures to move forward and down ward by the effect of earth and frost pressure from the reailt The space from wall to wall would be spanned by sixty ft . buil plate girders with intervening supporting columns ; iron joists laid across these at say three ft . centres, $1 / 2$ brick archings ost tween them, and concrete and asphalt over all, estimated to cost another $\$ 60,000$.
The new Post Office, but which can hardly be called so now, should evidently have had a proper architectural facade to made of proper height, the had its upper floor windows been made of proper height, the extra course or two of masonry tak
from the space above would have corrected the top heaviness of the structure.
The new Court House is of course a great improvement in size and style as compared with the old building, but the combe in areas of openings is considerably beyond what it should be in relation to that of walls. The architects of these two buildings were, of course, some one or more of the Government quintet already named.
I have alluded incidentally to the new hotel, and would state that the architect, Mr. Bruce Price, of the United States, has, in my opinion, been guilty of a serious omission in not providing balconies for escape in case of fine, nor for a few outside iron balconies where one could sit and smoke and have a cup of coffee while enjoying the view and music. In other respects the well suited a fine structure, and its architecture, its plan, its site, well suited to the fortress-like surroundings.
We have designs at hand for a new City Hall on the Jesuits' lot, and this is the lot it should be built on ; as, though it may been appear to be quite centrally situated, since St. Sauveur has will annexed, there is no doubt that any extension of the city will now occur towards Hedlyville, and make it in reality the central site required.
St. John suburbs, under architect Peachy, has erected a spacious and costly (say $\$ 200,000$ ) new cathedral instead of that destroyed by fire in 1881, but the diameter of its spire is by several feet less than it should have been.
In the lower town Hon. P. Garneau has erected, under Contractor Parent, a splendid new \$100,000 stone structure, but my friend Tanguay, the architect, has been guilty of a freak, which cannot be called a license, and would not be tolerated anywhere that of running his mullion or dividing column right cutting the very keystone of the upper or attic window instead of cutting it short at the impost level and throwing the space above into two sub arches and a central panel or spandrel.
St. Roch's has now become, so to say, the commercial portıon erected city, and the merchants and citizens of that locality have erected some very fine buildings under Mr. Raymond at the corner of Crown and St. Joseph streets, others by architects Talbot, Bussieres, Bernier, Vallée and Dussault-one of the finest by Peachy, for Labiberteé, the furrier. The stateliest of all, some six tall stories in height, and of solid monolithic granite piers, and polished granite columns for Paquet, under his archiNects and builders, M. M. Charest and Bertrand.
New streets have been opened in the lower town, as Dalworks and St. Andre, facing on the St. Lawrence and haibor works of the River St. Charles. Others have been widened; Within prolonged, as St. Paul street to St. André, St. John St. St. Claire Fabrique. Ann in the upper town have been widened, D'aire and Salaberry in St. John Ward.
D'Youville street, by Kent Gate, eases off the grade from St. Lewis to St. John's wards, and Negresse Hill, that from John to Gacques Cartier wards, while a new grade is being run from Grande Allée to the Citadel Heights at the old French fortifications, where a splendid view of the harbor can be had, and of a dozen parishes around and the main road reached again by a oop line without leaving one's carriage.
It is only lately we have enacted that henceforth all streets be at least 66 ft . in width, and lots 100 ft . deep, after my showing 188 the occasion of each of our monster fires of 1845,1866 and 188 I , etc., that their extent was due to nothing but want of ft . in in our heretofore 60 ft . lots, where if you build a house 30 ft . in depth, stables or an outhouse another 20 ft ., there remains blocks. 10 ft . between the two, with 30 feet streets between the
We now have in addition to the St. Louis and Frontenac Trudelt the Royal Albion ; and the Florence House under B. Trudelle, is also one of the most central and best patronized everywhere city, with lines of busses to drive you any and munication ; and the city having just opened a new line of communication by Mount Pleasant into St. Ours street, I would advise tourists wishing to enjoy a splendid view of the valley of the St. Charles to go out by Grande Allèe, down Salaberry, get down, resumep part of the new hill, enjoying the view as you go St. Sawn, resume your carriage at Arago street level, and then do St. Sauveur and St. Rochs, returning to the Frontenac or Florence by Abraham Hill and St. John street within or without.
The old wooden stairways between the upper and lower wards of the city have been replaced by elegant and costly new strucstreets cast and wrought iron, as at St. Claire and St. Augustin with others more recently at Buade and Champlain streets, with others to follow, as from the St. Charles battery to St. Terrace street, and maybe from the remote extremity of Dufferin Terrace to Champlain street, while a new hill is contemplated cuit to Cove field to Cap. Blanc, thus saving a two miles' ciruit to reach it by the brigade in case of fire.
Other alterations have obtained by which we have reand even many of our streets, which bore duplicate, triplicate, thd even quadruplicate names. We had, for instance, not less etc., wour "St. Peter's," four "St. Francis'," three "St. Joseph's," They which were fruitful of many errors and inconveniences. Brébouf now called by names dear to memories gone by: De Colbert, Garneau, Ferland, Christie, McMahon, O'Connell, Colbert, Chenier, et al, while a host of St. Sauveur saints have kindly steppe 1 aside and been replaced by names less suggestive of prayers, pilgrims and poverty, and more of battles, bacon
and business, as Kirouc, Fiset, Durocher, Racine, Charest, Charlevoix, Elgin, d'Youville, Hebert, Lalemant, Lansdowne, Colomb, Cartier, Montcalm, Wolfe and others.

Quebec is admittedly the best electro-lit city in America. It has a fine water power both for fire and domestic purposes under a head of 486 ft . from Lorette to mean tide level of the St. Lawrence. We have just completed under architect Peachy a splendid new fire station in Dorchester street ; another new one in St. Sauveur by architect Cousin, is also under way, while still another is having its foundation laid in Lower Town near the Custom House-nine in all-and while danger from fire is thereby combatted on the one hand, all anxiety as to proper sanitation is fully provided against by our new quarantine system at the Palais, our costly steam disinfecting apparatus and our splendid new Hotel Dieu Hospital just erected under architect Tanguay, at a cost of a third of a million of dollars in Palace ward.
There is, however, one important thing we can not as yet boast of, and that is of the improved character of many of our streets. A million of dollars would be necessary to pave our hills and business thoroughfares with solid granite, and we can not afford such an outlay ; though I call it false economy.
Our places of worship for all denominations are numerous and spacious, St. Mathews having recently been rebuilt by Staveley, and the Seminary Chapel by Peachy, but of which the inner galleries must be lowered in front or the interior made a failure.
Our educational status is high, with Laval in our midst ; our poor well cared for by the Grey Nuns (Sisters of Charity) ; our too loving ones by the Asylum of the Good Shepherd; the waifs at the Sacre Cour; and close at hand is the Beauport Asylum for all our mentally afflicted.
In addition to the Grand Trunk and Intercolonial railways, we now have communication with the remainder of the world around us by the Quebec Central, the C.P.R., the Q. \& L. S. J. Railway, and the Quebec, Montmorency and Charlevoix; and the six companies should agree during our proposed carnival of February next to bring the people of our sister cities here to see the progress we have made. The new Frontenac Hotel, costing nearly a million of dollars, and of which the dining-room tapestry alone is valued at over $\$ 3,000$, will be opened for the occasion, and a splendid reception tendered our guests in the new palace, and what between sleighing, coasting, snow-shoeing, curling, skating and other fun, a drive to the source of electric light supply at Montmorency Falls and mammoth ice cones of the Montmorency, a view of our ice palaces and statues and of the proposed 150 ft . pyramid of beauty over the illuminated fountain at the Place d'Armes, together with other attractions, such as ice-boating on the St. Lawrence and St. Charles, a good time may be anticipated by all our visitors, whom our mayor, Mr. Fremont, M.P., Senator Hearn and other city aldermen and councillors, and in a word all our citizens, will right royally welcome and endeavor to amuse and make happy to the fullest extent of their power. The new Palace Hotel of itself is well worth the trouble and expense of coming to see, and old Stadacona, even without the additional fun and attractions of a winter carnival, in which Montreal is to join us with several thousand of its snow-shoers, skaters, curlers and the crowds of other athletes who have promised to add to the festivities of the occasion.

And should the St. Lawrence be frozen over for the occasion, and our trees be decked as they generally are at such a season in snow crystals reflecting the component colors of the sunbeam and electric light, the millions of ruby, emerald, sapphire, topaz and diamond hues will enhance the fairy-like nature of the scene.

## CANADIAN CONTRACTOR'S HAND-BOOK

Our attention has recently been called to errors in the above book. In the wages table on page 71, $\$ 14.96$ is given as the wages for $66 \frac{1}{2}$ hours work at 21 cents per hour; the amount should he \$13.96. On the same page \$13.07 is given as the amount of wages for 67 hours at 21 cents per hour; the amount should be \$14.07. The algebraic formulae on page 49 is in part incorrect ; it should appear as follows :
4. $(a+b)\left(a^{2}+a b+b^{2}\right)=a^{3}+2 a_{2} b+2 a b+b^{3}$.
7. $(a-b):=a 3-3 a_{2} b+3 a b^{2}-b_{3}$
8. $\frac{x^{3}-y^{3}}{x-y}=x^{2}+x y+y^{2}$
9. $\frac{x^{3}+y^{3}}{x+y}=x^{2}-x y+y^{2}$

The attention of persons having copies of the and edition of the book is called to these errors, which will be corrected in copies which may be sold in future.

There has lately been found the original contraet used in the erection of St. James Cathedral, Toronto, in the year 1839, together with elevations and floor and gallery plans.

A new Methodist church has just been built at Kingsville, Ont., at a cost of $\$ 15,000$, from designs by Mr. James Wilson, architect, of Chatham, Ont. The construction work was done by Mr. Thomas Jenner, of Kingsville. The building is said to be one of the best adapted in Western Ontario.

## EARLY ENGLISH MOULDINGS.

The exquisite skill, taste and patient labor invariably evinced in the workıng of early English mouldings are truly admirable, says a foreign exchange. The ingenuity that was never at a loss in any difficulty of finish or constructive irregularity, and the minuteness with which even the most concealed and darkened parts were executed, are circumstances of much interest, and show a love for the art above the sordid considerations of minimum cost. The deepest hollows are all as cleanly and perfectly cut as the most prominent and conspicuous details; and in the village church as much so as in the most glorious cathedral. An early English doorway is often a wonderful piece of art, however little it may attract the attention of ord $1-$ nary observers. It is most pleasing to notice the long train of dog-tooth lurking in the dark furrow of a label or channeled recess; to see the end of some inconvenient member got rid of by throwing a flower across the point where it suddenly stops or dies into the wall ; to admire the floriated boss and the foliaged capital intruding their luxuriance upon the mouldings and hollows, as if they had overgrown their original and proper limits. How beautifully, too, the knots of pierced and hanging leaves extend like some petrified garland or bower of filigree work round the arch, dividing the plainer moldings into groups, and almost imparting life and vegetation to the very stones. There is an abundance of doorways of this style which exhibit the most delightful varieties in their forms and groupings ; always, yet never, the same. Some examples occur at Bolton and Furness abbeys, whose arch moldings extend five or six feet in width. The west fronts of several of our cathedrals have Early English doorways of amazing magnificence. The entrance doorway of the chapter house at Lichfield is a very fine example of the moulding of this style. But almost every cathedral and every ruined abbey will supply good specimens.

## THE STRENGTH OF BRICK.

Here is a graphic illustration of the statement made by Mr. Williams in his paper on Vitrified Brick, read before the 7 th Annual Convention of the National Brick Manufacturer's Association of the United Stores Touching on the progress of brickmaking in the United States, he quotes from Trautwine, the statement that a column of brick six hundred feet high would crush itself. He takes a test of the crushing strength of annealed brick, and shows that a column ten thousand feet high is required to crush itself; while a column of granite of similar dimensions would crush itself at a height of eighty-one hundred
feet. Verily feet. Verily this is a striking illustration of the superiority of the machine made brick of to-day over those made in former years, and is proof that the craft is progressing. What industrial art can show an equal advance in the quality of manufactured products? This illustration of the relative height that a column of certain dimensions may be built of the materials named will give a better idea of the superiority of vitrified or annealed brick than is generally prevalent, even among those who are informed
on the subject.

## LEGAL DECISIONS.

In the case of Sieyes versus Cure Sentenne et al, recently decided at Montreal, plaintiff was leased the premises now occupied by the Compagnie Generale des Bazars, but he was not
allowed to enter on the date fixed. He sued and was awarded $\$ 1497.84$ as damazes. Cure Sixed. He sued and was awarded in warranty and they were Contenne then sued the contractors together with the sum of $\$ 525$ condemned to pay this amount,

DAMAGE HROM of $\$ 25$ costs.
sustains damage by the dropping of mortar and bricks during
the erection of a the erection of a wall next to the premises occupied by her, the party for whom the wall was being erected is not liable for such a necessary result contractor would be, if any one, if it was not the negligence of the contractor of the wall, but was caused by caused by dust arising from the or of his servants. The injury a person's residence might the dumping of loads of brick near or there might be evidence be so trifling as not to be actionable, annoyance therefrom as to warrant the suve and long-continued tion of damage caused thereby to the jubmission of the quesSupreme Judicial Court of Massache jury. Pye v. Faxon, 640.

Page v. Defoe; Brown v. Defoe; Ashow 31 N. E. Rep. Judgment on motion by the defendant in all three v. Defor.were tried together before MacMahon, J., and a jury, at Toronto,
to set aside the judgment for the plaintiffs and to enter judgmen ${ }^{t}$ for the defendant; or for a new trial of the action. The de fendant was the owner of a storage warehouse in the city of Toronto which collapsed and destroyed the plaintiffs' goods therein stored. The defendant contended that the collapse was not due to any negligence on his part, but, as the evidence showed, to the dry rot in a portion of the timber, for which he was not responsible, having exercised due care in converting the bullding from its former use as a billiard table factory and in the selection of the material for that purpose. The court held that the col lapse was duets dry rot unknown to the defendant, and tha there was no negligence on his part. Motion granted and actions dismissed with costs. Leave given to carry all the cases to the Court of Appeal together, if one of them is appealer, and if the amount in question in any is too small for an appeal, leave granted to appeal.
Smith v. Fort William School Board.-Judgment in Cbancery Court, Toronto, in action tried at Port Arthur. Action by a resident freeholder, ratepayer and elector, and a supporter of the Public Schools in the town of Fort William, on behalf of himself and all other ratepayers of Fort William excep the ratepayers, against the Public School Board of the town certain individual members of the board, and Robertson \& Ross, contractors, for an injunction to restrain the defendants from proceeding with the erection of a school building in the town and to compel the repayment to the school corporation of certain sums of money paid by the individual members of the board to the contractors for the work. The leained judge hold that the school board of a city, town, or incorporated village have no power to enter into any contract for the building of a school house until the necessary funds have been provided under section 116 of the Act of 1891, and that if a certain sum has been provided under that section for the purpose of building school-house they cannot be allowed to enter into any contract or undertake any work involving the expenditure of any greater sum, and therefore that the contract into which the Scheo Board in this case entered was beyond their powers, and not binding upon them. Injunction made perpetual as prayed. If the work done is of some value to the board as the foundation of a smaller building or otherwise, they are to make an allow ance for it, to be ascertained by the local judge at Port Arthur The defendants other than the School Board to pay back to the School Board the whole of the $\$ 2,625$ paid on account of the contract, with interest from the time of payment, less such sum if any as the referee shall find for the allowance as above. The defendants other than the School Board to pay the plaintiff's costs of the action.

## ENGLISH AND ITALIAN BRICKWORK.

Early English brickwork is now rare. Little Wenham Hall, Suffolk, of the latter part of the I3th century, shows, says the Clay Record, different sizes of brick ; these are mixed with stone and flint in parts. The brick are of Flemish shape, though some resemble Roman brick or tiles, and the color varies. We must turn to the Eastern counties for examples of English brickwork. In many of these flint is introduced in the form of panels, and this kind of walling is known as "flush work. Nearly every important church is of this mixture of brick or stone and flint. Layer Marney Hall, Essex, is a noted example of brickwork. The great gatehouse of three stories, flanked by octagonal turrets, with battlements and parapets, and window mullions, exhibits an advanced stage of brickmaking and work manship. Respecting the size of English bricks, those at Little Wenham Hall measure $93 / 4$ inches in length by $43 / 4$ inches wide and $21 / 4$ inches thick. Those made in Edward II''s time meas ure 10 and 12 inches long by 5 and 6 inches wide. The "great brick" of 1374 , measured 12 inches long, 6 inches wide, and 3 inches thick. Portions of Hampton Court Palace show some beautiful examples of English brickwork, to which the attention of the student may be directed.

The late Mr. Street, a great authority upon Italian brickwork, points out in his work on "Brick and Marble Architecture "ick what a large extent red brick is used with stone. Italian brick are rather larger than ours, but not of better quality; the joints are wide, generally not less than half an inch. The brick used for windows, doorways, and other ornamental features are of finer quality and moulding.

Those who know Italian examples of brick arches and tracery are aware that the cusping of arches is of brick, set in the same radiating lines as the arch, and cut and rubbed to the outline required. He says: "In nearly all cases where brick is used for tracery, it is in the shape of plate tracery. The tympanum of the arch is filled in with a mass of brickwork, through which are pierced the arches over the several lights of the window, and these are supported on marble or stone shafts, with carve in capitals instead of monials ; and above these sometimes, as the windows of St. Andrea, Mantua, are three cuspid circles, sometimes only one ; or else as in the cathedral of Cremona, the plain brick tampanum is relieved by the introduction of a panel of terra-cotta, bearing the cross on a shield, whilst round its outer circumference delicately treated though large cusping defines the outline of the arch." Outside the arch sometimes a red brick label $2 \frac{1}{2}$ inches wide is introduced. In Mantua and Asti these narrow bricks are set between rings of brick and stone voussoirs.

## THE "EMPIRE" SCROLL SAW

This machine is designed for carpenters, builders, cabinet makers and general workshop use ; it is thoroughly practical, strong and durable, will cut up to 3 inches thick, and swing 24 inches.

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It is arranged to use regularly, 8 -inch saw blades, but can be adjusted to use 5 -inch blades for very light work, if desired. It has an iron tilting table turned true and polished, which can be changed to any angle for sawing inlaid work. It has an "Fjustable upright drilling attachment, provided with an "Empire" drill chuck, which will hold from No. 60 to 3-16 inch twist drills. The driving wheel is 24 inches in diameter and the driving belt being the patent $V$ shape, strong power is obtained without any slipping or lost motion

The foot power has a walking motion, by which much power can be obtained with little fatigue, and it enables the operator to run the machine with both feet, sitting; or one foot, standing, as desired.

The average rate of speed when sawing is about 800 strokes per minute. The height from floor to top of table is 40 inches.

For steam power, tight and loose pulleys, arranged to connect with the driving wheel shaft, are furnished.
The Victor lathe can be used on this machine. Weight of machine, 155 pounds. Boxed for shipment 240 pounds. This machine is manufactured by the Seneca Falls Mfg. Co., of Seneca Falls, N. Y., from whom any further information may be obtained.

## CASTING PLATE

 GLASS.The casting tables, the most important pieces of apparatus in a plate-glass works, are nineteen feet long, fourteen feet wide and seven inches thick. Each is provided with an iron roller, thirty inches in diameter and fifteen long. Strips of ron on each side of the table afford a bearing for the rollers, and determine the thickness of the plate of glass to be cast. The rough plate is commonly nine - sixteenths of an inch in thickness ; after polishing it is reduced to six or seven sixteenths. The casting-tables are mounted on wheels, and run on a track that reaches every furnace and annealing oven in the building. The table having been wheeled as near as possible to the melting-furnace, the pot of molten glass is lifted by means of a crane, and its contents quickly poured on the table. The heavy iron roller is then passed from end to end spreading the glass into a layer of uniform thickness. The whole operation of casting scarcely occupies more time than it takes to describe it Each movement is made with almost nervous rapidity. Few industries offer such fine scenic display as the pouring of molten glass. One feels like crying "encore!" it is so very brilliant. In contact with the cold metal of the table the glass cools rapidly. As soon as possible the door of the annealing-oven is opened, and the plate of glass introduced The floor of the oven is on the same level as the casting-table so that the transfer can be conveniently and quickly made. When, after several days the glass is taken out of the oven, its surface s found to be decidedly rough and uneven. A small quantity is used in this condition for skylights and other purposes where strength is required without transparency. It is known in the market as rough plate. The greater part of the glass, however, is ground, smoothed and polished before it leaves the establishment.


The "Empire" Scroll Saw

## IREPROOF CONSTRUCTION.*

In a thoroughly fireproof bulding it is not alone necessary that the materials of construction should be incombustible and covered with burned clay. (I) The clay used in the manufacture of the fireproofing material must be of a certain kind. (2) The forms of the pieces and the method of putting it together and securing it in place must be based on scientific principles and the experience of those who have studied the subject.

The clay must be of the refractory kind. That is, it must be either a plastic fireclay, a semi-fireclay, or a fireclay mixed with a plastic clay or shale. The best fireclays are too "short" for this purpose and too brittle if highly burned. In the manufacture of porous terra-cotta very few clays have been found that are both practicable for making a good article and reliable to resist fire when in use. So far as I know they have only been found in three places-Brazil, Indiana ; Chaska, Minnesota, near Minneapolis, St. Paul ; and in some parts of eastern New Jersey. For the manufacture of hard fireclay material, of are in Utica and Ottawa, Illinois ; St. Louis, Missouri ; and the eastern clay belt of Ohio, where they exist in the greatest quantities. They are all white and buff ciays
-the buff clays being preferable on account f their toughness. No clay that burns red or salmon color is fit for a fireproof building material. Of this I am positive. The greatest errors of American architects have been in the acceptance of so-called fireproof materials made of inferior clays.
The form and method of assembling and securing the fire-proof clay materials are the next essential considerations. They involve many principles of construction and provision against expansion, a description of which the limits of this paper will not admit. In securing the material to constructive steel and iron-work many mechanical expedients must be resorted to. The avoidance of these expedients rather than their too extensive use is to be sought. This can be obtained by forms of material that are to a certain extent interlocking, and a special study is often required in new cases constantly arising. I have often seen in specifications the requirements of mechancal expedients or fastenings, with iron straps and bolts where they might best be avoided, and too much of the same in practice. It is too often forgotten that it is useless to employ for fastenings the same material that we are trying to protect. As a general principle where metallic fastenings or hangers are necessary they should always be either concealed within the fireclay or covered with mortar. All suspended fireproofing should be secured from the back or edges. As an illustration, the common form of roofing with $T$-irons and book tyles is not a fireproof construction, and will sag and fall from slight exposure to fire on the other side, though thoroughly fireproof on the upper surface. It should not be used unless protected by a suspended fireproof ceiling, all communication with the intervening space being permanently cut off. As a further illustration, all girder covering supported by straps or bands on the outside is useless, and all wooden blocks built into fireproof materials should be avoided.

The Toronto Steel Clad Bath Co. have issued a supplement to their catalogue in which they call attention to their steel clad bath No. 2, and to the fact that after the ist of May next they will decorate all steel clad baths in light green enamel, with the standard relieved in gold, without extra charge.

USEFUL HINTS.
ous kinds of materials:ous kinds of materials:-
Brass or Copper, to Clean-Mix together I oz. oxalic acid, 6 oz . rottenstone and $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. gum arabic pounded finely. Add I oz. sweet oil and
sufficient water sufficient water to form a paste. Apply and rub dry with flannel or wash-
leather.
Brass, to Clean.-(r.) Wash with rock alum bolled in strong lye, in the proportion of I oz, to a pint ; polished with dry tripoli. (2.) Coat the part o be cleaned with a piece of rag moistened with nitric acid ; as soon as it turns a light vellow, rub dry.
Bronse, to Clean.-Fly specks, etc., may be removed by means of a mixture of lavender oil, one drachm ; alcohol, one ounce; water, one and one-half ounce. Use soft sponge, rubbing as little as possible.
Bronze Statuary, to Clean.-Use weak soapsuds or aqua ammonia.
Brushes, Hair, to Clean.-Dissolve a piece of soda the size of a walnut in a quart of water. After combing out the hair from the brushes, dip them, bristles downward, in and out of this solution, keeping the backs and handles as free from the water as possible. Repeat this until the brushes look clean. Then rinse in cold water, shake well and wipe the backs and handles with a towel, but not the bristles, as it makes them soft as does also the use of soft soap. Set the brushes in the sun or near a gentle fire.
Brushes, Paint, to Clean.- (1.) Clean with turpentine, pressing out all particles of color upon a marble slab, and then suspend in jars of water not allowing them to touch the bottom. Change the water twice a week. 2.) To clean old paint brushes which have become hard with paint, soak the brushes twenty-four hours in raw linseed oil ; then rinse in hot turpen-
tine, repeating the process until clean, tine, repeating the process until clean.
Emery, to Clean After Using.-Boil with caustic potash, stirring constantly, then wash with dilute acid, and dry.
Files. to Cleanse.-Rub with a scratch brush moistened with a few pops of benzole.
Floors, to Extract Paraffin Oil from.- Apply a strong, hot solution of xalic acid, and afterwards use the scrubbing brush.
Glass, to Clean. - For glass that has been run onto with colors while no nicks on the edge, cut the a sharp edged putty knife, but one which has the glass. Rub with a mixture off as low as you can without scratching off with a rag and soap. Wash and polish, with and pumice stone. Cle.un
Granite, Removal of Stains
Granite, Removal of Stains Irom.--(1.) A paste of r oz. oxgall, I
gill of strong solution of caustic soda, $\mathrm{x} \frac{1}{2}$ tablespoonfuls of
enough pipe clay to make it thick, scour well. (2.) Use strong lye or make a hot solution of 3 lbs. of common washing soda dissolved in I gal. of water. Lay it on the granite with a paint brush.
Grease Spots, to Kill before Painting.-Give the surface a wash with saltpeter in solution or very thin lime whitewash. Soapseds if used, must be well rinsed off or the paint will not dry over,
Grease, to Remove from Stone Steps.- Pour strong soda or boiling hot water over the spot; lay on it a little fuller's earth made in a thin paste with boiling water; let it remain over night and if the grease be not removed repeat the process. Grease may sometimes be removed by rubbing with a hard stone, using sand and very hot water with reap and soda
Hair Pencils, to Clean. - Rinse with turpentine ; work the brush in fine ashes, and shake the hair out well.
Hands, to Clean.-To remove paint use linseed oil and if necessary turpentine also. Use a nail brush instead of a knife for cleaning around the nails. Do not brush too often. After the hands are well pruslied, wash ed and rinsed, dry on a soft towel and apply the following, pulverized borax three drachms, dissolved in two tablespoonfuls hot water, pld to this glycerine, ounce, bay rum one ounce, a sew drops perfumer, ad few drops after cleansing the hands and before going to bed perfume. A rew drops white, and remove the dry and uncogfortable feeling keep herm som any painters and paper hangers and another of lems complain. (2.) Take a wine glass full of eau de cologne a powder and mix well in a thould scrape two cakes brown Windsor soap powder and mix well in a mould.
Iron and Steel to Clean and Polish.- Saturate a spongy piece of fig tree wood with a mixture of sweet oil, and finely powdered emery and with this well rub all the rusty parts. This both cleans and polishes, rendering the use of whiting unnecessary.
Iron and Steel, Fine, to Clean e from Rust.-Cleanse first with a paste made of ten parts tin putty, eight of prepared buck's-horn, and twenty-five of spirit of wine. Then rub with soft blotting paper.
Mahogany, to Remove Spots from.-Apply a little aqua fortis and water or oxalic acid and water, rubbing the part with a cork till the colour is restored, being careful afterward to wash the wood with water, and to dry and polish as usual.
Marble, to Clean.-Mix soda, pumice stone and finely powdered chalk in proportion of two parts of the former to one of the latter pass through a sieve and mix with water fo torm a paste of same consistency. Rub well into the marble and rinse with water
Marble Busts, to Clean.-(x.) Remove dust and wash with very weak solution of hydrochloric acid. Soap injures the color of the marble. (2.) Bruch the marble with a clean paint brnsh dipped in a solution containing

Mr. H. E. Burnett, manager of the building firm of Wm. J. Davis \& Co., Chicago, has recently visited Canada with the object, it is said, of establishing a branch of the firm's business in this country.

The Carpenters' and Joiners' unions of Montreal are said to have recently made arrangements with most of the contiactors of that city whereby in future 9 hours shall constitute a day's work. The unions are also said to have determined a standard day's pay for all carpenters, the enforcement of which will be attempted after the first of May next.

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two ounces of carbonate of soda to one quart of water. Rinse constantly with cold water.
Mirrors.-Wet the surface of the glass with gin to remove stains. Then rub with a cloth dipped in powdered blue. Polish with a silk handkerchief. Be very carefnl not to touch frames.
Paint Stains, to Remove from Clothes.-If the paint is fresh use turpentine or alcohol. Chloroform will remove dry white paint, which has resisted the action of ether, benzole and bisulphide of carbon.
Paint, to Clean.-( I.) Dip a flannel cloth into warm soapsuds, then into whiting and apply it to painted surfaces. Then wash with clean water. (2.) Dissolve $\frac{1}{2} \circ \mathrm{oz}$. glye and a piece of soft soap about the size of a walnut in three pints. of warm water, brushing the surface with this solution, using a well worn whitewash brush. Rinse with cold water and let dry of itself.
Paint Stains, to Remove from Glass.-American potash, 3 parts, unslaked lime x part. Lay this on with a piece of wood, allowing it to remain until the paint becomes soft.
Rust, to Remove.-(r.) Cover the metal with sweet oil well rubbed in and allow to stand 48 hours ; smear with oil applied freely with a piece of cotton wool, after rubbing the steel. Then rub with finely powdered slaked lime. (a) Rub slightly on with the finger a small quantity, of the dry powder of magnesia, allowing it to remain for an hour or two, then brush off.
Voiled ish Brushes.-Should the varnish brush drop to the floor or become soiled, clean out well in varnish. Fill with varnish and place in the keeper and in time the dust will settle to the bottom. By cleaning with turpentine which is very volatile, the dust and dirt are drawn up to the tin of the brush and will work out when used again.
Varnished Paints, to Remove Stains.- When the varnish is hard enough polish with water and tripoli, very finely ground, or with a great deal of water and rottenstone. Then rub with a very fine rag, dipped in sweet oil. Complete by drying with clean rag.
Varnish to Remove.-Wipe off all dust with a damp sponge. It is some times useful to give a fresh coat of varnish to obviate the necessity of much
rubbing. When the new varnish becomes dry, both coats may be easily removed with an ordinary solvent. (2.) Hard varnish requires a mixture of spirits of wine and turpentine, which are made to unite, by adding a small quantity of carbonate of potash. Shake well before using, and pour a very little upon a piece of flannel and rub therewith. Repeat this operation over the whole of the paint frequently changing the flannel. Lastly sponge the paint with water, slightly soapy, and immediately wash with clear water. (3.) For old intractable varnishes rub with a large cork, dipped in impalpable pumice-stone powder. Brush off the powdered varnish from palpable pumice-stone to time, and, when it assumes a whitish appearance cease rubbing that part.
$W$ alls, Smoky, to Clean.-Brush well, wash with a strong solution of U alls, Smoky, to Clean.-Brush werl, Then give the wall when dry, a
pearlash, rinse at once with clean water. pearlash, rinse at once with clean with considerable alum dissolved in hot thin coat of fresh slaked lime, with considerible and gold size.
water added. After this has dried apply whiting and
water added. After this has dried apply whiting and gold size. on the spot and hold a hot iron near it until the grease is absorbed.
Zinc, to Clean.-Mix one part of sulphuric acid with twelve of water. Dip the zinc into it for a few seconds and then rub with a cloth.
Wood, to Remove grease and Smoke Marks Preparatory to Painting. Wash with a solution of saltpetre in water or with very thin lime whitewash. Soapsuds may also be used if thoroughly rinsed with clean water.
Window Panes, to Remove Paint Splashes.-Use, by means of a piece of soft flannel, a very hot solution of soda.
Whitewash to Remove.-Apply with a whitewash brush, a thick paste of wheat flour, in which put considerable alum. Shut the doors and let it stand over night.

Paint, to Remove.-Four pounds Irish moss ; 3 pounds methylated spirits and 30 pounds water, boiled and a solution of I 6 pounds caustic potash in and 30 pounds water, boiled, and a solution ontil cold and solidified to a brownish gelatinous mass. Apply with a brush, allow to remain from twenty minutes to an hour, then wash thoroughly.

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