



CONTRACTS OPEN.

LAKE MEGANTIC, QUE. -- A new R. C. church will be erected.

GEORGETOWN, ONT.—The town council are talking about water works, INGERSOLL, ONT.—Plans have been prepared for the new Baptist church.

WINDSOR, ONT.—A large flour mill will be constructed on the Pulling & Hanna sub-division.

TH.SONBURG, ONT.—The Ridout St. Methodist church will build a parsonage to cost \$3,000.

BAILLIEBORO, ONT.—Tenders are being asked for a new Anglican church to be built this summer.

GUELPH, ONT.—A site has been granted the Fat Stock Club for the crection of an exhibition building.

LONDON, ONT.—Tenders will be immediately asked for the erection of extensive additions to the Talbot street and Waterloo street schools.

Brantford, Ont.—The Public School Board has decided to employ Mr. Stewart, of Hamilton, to draw up plans for the new Central school.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The continuation of the block paving on Cannon street east to about half a mile beyond the city limits is being proposed.

DELHI, ONT.—The Presbyterians will build a new church.—The site for a new school house has been selected, and operations will begin immediately.

BERLIN, ONT.—The congregation of St. John's church have decided to erect this season a new church costing about \$5,000, with a seating capacity of 300.

HALIFAX, N. S.—A meeting will be held to consider the question of the erection of an art school building.—An Oddfellows' temple, to cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000, will be erected.

BOWMANVILLE. ONT.—Tenders will be received by Messrs. Knox, Elhot & Jarvis, Queen and Victoria Sts., Toronto, until noon of the 12th inst., for the erection of a small church here.

KINGSTON, ONT.—Mr. Henry Moers will erect a residence at the corner of Barrie and Descon streets.—Mr. Axley will erect a brick dwelling on Albert street.—Mr. H. W. Wilson will erect dwellings on Alfred street,

FORDHAM, QUE.—The desirability of constructing a system of water works is being considered.—A by-law has been approved by the ratepayers, authorizing the construction of an iron bridge to replace the present wooden one.

MONTREAL. Que.—The Roads Committee recommend that Place D'Armes hill, St. Lambert hill and Barrack street be paved with granite blocks, at an estimated cost of \$5,000, \$6,000 and \$16,000 respectively.—St. Lawrence market will be enlarged,—Improvements to cost upwards of \$4,000 will be made to Bonsecours market.

Winnipeg, Man.—Improvements are to be made to the Legislative buildings during the coming summer.—Notice of incorporation of the Winnipeg Grand Opera House Company is given, with a capital of \$50,000.

—Two opera house building projects are on foot here. Both it is said are to be carried out this season.—An appropriation of \$5,362 appears in the Dominion Government's supplementary estimates for repairs to the Manistoba Penitentiary.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—Mr. M. Dunham will creet a brick block consisting of three stores, four stories.—Mr. Liston, architect, is preparing plans for alterations to R. Bowes' brewery, this city; patsonage and improvements for R. E. church. Spencerville; and block of stores for Mr. N. Larmour, Cornwall.—Mr. Allan, architect, has in course of preparation plans for a residence for himself to cost about \$4,000; public school at Winchester, to cost about \$15,000; Lansdowne township hall, to cost about \$6,000; and a residence here for Mr. Ault, estimated cost \$6,000.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The supplementary estimates just brought down by the Government include: Welland Canal, \$15.450; Toronto examining

warehouse, purchase of water lots, additional amount required, \$4,000; Petrolia public buildings, \$4,000; Brantford post office and custom house, \$700. Toronto post office improvements. \$5,800. Toronto custom house sanitary works, \$2,200; Owen Sound, dredging entrance channel, \$4,000, Kingsville, repairs, \$1,200; Georgian Ray, removal of Robertson rocks in main passage between Clapperton and Croker's Island, \$3,000; Beaverton Wharf, \$5,000. Scugog River improvements at Lindsay, \$3,000; Wiarton, to complete breakwater, \$9,000; Saugeen River, \$1,600; Big Bay, north Keppel, \$2,000; Thornbury, dredging, \$3,000; Parry Sound narrows, \$6,000; Goderich harbor, \$2,500. Among the harbor and river appropriations are \$123,150 for Nova Scotia, \$16,200 for Prince Edward Island, \$43,350 for New Brunswick, \$55,300 for Quebec, \$57,300 for Ontario, \$2,000 for Manitoba, \$8,500 for British Columbia.

TORONTO, ONT. - The Water Works Superintendent recommends that the pumping capacity be increased by replacing the No. 1 Worthington engine by a high duty engine having a daily capacity of eight to ten million gallons.-New water mains are recommended to be constructed on Preston Avenue from end of main to Hallam Avenue, Manchester Avenue, from end of main Ossington Avenue to Shaw St.; Dewson St., from end of main Dovercourt to Rusholme Roads, Batty Avenue, east from Broadview Avenue,-Mr. Jos. Connolly, architect, has propared plans for improvements to be made to St. Michael's Cathedral, to cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000. -Messrs. Denison & King's plans for a branch library building to be crected on College street, have been approved.-A sub-committee of the city council has decided to recommend a grant of \$20,000 towards the erection of an industrial school for girls.-Ald. Ritchie has given notice of motion that plans be prepared for a new fire hall on Dundas street.-The city council has appropriated \$2,100 for the erection of a dog pound. - the citizens will be asked to vote \$50,000 for the erection of a public abbatoir. -Tenders will be asked for the erection of a new conservatory at Horticultural Gardens.—The congregation of Bonar Presbyterian church have completed arrangements for the erection of a new church on Lansdowne Avenue.-A site has been purchased from the University of Toronto on which the new Wycliffe College will be erected. The work will be proceeded with at once, -Pavements are recommended for Sydenham lane and Bay St., south of Front St.—The estimates of the Works Committee which have been handed down, include the following; Roadways, \$62,000; plant and repairs to plant, \$8,000; sewers, \$40,800; dredging Yonge street and other slips, \$3.500; repairs and reconstructing stone and wooden kerbs, \$10.000; wooden and stone kerbs, \$2,000; planking and maintenance of bridges, \$7,200; Frederick street wharf, \$3,500; stone crossings, \$15,000. -The following building permits have been issued: W. R. Stewart, five 3-storey bk, stores and offices, corner Spadina Avenue and College street, cost \$10,000; E. Thomson, five 3-storey bk, stores and offices north side Adelaide street, opposite Grand Opera House, cost \$18,000; G. W. Hunter, pair 2-storey and attic bk; dwellings, Czar street, cost \$6,000; J. & J. Taylor Safe Works, 2-storey bk. add. to factory. Frederick street, cost \$10,000; George Dermott, pair 2-storey and attic bk. fronted dwellings, Ontario street, north of Gerrard, cost \$2,400; R. G. Trotter, alterations and additions to dwelling, corner Belmont and Bloor streets, cost \$2,000.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

NORTH BAY, ONT,-Mr. George Ball, of Barrie, has been awarded the contract for building the large new hotel.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Mr. E. Cook has received the contract for Ex-Ald. McConnell's new building on Cordova street.

LONDON, ONT.—Mr. Chas. Barfoot has been granted the contract for block paving Peter St. and Prospect Ave., at \$1.42 and \$1.65 per foot respectively.

STRATFORD, ONT.—Messrs. Campbell & McBeth have been awarded the contract by the G. T. R. for double-tracking their line between Parkdale and Clarkson, a distance of twelve miles, on the Toronto branch.

GUELPH, ONT.—Mr. Day, architect, has awarded contracts for a residence for Mr. Wm. Morris as follows: Mr. R. Clark, mason and brick work; A. Bruce & Son, carpentry work; T. Robinson, plastering; Geo. Howard, tinsmithing.

TORONTO, ONT.—Tenders for water works supplies bave been accepted as follows: St. Lawrence Foundry Co., special casting, at 3 cents per lb.; Charles Smith & Co., hydrant jacket, \$3.95 each; Matthew Warnock, 36-inch valve, \$833.—The tender of Mr. John Perkins, amounting to \$3.005, for stop valves required by the water department, has been accepted.—The Works Committee has recommended acceptance of the following tenders. For sand west of Yonge street, A. J. Brown, \$1.25 per cubic yard; cast and wrought iron work, T. Tomlinson & Son—castings. \$2.25 per 100 lbs., wrought iron, \$4 per 100 lbs.; bricks—Mary Wakefield, west of Yonge, \$8.50 per 1,000; east of Yonge, Thomas Beatty, \$8.30 per 1,000.

One of the most satisfactory wax finishes for wood is made by boiling a quarter of a pound of white wax with one ounce of pearl ash and one quart of water. It is to be stirred while boiling, the stirring being afterward continued until cold. The composition is applied with a paint brush, after which the surface is rubbed until dry with velvet plush.