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## Brick Fences.

Brick fences which are so common a feature in England, have not been employed to any large extent in Canada, although the use of brick in conjunction with wrought iron for this purpose is noted in some recent work by Canadian architects. One difficulty which is said to attend the use of brick for this purpose in Canada, is that one side of the fence may be more subject to dampness than the other, leading to unequal expansion and contraction of the material, and ultimately to the toppling over of the structure. The use of cement instead of lime mortar in work of this character might prove a remedy.

## The Preferential Tariff.

The news comes from Berlin that the German customs authorities will in future require certificates of origin in the case of American grain. This is regarded as a retaliatory slap at Canada for having granted preferential duty on British goods coming into this country. The Dominion should now demand a certificate of origin in the case of all imports from Great Britain. This would have the effect of shutting out large quantities of German goods which now find their way into Canada as British imports and get the benefit of the preference which was intended to apply only to British manufac-
tures. The statement is made on what appears to be good authority, that many German manufactured goods are shipped into England, where the assembling of the parts is done, after which the goods are exported to Canada and receive the benefit of the preference. At present there is nothing to prevent such a practice either by Germany or other countries. Means should be adopted to prevent the preference being accorded to any but bona fide British goods.

Province of Quebec
Association of Architects.

The Council some months ago passed Association establish a Scholarship for Students in the Architectural Department of McGill University. It is proposed that this scholarship should consist of a sum sufficient to pay the fees of the successful student during his four year's course. The action of the Council requires ratification by the Association. Two meetings of the Association were called for this purpose, but much to the regret of those who had interested themselves in the matter, the necessary number of members to form a quorum could not be got together. The matter will therefore come up for consideration at the annual meeting in January, when it is hoped the proposal will be approved. Meanwhile, by reason of the apathy of the members, the proposals, if adopted,
cannot go into effect until the opening of the winter term next year. The establishing of a scholarship of this character should awaken a deeper interest by the students in the study of Architecture, as well as in the P. Q. A. A. and the work of the Architectural Department at McGill

The ways of the trades unions, like A Peculiar objection. those of the heathen Chinee, are sometimes peculiar. News of what appears to be the very latest cause for a strike comes from Grand Rapids, Mich. The union bricklayers of that city have refused to work on a building because the foundation walls are constructed of cement and are carried up a few feet above the ground level. Members of the union state that the action was taken because of the effect the use of cement as a building material will have on their trade, the new construction not requiring the services of skilled bricklayers and stone masons, and threatening, in case of the universal adoption of the cement construction, to deprive them of a large part of their employment and thus drive them into other fields. It is a foregone conclusion that this action must fail to seriously retard the use of cement for building purposes. The adaptability of the material for foundations and for the entire construction of certain classes of buildings, such as warehouses and factories has been so far established that its extended use in this direction in the future is assured. On the other hand, it does not seem probable that it will become popular in the construction of residences and other buildings in which a high standard of architectural effect is sought for. After all, therefore, its effect on the employment of bricklayers will probably not be serious. In any case the unions will not be permitted to dictate to owners, architects and builders what materials they shall employ in the construction of buildings.
$\Delta$ Unitorm Size for Bricks.

A correspondent writes that the table on page Iro of the new edition of the Canadian Contractor's Hand Book, showing the number of bricks in walls of various thicknesses, will not apply to bricks manufactured in Toronto. This is no doubt true, but the table is correct for some other localities, as for example the Maritime Provinces. Our correspondent's complaint again draws attention to the fact that there is scarcely any limit to the variations in size of brieks manufactured in this country. As an illustration in point, an architect who has some work in progress in a northern town writes "I am putting up a block of stores, and because of the brick famine in this section, I am compelled to use three makes of bricks-one from Barrie, another from Stayner and the third by a local manufacturer. No two makes are alike in size. This causes a great deal of trouble in bonding." The three manufacturers from whom this architect obtained his bricks are distant from one another not more than fifty to sixty miles. It will thus be seen how sizes vary even in what might be considered the same locality. In short each manufacturer appears to be a law unto himself. In another column will be found a table similar to the one in the Hand Book, but based on the largest size brick made in the Dominion so far as we can discover. This may be of some value, but from what has been stated it will be seen that no table that could be compiled would
meet the requirements. Steps should be taken by the government or by the Architectural Associations and Builders' Exchanges to compel Canadian manufacturers to adopt a standard size for bricks, and put an end to the inconvenience arising from existing conditions.

City House Exteriors.

Wide differences of opinion exist among architects with regard to what must be considered important features of their work. A discussion took place recently among members of the profession with reference to the outside appearance of city dwellings. A certain well-known house in Chicago was cited, which in the opinion of one architect had more the appearance of a prison than of a residence. The answer was that the interior of this house was entirely satisfactory and that the windows and doors faced upon an attractive inner court. Some of the parties to the debate contended that the exterior of a house facing the street might be of almost any character; that the owner and architect were not under obligation to make the exterior of such a building pleasing to the public ; that the main requirement was to make the interior satisfy the desires of the owner. Others strongly combated these views, and held that in order that cities might be pleasing and interesting, it was necessary that attention should be given to the exterior treatment of residences as well as other buildings. Against this opinion was cited the American style of street house, which is so designed as to convey the idea that the occupants live, to a large extent, on the street. This style of house has large porches and verandahs, bow and other windows set low so that the interior is plainly visible from the street. There is something to be said in favor of both sides of this question. Perhaps the solution lies in the architect taking a middle course-that is, in making the outside of the house as attractive as the funds at the disposal of the owner and architect may permit, without in any way sacrificing the interior. It is undoubtedly proper that a dwelling should afford those who occupy it the necessary privacy, but it does not therefore follow that it should present to the observer from the street the sppearance of either a barn or a prison.

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## A DOMINION EXHIBITION.

At the Toronto Industrial Exhibition last week the Hon. Mr. Tarte spoke of the desirability of holding a Dominion Exhibition, and of holding it at Toronto, as a good central place, already possessed of an experienced organization capable of carrying such an exhibition out. Mr. Tarte's promise to personally endeavor to help forward such an exhibition may be taken to mean that he does not ignore the question of cost. A Dominion show will require Dominion money, and its advocacy by Mr. Tarte may be considered as bringing the matter within the sphere of practical politics.
The idea ought to be taken up with energy. On the question of general expediency there is no douot that it sa great idea, having incalculable possibilities in the way of developing trade within our own borders. We do not know each other well enough. There has been a rush of development in this country of late years that requires just such an opportunity as an all-Canadian exhibition to enable the different provinces and sections of the country to become acquainted with the nature and extent of each other's productions. We are apt, both in buying and selling, to think first of other countries, because we have not yet learned to expect our own country to supply us with either the products or the market we want. By dint of successes in the World Fairs of other countries, we have learned that the fruit and dairy products of Ontario rank first class in this planet. Our fisheries bave long been a main support of the Roman Catholic church, in Europe as well as in this country ; and we have recently came to regard ourselves as one of the granaries of the world. Our northwest is indeed rapidly enabling us not only to sell wheat to the world, but gold, to buy it with.

Yet these are but specialties; points in which we range ourselves with other countries. There are, besides these commodities, plenty more, which ought to be as well known inside the country. It is only a few things after all that a nation can expect to supply to other countries ; but it ought to expect to supply itself with all but a few things. We give each other the least possible encouragement. We say Canadian manufactures cannot afford to be first class because they have not the market to justify it. The market is here ; gaping for first class articles; but importing them from the United States.

It is just such a state of affairs that a national exhibition of national productions will tend to rectify. For such a chance producers will produce their best, and we shall be able to see if we have not in our own country not only the necessaries of life-food, clothing and fuel ; but also its luxuries-books, plumbing supplies and objects of beauty.

Of course such an exhibition will do us no harm with the outer world. Canada is a great country for summer visitors from other countries, and Toronto is apt to be a place of call for most of them. To say nothing of the summer conventions, which find it a convenient and pleasant meeting ground, Toronto is in the way of Americans fleeing for July and August to our north-west fishing rivers and to Muskoka ; and it is near Niagara, which European visitors must see before they can face their friends at home. With a Dominion Exhibition going on, these visitors would "stop off" and "take in" the show ; and more would come because there was a show to see. All of which
would be good for trade, both present and prospective; and would no doubt, sooner or later, pay the cost of the exhibition. But the idea which appeals most to the imagination and suggests the greatest possibilities is the national stock-taking and interprovincial acquain-tance-making that would take place; giving openings for trade, or producing at one stroke a market, for which both producer and purchaser have long been ready if they had only known of one another ; a grand national courting bee to promote marriage between industry and trade in our family connexion.

To take one example which is of interest to readers of the Canadian Architect and Builder: There is abundance of building stone in Ontario; limestones, sandstones, granites, gneisses, serpentines and marble. Specimens have been collected by the Bureau of Mines and made a striking exhibit at the Pan-American Exposition. Yet for these stones we go to Indiana, Ohio, Scotland and Italy ; and for all tbat can be seen at present will continue to go there indefinitely. Here is one sort of product that our deserted waterways might very well carry, and there is nothing so likely to cause them to do so as a National Exhibition, well carried out.
This brings us to the aspect of the question which is more within the province of this journal than the question of the general advantage of holding such an exhibition. If done it must be done well ; and in that need lies the chance of Toronto redeeming its lost opportunities in the way of both grounds and buildings for its Industrial Exhibition. It is at these grounds that the Dominion Exhibition will naturally be held. But while the Toronto Industrial Exhibition Association is no doubt the best available means of putting it on foot, the grounds of the exhibition are not only inadequate-a defect easily corrected by the juxtaposition of the extensive vacant military ground by the Stanley Barracks and the filling in which it is proposed to do on the lake shore-but, to have any adequacy at all as a mere portion of the show, the grounds will require an upsetting and reconstruction from which they will never recover ; and that is what they want. It is such a chance to get things pulled down and things built that is not likely to occur again for many years ; for the Park Commissioner, though stout, is temperate, and apparently healthy. Would he were a worse man, and had a better imagination! The grounds of the Industrial Exhibition, regarded as fair grounds, are just about as near nothing as they can be. An annual visitor has still, every year, to think before he can find his way to the grand stand. As for finding his way from it-there is but one way for everybody, and that in the wrong direction. Happy is the suburban Parkdaler who alone, when the fireworks are done, gets home to bed, undegraded (and unbruised) by crushing in a street car. There ought to be an eastern exit connected with either trams or trains; and the necessary accomplishment of such additional exit for a big Exhibition might be made one of Toronto's permanent gains proceeding from the Dominion show. But these, through important considerations, are quite secondary to the absolute want of effect in the present fair grounds. The plan is mere confusion. There is no leading idea, no visible arrangement, no attraction for the eye. These wandering roads with incoherent
buildings on them make no recognition of the fact that, a Fair is after all a great out of doors assembly; that people are out of doors most of the time and want to find their pleasure in being there. By making proper effort a Dominion Exhibition might be made an occasion to change all this. Its principal court would suffice for the main portion of the permanent Toronto Fair; and matters should be so arranged that the buildngs round this should be made permanent and the court designed to be sufficient both in size and beauty to make the Toronto Exhibition what it should be.

Mr. Tarte's proposal that the Dominion Exhibition should be held next year leaves too short a time to do the thing properly; on the other hand it is hard to do anything that will take two years to do, on a ground where an Exhibition is held every year. But there are preparations, drawings contracts, ironwork, etc., that would be all the better for having a year, or all that is left of it after getting under way; and the filling in of the lake front might also go on at once. It would be cruel to shorten the Street Commissioner's enjoyment of such a happy dumping ground for ashes to one brief year. Besides there is going to be a shortage of ashes this year. With one year to advance preparations as far as possible, and a season of great activity, the thing might be done for the June after next. It would take this time also, one would think, to make sure of good exhibits.

If it is to be accomplished so soon as this there is no time to be lost, and even if it is given another year there is no occasion to delay taking the preliminary steps.

## BY THE WAY.

Referring to a crusade which has been started in Dundee against the defacing of buildings by smokers striking matches against the walls, the London Builders' Record points to the necessity of using for walls which are liable to defacement from any cause, materials which are proof against disfigurement. Glazed or glass tiles or bricks will meet this requirement in many positions.

In remodelling the Union Loan Building, Toronto, Messrs. Burke \& Horwood, the architects, have adopted the American plan of designating the ground floor as the First Floor, the floor above as the Second Floor, etc., and have so numbered the rooms as that the room number shall indicate the particular floor on which it may be found. For example, on the first or ground floor the rooms number from io to 19 , on the 2 nd floor from 20 to 29 , on the 3 rd floor from 30 to 39 , etc. The numbers of the several floors are shown in bold figures on the sides of the elevator.

The residents of a London street in which a large building was in process of construction appealed for and were granted an injunction restraining the contractor from operating a derrick before $7 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$., on the ground that it spoiled their slumbers. The contractor did not let the matter rest there, however, but carried the case to the Court of Appeal, which discharged the injunction. The court held that there was no vested right which secured people living in a residential street from being disturbed before 8 a.m. It was to the interest of everyone to have the, work executed as quickly as possible. The contractor also
submitted the plea that he was under penalty to complete the building by a given date.

The members of the Institute of British Clayworkers hold a yearly excursion and visit in a body places of special interest where combined with pleasure information of value to the trade may be obtained. The practice is a commendable one. This year a visit was made to the clayworking districts of France. In this connection the British Clayworker remarks: "The trade in brickmaking is a long way behind England as a whole. There are comparatively few facing bricks made in France, and those chiefly in the Burgundy district, which we did not visit. The common brick trade is, generally speaking, of a very interior stamp, but those made at Vaugirard were of a very fair quality, and the fire bricks made at Boulogne were excellent. The glazed bricks made at Ivry cannot compare with those made in England by the best firms, but they were excellent bricks, and the question arises whether the perfection and costliness of the English article is justifiable or necessary for ordinary purposes. We should be inclined to think that a product equal to that of Ivry would find an immense market at its relative price in this country. The French tile is undoubtedly a very superior product and worthy of extensive imitation. It is universal on the Continent. It is cheaper and lighter than the plain tile and more ornamental. It is cheaper and cooler than the slate. Some very good work is done in terra cotta, but it has not the pretensions of English architectural terra cotta. The use of it is undoubtedly limited by questions of cost, and it is only on very superior buildings that the architectural stoneware produced at Ivy could be introduced."

## STAINED GLASS.

At a meeting of the Sheffield Society of Architects and Surveyors Mr. A. Jeffery delivered a lecture on "Stained Glass," in which he said that the first stained glass executed in England was in the time of King John. Previous to this all glass came from Italy, which even at this date boasted of eminent artists. The old masters taught us many lessons, and much could be learnt from them. We should try and embrace all the good qualities of the old men, ignore their shortcomings, and try to improve on what had been done before us. After the sixteenth century stained glass died out, and did not again revive until the nineteenth century. Mr. Jeffery went on to explain that a window should be part of a building, and should not be treated as a picture or wall decoration. If a man attempted a picture he spoiled his material as glass and made a very bad picture. The lecturer described the different methods of manufacture. He said that English glass was superior to foreign, both in material and workmanship. The most important point in a window, in his opinion, was permanency, and only the most permanent of colours should be used, at whatever cost. Speaking of domestic glass he did not think the modern style was a passing fancy, but that it had come to stay, but like all other transitions in art at the outset it seemed to have been let loose, and we appeared to be seeking after something we could not quite grasp. But the style would ultimately settle down and find its own level. He was eagerly looking forward to the time when there would not be so much commercialism in connection with artistic crafts, and hoped architects in the near future would come more into contact with the craftsmen, and by their joint ideas succeed in raising
the standard of work,

## OFFICE FORMS FOR ARCHITECTS.

We have received from Mr. Walter Chesterton, architect, of Winnipeg, a copy of a form of certificate which he has used for some time past and has found very satisfactory. We take pleasure in reproducing the form herewith for the information of our subscribers to whom we trust it will be found valuable. In this connection we would be pleased to receive from architects copies of any office forms which they may have
on which the placing of colour of different values depends, to influence the ultimate effect of the whole interior, that is to say, as influencing the architecture. This is what really concerns the architect, and it concerns him just in the same way as the sections of his mouldings or the position of his carved detail concern him-they are all matters vitally affecting the general impression which his building is to produce.

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proved to be particularly adapted to their requirements, as well as particulars of office methods generally.

## THE USE OF COLOUR.

Considerable regret is felt by many of the older members of the A. A., that colour is being so little stuaied by the students of to-day. The primary cause is, no doubt, that there are already so many subjects which must be taken up for the examinations; hut I am inclined to think that, behind this, there is also the consciousness that it is a big subject in which the way is not very clear, and in which the results, as seen in the experience of their elders, are apt to be extremely uncertain. The student sees examples of the introduction of colour, by good men too, which he cannot bring himself to think are of much advantage to the building though not without harmony in themselves, nor wanting in attractive quality as to design; and he is puzzled as to what to study, or what to admire. And the real fact is that, as a "Handmaid of Architecture," colour is neither properly studied nor even properly looked at by the majority of architects. One has but to turn to the papers read and the discussions on them to realise that the attention is all given to points of method or medium, or to questions of bagiology ar archaeology, all matters interesting in themselves, but only in a secondary degree of importance to the architect's work. It is hardly an exaggeration to say that even the harmony of colour itself is, for the architect, a study of secondary importance; for he may obtain assistance in that when it comes to the execution; but it is of the first importance for him to know and understand what coluur can do for his building, and how. This means that he needs to study and understand not so much particular harmonies and contrasts of individual hues, as the general principles
titude of the architect towards colour. Firstly, he wants to be sure that his building will gain by the use of colour. It will certainly gain if the colour helps to explain and adorn it without disturbing the sense of repose, or if it, perhaps, assists in producing repose. Observe that the quality of repose has nothing to do with the "medium" to be used or the "subject" to be introduced. It has to do with simplicity of expression in all that concerns the suggestion of stability. Now colour, properly placed and of proper value, can greatly assist simplicity of expression, even amidst much elaboration ; just as it can also annihilate simplicity. This is almost entirely a matter of judicious placing of the colour values ; that is, so adjusting them that those structural forms which express stability, are first recognized, and that features of secondary importance are not the first to attract notice or to compete for attention. This does not imply that colour is to be lavished on the structural features-far from it. The end] may be often attained by leaving them almost plain ; but it means that they are to be constantly in mind, and that whatever is done with colour must be so done as not to set up an interest at variance with, or detracting from, the structural expression. This is not an empirical statement, it is a sufficiently obvious general law ; but it receives extraordinarily little attention from those whom it most concerns ; for in its application, it is not only less simple than it appears, but it is capable of infinite variety.
When the colour decoration of an interior has to be considered, it requires to be studied in the first instance much as a picture would be, as a whole ; and, as with a picture, although some special scale of colour may be intended, it will be better in most cases to think it out, or plot it out in monochrome; for so the mind will be less embarrassed by a multitude of problems at
one time. At starting, what we have to decide is which lines or features are essential to the expression of the building, and how these can best be maintained as a connected whole. In some places they will need accentuating, in others rather blending or connecting with adjoining surfaces-for we do not want a harshly defined network or skeleton of construction exhibited -we want to recognize the bony structure, not to have it shown detached from the muscular tissue. All this and the main features of ornamental treatment can be best worked out in black and white; for by this it is more easy to see where force is required, where to be avoided; and the effect of awkward or ungraceful lines is more easily recognized. It is only when the scheme has reached the point where these general requirements have been satisfactorily adjusted, that the question of rendering it into colour need be taken up. Of course with lengthened experience, the practised colourist arrives at the result by a short and mental process.

Now the rendering into colour of any scheme of decoration naturally demands not only a knowledge of cclour, that is of the effects of colours on each other and of their harmonies, but it also demands consider. able experience in the use of colour for decorative purpose, where each colour has to be used point-biank, without the shadings and modulations which play so important a part in the colouring of a picture. And, besides this, experience can alone prepare even a good colourist for the extraordinary changes to which his colours are subject between the palette and the surface to be decorated. No one who has not the experience can be in the least prepared for the amazing pranks which reflected lights can play on colours ; nor for the almost equally astonishing influence of the tones prevailing in the proximity of the parts under treatment. These are matters which cannot be learnt at the desk or the drawing board ; and for that reason, if for no other, the execution of the scheme in situ needs the experienced hand if it is to succeed. But a much more limited experience may succeed in projecting an excellent scheme, if only guided by a true architectural sense ; and when I said above that a knowledge of the harmony of colour was, for the architect, of secondary importance, what I intended to imply, and what I think will be seen is that such knowledge, however desirable, and however essential for the full working out of a colour scheme, is less necessary for the architect than the perception of the nature of the aid to be looked for from colour ; and that, whilst few can have the time or the opportunity to gain such a knowledge of colour as would enable them to prepare and carry out a whole decorative scheme, most architects can, if they will, train themselves to see how and in what form such decoration can be of service to their building. Careful observation and the habit of analyzing the motives in good examples, and the value of the results obtained, will by degrees render the student much more confident as to the direction in which he must seek success in his own works.

The study of colour, if a man has any developed sense of colour, may be carried on day by day, by observation or by practice, in a dozen different ways. Sketching, whether from landscape, from flowers, or from example, is all good study if done with the mind awake to understand the lesson. In sketching, we have to grasp the fact that each colour is affected by
others near it, and that its value is relative, not fixed. We have to learn that the foliage of the tree which comes into our subject cannot be represented by the hue of its individual leaves, but by the different hue produced by the many thousand lights, shadow's and reflections of its many thousand leaves, qualified too by the tones of adjoining objects and by the interposed atmosphere. Similar lessons are to be learnt in sketching from flowers, in the doing of which the student will soon find that the charm of his subject and its harmonious contrasts largely depend, not upon the direct contrast of a brilliant flower with an individual leaf, both equally lit, but upon the contrast of the bright flower itself enriched by some shade, with foliage tones qualified by shadow and reflection. His sketch, if it does not catch these facts, fails of its colour lesson. When it comes to the application of such lessons to decorative colouring, as harmony, the student has to remember not what was the "local colour" of flower or leaf, but what tones of colour produced the harmonious effect, so that when he sees his sketch at home, in a diffused light, he still has some equivalent of the original charm.

For the study of the application of colour, decoratively, the great school is italy; but before a man can profit by it he must have some amount of mental training, and have done something in the way of cultivating bis powers of analysis; that is to say, he must have learnt not only to recognise what is good, but why it is good; and to be able in some degree to understand what the artist aimed at. Perhaps only by degrees will he arrive at appreciating the subleties by which the end was attained: for these, like the master touches in a picture, are only to be recognised by one who has himself made some progress. But the broad principles and general motive can be understood by anyone whose architectural instincts are true, and can bring an unprejudiced mind to study them. At the same time he has to be on his guard against confounding executive merit with decorative excellence; for it is only too true that as the former grew the latter tended to decline. In Italy, moreover, the really good work is often swamped by a vast quantity of later bad art, frequently so bad as to discourage the student from his search for the good.

There is another, collateral method of studying colour decoration, which is interesting in itself and affords valuable training too. It is the habit of regarding every interior in which one may happen to spend a little vacant time, as a possible subject for colour treatment. In the intervals of a concert, between the acts of a play, or during the delivery of some after-dinner speech, to try and think out carefully a scheme of colouring for the place in which you would otherwise be suffering ennui, is at once a diversion and profitable study. You have to be your own critic and to ask yourself "Why ?" at every step ; but the habit gives a useful grip of the way of looking at the subject.

The study of colour, however, once pursued, has a constant and ever new attraction which grows with the pursuit. The architect who does not heed it leaves one side of himself uncultivated, and loses one joy in life; his buildings lose a part of their possible charm, at any rate within; or sometimes, by later inconsequent or unskilled treatment, lose all.-J. D. Crace, in A. A. Notes.

## UNIFORMITY IN SPECIFICATIONS FOR CEMENT AND METHODS OF TESTING.

The attainment of a standard specification is greatly desired by all those called upon to use cement in works of construction; indeed, this matter is of such importance to the manufacturer and consumer that both are concentrating their efforts in endeavouring to accomplish this result.

Mr. Lesley has given us much interesting information in regard to the great variation at the present time in specifications for cement, these variations not only arising from differences of opinion between experts as to what constitutes good material, and from different methods of testing, but also arising in many instances from lack of knowledge or from inexperience. Some of the specifications call for high strength, others for low; some require quick and others slow setting; many require a finely ground product to be slow setting and to be low in sulphuric acid, which is difficult and often impossible to produce; others introduce chemical qualifications which, if not submitted to an expert for approval, otten impose very unnecessary restrictions on the manufacturer.

The difficulties under which the manufacturer labours are therefore evident. His material must satisfy all of the specifications of his different contracts, and a single product can scarcely be controlled by subsequent treatment to meet these different requirements; also he is sometimes asked to meet impracticable conditions. The advantages of a uniform specification to a manufacturer would therefore be great. Instead of being obliged to meet irrational and sometimes impossible specifica. tions requiring a great variety of grades of material, he would be required to produce only one, or possibly two, grades, one quick and one slow setting. His work would be greatly simplıfied, which would not only reduce the probability of producing inferior material, but also tend to reduce the cost of production.

The advantages of uniformity in specifications, moreover, are by no means entirely in favor of the manufacturer. The material would be ground to a certain fineness, have a definite specific gravity, and develop a strength with less range of variation when treated under definite conditions. Thus the consumer could depend upon the quality of his material better than he does now, and would consequently be able to use it more understandingly, by adopting more efficient methods of manipulatiou and more economical designs. He would also be able to establish the fact when failures in mortar and concrete occur from poor workmanship and improper manipulation of the materials rather than from the inferior quality of the cement, and he would apply such remedies as would secure more durable and permanent structures. The investigation of cement in any one branch of construction would have a definite bearing on all cement construction and could be utilised in every line, whereas now they excite interest only in a general way.

Again, the consumer would not only save money through economies in manipulation and design, but his material would actually cost less, due to the reduction in cost to the manufacturer, resulting from the production of a standard article. The small consumer, also, not having sufficient appliances for accurate testing, would be more sure of the character of his material. Under the present system he is liable to get all the inferior products of the mill and the shipments which have been condemned on more important work, whereas if, only a standard grade of matcrial were produced he would be more likely to secure a normal product.
Everyone connected with a laboratory for testing cement knows the great influence which details of seemingly minor importance exert upon the results. In the preceding part of this paper it has been assumed that uniformity in specifications is equivalent to uniformity in the material itself, but this evidently would not be the case unless the specifications were based upon a standard method of testing. For instance, one laboratory might obtain a certain value on a seven-day sand test and another might obtain a much greater value on exactly the same material. Therefore if the uniform specification called for a value intermediate between the two, the first labcratory would require a higher testing cement than the second, even should their requirements be identical. In order for a uniform specification, therefore, to have any practical value, it must be based on a standard method of testing.

The principal reason that tests of cement show such variations in the results obtained by different operators, is that it is one of the few materials that is not tested entirely in the form in which it is manufactured and sold. Bars of iron and steel, bricks and woo 1, are tested not only in the form in which they are to be used, but also in the form in which they are produced and sold.

[^0]Cement, on the contrary, is made in one form, tested in a second and used in a third form.
The tests of cement may be divided into two classes : First, those which can be made with comparative accuracy, and second, those which are only relative owing to the great influence which the personal equation has upon the results.

The first class of tests are those made on the material as it is manufactured and sold, i.e. specific gravity, fineness and chemical analysis. The second class includes those tests which are made on the material after it has been subjected to certain processes and enmbined with other elements, and hence exists in a different form from that in which it was produced, i.e. time of setting, tensile and compressive strength and soundness
The first class of tests are capable of standardization, providing the apparatus and materials used are made and handled with precision. The second class, on the other hand, are subject not only to variations in the material itself, but also to variations in the other elements used with this material and to variations in the processes employed in combining them.
On account of the difficulty of procuring suitable apparatus for making tests and of manipulating it with exactness, variations will be found to some extent to affect all tests.

The determination of specific gravity is probably least sulject to variations due to differences in method where reasonable care is exercised in its manipulation.

The test of fineness, on the other hand, is subject to variations on account of the difficulty of procuring standard sieves and of manipulating them with precision.
Chemical analyses are also subject to sim:lar irregularities. In the tests made on pastes of cement, the inaccuracies of manipulation enter with double force, on account of the introduction of other elements and of the greater influence of the personal other ele
equation.

On account of these many possible sources of error, therefore, it is evident that every detail of manipulation and every piece of apparatus used must be prescribed exactly, thus?standardizing the methods of testing if it is desired to adopt a uniform specification.
This, however, would not be the only advantage gained by the introduction of uniformity in methods. Even if there were no thought of adopting a standard specification, a standard method of testing would still be decidedly beneficial, in that it would place all results obtained on any material, in any place, on exactly the same basis. Under the present system the results of tests in one laboratory are of little practical value to another. If, however, these results all had the same basis they would have a direct bearing on, and be strictly comparable with, the results obtained el-ewhere, which would vastly increase our knowledge of the behaviour of the material, and also render unnecessary a great amount of duplication of investigations.

For instance, a laboratory might make an apparently exhaustive series of tests investigating some property of cement. These tests might be repeated by a second laboratory, using different methods and probably obtaining results seemingly contradictory, thus leaving every one confused as to the indications of the tests, whereas if standard methods had been used the results would be much more likely to have been corroborative.
Standardization of methods, therefore, would have the great advantage of placing on a common basis all results either of routine work or of experimental investigations.
Another bencfit also would be the doing away with the constant source of friction between manufacturer and consumer constard to the reulis of tets. The manufacturer's laboratory may use a method giving high resuls, and the consumer's may use a method giving high results, and the consumers
laboratory may yield lower values ; both, however, being accurate as regards their respective method. The manufacturer, not always realising that the consumer's specifications are based on the results of his own laboratory, and not of the manufacturer's, is constantly endeavouring to show that the failure to meet the requirements is due to the consumer's methods. This is a comparatively unimportant matter, but it helps to show the many annoyances that could be obviated hy standardisation.

The American Society of Civil Engineers, through the report of its committee in 1885 , was the first to inaugurate a set of rules for the uniform testing of cement. While these rules served their purpose in an excellent manner for a number of years, they fail to entirely meet the requirements of to-day. $T_{1}$ is has resulted from several causes, among which may be mentioned, first, improved methods of manufacture ; second, increase 1 knowledge of testing and better acquaintance with the properties of cement ; third, the demand for greater accuracy and the more rigorous requirements in specifications; fourth, the increasing importance and magnitude of the works of construction in which cement is used as the principal material.

In recognition of these facts, the Society has recently appointed a committee to report methods for the uniform tents of cement. In carrying out these instructions the committee is confronted with the difficulties attending the selection of standard methods by which uniform and comparable results may be obtained, Anyone engaged in the testing of cements must necessarily encounter the same difficulties and must realize that the basis of a standard specitication is a sy-tem of testing which will give uniformity in results. This fact cannot be tou strongly emphasised. It would therefore appear logical that the first efforts should be ditected towards securing uniformity in methods of testing, then the foundation of a uniform specification would naturally follow.


Ground Plan.
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BRIGHT N, ENGLAND.

## A "FLAT-IRON" CHURCH.

To the Editor of the Canadian Architect and Buildz
SIR,-In an editorial last month (September) you made reference to the much advertised "flat iron" suilding recently erected on the corner of 5 th Avenue and Broaaway, New York. Many people imagine this building to be the only one of any importance ever erected on a similar gore. To show this to be a mistake, I enclose you herewith the plan and perspective of St. Joseph's Church, Brighton, England, built in 1879, on a gore similar to the flat-iron" gore. It will be seen the tower and steeple stand on
the narrow end of the plot, and rise to a height of some 200 feet above street grade. This illustration is taken from the Builder of March I3th, 1880.
The church at the time came in for considerable criticism, because a perspective view of either side of the building obtained at certain angles, gave to the building a narrow and stilted appearance. Taken from the other end of the church gave it an appearance of being larger than it actually was.

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## BUILDING STONE IN THE NORTHWEST.

Until recently the impression prevailed that there existed in the Canadian Northwest but little building stone. Investigation has revealed however that extensive deposits of more or less excellent quality, are to be found between Winnipeg and Lake Winnipeg extending as far west as Stonewall and east to Whitemouth Outcroppings are noticeable at Stonewall, Stony Mountain, Little Stony Mountain, Lower Fort Garry and East Selkirk. Stone from these points was used by the Selkirk settlers very soon after their coming to the country. Lower Fort Garry gives evidence of the use of this stone by the Hudson's Bay Company; the Kildonan church, and St. Andrew's church at the rapids are later examples. The early tombstones were made of the same material.

The Stonewall quarries have been considerably developed. Those at Stony Mountain have been used very largely for building in connection with the penitentiary. The main quarry at little Stony Mountain is owned by the city of Winnipeg and from it enormous quantities of stone have been used on the streets of the city, both as curb and foundation stone and for concrete and macadamizing. From the Selkirk quarry has come most of the ornamental stone used in Winnipeg.

Mr. Garson, formerly a contracter of St. Catharines, while erecting some buildings at Rat Portage, searched this territory for a stone which would meet his requirements, and located a deposit of 60 acres about two miles from Tyndall station on the C. P. R. and 29 miles from Winnipeg. He proceeded to develop the quarry and has already taken out 75000 tones of stone from an area of an acre and a half at a depth of less than 20 feet. As to the appearance of the stone, Mr. D. A. Dowling, B. A. Sc., in his report on the geology of the district says : " It presents a peculiar mottled appearance, which adds much to its beauty as an ornamental stone. This strange mixture of brown and white is difficult to account for. In some cases it appears as if its origin might be due to seaweed remains. Often the colo re portion approaches the color of yellow ochre and seems impregnated with iron, while the intervening spaces are more or less colored. So marked is this mottled condition that stone from this section can be distinguished at once from other stone in the Lake Winnipeg district."

The death is announced of George Farquhar, a prominent contractor of Toronto.

PUBLICATIONS.
Modern Carpentry - a Practical Manual - by Fred T. Hodgson, Architect; Frederick J. Drake \& Co., Chicago, publishers.
This new work, by a well known author, consists of 195 pages enclosed within cloth covers, and copiously illustrated. It treats in plainly understood language of carpenter's geometry and joiner's work, and gives many practical examples of best methods of performing various kinds of work. The book concludes with a number of useful tables and memoranda for builders.

The London Builders' Journal tells of a contractor who has carried sleight-of-hand (on a large scale) into the domain of building construction. He was recently building a dozen houses, each with a kind of underground kitchen which the local authorities required to be connected with the rooms above by a staircase. Now a dozen staircases are expensive, and it occurred to this enterprising contractor that it would be much more economical to have one only. So he bought a substantial staircase and fitted it up to the first house, got the local inspector to examine it, and obtained his certificate. The staircase was then removed to the second house, where another inspection took place, followed by another certificate, and so on through the whole twelve houses. In the last house the staircase was allowed to remain, but-verb. sap.-in the others its place was taken by a step-ladder.

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The City Solicitor of Toronto has given it as his opinion that when once a building permit has been issued the civic authorities have not power to revoke it. This opinion is the outcome of a petition by the residents of a certain district in the city of Toronto to have the same included in the brick limit, and pending the change to withhold authority from the holder of abuilding permit for a row of rough-cast houses.
It is satisfactory to learn, says the London Engineering Times, that the (British) Court of Appeal has confirmed the judgment already given that a building owner is responsible for the payment of provisional sums for work performed by special artists or tradesmen, or for other works or fittings to the building whenever the architect shall so direct. Building owners sometimes imagine that when a tender is accepted they have no liabilities except to the contractor, and in such cases it is difficult to explain to them that there are sub-contractors who have also claims, the payment of which does not necessarily increase the total amount they had undertaken to pay. In the caae in question, Hobbs v. Turner, the contract form of the Institute of British Architects was employed. Clause 28, relating to the payment of provisional sums, was therefore accepted by both parties. It was mentioned in the specification that railings of the value of $£ 20$, ezclusive of carriage, fixing and profit, were to be provided for, and they were supplied by the plaintiff. A certificate certifying that plaintiff was entitled to $£_{27}$ ros was sent to the defendant, the building owner, by the architect. The defendant declined to pay, repudiating his liability, and alleging that he had a claim against the builder for bad work. The Master of the Rolls interpreted clause 28 as meaning that the building owner and not the builder sbould be considered as the principal in regard to it. In such matters the builder was only the agent of the building owner. But his Lordship declined to decide whether under clause 28 the architect had authority to determine who was to pay, as well as to whom payment should be made. Apparently it was the intention of those who drew up the form of contract that the architect was to have the power of choice, for the sums are to be paid at such times and in such amounts as the architect shall direct, and sums so expended shall be payable by the contractor or by the employer. The only directing power is the architect and it is not suggested that it is optional on the part of the employer to pay or decline to
pay. It is to be regretted that the Court was not more decisive in dealing with this part of the question, although it may hereafter be accepted that the initial liability in respect of this class of work was established.


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In the course of a very interesting series of papers on structural costs recently published in the Engineer, the practice in tall building construction in America is set forth in a manner which shows clearly how economy is attained by keeping down the labor costs, says the Engineering Magazine.

The framework is so designed that the metal shall be handled the least number of times in the making. Planing is generally conspicuous by its absence, rolled or sheared edges taking its place. Rivets are so disposed that power driving can be used to the best advantage. Joints are so arranged that they require the minimum of work on site, and their rivets can be readily put in by pneumatic tools. Hand work is seldom to be detected-everything is as the machine has left it; as many girders, stanchions, beams, etc., are duplicated as is possible; stanchions are throughout spaced regularly; girder riveting is made alike in like spans-plates being added or dropped off as required for strength, thus one girder web plate template will often answer throughout the building; cast iron bases, pockets, shoes, and connection, where used, are just as the fettler or the tumbling barrel has left them; holes are cored or punched according to material; everything, in fact, is made most evidently for work and not for show. When first seen one is tempted to think off-hand that there seems much waste of material in places and much skimping of it in others. Brackets seem large and unwieldy, whilst cleats seem small and insufficient; girder flanges appear light, and stanchions ruggedly gigantic, or vice versa, according to the object of the building.

But one has only to study things out a little to realize that all this is of set purpose. We are so used at home to providing against so many chances that are never likely to happen concurrently, that our structures have taken a character of their own, and we miss these characteristics when viewing other work. If workmanship can be saved by a slight sacrifice of material, the American carefully considers it. In no land are scientific principles better understood than in his, but he is much keener after the dollar than to sacrifice it for the sake of theory, and he will unerringly fix on the cheaper way of carrying out his principle. He keeps as far way from the smith's fire as he can, and does not enlarge his scrap heap with useless croppings and clippings, and as a direct consequence gets work made very much quicker, on the whole much cheaper, and quite as good and sound and equal to what is demanded of it as though it had been made to a government specification and was finished all over.

It may be argued that this sort of thing is not compatible with good work, but there is no reason why it should not be so. In masonry structures there is no attempt made to dress the inner faces of stone which is to be backed by rubble or brickwork, and since the structural work of a modern steel building is entirely imbedded it should be made to fulfill only those demands which legitimately come upon it.

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## NOTES OF THE TORONTO EXHIBITION.

The Exhibition which has just closed must be classed among the best, if not the beat, held during the twenty-two years since this annual Fair was inaugurated. A noticeable improvement has been effected by the removal of some of the older buildings and the ercetion of several new ones, and the consequent re-arrangement of the grounds and exhibits.

The improvement would have been much greater had the new main building been completed. As it was the large unfinished structure served only to remind the visitors of the unwisdom of placing the control of such an enterprise in the hands of the Municipal Authorities, whose dilly-dallying methods made impos* sible the completion of this building for use this year.

Having in mind the damage sustained last year by rain owing to the leaky roof of the old main Building, exhibitors of the finer elasses of goods made but a very small display this year, and the attractiveness of the Exhibition as a whole was from this cause somewhat impaired.

Our space will not permit more than brief mention of some of the principal exhibits in the line of materials and apparatus for buildings.
The Canada Foundry Co, made an interesting display of wrought irom fencing, grille work, spiral staircases, columns, beanns, ete.

The Pease Furnace Co. had as usual an interesting display of heating apparatus, a prominent feature being their new F.conomy hot water boiler.
The Globs Paint Con, Limited, of Toronto, exlribited a fine grade of mixed paints and varishes, fillers, oils, etc., arranged in immense pyramids. Onc of these pyranids was composed of an extra fine grate of grouad pure white lead, onk varnishes and hard oil.

The Metallic Roofing Co., Toronto, showed some beantiful designs in metal ceilings and shingles. Their display included finials, pillars, colunns, center pieces, elc., also a larke lion's head, one of many embossed by the company for a large bank building to be constructed in Montreal. The decoration of the company's exhibit with flags of all nations was very effective.
The Adams Automatic Sash Lock, exhibited on u model window in the Main Building is a very ingenious, simple and durable contrivance. There appears to be nothing about it to break, even by careless handling. These fasteners can be pur on any window, are finished to suit trimmings, and windows cannot be closed without locking. Mr. Aclams also exhibited a mortise lock which can be inserted in the door without cutting away the wood-work. It is made from sheet steel and brass, being a combined lock and latch. Both the sash lock and mortise lock are sold through the hardware trade as chesply as the comasoner locks.

The exhibit of the Otis Elevator Co., (L.d.) was a prominent feature of the main building. The spar-geared elevator is a special feature of this company, as well as their machines under the Maynet Control System, The Antomatic Electric House Elevator, combined with a domb waiter and worked electrically by "push button" received much attention and favourable comment.
The Dairy Building and the Art Gallery at the Toronto Exhibition attracted considerable attention, being constructed of cement bloeks. The Cement Block Machine Co., 4 \& 5 Janes Building, Tononto, of which Mr. P. W. Stanhope is President, are the manufacturers of this new building material and take contracts for buildings, window sills, and other featurers of buildings for which stone has bitherto usually been employed. Their factory at the Queen's wharf is turning out this new article in large quantitics.

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PERSONAL
Mr. John J. Honeymon, architect, has recently removed from Rossland, B. C. and opanelan office in the Molvon's Bank Building, Hastings Street, Vancouver, B. C.
The death is announced at St. Louis of arr. James Stewart, the coatractor who recently made a record for rapid consiruction in England in connaction with the the new Wextinghoase factories at Mancheser. The late Mr. Stewart lived for many years in Kinston Ont. following hix arrival from Scolland, in 1842, and erected a number of prominent buildiagy in Kingston and Ouawa.

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## NOTES.

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A recent visitor from China to Toronto, states that a great deal of building is going on in Hong Kong, with an active demand for structural steel and other building material that could be supplied by Canada if a steel ptant was in operation on the Pacific coast.

The Royal Academy has made an appesal to its members and to the public for subscriptions towards the reltuilding of the Campunite at Venice. We are disposed to join in the protest made by the London Architectural Record, against the unwisdom of rebuilding the structure in the original style instead of making it as our contemporary expresses it "a product of its own time in its dexign."

The rutomobile has attined considerable popularity in Toronto, where the asphalt pavements and easy gradients are extremely favorable to its u*e. Quite a nuaber of the new residences constructed this year have automobile sables attached. No doubt in the near future these wilt be regarded as necessary adjuncts to all residences of a certain value.

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"Comfortable Hooses" is the title of an unasually attractive booklet referring to and descriptive of the "Economy" hot water heating boiter recently placed on the market by the Pease Furnace Co., of Toronto.
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