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Improvement General in Texas, Particularly in Dallas.

Class of Work Far Above That of Previous Times and Labor Is Kept Busy.

Dallas, particularly, and all of Texas appears to be enjoying at this time an unusual activity in building operations. The buildings are business houses, business blocks and residences of every description. The business houses are all the way from two-story concerns to cost $5,000 to more pretentious affairs to cost all the way up to $50,000 and $75,000 and more. It is said that there are plans under way in the offices of the architects for skyscrapers which will cost from $100,000 to $400,000.

All of the architects in the city declare that they are handling business up to the capacity of their offices, having business waiting until they can get at it. The houses are under way in many instances, the architects looking after the execution of plans. Others are let and still others are ready for the letting. Still others are being drawn and are to be executed during the summer.

Need More Workers.

A good feature of it all, the architects agree is
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Bradstreet's reports show that Dallas, among the leading fifty cities of the country, holds fifth place for improvement in March, 1909, over February, 1909. The percentage is 28%. The total for March was $424,014, practically the same as May, usually a much quieter month.

H. M. Greene of Hubbell & Greene, architects, said: "With all the business we can well handle and orders well ahead, we seem to be in about the same condition the rest of the Dallas architects are. Of course, we are giving Dallas work a preference. For the business section it is brick and stone, and frequently steel, that are favored in construction, and the types are the storerooms below and offices above for two to six stories, to cost from $15,000 to $50,000.

Residences are either of brick or stone, or of brick veneer, and are costing from $10,000 upward. Of course there is much of the more modest cottage work. Workmen are scarce, all kinds of mechanics. Good men in every line are in demand."

Charles D. Hill, of C. D. Hill & Co., architects, said: "It is easy to see along Main, Commerce, Elm and Pacific where the business building is going on. Yet there are side streets, like South Poydras, Ervay, Akard, Lamar and others, where the work is steady and considerable. From $15,000 to $40,000 seems to be the range for the business houses generally. Some more important ones are being discussed."
Many Nice Residences.

"Dallas is coming to the fore in nice residences and it is a splendid sign that all classes and conditions of men are looking to the matter of providing homes. Our growth is of home makers, not of the transients and venturers. But residents in other places are making Dallas investments and these include some very fine buildings upon properties lately acquired."

"It was very evident a short time ago that the scarcity of rain over much of the state called a halt in the building operations. This was most readily seen over the West. Now that the rains have come, this has brought a renewal of activity and if rains continue well it is to be expected that the work will last through the year."

"Houston is doing some of the most pretentious of building. Houston needs ."