

CHEAPER CEMENT WILL MAKE BUILDING BOOM

(New York Herald)

Building investors shaping their construction programmes for next year upon price changing stipulations were encouraged last week by the announcement of a 80 per cent drop in the price of cement, according to the current Dow Service Daily Building Reports.

The delivered price for this commodity at the week end was \$4.08 as against \$5.10 a barrel representing both a dealers' and a manufacturers cut. The manufacturer cut his price 20 cents because producers in the mid-western section of the country lowered their price from \$2.50 f. o. b. to \$1.98 mill. The change in price of soft coal was ascribed as the reason for this cut in the middle west.

While the soft coal situation has been easing up for some time there

were cement authorities who believed that the cut in price of cement here while in part due to the more favorable situation with respect to fuel supply was in reality an attempt on the part of Eastern manufacturers to check the flow of mid-western cement into the Eastern territory. As for the dealers cut, the slackening of demand for building materials of all kinds was ascribed as the reason for the additional reduction, totalling 30 cents a barrel, with the usual rebate of 25 cents a bag, four bags to the barrel, for empty cotton containers.

There is also some softening in the price of brick of a substandard quality but the quotations were too scattered to warrant their inclusion in the basic price range, which is \$15 to \$17 a thousand wholesale on which delivered prices would take the usual

additional cost of haulage handling and 15 per cent.

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The fact that price reductions in some lines have taken place while others have held firm in spite of pressure and that certain building material manufacturers are becoming more willing to accept orders to carry them over the entire first quarter of 1921 are combining to bring out work in architects' offices that has been lying dormant for some time in anticipation that the waiting policy would wear down the price supporters.

A slight change has therefore been noticed in the building material and distributing centres supplying New York and vicinity. It is not sufficiently sustained by contrast award, however to justify any one in believing that it offsets the character or quantity of construction that will develop in 1921.

It is generally possible at this time of the year to trace the probable course and character of construction for the ensuing nine months, but the present indications suggest a timid advance into all construction of all kinds covering a period well into Feb-



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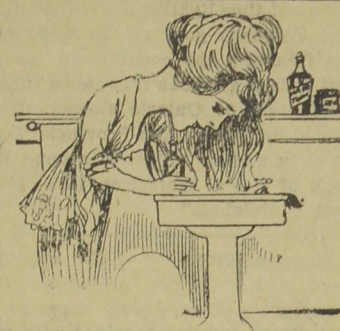
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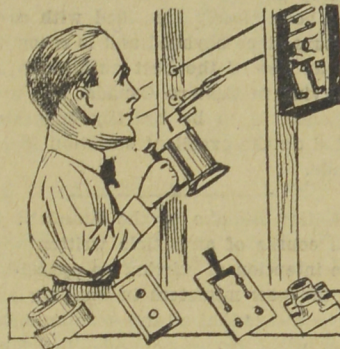
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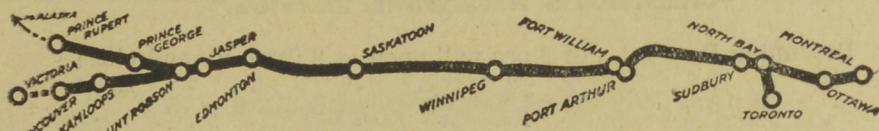
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