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One of the largest ore contracts signed this year was that consummated last week. The British Columbia Smelting and Refining Company, of Trail, are to have the entire output of the War Eagle, Iron Mask, Virginia, and probably the Porman, mines from July 1st to January 1st, 1897, a period of six months. The details of the contract were not ascertained. The same company has also contracted for the product of the Crown Point. At this mine there are 3,000 tons of shipping ore on the dump.

Sealed Tenders addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, 21st August next, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on proposed contracts for four years over each of the following routes from the first October next:—Broadview and Fitzmaurice, once per week; computed distance 20 miles. Broadview and Hillsden, once per week; computed distance 12 miles. Crescent Lake and Saltcoats via Perley each way, once per week; computed distance 19 miles. Tetlock and Yorkton via Ebenezer and White Sand each way, once per week; computed distance 32 miles.

In Winnipeg the Martin Bole, Wynne Co. have decided on the erection of a large block, corner McDermott and King streets. The plans for the building have been prepared by Hugh McGowan, architect, and the estimated cost is about \$25,000. It will be 33x11 feet, five stories and basement, solid brick on stone foundation. The first storey on King and McDermott will be faced with Selkirk stone, floors of cement. It will contain fire proof vaults, hot water heating, electric elevator, with offices in front. The same architect has prepared plans for a \$7,500 hotel for J. A. Herron, of Cypress River, and a four room school in the same place, two stories, to cost \$3,000.

A letter has been received by the City Council from the Lachine Rapids Hydraulic & Land Company, Ltd., stating that it has acquired the rights from the Standard Light & Power Company to place wires under ground in the city and asking to have the necessary resolutions passed by the Council to enable the City Surveyor to prescribe the manner in which the following streets may be opened by the Company and the work commenced at the earliest possible moment.—Mountain street from Canal bank to Osborne street, Osborne from Mountain to Drummond and Drummond street, Notre Dame street, from western city limits to McGill street, via St. Maurice street, St. James street, west of Mountain, and St. Antoine, from Mountain street to Victoria Square, and

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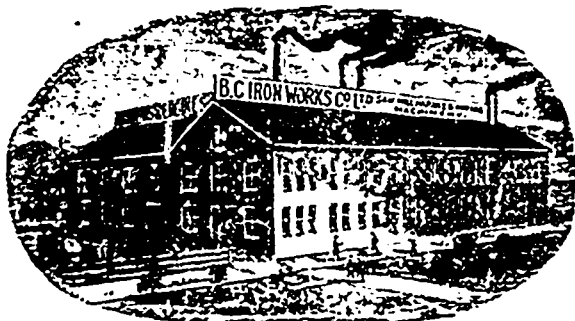
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through Fortification Lane to St. Gabriel street, Mansfield and University street, St. Catherine street, from western city limits to Bleury street. The subway the Company proposed to use would be cement lined iron tubes, similar to those used by the principal cities of the United States, and vitrified tile after the style of the Niagara Cataract Construction Company's plan, and for sub-mains Edison's tubing filled in with asphalt by hydraulic pressure. It is also proposed to use the conduits for carrying their wires, supplying light and power in the city.

Sealed tenders will be received till the 29th for lighting the streets of Peterborough with eighty or more arc electric lights of 2,000 candle power each, to be placed as directed by the Council through the Chairman of the Fire and Water Committee, and to be lighted all night. 1 For 300 nights in the year on the basis of (a)—A two-years' contract. (b)—A three-years' contract. (c)—A five-years' contract. 2 For every night in the year on the basis of (a)—A two-years' contract. (b) A three-years' contract. (c) A five-years' contract. The contract in each case to run from 1st January, 1897. Form of contract may be seen at the Town Clerks' Office.

The big Port Huron engine and thrasher works have shut down owing to the stringency in the money market.

The final report of the wheat acreage in Bombay and Sindh makes the area 2,526,000 acres against 3,265,000 last year; crop 2,350,000 quarters against 4,300,000 quarters the preceding year.

Four million feet of lumber were shipped from St. John to British ports last week. Very little lumber is now going forward to the United States, owing to the low prices prevailing in that market.



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