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In a recent letter to the city in reference to the court house question, Messrs. Neclon \& Co.'s solicitors state that labor and materials are very perceptibly lower at the present tine than they were in 1888. This is incorrect, in fact the movenent is the other way. Stone-cutters who received 38 cents per hour in that year are now getting the high wage of 43 cents, and bricklayers now receive 35 against $331 / 2$ cents per hour in. 1888 The miterial market also shows some prices to have risen, and stone, the naterial more particularly rejerred 10 , is 20 per cent. dearer than at that time.

We had the pleasure of presenting to our readers some months since a brief paper on "The Doorvay," orisinally presented by Mr. Gemmell for the consideration of the members of the Toronto Architectural Guidd. It was intended to serve as the introduction to a series of brief papers by members of the Guild on the subject of house design. It will be a matter of regret to our readers to be informed that the further consideration by the Guikd of this interesting subject was conducted orally, and the results are consequently in a measure lost.

THERE is room for much improvement in the efficiency of electric door bells as in many instances they are fitted up. It is not an infrequent thing to see posted above the push button beside a residence door, the intimation: " Bell out of order ; please knock !" It sometimes happens, as in the case of a prominent Toronto merchant, lecently, that considerable lime elapses before the inmates of the house become aware that the door bell is failing to discharge its duty. The merchant's friends in vain had been pushing the button for a week or more. When at last the eliscovery was made that the bell was not working, the owner went down lown and expended $\$ 3.50$ in repairs. What was his regret at having done so when the first person to demand admitiance after the bell had been put in order was a policeman bearing a warrant summoning him to the police court to shour cause why he had not removed the snow from the sidewalk in front of bis premises.

Thf: Ministers of Finance and Customs are at present receiving deputations representing the various important manufacturing and commercial interests of he country for the purpose of learning what readjustment of the existing tariff is required. The present may therefore not be an inopportune time to mention that architects have reasonable ground for complaint in this connection. Few if any of their supplics are or ever will be manufactured in Canada. Even the United States has thus far been able to produce only the cheaper grades of drawing paper and instruments. In view of these conditions, the duty of 25 to 35 per cent. imposed upon these materials when imported into this country from Europe must be conisidered unnecessarily burclensome. It might very properly be reduced by at least 50 per cent. Canadian architects at present find themselves in the unfortunate position of being highly faxed on everything they reguire to use, while virtually the iariff cloes not proted then from the competition of foreign arelitects.

In the construction of elevator shafts and the fitting up of elevators, archibtects would do well to see that a space of five to seven feet at least is provided between the top of the elevator when it reaches its highest point of travel and the roof of the shaft. The necessity for such a requirement was brought to our attention by an accident which happened recently. The automatic regulating device connected with an electric elevator failed to operate when the curtent was turned on, and the car shot up the shatt. Fortunately it wats empty, and more fortunately still, two attendants who a moment before were on the top of the car for the purpose of oiling the slides, had made their exit from the shaft. If the accident bad occurred one minule earlier these men must have been cruslied to death at the top of the shaft, as the stopping point of the car is only two or three fect below the roof. This is not the first occurrence of the kind that has come to our- notice. In addition to the necessary provision above mentioned, the safety of passengers demands that the controlling devices be made more effective.

The York Pioneers have taken in hand the erection of a monument to Governor Simcoe, and the Ontario Government will be asked to grant a suitable site for the same in Queen's Park, Toronto. It is very desirable that the memory of the man who founded the Queen City of Canada and caused it to be made the seat of Icyislation for Ontario, should be perpetuated in the manner projosed. The time also is most appropriate, as the present month marks the centennal of the founding of the city. If a suitable site be granted, as we have no doubt will be the case, the York lioneers will make every effort to erect a statue which shall be recognized as a work of art, and a deserving memorial of one of the greatest pionecrs of Canadian civilization.

AN international congress of architects is to be held in Chicago under the iuspices of the World's Congress Auxiliary, during the week commencing July 31st. The object is stated to be to bring together the eminemt architects of all countries for friendly intercourse, comparison of methods and results, and the promotion of their mutual interests in the profession. The following subjects have been selected for consideration at this congress:-Workingmen's Houses; Modern Departinent Houses; Ancient Department Houses; Lilundries in Houses, Health Effect ; Modern Stables, large and small; Responsibility of Architects in Constructional Matters; Responsibility of A Fichitects as to l'lans; Responsibility of.Architecis in Decor ative Matters; Sculpture and Architecture; Painting and Architecture : The Client's Right to Service, as to Drawings; Ownership of Same, Specifications and Details, as to Supervision, etc. ; Mechanical Engineering in Architecture, and the Architect's Responsibility Therefor ; Modern Stecl Construction; Fire-Proofing of Buildings to Date.

THE public works department at Ottawa are evidently anxious to protect themselves from a class of undesimble contractors, and in order to do this bave issued new regulations regitrding Government contritts. In future the deposited cheque is to be to instead of 5 per cent. on the amount of contract, and only 80 in place of 90 per cent. will be paid on progress estimates. This new arrangement inay be the means of keeping smaller contractors from competing for the work, but if a contractor has the confidence of his employer there is no reason why restrictions of any large amount should be placed on his progress cerificates. During the ercetion of the Ontario Parliament Buildings pay. ments on account to the contractors were made to the amount of 90 per cent. On the value of the work executed, and the work financially has been carried out in a satisfactory manner. Larger amounts than 20 per cent. are often kept back by architects upon progress cerificates, but it has offen been the means of retarding the progress of works even in the hands of honest contractors.

We had occasion recently to refer to the unfair treatment accorled by the Toronto city conncil to Mr. Alex. Gartshore, of Hamilon, whose tender for water pipe, being the lowest, was rejected in favor of a lisher tencler by a local firm. The sequel to this piece of injustice now appears in Mr. Gartshore's refusal to again submit a tender for material required by the city of Toronto when invited to do so. In consequence of this refusal only a single tender was received. It is a short-sibited policy for corporations to exclude the competition of outside contractors. By doing so they are compelled to pay higher prices for work and material, and as gradually the impression gets abroad that no outsider need apply, the local contractors are enabled to combine and have things all their own way. In the case to which we have referred, however, outside contractors were led to subinit enders on invitation of the Board of Works in the belief that the Counril would deal with the same impartially and on their merits. Their confidence in this regard having been disappointed, as honorable men they very properly refuse to agrin be made dupes of.

Ir was not without a feeling of regret that we read the letter of Mr. Gregg, in our last issue, announcing the dissolution of the Toronto Architectural Club, formerly the Toronto Architectural Sketch Club. This regret will be shared by many of our readers who have themselves been benefited by connection with the Club, or who are familiar with the work it achieved. The many valuable papers read by specialists on various subjects at the Club meetings during the last four or five yenrs, were instructive not only to the members, but also through their subsequent publication in these columns, to a large constituency outside. Several competitions took place each season with results which were creditable to those taking part and highly beneficial to students and others both in and out of the Club's membership. It is most desirable :lat the gond work of this organization should by some means be perpetuated. The existence of several local associations with objects more or less common, no doubt proved a source of weakness to all. From the elements of these organizations it should now be possible to form, as Mr. Gregg sugkests, a new one which would secure a large membership and be efficient in promoting the intercsts of archisecture and of architects both young and old in the city of Toronto.

THE appropriation of $\$ 00,000$ passed by the Legislature of British Columbia for the erection of new Government buildings at Vietoria, is meeting with vigorous opposition from the residents on the mainland. The Governor-General-in-Council has been memoralized to disallow the act of the Legislature. The area of the mainland portion of British Columbia is 366,300 square miles and the population 61,406 , as compared with an area of 16,002 square miles and a popultion of 36,767 on the island of Vancouver. This is given as a reason why the proposed expencliture on new lyarliament buildings should rather be applied to public improvements on the inainland. Another argument in support of this contention is that the people of the mainland contribute over two-liirds of the provincial revenue. It is further urged that the estimated yearly expenditure of the province will exceed the total revenue by about $\$ 200,000$, and that therefote the revenue cannot sustain the charge which the proposed expenditure woukd entail. There is likewise the contention that the capital of the province should be removed to the mainland on account of the majority of the of the population being resident there, and because of the inconvenience and expense imposed upon those who have to taansact business with the Government at Victoria. The residents of the mainland recognize in the proposal to erect new beikdings at Victoria a determination to fix the seat of Govermment there bence the opposition which is being manifested. It is by no means likely that the authorities at Oltawa will disallow the act of the provincial legislature, therefore the only way in which the erection of the proposed new buildings is likely to be prevented is by the defeat of the existing government at the polls. Meanwhile preparations are actively going forward for the commencement of building operations.

The London Lancet of the 8th of April contiuns the result or a very thorough enquiry concerning the wate) supply and general sanitary condition of the city of Chicago. This enquiry, the Lancet states, was undertaken by members of its stiaf for the benefit of Europeans who may visit the World's Fitir. As piopordionately a larger number of Canadians than Europeans are likely to visit Chicago during the next six months, the result of this enquiry may very properly be stiteal for their benefit. The Chicago river is declared to be in a "disgusting condition," es. peciallv in the vicinity of the stockvards, not far from the Southern IBrauch Pumping Station, where the filthy conditions are said to be such as to defy description. This condition is induced by animal refuse, indiscrimimately mixed with sewage, being dumped into the river, in consequence of which the air of the locality is alleged to be charged with nauseating odors which cannot but be highly injurious to health. The domestic supply of water, which is drawn from Lake Michipan, is found o be in respect of color, total solid matter, hardness, chlotine and oxysen required to oxidize organic matter, superior to the choicest of London's supply. It contains, however, low forms of vegelable life and mater in suspension. The probability of these finding their way through the mains is such that visitors are counselled to use nothing but boiled or filtered water. Another source of danger is shown to exist in the custom of using ice in dtinking water. A sample of water which had passed through a filter, upon being analyzed was found to contain low forms of vegetable life due to the melting therein of impure ice subsequent to filtrition. Thus by the use of ice the good effects of filtration are nullified. In the light of the result of the above enquiry Canadian visitors to Chicago should keep as far as possible away from the neigbbornood of the Clicago river, should insist upon the water they drink being boiled or filtered, and should avoid the use of ice.

The safe resistance of floors in public buildings and other places where dense crowds are likely in congregate is a question of vital importance. From recent experiments it would appear that architects do not work on safe calculations regarding this matter. It is generally uuderstond that a crowd of people when densely packed together cannot impose more weight than ninety pounds per square foot. The tests referred to, however, show that the dead load should far exceed that amount. Mr. C. H. C. Wright, lecturer in architecture at the Sclool of Science, Toronto, in some experinents list March with thirty. two of his students, found that when they were placed close towether in an area of 33.46 square feet, there was a load of 139 !bs. to the square foot. Theit agntegate weight was $4,696 \mathrm{lbs}$. which shows the averise weikht to be 145.5 lbs. Mr. Bindon IB. Stoney, the distinguished authority on bridges and rools, has also conducted two experiments along this line. He packed a crowd of fifty-six laborers on the deck house of a ship, giving a total weight of $8,404 \mathrm{lbs}$., or an average of 145 lbs . Ass the area covered was 57 square feet, each man had a little less than one square foot of standing room, and gave a load of 147.4 lbs . per square foot. On another occasion he collected 73 lathorers on the floor of a hut having an area of 77 square fect. Their aggregate weight was $10,948 \mathrm{lbs}$., an average wepht of 150 llss . to each. The result gave 142 lbs . to each square foot, and there was a possibility that two or three more men could have been squeezed in. Professor Kernot, of Victoria, tried a similar test with his class of engineering students. He packed 16 of them weighine $2,455 \mathrm{Jbs}$, within an area of 18 square feet, which shows an ayerage of 153.4 lbs . to each man. The weipht per unit of
areit was therefore 134.7, and there still remained unoccupied space. From these figures it would appear that the resistance of floors which are likely to carry heavy weights should not be less than three hundred pounds to the square foot, for as the average dead weight comes close upon iso lbs, per square foot, double that strain should be allowed as a provision against sudden novements in a crowd, as in the case of a panic.

THE condition of the sanitary arrangements in the buildings of our towns and cities is of the utmost importance at the present time in view of the threatened cholera epidemic. It is therefore pleasing to note that Montreal and Hamilton are taking special steps to have such appliances in their respective cities as complete and sound as possible. This example should be followed by sanitary authorities in other places. It is most essential that plumbing work should be perfectly executed, as the least defect reveals itself by its unpleasant and unhealthy consequences. One of the chief requirements which very often does not receive sufficient attention, is the ventilation of the work in order to prevent any foul sir being water-bound. There should always be a free escape provided for the air displaced by flushing, which otherwise would bubble up through the water by which it is supposed to be hermetically confined. Every soil pipe shoukl have a ventilating pipe from the top carried aoove the eaves to the roof of the building, by which means all foul vapours escape to the open air In places where the electric cars are in operation, there is another strong reason why a generad inspection of plumbing work should be made; this is the discovery of electrolysis to metals caused by earth currents of electricity. In Hamilton, for instance, seven service pipes in the vicinity of the street rit lway power house were found to have been eaten out from this cause. The chemical decomposition to metals from electricity in the way mentioned is a serious mat. ter, and one which should have the attention of everyone interested in the sanitary welfare of towns and cities.

While minor matters are engaging the attention of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Toronto, the all-important subject of a pure water supply and an improved method of sewage disposal, are apparently receiving but scant consideration. There seems to exist no determination in the mind of the Council to grapple wilh the problem and stay with it until its proper solution shall have been discoveret and carried out. Theories, reasonable and unreasonable, are from time to time advanced, but nothing is done. We are told that the effort to conduct the pure water of the lake through the sewage laden waters of the bay to the pumping station and thence through the city mains to the homes of the citizens, is contrary to common sense and will never succeed. This nlay in a measure be truc. We would like to point out, however, that the chance of obtaining a pure supply of water by the present means would be vastly increased if an intercepting sewer were constructed which would carry the city sewase alons the esplanale to a point where it could be safely discharged into the lake. After the bay bad thus ceased to be the recepticle for filth from the city sewers, it inight be cleansed of the deposits which at present it contains, and the water rendered comparatively pure by continual contact with the water of the lake, for the bringing in of which means could easily be devised. Such a methed of procedure would be going to the root of the difficulty instead of trying to find means to mitigate its effects, while the cause is allowed to remain undisturbed. It niay be a very good thing to know that by the application of chemicals the germ-laden deposits of sewage in the slips at which the pleasure boats of Toronto embark and disembark their passengers can be rendered less dangerous, but it would be much more satisfactory to know that the deposits did not exist. Toronto certainly is in need of public parks, to the securing of which the altention of the Mayor has lately been directed, but infinitely greater is the need of a pure water-supply and a trunk sewer for the proper disposal of the sewage of the sity, both of which we commend to his prompt and most serious attention.

The second session of the Toronto Technical School has recently closed. It is a pleasure to learn that the results of the two sessions bave greatly exceeded the anticipations of the promoters of the movement. During the session which has just closed the students numbered about three hundred. The attendance of this large number of students is said to lave been regular and their progress most satisfactory. In view of the eagerness which has been displayed in taking advantage of the fucilities offered for the aequirement of instruction in the various departments of knowledge requited by artizans, we may look forwar.I with confidence to the continued growith and increased usefulness of this new department of education. Indeed we slanll not be surprised to sce at no distant day technical instruction and manual training made a part of our system of pablic instruction. Such a movement has already taken place in some American cities, notably St. I'aul, Minn., where there are in operation whit are known as manual training high schools. The valace of these schools is regrarded as such that when recently the proposal was made to abolish them on the ground of expense, the Cliamber of Commerce in a report oll the subject saud: "Destroy all the schools if you must, but leave us the manuad training high schools." The fact is apparent that
our educational system does not as it should attempt to instruct the pupil in those suojects which are likely to be of most advantage to him in his future life. Notwithstanding that one pupil is foreordained by circumstances to eatrn his living by means of his hands and another by means of his head, our pubie school systen) assigns to each exactly the same studies. This is manifestly wrong, and the eflect may be seen in the dislike which many youths manifest to forms of employment in which skilled hand labor is required. It may likewise be observed in the overcrowded ranks of the professions and what are known as genteel employments. What is needed to ensure a higher average of comtort among all classes and a higher condition of prosperity for the country is an increase of properly trained agricultural and artizan producers.

DURINC the last five years architects, repulable builders and supply merchants have alike suffered from the doings of irre sponsible and incompetent contractors. How to get nd of this undesirable chiss is problem to some extent an unsolved, although the quiet condition of the building market during the past year has been the means of breaking up many so-called "firms" whose members have returned to the ranks of journeymen, which they should never have ieft, or lave sought pastures new in other lands. Some of the labor unions, especially the bricklayers, have also to a certain extent prevented by their by-laws a continuance of a competition farce. As far as the merchants are concerned, they are to a large extent responsible for their own loss; so long as they are willing to supply such customers with materials, so long may it be expected that they will continue to build at other people's expense. We are pleased to observe that merchants are learning by sad experience that this class of trade is better left alone. The trade in Chicago have originated a plan which to a large extent will eliminalc these difficulties, and which is worthy of the consideration of Canadian contractors and supply firms. A mercantile agency has been incorporated by which reliable nembers, contractors and merchants, are protected. This agency kecps a perfect record of the financial responsibility of every building contractor in Chicago, compiled from opinions received from every person who has had business iransactions with him Stockholders alone are allowed to use this information, and they must be manufacturers of builders ${ }^{2}$ supplies, approved of by a board of directors comprised of seven men appointed from the different interested industries. The collection department is a special feature of the concern. l'arties temporarily embarrassed have every opportunity afforded them to make favorable settlement, while legal means are used to make those pay who are able but will not. There is also a system of arbitration in connection with the ascucy for the adjustment of disputed accounts. Should this scheme work out in practice as well as it looks in theory, continctors and material nerchants in Canada would do well to take some steps along this line not only to improve their present condition but to prevent the disreputable contractors forced out of Clicago by the means described from coming into Canada.

In another column we refer to the proposed act to protect the rights of wage earners as introluced by Sir Oliver Mowat in the Ontario Legislature. We also give a report of the visit of the deputation from the Builders' Exchange of Toronto to the Government asking for amendments to the bill. Should this bill become lav without some modification, a great obstacle will be placed in the way of the luilding trade of Ontario. The object of the act itself is good, for journeymen have occasionally suffered from loss of their wages through dishonest and speculative builders, lout if the third section of the act be passed as it now stands, the proposed remedy would be the mems of crippling the operations of contractors to a large extent. It is also a question whether the section would reach those for whom it is intencled. Taking the contractors as a body, we cannot leelp thinking there is only a small minority who would willingly keep any of their journcymen from what is justly due to them for wages. Therefore it is not rensomable to place such severe obligations upon the whole body of contractors with a view of overcoming the possible wrong-doing of the few. The President of the Toronto Huilders' Exchange stated, when before the Government, that during the existence of that institution lie liad not heard of any of its members being guilty of such unjust action. As the membership of the Exclange contains most of the building contractors of any note in the city this statement should be regarded as a strong argement against unnecessary restrictions. The other clauses in the act do not propose any radical change in the existing Lien Act, but one cannot understand why a contractor should be required to produce his receipted pay list, as well as make a decharation stating that all wages have been paid to date, when applying for a progress certificate, while a mortgagor who is often bimself the builder need only make the declaration referred to, when asking asking the mortgagee for an advance. It would appear from this, that the veracity of the contractor, working under ordinary progress certificates, is not considered by the promoters of the bill to be as reliable as that of builders who find it necessary to mortage their land before commencing to build. We think also tiat sub-contractors should cone under all the provisions of the bill, for if the principal contractor is held respon-
sible for all payments to the journeymen on a building, he should have sothe protection against any contractors to whom it is necessaty to sub-let part of the work. The members of the Government, who heard the delegation, promised that the objections raised by the delegation to the inensure in its present form would have their lest consideration, and from the remarks that fell from them during the interview there is reason to believe that the bill will be modified in the direction of their wishes.

## ILLUSTRATIONS.

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ACCEPLED COMPETITIVE DESIGN FOR PROPOSED NEW GOVERNMENT BUILUINGS AT VICTORIA, 1s. C.-F. M. RAIT'I:NBURY, ARCHITECT.
The tune of the architect being taken up with the preparation of the working drawings, he was not able to do more thatn send for publication a rough tracing of the perspective drawing of his

## CUT VERSUS WIRE NAILS.

There are over threc hundred varieties of nails in existence, deriving their names chicfly from the shape of their heads and points, or according to the purpose for which they are generally used. Two of the classes in most common use are those known as cut nails and wire nails. The former are cut by machinery out of sheets of iron and have their angles sharp but rough ; the latter are known also as Frencl nails (a pointes de Pais) are round, very tough, and are supposed to possess the good quality of not splitting the wood when properly used. In some recent experiments in the United States to assertain the relative holding powers of these two classes of nails some interesting facts were developed. In the 58 series of tests, comprising ten pairs of cut and wire nails, of one size and weight, driven into spruce whod, 1160 nails were used, varying in length from $1 / 1 / 106$ inches, and in each case the cut nails showed superior holding power. An analysis of the several lests is as follows:

In spruce wood in 9 series of tests, comprising 9 sizes of rommon nails (Jongest 6 inches, shortest $11 / 18$ in.) the cut nails showed an average superiority of 47.51 per cent.

In spruce wood in 6 series of tests, comprising six sizes of light common nails (longest 6 inches, shortest $1 / 8 \mathrm{in}$.) the cut nails showed an average superiority of 47.40 per cent.
In spruce wood, in 16 series of tesis, comprising 15 sizes of finishing nails (longest 4 inches, shortest $1 / 1 / \mathrm{m}$ in.) the cut nails showed an average superiority of 72.22 per cent.

\#i. St, Barnabas Church, St. Catilarines, Ont.-C, J. Gimson, abcimtect, Tokonto.
design and of the block plan, showing the grouping. A descrip. tion of the design, as published in the Victoria Colonist, appeared in the Canidian Arciitiect and Buibiter for April. The site is an extremely beautiful one, well laid out wilh trees and gfiss and with James Bay in the foreground divided only from the grounds by a road.

## ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS.

A meeting of the Council was lield on May and to consider the report of the I Soard of Examiners upon the recent examinations of the Association. The following are the returns:

> FINAI, EXANINATION.

Passed-S. G. Heckett, Win. Fingland. Conditioned-T. A. Harvey, Wm. Rae.

SECOND INTERMEDIATI: EXAMINATION.
Passed-W. F. Howland, W. A. D. Graham, W. P. Over. Conditioned-C. J. Rend.

FIRST INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION.
Passed-A. Baker, J. P. MacLaren. Conditioned-F. W. Langley.
Candidates who are conditioned will be allowed to take a supplemental examination in the subjects in which they have failed. This examination will be held in the autumn. When the date is fixed notice of it will be sent to each candidate entitied to come up for the examination.

In spruece wood, in six serics of tests, comprising 6 sizes of box nails (longest 4 inches, shortest $1 / 4 \mathrm{in}$.) the cut nails showed an average superiority of 50.88 per cent.

In spruce wood, in 4 series of tests, comprising 4 sizes of floor nails (longest 4 inclies, shortest 2 in .) the cut nails showed an average superiority of 80.03 per cent.

In spruce wood, in above 40 series of tests, comprising 40 sizes of nails (longest 6 mehes, shortest $1 / 1 / \mathrm{im}$.) the cut natils showed an average superiority of 60.50 per cent.

## VALUE OF ADVERTISEMENTS.

We have no patience with those mistaken ninded members of the architectural profession who look at the advertising pages of their periodicals as uscless, burdensome material, to be torn of without a second thought and consigned to the waste basket. These men are always behind the times, opinionated to the last degree, and lacking that knowledge of improvenvents in building materials and appliances which they owe to their clients. They do not realize that through the advertisung columns of the professional journals there is sel forth the record up to date of the inventions and discoveries that are enabling us to build better, more quickly, more cheaply. The manufacturer, introducing a new form of building material, or some patented appliance, seeks to reach the architects through what scems to him the most natural, the most legitimate cliannels,-the advertising columns of the architectural press.-The Bricktailder.




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Carved Stone Mantel in the Residence of Mrs. Cameron, Carlton Street, Toronto.
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## Gorrespondenge.

(Lettras are invited for this department on subjects related to the building interests. To secure insertioth, all communications must be a ccompanied by llie name nd address of the auchor, not necessarily for pulbication. The publisher will not assume responsibility for the opinions of correspondents.]

## COPYRIGHT OF PLANS.

May 5th, 1893.
Edilar Camadian Ahciutect and Bulluek.
SIR: Re the complaint of piracy practised by parties claiming to the architects, in the April number of the CaNADIAN ARCHITECT AND BUILDER, permit me to say that in the United States a copyriglit can be obthined for a design, map, drawing, etc. This, however, must be done before publication of the article. Two complete copies of the work must be sent prepaid, or under the free labels furnished by the librarian, to perfect the copyright. Without the copies above required, the copyriglt is void, and a penalty is incurred. No copyright is valid unless notice is given by inserting in each copy, "Entered according to Act of Congress, in the year _- by ——— in the office of the Librarian of Congress at Washington."
The copyright secures the exclusive right of publishing the article copyrighted for the term of 28 years. Is not this the practice in Cunada? Then why can'c those who feel injured by the piracy of so-called architects, as you call them, get tedress? Respectfully,

Vox Populi.

## A CONTRADICTION.

OTTAWA, April 24th, 1893.
Edror Caradian areilitect and Bulldgr.
DEAR SIR: In your April number we find a paragraph stating that Mr. Forsyth, of Montreal, has entered suit against us "to recover royalty on granolithic pavement," and that he "asks for an injunction on the execution of our contracts.'

These statements are absolutely untrue. Mr. Forsyth has not entered an action against this Company for the above or any other cause.

Yours truly,
Canadian Cranite Co. (Ltid.),
Per A. MacLean, Pres.
[The paragraph in question was based upon uncontradicted statements which appeared in the daily press, and was published in good faith. In view of the above contradiction, however, we desire to express our regret that it should have appeared in this journal.]

## COMPETITIONS.

Competitive designs for a new City Hall for the City of New York are invited by the City Board of Commissioners until the first of September. Printed instructions regarding this com petition may be obtained on apolication to the Comptroller, 280 Broadway, New York city.

The competition for designs for a memorial monument to the late Sir John A. Macdonald, to be erected in Torouto, has been decided in favor of Mr. Hamilton McCarthy, of Toronto Mr. 1. Heber and Mr. J. Dunbat, respectively. The stitue will cost \$10,000.

## PERSONAL.

The deall is nnnounced at Aclolphustown, Oni, on Apil $19 t h$, of Mr . lloos, Giblus, one of the oldest provincial land surveyors of Ontario.
Mr. S. G. Curry, ex-president of the A. O. A., bas of tate been temporarily residing at Port Hope, Ont. where he has several commissions to execute.
Mr. ' 1 '. A. Morrison, of Montreal, latejly spent a couple of weeks in Toromio and the west, in bebalf of the business interests with which he is dentified.
Mi. J. R. Rhind, and Mr. Edwatd Maxwell, architects, Montreal, have removed dieir oftices to the nev Board of Trade Building. Mr. H. Austin ones, architect. of the same city lats removed to No. 204 St . jame strus. Messrs. Con \& Anmos, archliects, Inveremoved to Temple Building.
Mr. J. C. A. Heriot has entered the oflice of Mr. A. F. Dunlop, R, C. A. architect, Mowlreal, as junor partiver. Mr. Heriot was a tornier pupil of Mr. Dunlop, and afier passing suceessfully through a course of architecture at Cornell University eniercd the office of Mr. Perry, the supervising architect of the New York Stute Capital, at Albany. N. Y., where Ine remained for two years, leaving there to further his stiklies in New York City. where he held positions for two years in the ofices of Robs. H. Robertson nd Bremner \& I'ryon. Mr. Robertson, associnted with Mr. Potter, was one of the firms satected for the final competition for the Cnthedral of St. ohn the Divine. Mr. Pope will nlso tend his valuable serviees to the firm as assistam superintending girchitect, being thoroughly gunlified for this branch of the work.
A pleasing cvent took place on the roth inst. nt the monthly business meting of the Stonecutters' Section of the 'Toronto Builders' Exchange when heir late treasurer, Mr. George Walker, was piesenied with a handsome old-headed snake wood canc with his name engraved uppon it, as a token fhe high esteem in which he was held by bis fellow members and as an Vick. suitable manner to which the reipient replied in npproptiate terms. Mr, Walker has been connected with the Stonecutters Asseciation since its establishment about is years ago holding the office of treasurer, which be resigns on retiring from an active and successful business carcer. Mr. John Barnard, his fate partner, succeeds litin on the office of treasurer to the association.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

(Readers are invited to ask through this department for any information which they may require on lines consistent with the objects of the paper. Every effort will be supply information which wiuld assist us in our replities. The names and addresses of correspondents muse accompany their communications, but not necessarily for publicaico.)
"JUILDER" writes: How cin you find the pitch of a roof by multiplication?

Ans.-If $1 / 2$ pitch is required multiply span by $7!$; if $1 / 4$ pitch by 556 ; if $1 / 3$ pitch, by 6 ; if $3 / 8$ pitch, by 625 , and if 58 pitch, by 8.
T. N: How many nails are required for 1000 laths, and how many yards of plastering will cover this number?

Ans.-Eleven pounds of hath mails and 70 yards of plastering may be estimated.

## ART MAXIMS.

The following verses, kindly sent to us by a correspondent, are from the poems of Willian Watson, who wrote the best ode on the death of Tennyson, and it was thought might succeed him:

## Often ornateness <br> Goos with geentness ; <br> Oftener felieity

Comes of simplicity.
'lalent that's cheapest
Thoughis that dive deepest
Rise radiant in clarity.

## Life is rough;

Sing snmothly. O Bard!
Enough, enough.
To have found life hard.
No record Art keeps
Or her travail and throes.
There is toll on the steeps,
On the summits, repose.

## LEGAL DECISIONS.

At the Hamilon assizes a labourer brought an action for $\$ 1,500$ damages against Mr. Joseph Kent, conlractor, of that city, under the Workmen's Compensation Act. It appears that the plaintiff was employed in building a gewer in Novenber last, and while removing some boards the side of a sever trench caved in and the plaintiff was seriously hurt. It was claimed by him that the trench was improperly shored up. The defendant, however, gained a verdiet in his favor.
In Cook $v$. Belshav the question is raised whether a mortgage, registered before a lien but not anade until after the attaching of the lien, can be con. sidered a prior mortguge of such a nature that the lien-holder could avait himself of the benefit of the provisions of the Lien Acts, giving him priority for the amount to which the sciling value of the land was incrensed by the lien-holter's work or materinls. The Master-in-Orilinary held it was a prior mortgage in this sense, but his decision bas been appealed ngainst.
Cakivell v. Mills was an aetion under the Workmen's Compensation Act brought by J. Caldwell ngainst Geo. E. Mills, contractor, of Hanilton, for $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 0 0 0}$ damages for injuries. The plaintift, it appears, was carrying scat. fotding across a plank when the plank broke and lie fell into a celtar, breaking three ot his ribs. It was alleged the plank was roten, but the defence was that the plank broke by anotier workman throwing a heavy piece of scanding on it when the plaimiff was erossing, Verdict for the plaimiff, $\$ 75$; the question of costs being reserved.
Jones v. Toronto School Board.-The plaintiff carried out certain works for the defendants under a contract which contained the usund clause to the eftect that no exiras would be allowed unless the work was executed under the written authority of the architect. Certain extra work was carried out without such authority, but the architect allowed a certain sum for same, and when the job was completed the plaintiff accepted in full of all claims a cheque setting out the amount of contract, the claim for extras and the amount allowed for such by the architect. After the lapse of two years the plaintifl brought the present sutit clainting the balance of the extras; as charged by him. The case was heard by Chie! Justice Armour, who diesmissed the action vithout calling upon defendants, because plaintiff could mot produce any written aullority for the extra work as called for by the teims of his contract.

Evans v. Cowan (two cases.)-In this ease the plaintiff invited tenders separately for the stone foundation, brickwork and carpentry to a harge building to be crected in Montreal for a skating rink. The defendant's price for the brickwork was accepled, and a contract was entered into upon the usual terms. When the foundation work was finished, the brickwork to the walls was started by Cownn, but after constructing a part serious de. fects showed themselves in the work which the defendant alleged was due to the bad constratetion of the foumintion. Evans ordered the work to be pulled down which Cowan did. but refosed to rehuild. Afer protests and eounter protests between tlic patties Cowan took action in the Supreme counter protests between the parties Cowan took action in the Supreme Coutr, asking to have his contract dectarerl nt an end, that the plaintiff be
 buidding materinis. Aboit fie same time Evans cnicred a suit againsi Cowan for $\$ 3.850$ damages for non-completion of his coniract. The two aelions were heard logetlier before Mr. Justice Matthew, who gave jungment in favor of Cowan in boin cases, on the Rrounas that he evidence showed the foundation to be defective, and, as Evans provided that work, Cowan both indements and the higher Court decided in favor of Evans in both ainst both jndgments and the no clear evidence that defects existed in the foumd tions for which Evans was responsible.

A committee has been formed in Toronto, with Mr. A. M. Cothy. 66 King E. as secretary, to raise $\$ 2,000$ by subscriptions for enlarging the dinls of the clock in the tower of St, James Catherima to a diameter of $1 \mathbf{5}$ feet. and lighting same by electricity.

## THE PROPOSED AMENDHENT TO THE LIEN LAW.

Sir Oliver Mowat has introduced in the Ontario Legislature, a bill entitled "An Act to further Facilitate the Enforcement of the Just Rights of Wage-earners and Sub-contractors." Its principal clauses read as follows:

1. Every device by any owner or contractor which shall be adopted in order to defeat the priority of wage earners for their wages under the several Acts relating to mectanics' liens shall, as respects sech wape-earners, be null and void.
2. In casc an owner chooses to make payments to the meclanics, labourers, or other persuns referred to in the 4th section of the revised Miechanies Lien ACl, for or on account of just tebis due to them for work done or marerials or machinery placed or furnished ns therem mentinned, without the proceedings mentioned in sections ir to 14 of the said Act, and shail within three days afterwards give by letter or otherwise, written notice of such payment to the contractor or his agent, such payment shall, as between the owner and the contmetor, be deened to be a paynient to the contractor on the contract generally, but not so as to affect the percentage to be retained by the owner as provided by the sections 7,8 and 9 of the said Mechanicy' Lien Act as mended by the Act passed in the 5 jord year of lier Majesty's reign, intutuled An Aet to atmend The Alechanics Lien Act.
3-(1) Before a contmator shall be entitled 10 receive a payment on his contract, it shall be his duty to produce to and leave with the owner, his pily list or a duplicate of his pay list, containing the srecipts of the persuns mentioned for the wages due to then) up to andi including the day before the intended payment, and an afiscavit or statutory dectaration by the contricor, (or in his absence by bis agent competent from personal knowledfec to speik to the hets), verilying such pay list and receipis, amp stating that the said pay list names all persons employed on the work, and that all persons who up to that time have been eniployed on the work and entited to wages. have been pixd in full ; and an affidavit or a stalutory dectaration to the same effect by the architect or superintenderx of the swork if any), unless he has miade the like a(filavit or statutory declaration under the provision aforesaid as to an agent. The said aflidivits or sintutory declarations may be to the efect set forth in the scheduk to this Act, and marked A.
(2) The said pay list so reccipted and the smid affidaviss shall be conclusive evidence in favour of the owner making the paymem unkess at or before nive evine the pnyment he had neturl and express notice of any fraud on the making the payment he had actunl and express notice of any fraud on the
part of the contrnctor in obtaining the signatures and feceipts of the persons naulued in the pay liss or others.
(3) Any p: yment made on the contract without having received such reeipred pay list and affidavils, or with actual and express notice of unpaid mages, stitl trot be a valid payment as against persons whose wages are unpaid at the time of the payment on the contract.

The lien of wage-earners for thirly days'wages, or for a balanec equal to thirty days' wiges, provided for by section 9 of the Mfcchenics' /ien Act. as anmended by section a of the said Act intituled An act to amend the Afe. chanics' Litn Act, shall not be defeated or impaired by nny altachment issued subsequently to the contrnet, or by any garnishment subsequently had, or by any expcution subsequently issued, or by reason of the work contracted for being unfinished, or of the price for that or any other reason not veink payable to the contmetor.
5. In case of the conirnet not having been completely fulfilled when the lien is chimed by wige-carners, the percentage nforesaid shall be calculated on the work done or materials furnished by the contractor,
6. Where a mortenge is given to secure an intended loan of maney which is 10 be mande thercafter according or with reference to the progress of work done, or materials or machinery placed or furnished as aforesaid, on the land morigaged, no advance thereatter made by the nuorigagee shall have priority over the claims of meelanics, hbourers. or other persons referred to in section 4 of The Afechanics' Lien, Act as nforestaid if the mortgarece at or before the time of such advance has actual and express notice that there are any such claims as nforessid unpaid ; nor unless at the time of the ndvance ee shall require and receive from the mortgagor an affidavit or statutory declaration statiug that all such persons ns aforessid have been paid in full up to the time of the advance ; and an neffidavit or stalutory declaration by the architect or superintendent of the work fif any), speaking to the best of his knowledge and bellef to the same effect. The said affilavits or statutory decharations may be to the effect set forth in the sehedule to this Act, marked B.
7. In case of the sale or mortgage of an unfinished house or building: wihh or withoul the land on which the same stands, if its being an unfinished house or building is such as to be apparent to an ordinary obscerver. the purchaser, before paying his purchase money, or giving a morigage or other malue or security for any balance of such purchnse mioney, or the morigapce crore ndvane fig any money on the security of a mor gase or onerwise, thall require from the vendor (in the case of a salc) or from the morigagor in the case of a mortgige) similar affidavits or statutory declarations of the payment of all ctaimis as are provided for in section 6 of this Act; and the purchaser or morigagee stinll mot be entitled to priority in respee of such claims. if at or belore the time aforesaid he had actual and express notice that there were such elaims ns aforesaid unpaid; nor unless he shall have received such affidnvits and statulory declurations nforessid.
8. Where in the case of a prior mortgage or otber charge, the selling alue or the land is incrensed by the construction alterntion, or repairs of the building, or by the erection or placing of the materials or machinery on the said land, the said prior morigage or other charge shall retain its priority to the extent of the matue or amount for which such prior mortguge or other charge is a security before such construction, filterations or repairs of such building, or before the placing of such materin)s or machinery on the said land ; and the lien given by the said Acts shall be entitled to mak upon the inerensed value given to such land by the said improvements in priority 10 such mortgage or other cbarge: (see R. S. O. C. 126. 5. 5, sub-sec. 3, nnd Kennedy v. Hafdon. 19 Ont., R. 240; Richards v. Chaiuderlais, 35 Grant 402, and West v. Sinclair, 28 Canada Lav Jour. 119.)

Where nay proceediag is taken to enforce a lien under the Afechanics Lsent Acts, in case a montgagee of the tand is served with a written notice of procedings: and in such case he shill not, withoul the leave hercineer mene pioned tate any proceding for salc or foreclosure nor proceed 10 er mern any power of sale until the proceedings to enforce the lien have lerminated bue he may withoul lenve perve noy notiong pequired to be verved in omed to the due exercise of the power. The leave aloressid may the county judge, master or official meferce before whom the lien proceed ings are pending, and shall only he trumted by consent, or if without consent on an reasonable consideration of all the circurnstances in view of what sent on be just to both parties.
Clause to to the end of the act deals with provisions for legal proceedings. They give the Division Court and City Magistrate jurisdiction in matters relating to the payment of wages, and
any order made by the latter can be made a judgment in the Division Court and enforced as such.

On the 8th inst. a deputation from the Toronto Builders' Exchange, consisting of Messrs. John Aldridge, David Williams, M. Murphy, William Park, Wm. Pears, George Moir, M. Vokes and James Tennant, with Messrs. G. Ritclie and Frank Denton as legal advisers, waited upon the Ontario Government with regard to the above act. The deputation was introduced by D. Gilmour, M.1'.P., and received by Sir Oliver Mowat, Hon. A. S. Hardy, C. F. Fraser, Jolin Dryden and G. W. Ross. 'Mr. Pears, President of the Exchange, in speaking on behalf of the delepation, said that the bill as it-stood would adversely affect legitimate business to a greater degree than it would reniedy an injustice supposed to exist affecting wage-earners. He referred to certain amendments which the association he represented desired to see made to the bill before it becanie law, and said as regards section J he thought it should read so as to apply to the same parties mentioned in section 4 of the "Mechanies' Lien Act "viz: every mechanic, macloinist, builder, miner, labourer, contractor, or other persons doing work upon or furnishing tuaterials to be used in the construction of a building. He considered the supply merchant had as much ripht to be protected from devices to diefeat payment for materials as workmen for their wages. Section 2 he found no fault with, but section 3 he considered embodied the chief weak point of the bill. It was almost impracticable, and should be struck out as absolutely unnecessarv, while section 6 remmined. It did not even reach the parties it was intended to, and would esceatly hamper the business of a legitimate buikler. He believed that any workmin who had lost wages could show that it was not because the contractor had received his money and had not paid off his workmen, but because the latter had not been able to get his money from the building owner, and the section would not reach this man. These were the cases where workmen lost their wages, or when the bulder and owner were the same person. He could honestly say he had never beard of a man not being paid by a contractor when the contractor had received what was due to him. Section 4 was considered just, but section 5 should include the same parties suggested for section I . He would also propose that the percentage retained on a contract should be applied to the liquidation of liens before being used for completing the building. The objects which it was hoped section 3 would attain he thought, as already subgested, would be amply provided for by section 6, and therefore this and the following section should stand while section 3 should be expunged. With regard to section 8, he consklered an amendment should be added to the effect that the value of improvements referred to should be estimated at so per cent. of their actual cost ; thus while 50 per cent. would go to the mortgapee, there would be also 50 pel cent. of ineir value available to satisfy any existing liens upon the building. "With regard to the jurisdiction of matters under the act, he thought that the Division Court should be the legal tribunal for liens, even those now provided for in the High Courts by the "Meclianics' Lien Act," and he asked that the bill be allowed to cover this ground. In conclusion he wished it to be understood that the object of the delegation was not to prevent justice being done to the wage-earner, but that both classes should be placed on a fair and equal footing in their business connection.

Mr. John Aldridge also pointed out that section 3 which was aimed at speculative builders, would not touch that class to any extent, as such men were generally building owner and builder combined. If the clause was allowed to stand as at present it would only be the means of hampering the work of legitimate contractors. He doubted very much whelher it would be possible to produce receipts for all wages paid, as they were not always obtainable.

Sir Oliver Mowat asked if this clatse would meet the views of the deputation if it was altered so as simply to provide for the production of an aftidavil when an advance was required decliring that all wages due say a fortnight previous to that date had beets paid.

Mr. Aldridge in reply thought that the trade would be satisfied with any arrangement as long as they were not hampered in their business, but as the chause would not reach the parties intended he did not see the necessity of it being in the Act.

Mr. Ritchie strongly urged that in clause 5 it should be made quite clear that lien holders had to be satisfied before any of the percentage held by the building owner could be devoted to completing the bulding.

Sir Oliver Mowat thought the clause was clear on that point.
Mr. Ritchie also drew attention to the fact that no provision was made in cases where a builder purchased land simply on the terms of a building agreement. He therefore suggested n clause should be inseried to the following effect: "In case a purchaser of any land shall make default in carrying out the terms of an agreement for the purchase thereof, a lien shal! not be defeated by such default, but shall be attached to the estate or interest of the person to whom the land shall revert by reason of such default." He also thought that claims under the lien laws for wages and materials should be transferred to the Division Court from the higher Courts, as he had often found in bis experience that costs pievented the bituging of itctious for smail amounts.

Mr. Denton agreed that clause 6 in the Act accomplished all
that clause 3 attempted to, and therefore there was no necessity to binder legitimate bosiness.

Mr. Aldridge received no answer to his question whether there was a lay calling upon a workman to give a receipt for wages, and he agitin urged it would be impossible to obtain receipts in some cases.

In reply to Mr. Hardy, who stated that the journeymen complained of the loss of large amounts of wages, Mr. Vokes pointed out that these cases probably arose from men working under an agreement very common among smill builders, which provided that the wages for the work be paid when the building was completed and sold. If it was not disposed of the workman did not get his wages, and he probably considered it was a hardship overlooking the fact that he undertook the work with a clear understanding of the risk. After some further remarks from Mr. Hardy the deputation withdrew, having received a promise that the questions raised should receive every consideration.

## CONSTRUCTION OF HARDWOOD DOORS.

IN constructing the modern hardẅood door, a series of operations are gone through by the cabinetmaker which are extrenely interesting and of value to those who desire to know something of the methods of construction employed in completing this now universal detail, writes Owen B. Maginnis to the Building Monihly. These operations embody a number of systems of procecding, each aiding to a final end, and are as follows:

The first process is to glue the cores or grounds together. These generally consist of kiln dried whte or yellow pine, say If inches thick for an $13 / 4$-inch vencered door, the veneers being 1/ inch thick. The cores are genctally got out full enough to allow for facing and thicknessing on the jointer and in the planer. The number of pieces in the cores depends on the desired width of the stile or rail, as, for instance, a 6 -inch would require a $1 / 4$-inch band of the necessary hardivood, ash, oak or walnut, as specified, and four $1 \frac{1}{2}$-inch pieces of pine.
In glueing these cores together they are carefully jointed with the plane and scratched, then heated in the hot box and at once glued, being pressed tightly together with large hand serews, in order to squecze out the superfuous glue and close the joints.
In making joints in veneered work the surface of the joint must in all cases be (a little shaving) hollow, for the purpose of allowing the outer arises to come close together. Of course, all the cores should be long enough to make the necessary height, as 7 feet 8 inches long for a 7 ficet 4 inches door, and so on as needed, always allowing enough to round over the bottom ends, se that the venter will not be torn off when moving the door. When the glue is set the surfaces are scraped off clean, and they are faced up perfectly out of wind of the jointer and afterwards tried up true with the try plane. This being done the stiles and rails, which are built up in the same manner, are brought to the planer or planing machine and there thicknessed. The stuff cores are 'then brought-back to the bench, where they are surfaced as before with the try plane (to remove all lumps) and scratched with the scratch plane to forma keying for the veneer. All knot holes or flaws which might be liable to cause a defect in the veneer are carefully filled up to insure good veneering. This being done, it is usual to prepare the vencer after it has been ripped to its necessary width and crosscut to its lengththat is, the different pieces for the stiles, rails, muntins, etc.
It is usually prepared by smootling the poor side (being very careful that it is entirely free from spots or shakes, little knots or other flaws) and scratching it thoroughly to insure a firm keying for the glue. All the pieces (which generally run from $1 / 6$ thick up to $\frac{1}{2}$ ) are placed between strips edgeways in the hot box, and allowed to become thorougliy impregnated with the heat so as to keep the glue from cooling too quickly, besides opening the pores of the wood to admit it. While the vencers are in the box the cores are placed (the stiles first, in pairs) on the glucing horses and the lig handscrevs set ready for applying, keeping the jams wide enovgh apart to take in two pairs of 2 -inch stiles, or elght inches, or six incles. for one pair of 3 -inch, and so on as required. When the vencers are sufficiently heated the flat faces of the cores are glued both sides and turned up on their edges (hardwood strip side up) slightly apart, and the veneers are dropped between.
Be sure, however, to have the points of the grain up, to have the grain running up, and to have the grain so that they will pair alike. This should always be done before placing the veneers in the box. Having placed the cores of the stiles on the edges to which the hard wood strips is affixed the wooriworker takes his veneer and after carefully matching the grains places them grain points up witli the scratched side towards the glued faces of the cores resting on the horses so that the edges of the veneers and cores will come fair. He will then place a vencer on each of the right and left outer faces of the cores. Having done this be places a cawl or piece of $11 / 4$-inch stuff on each outside to press the outer veneers against their ground, and takes the big hand screws which have been set to span the combined width of cores and veneers. He places one at either end about tivo inches from the end spaces, the rest eight or ten inches apart, applying each screw from opposite sides. He screws the inner throat screw till it grips on the edge, and then turns the outer lever screw solidly down on the cawls, thus pressing the surfaces tightly together and forcing the glue into
the scratches, at the same time driving out that which is superfluous. Before the screws are permanently screved tight, the whole mass is turned up to see that the veneers completely cover the whole width of the surfaces and if they do not they must be driven to their places with a block, taking care not to bruise or break the edges. Be certain, too, that the scresvs are all light and the veneers pressed to a perfectly close joint.

It is best for two to veneer, for one can regulate the veneers while the other is applying the screws, and both can act together on the screws afterward, giving more power. The glued stiles or mullions are then left in the screws about five hours to allow che glue to set.

Let me here impress the fact that the stuff must in all cases be thoroughly heated, and the glue perfect glue (about one-thircl water and two thirds glue) laid on quickly with a large soft brush from a large pot, also that the operation be rapidly clone before the stuff has time to cool.

The crawl must be only the exact width of the stuff and no wider. It is advisable that the jaws of the hand screws be also wide enough to reach across the widil.

## SCARFED BEAMS.

Where neatness is more essential than strength, scarfed joints are prefrred to any armangement of "fishong," because a beam united by scarfs and bolts is of the same breithth and depth at the joints as at other parts. In order that the bolts may not be screwed through the timber and to increase the clamping surface, it is advisable to add a plate of iron on the faces of the beam where the heads and nuts of the bolts pass through. The ends of these plates may be turned into the wood to give greater grip. But it is desirable to avoid depending solcly upon bults for the strength of a scarf, owing to the effect of the shrinking of the timber and the liability of the bolts to be, in consequence of their small dimensions, pressed into the wood. Keys or wedges can be ofien used to keep the upper and lower parts in their places. Varieties may be almost infinitely multiplied by increasing the number of the faces, whether oblique or square, and uniting the parts either by tabling, keying or a combination of the two; but in most cases, the greater simplicity should be aimed at, in order that the parts may the more readily be made to fil each other with accuracy. Very complicated scarls bave been used by some old carpenters, respecting which Robinson observes that "many seem to aim at making the beam stionger than if it were one piece," an absurdity too manifest to need refutation. When a scarfed beam is exposed to transverse strains, the joint should be varied from the ordinary form. When a piece of timber, subject to compression in the direction

of its length, has been scarfed, oblique faces should be avoided because of their tendency to shide upon each other.
Though bolts are commonly used to secure scarfed joints, iron hoops or straps, driven on tightly, have been recommended in their stead and posess the advantage of not weakening the timber. In jointsthat depend wholly on boles, Tredgold recommends that the sum of their areas should never be less than two-tenths of the area of the section of the beam. He has also given the following rules for the length of scarfs: In oak, ash or elm, the whole length of the scarf should be six times the depth or thickness of the beam, where there are no bolts. In fir without bolts, iwelve times the depth. The whole lengith of a scarf dependent wholly upon the bolts, shonld be for oak, ash or elm about thrce, and in fir, six times the depth of the beam. When bolts and indents are used together, the length of the scarl may be in hard wood twice, and soft wood four times the depth. - The Architect.

New buildings to the value of nearly $\$ 2,000,000$ are mide to be in course or construction at Winnipeg.
Tests of White Pine.- Some lests of the tranverse stengilh of small pieces of piac madt by Mr. James W. Woodnan, of the Minnerpolis Building Inspector's force, and published betov, indicule the wide variasion existing in the strength of different samples of thiat wood. All but two pieces were from dificerent boards, and os they were taken from the refuse or a large factory there is small chnnee that any two except those mentioned alowe were from the same Irce, All were as carefully guayed nnd squared as possible with joiner's lools, and the loids were applied slowly. Thirteen pieces one inch by one inch, twelve inches letween bearings and loaderl at center, broke as follows?

| 1,420 pounds | 4.464 pounds | 7,395 pounds | 10.540 pounds |
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| 2,580 prands | 5,610 pounds | 8.280 pounds | 11,270 pounds |
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## EARTHEN PIPES AT FOUNDATION WALLS.

THERE, is frequently asked a question in regard to stopping earthen pipes outside the found:ction walls which is now always answered in a salisfactory manner. A iman laying earthen pipe, unless be has strict orders to the contrary, is inclined to carry it to the inside face of the foundation. When left in this condition, the plumber carries his house drain into the earthen sewer, covers the joint with a good supply of cement (which in a great many cases only covers the upper half of the pipe), and the work is considered complete. Then follows the mason who points up the opening made in the stone work, very much as we have shown in Fig I . There is no faule to be found with this at the


Pipes at foundation Walls, Fig. f.-Unsafe Connection.
time of construction, provided the plumber has succeeded in making a tight joint between the earthen and iron pipe.

If the house has an area, as shown in Fig 2, the earthen pipe or house sewer is usually brought inside the area wall and left nearly flush with the outside wall of the foundation. The concrete of the area is laid down over the earthen pipe, and the area wall is pointed up. This is, like the former, a good job while it is new, but it is very objectionable when carried out in the way shown for this reason: The excavation is always naade somewhat larger than the wall, and the wall itself, sitting on fresh soil, is liable to settle. Even the light aren walls have considcrable movement. In addition to this, the dirt behind them (as shown in the figures) is loose, and after rains usually goes down sonietimes to the extent of several inches. The walls being cemented close around the earthen pipe, go down with the dirt, and the result is either the cement around one of the joints of the house sewer is split or broken or the pipe itself breaks. This break being on top is not readily discovered, but at the most dangerous place in the whole house it permits the emrance of foul gases into the basement of the bulding from which they will be carried by the natural currents into all parts of the house. In case there is an arca the danger is usually quite as great, because the area wall is built with less care, and


Fig. 2.-Another Unsafe Connection.
settlements under the action of frost and rain are much more common than in foundations. These settlements are also greater in extent. It was probably for this reason that the New York city plumbing rule calls for the uron pipe to extend two feet outside of the outside face of foundation or area walls thirough which the pipe passes.

In cities where earthen house drains, as well as earthen sew-
ers are allowed, the trouble from settlement is just as great as in the two cases mentioned. But it is possible to overcome this difficulty if proper precautions are taken. These precautions are simple and not at all costly. If the pipe passes through an opening so arranged that the settlement of the wall cannot affect the pipe, the object is accomplished. If, as in Fig 3, at the foot of the foundation wall in flag stone, or other foot stone is arranged, so as to support the wall, at the same time leaving an opening for the pipe to pass through, the settlement will be provided for without throwing any pressure upon the pipe it one


Fig. 3.-A Sarer Method.
point, and the pipe, not being disturbed, will be safe. This precaution can be laken at area walls equally well, and the result is the safety of the pipe at a critical point. When pointing it must be kept in mind when carrying the pipe through a wall in this way, that is, if the lole where the pipe comes through is cemented up solidly, as is sometimes done, the advantage of having an opening or arch which might be used instead of the flat stone, all the advantages will be destroyed. Hence this opening should be filled up loosely and only the very face of the wall closed witt) cement in sufficient quantity merely to keep out vermin.-Mctal.

## INSANITARY CONDITIONS IN MONTREAL.

Mr. R. P. Fieming, speaking as to the sanitary conditions in Montreal, says that the serious defects found in houses examined for the first time reaches 83 per cent. The inspection referred to was ainong laıge houses in the best part of the city, so that this gives no idea of what may exist among smaller properties where the inhabitants have to depend upon the owners and authorities for a proper condition of lhings. In his report to the Montreal Sanitary Association on this sulject, Mr. Fleming particularizes cases of defects of various characters, such as bad plumbing and pipe laying, but in alnost all the cases sewer gas has direct access to the interior of the houses. It is sulprising that such a state of things could possibly exist in a city like Montreal. In a large louse in the best pirt of the city the soil pipes were fonnd simply laid in without any jointing of any kind, and one two-inch pipe, perfectly open at the end, was discharging volumes of sciver gas into the house. Besides this the cess pool was situated directly under the kitchen where the servants lived, worked and cooked. The report closes by calling upon the association 10 :ake further steps to urge the City Council to provide proper inspection and supervision of all sinitary arrangements. It is hoped the petition which the Sanitary Association have prepared, when presented to the Council, will be acted upon.

## PUBLICATIONS.

A numiter of the best designs submited in the recent Presbyterian church competition. accompanied by descriptions, essays on diureh arehileecure, cte., will be published shortly in pamphitet form.
We have received from Mr. Samuel Calbot, the well known manufenturer of shingle stains, an artistically colored lithographic view of his factory in Boston. Mass., which is descrived as being the largest establishment of its kind in the world.

The Cosuopolitan Magasine seores a success in producing in its May number. almost simultaneously with the dity papers, an elaborate descrip. tion of Professor Gray's marvellous invent on, the Teloutograph. Which reproduces the handwriting, or the work of the artist, simultaneously, thousinds of mikes distinnt from the place where the writer or artist is sitting.
The Sunshine Publishing Company of 403 Race street, Philhdelphia, have published a work entitied the "History of the Master Bullders" Exchange of the city of Philadelphia." The work is compiled for the historical com. mitue of the Exclange by Clem. H. Congdon, and pives an interesting and concise necount of the institution since is organtantion in 5886 . The leaves of the book are intersected with over 50 illustrations dealing not only with maters relating to the Exchange, bux also by a series of good cuts taken from photos of models exhibited at the Parls Exhibition in $\mathbf{8 8 9}$. showing the diferent class of habitations ln the principat countries of the world. 'The book should be in the rending room of every Builders' Exchange.

At the recent exnnuinations of the Toronto Technical School, Messrs. W. D. Witkinson, G. K. Groth, R. W. Ferguson, L. Johnson, D. Eigke, E. the subject of Arehitectural Drawing, and Messrs. W. E. McMullen and G. R. Groth, in Perspecive Drawing.

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## LIME AND CEMENT.

Tise powder produced from pure and impure limestone by means of heat is called lime or cement, and, as matcrials used in the masons and builders art, they are classified as common or Eat lime, hydraulic lime and hydrnulic cement. Good lime is in hard lumps, free from cinders, clinkers, much cemento should form a very smoath paste when slacked. The limestovie from which common lime is obtainable is very seldom pure, and contains解 magnesia, alumina, sifica, and sim is greasy, from which fact it is known as o per cent. The pa3ce it makes is ricasy, from will not barden unless it is exposed to the air, and, if mixed whith water, it can be kept for un inderinite expor without loss of its qualities, provided it is kept from contact with the period withou
Hydravlic lime differs from common line in that it will harden under
Hydravie lime difiers from common lime on that whil wher water, which is on account of is clayey or fink to contact with water is becomes a caustic time, and bed by ife crustalizing etements of the marded, this lime is impored in larze quantities from Fay and fint in the class can be made by mixing un Frace, bat an wommon lime or a powdered limeitone, burning in the shape rat a of bricks bare being taken that there are no lumps of clay still unburnt.
Hydraulic cements are of three kinds, viz.: Portland, Rosendale, and Pozzuotana. but the last named is seldon used. as the strength of the cement is much less than others of this class. 1 . cement, being used prior to the Rommolicity, lis mame is taken from the known to possess the properiy, where it was first found, Pozzuoli, in lialy. place where it was first found, viz, Pozzuoli, tn lialy.
Rosendale cement, sometimes calted " natural" or "American," is found and largely used in the United State. The natur of the Stale of New Yor which this cement is made covers about one-bird of the sion and other parts of the country, and is of a clayey, magnesium nature, light and quick setting.
Portland cement obtains its name from its resemblance when niade in a hardened mortar to stone found on the isle of Portland, of the south of Eogland. It was first made in that country in 1843, and in America in 1874, and is heavy, slow setting and of great ultimate strengith. The matur. al stone from which the original Portand cement is made contains 20 to 22 per cent. of clay and 78 to 80 per cent. of carbonate of lime, and its super cority is increased by the intensity and dumation of the heat employed in burning. which is almost to the linit of vitrification. Artificinl Portland cenvent is very largely used, and about nine out of every ten of this class of cement now in the market are not the genuinc article. Some of these cenents, howevur, ate equal to the best imported Portand, and with proper eare a still better cement night be obtnined. It is gencrally made by mixing in proper proportions day and chalk, marl or compact limestone, and burning them at à high heat.
The testing of cements is fon important matter, as their values vary 10 a atrge extent, and the natural properties of one portion of a cement are liable to differ from nnoiher portion, ulthough of the same brand. Particular attention should be paid to the soundness, fineness and strenglh of a cement It should be sound. so as not to expand or contract in setting, which is ciased by active lime or magnesia being in the material. The presence of such impurities can be proved by immersing, in waler some cenient mortar with very thin edges, and on examination after siy two days, the material
will be found coltorter and cracked at the edges. The magnesia is more harmful than the cement, for the latter can be slacked by exposure to the air. Many defects in masonry buildings of reerent years bive been caused by the hydration of magnesia in the cement. It is well to remember in testing the soundness of cenients that the trial should exiend over considerable time. for some defective material will stand for a period, and then luse jts unity und fall to pieces.
Finentess in cement is essential from a point of economy, for the finer the cement the greater will be the surface it will cover. It should also be borne in mind that cement will not crystallize by the addition of water unless it is ground, beenuse the coarse parttcles have no binding power. In order to determine the fineness of the material, sieves are emploped with a certain number of meshes to the square inch-one with 50 is considered a good test, and the cement that passes through is of a recommendable finenness.

The strength of cement is usually cleturmined by submitting a specimen in solid form to a tensile strain, for should it pass this test the compression will titso, as this material is not so strong in tension as in compression. The committee of the Amcrican Engineering Socicty recommend that the tensile stress applied should increase it the rate of 400 lbs. per minute.

There are other propertice, suth as color and weight, which are often tested when deterimining the value of cements, but they are not of 50 much importance as the matters already referred to. Color indicates the difference in the character of the rock and nmount of burning. Gray or greenish is considered a good color, while bluish gray indicates a probable excess of lime, and brown the presence of much clay, American centents are peculiar in respect of color, they gemerally being of a light or dark brown shade.
Weight of cement varies according 10 the hent given in burning, fineness in grinding and density of packing. The harder a material of this class is burnt the more it weighs. The lime a centent takes to set may be also consirdered a lest as to its quality, and one that sets in 30 mimmes or falls to commence to do so within three hours, reckoned from the the the water is poured upon the eemert, should not be used.

## DUTY ON GEMENT.

Deptintions representing the manufacturers of Canatian cement and the Cinadian importers of foreign cement have recemaly waited upon the Govefnment with reference to the inpport duty of 40 cents per batret. It is the desire of the former that the duty be allowed to remain as at present, while the latter urge that cement be placed on the free list. The inuports of oentent into Canada last year amounted to 185,000 barrels, white the amount produced in Canada reaclied 45,000 barrels. The Canadian manufacturers Siny that if ibe duty is retaned they will soon be able to supply entirely the Camadian market.

Messrs Carroll, Vick \& Co., of Toronto, having discovered in abundance on their property at the Porks of the Credit the materials necessary to the on their property at the borks of the Cresit the materials necessary to the
production of fire and paving bricks, will shortly enter into these lines of manpraductio.
A manntfacturer of British Columbia shingles who has recently made a tour of Manitoba, Eastern Cnnada, and the new Enghnd States is quoted as having said that in Ontario people have not yet discovered that it is cheaper to pay n little more for 1ritish Columbia shingles and have a good roof for years, than to buy cheap pine shingles, and have to repair continu. ally. A considerable disparity in price as comipared witli lle produce of eastern mills is unavoidable so Jong as the cost of freight remains as high as at present. On the other hand British Columbin shingles are being sold at slaughter prices in Winuipeg und throughout Manitoba, while the American duty is such as to render it impossible to compele with United States mills in the American market.

Builders and contractors of Niagara Falls, N. Y., are endeavouring to prevent Canadian contractors from securing contricts on their side of the river.

Messrs. Taylor Bros. of the Don Valley Pressed Brick Works, Toronto, have sent two car loads of their brick to Cligigo, to be used in constructing a buliding in the Canadian Department of the World's Fair.

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## SHAVINGS.

The Toronto Roofing company has nssigned to Mr. W. A. Campbell, liabilities $\$ 1,700$, assels $\$ 900$.
An exhibition composing virually a history of ecelesinstical art, is to be hetd in London, England, this year.
Knox churel at Montreal is to be superseded by a new structure. This ehureh was organized 107 years ago. and its first place of worship wns ereoted in 1792 at a cost of $\$ 5.250$. In 8865 a new edifice was buill, and this is now to be pulled down for a new and more imposing struc. ture.
The Master Stonecutters' Section of the Toronto Beilders' Exctiange have renewed their agreement with the journcymen masons. It is to continue in operation for three ycurs, and the wiages to le paid are fixed at 43 cents per howr. Representatives from boih parties are to hold a meeting four nonths before the ngreement expires to discuss how the trade stands, and threo months notice must be given by either parties before the expiration of the three years if it is their intention not to rencw the agrectuent.
The Confederation Life Association's new berilding in Toronto was formally opened on the roth inst. by a lunctroon which was attended by many of the prominent business and profes. sional men of the city. The new building, which was the subject of nuch tavorable comment, has cost up to the present about $\$ 420,000$, and it is es. timated that not more than $\$ 50,000$ additional will be required to be expended for its completion, thus bringing the total cose within half a million dollars. The slow burning principle of construction has been employed.
The Canadinn Sociecy of Civil Enginecrs have appointed the following officers: President,' E, P. Hannaford. Montreal; vice presidents; Thomas Munto, Cotean Landing ; P. A. Peter. son, Montreal ; and W. T. Jennings, Toronto ; Treasurer. H. Wallis, Montrenl; Librarian, William McNub, Montreal. The council also includes H. T. Barrey, St. Gcorge Montrenl Bos. well, Quebee; H. D. Lumsden, Toronto: P. W, St. George, Montreal ; J. D. Barnet1. Stratford; Alan Macdougall, Toronto: G. C. Cunningham, Montreal: G. A. Mountain, Ollawa © C. K. Domvile, Hamiton ; C. H. Kecfer. Torunto: Domvile, Hamston: C . H. Kecicr. Torunto: R. S. Poove, Steliarton: T. Ridous. Ouhwa : ioria, B. C.; F. R. Redpath, Montreal.

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