

### CONTRACTS OPEN.

**ST. MARY'S, ONT.**—The Presbyterians intend erecting a large new church.

**NEWMARKET, ONT.**—The trustees of the Christian Church invite tenders for the erection of a new parsonage.

**PORTSMOUTH, ONT.**—At a special meeting of the Council, it was decided to ask the Government to extend the large pier.

**NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.**—Mr. James Corcoran is about to commence the erection of a saw mill on the Fraser river.

**REGINA, N. W. T.**—A by-law to raise the sum of \$20,000 for drainage purposes will be submitted to the ratepayers on the 22nd May.

**GRAND FORKS, N. W. T.**—The Great Northern Railway company have prepared plans for a handsome depot building at this place.

**HARTNEY, MAN.**—The Methodist congregation are considering the advisability of erecting a new church at an estimated cost of \$11,000.

**PORT ARTHUR, ONT.**—The Town Council is issuing debentures to the amount of \$75,000 to build, equip, and operate an electric street railway.

**SPRINGHILL, MAN.**—The Methodists have made arrangements for the erection of a new church, 26 x 40 ft. The building will be of wood, veneered with brick, with stone foundations.

**ESSEX CENTRE, ONT.**—A by-law for the construction of the Holly system of waterworks in this town at a cost of \$26,000 was carried by a vote of the ratepayers on the 14th inst.

**AUSTIN, MAN.**—Mr. W. Clifford is about to make extensive improvements to his grist mill. He also intends to erect a grain elevator.—Mr. McCulla is building a general store here, and Mr. W. H. Douglas is erecting an implement warehouse.

**ST. ANDREW'S, MAN.**—Mr. St. Laurent, Dominion civil engineer, has been taking levels and surveying between Selkirk and Winnipeg in connection with the proposed locks to be built at St. Andrews rapids. The estimated cost is said to be about \$500,000.

**KINGSTON, ONT.**—Plans are being prepared by Mr. Newlands, architect, for the new Public school building, and will be ready by the next meeting of the School Board. The building will be of stone, containing 12 rooms, each 24 x 30 ft. The tower will be 84 ft. high and 22 ft. square.

**HAMILTON, ONT.**—The joint property committee of the court house has decided to call for tenders for painting.—At a vestry meeting of All Saints' Church, the trustees were authorized to secure a loan of \$5,000 for the purpose of building a school-room and rectory. The work will be commenced at an early date.

**VANCOUVER, B. C.**—The corner stone of the Hospital for Women and Children has been laid, and the work will be commenced in a few days.—Surveys are being made in connection with the construction of the Nelson and Fort Sheppard railway, and when completed the work of construction will be commenced.

**OTTAWA, ONT.**—In reply to an inquiry in the House of Commons a few days ago, the Minister of Public Works stated that it is the intention of the Government to proceed at an early date with the construction of a canal on the north side of the St. Lawrence river in the County of Soulanges, at an estimated cost of \$4,800,000.

**OWEN SOUND, ONT.**—The School Property Committee has been authorized to call for tenders for the building of an addition to Boyd St. school.—Improvements and additions are shortly to be made to the station.—Mr. Jas. C. Kennedy, Town Engineer, invites tenders for lighting the streets of the town on the basis of a five or ten years' contract.

**LONDON, ONT.**—Mr. Bryanton, of this city, is about to erect a summer residence on the lake shore a short distance west of the Fraser House.—A petition is being circulated for a sewer on Stavley St.—The City Engineer is making an ex-

amination of the hydraulic pumps at Springbank, with a view of replacing them with new ones at a cost of about \$20,000.

**WINNIPEG, MAN.**—The erection of a new High School building is being considered.—The Board of directors of the Winnipeg General Hospital have decided upon the erection of a new building at a cost of \$20,000, and a committee consisting of Messrs. Archibald, Sprague, Maulson, Nairn, Carruthers and Dr. Lynch has been appointed to procure plans, estimates and tenders.

**PAISLEY, ONT.**—The reeve of this municipality invites tenders until the 30th inst. for the construction of an iron bridge across the Saugeen river at this place, to consist either of a large span of 190 ft. or of two separate spans of 95 ft. each; also for masonry work for the same, at so much per cubic yard. Contractors to do all necessary excavating and furnish all necessary materials. Tenders will also be received for iron supporters for the proposed bridge in lieu of masonry.

**MONTREAL, QUE.**—The authorities of the Montreal General Hospital have commenced tearing down the buildings to prepare the site for their new hospital.—The Roads Committee have recommended the construction of a drain on Drummond St. and an asphalt sidewalk on Prince Arthur St.—The Harbor Commissioners invite tenders for \$150,000 worth of bonds for the improvement of the harbor.—A flagstone sidewalk is to be laid on Wellington St.—The work of excavating for the foundation of the new hotel to be erected by Mr. Carslake, at the corner of St. James and Hudson St., has been commenced.

**TORONTO JUNCTION, ONT.**—The council invites tenders until the evening of the 18th inst., for supplying a 125 horse power boiler and a 100 horse power engine for operating the electric light plant.—The Public School Board at its last meeting agreed to purchase the site for a new school, and directed its architect to advertise for tenders for the erection of the same. The building will consist of four rooms and will be located on St. Clair avenue.—Arrangements are in progress for a number of stores on Dundas street.—The railway committee of the Privy Council has ordered the construction of the subway at Keele St.—Thos. Gillies, on behalf of the Council, invites tenders until June 1st for the supply of an electric plant.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—The local Board of Health recommends the council to provide funds to the amount of \$50,000 for the erection of a public abattoir.—W. G. McCrimmon, 21 Collahie St., wants tenders for the brick and stone work and materials for five houses.—It is reported that Mr. S. H. Janes is making arrangements to erect a large hotel, fronting on King St., between Victoria and Yonge Sts.—The Ontario Athletic Club has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$200,000, with the object of purchasing the property on College St. known as "Sleepy Hollow" as a site for a town club house. Messrs. John Beverley Robinson, Larrat W. Smith, John I. Davidson, E. B. Osler, W. T. Jennings, Jas. McGee and others are interested in the project.—The Board of Management of the Industrial Schools Association has adopted the recommendation of the Building Committee to accept the offer of the municipality of Scarborough' to grant a free site for the proposed new building. Messrs. A. B. Lee, Jones and Stewart were appointed a Building Committee to see to the drawing up of plans and specifications for the new building. There is already \$20,000 in the treasury for the erection of the building.—Building permits have been issued as follows: M. McMullan, two det. 2-storey and attic bk. dwellings, n. side Arthur St., nr. Grace St., cost \$7,000; J. Hughes & Son, pair s.d. 2-storey and attic bk. dwellings, n. side Arthur St., nr. Grace St., cost \$5,000; Joseph Simpson, additional storey and alterations to hotel, 315 Yonge St., cost \$2,000; L. Embree, det. 2-storey and attic bk. dwelling, Beaty Ave., cost \$5,000; R. Hayes, pair s. d. 2 storey and attic bk. dwellings, e. side Dowling Ave., nr. Leopold St., cost \$6,000; Geo. Nicholson, det. 3-storey and attic bk. dwelling with r. e. extension, w.

side Jones Ave., nr. Gerrard St., cost \$11,500; R. Hayes, pair s. d. 2-storey and attic bk. dwellings, e. side Beaty Ave., nr. Queen St., cost \$6,000; E. J. Banks, pair s. d. 2-storey and attic bk. dwellings, e. side Euclid Ave., n. of Robinson St., cost \$3,000; W. Palmer, pair s. d. 2-storey and attic bk. dwellings, w. side Close Ave., nr. High School, cost \$7,000; Wm. Jerrett, pair s. d. 2-storey and attic bk. dwellings, 224 Dovercourt Rd., cost \$8,000; Miss M. Watson, alterations and additions to six dwellings, s. side Gould St. between Bond and Victoria Sts., cost \$3,000; Dr. Hearn, det. 2-storey and attic bk. dwelling, e. side Dovercourt Rd., opposite McKenzie Crescent, cost \$5,000; Mary McClelland, five att. 2-storey and attic bk. dwellings, n. e. cor. Kensington Ave., and St. Patrick St., cost \$21,000; Land Security Co., three att. 2-storey r. e. dwellings, n. side Clifford St., cost \$2,000; Benj. Sheppard, det. 2-storey r. e. dwelling, n. e. cor. Florence and Sheriden Ave., cost \$1,000; J. B. Serley, det. 2-storey and attic bk. dwelling, e. side Admiral Rd., n. of Lowther Ave., cost \$3,500; Ed. Lawcett, pair s. d. bk. and stone dwellings, cor. King St. and Gwynne Ave., cost \$8,000; S. F. Wilson, 4-storey add. to Truth office, Adelaide St. w., cost \$4,500; F. Richey, three att. 1-storey and mansard b. f. dwellings, s. side Rebecca St., cost \$3,000; H. J. & E. Rushbrook, five att. 2-storey and attic bk. dwellings, w. side Shenden Ave., s. of Dundas St., cost \$6,000; W. A. Stain, pair att. 2-storey and attic b. f. dwellings, n. side Defoe St., nr. Tecumseth St., cost \$17,000.

### CONTRACTS AWARDED.

**KINGSTON, ONT.**—Messrs. Parker & Knapp, of Watertown, N. Y., have been awarded the contract for building the new Thousand Island Park hotel.

**LONDON, ONT.**—The London Glass Company is placing and supplying the glass for the Pandora Avenue Methodist Church, Victoria, B. C., at the price of \$1,000.

**MONTREAL, QUE.**—The contract for building the new school buildings at Lennoxville has been awarded to Messrs. Beecham & Scott, of this city. It is understood the contract price is about \$50,000.—Messrs. T. A. Morrison & Co., agents for the Ontario Pressed Brick and Terra Cotta Co., of Toronto, have secured the contract for supplying the brick and terra cotta for the new High School building.

**LONDON, ONT.**—Messrs. Geo. Riddle & Co., of this city, have secured the contract for slating the new G. T. R. station at Sarnia.—The contract for a steel bridge at Bartlett's Mills has been awarded to the Peterboro' Bridge Company, at \$1,571.—Mr. S. Pierson's tender has been accepted for the construction of a bridge over the Sydenham river between Lambton and Middlesex, for the sum of \$1,444.

### FLOOR WAX.

A good preparation for waxing floors may be obtained as follows:

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| Yellow wax.....         | 25      |
| Yellow ceresin.....     | 25      |
| Burnt sienna.....       | 5       |
| Boiled linseed oil..... | 1       |
| Oil of turpentine.....  | 30      |

Melt the wax and ceresin at a gentle heat; then add the sienna, previously well triturated with the boiled linseed oil, and mix well. When the mixture begins to cool add the oil of turpentine, or so much of it as is required to make a mass of the consistency of an ointment.

Yellow ceresin is purified ozokerite (fossil paraffine), and may be had in almost any quantity.

The burnt sienna may be used in smaller or larger quantity, according to the tint desired, or may be replaced by raw sienna, etc.

Dieterich recommends the following:

To 400 parts of boiling water add 200 parts of yellow wax; when this is melted, add 25 parts of carbonate of potassium; boil for a moment or so, then remove the vessel from the fire and add 20 parts of oil of turpentine. Stir until cool, and dilute with water to make 1,000 parts.

If the floors are well preserved, the dilution may be carried to 15,000.

The object of the potassium salt is to form an emulsion with the wax.—*American Druggist.*