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## CONTRACTS OPEN.

This column is to furnish Advance Reports of Building Projects, before the Closing of Contracts, for the special use of Material Men, Supply Men, Manufacturers, Builders, Architects, Roofers, Plumbers, Gas Fitters, Bridge Builders, Foundrymen, Hardware Men, etc.

Any of our subscribers who write to parties referred to in our Contract Column, will oblige us by naming the **TRADE REVIEW** as the source of their information.

### Railways, Canals, Bridges, etc.

Two gangs of men are engaged laying track on the Revelstoke & Arrow Lake railway, which will be opened in a day or so to the lake.

It is rumored that the Dominion Bridge Company, of Montreal, has been awarded the contract for the new swing bridge at Burlington Beach.

The street railway viaduct at the corner of Horton and Ridout streets, London, has been removed. Street railway men are preparing the approaches to the company's bridge on Ridout street.

A temporary bridge across the Rideau Canal will be built, from the foot of Slater street to the temporary station of the Canada Atlantic Railway, the present means of approach being roundabout and inconvenient.

The New Westminster and Vancouver Short Line Railway Co. will ask for an amendment to their act of incorporation at the approaching session of the legislature—continuing the company in existence renewing the rights and privileges received at incorporation, and granting an extension of time for the commencement and completion of work.

A petition is being circulated in the County of Pontiac, for the purpose of opposing the granting by the Dominion Government of an extension of time to the Pontiac & Pacific Junction Railway Company, for the completion of the western portion of its line to Pembroke. The proposed extension is sought at the present Session of Parliament.

### Schools, Churches & Public Buildings.

The Mayor of Quebec proposes to obtain the Institute Canadian building, for widening Fabrique street, and offers the property for it free rooms in the City Hall, the payment of their debt of \$10,000, and some \$400 to purchase new books on condition that the library be made open to the public. If this offer is accepted work will be commenced at once in demolishing the building.

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### Sewers and Pavements.

Agents of the Barber Asphalt Company of Buffalo, were in St. Thomas on Wednesday endeavoring to open up negotiations for the paving of Talbot street. They were only partially successful.

### Miscellaneous.

A correspondent asks the question: Can any body tell why two furnaces are being put in Truro, N.S. Academy without being tendered for?

The British Columbia Construction Company is being organized at Victoria to carry on a general contracting and building business.

John Palmer has purchased the Frederickton Patent Leather Works, formerly owned by the late Isaac Simmons, and it is said will carry on active operations in his new premises, especially in patent.

The Deschenes Electric Co., Aylmer Que., have been incorporated with a capital stock of \$50,000 to construct works for the manufacture of electric machinery, and of electricity for light, heat and power.

Mr East Leeman, of North Lake, N.B. will get out about 20,000 last blocks this winter for the Danforth market. He has now the greater quantity of them yarded and will begin the manufacture of them in a day or two.

The Bell Telephone Co. completed last month their new heavy metallic line from Toronto to Kingston and Montreal, and the public can now communicate direct from all points in Western Ontario to all points in Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

The idea of establishing a co-operative pork packing establishment on P. E. Island is vigorously agitated, and the 3 (th) patrons of the cheese factories in that province are asked to give Superintendent Dillon an estimate of the number of hogs they would be prepared to furnish next season, in case a central packing establishment is started. The purpose of this enterprise would be to put up pork for the English market.



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Messrs. Cropley and Buckingham of North Lake have contracted to put not less than 50,000 last blocks into Danforth, Me., and as many more as they can.

Messrs. Gardner & Fowler, architects of this city, will shortly call for tenders for the erection of the Cafe Victoria, which is intended to be the handsomest and most complete Cafe in Canada.

The Londonderry Rolling mills have resumed work, after having been shut down for nearly four years. The erection of nine puddling furnaces is nearing completion. These mills will be kept running night and day.

The Doherty Process Co., Hamilton, Ont., are applying for incorporation with a capital stock of \$120,000 for the purpose of acquiring and working patents of invention in connection with the processes of melting iron or iron ore, and with the application of such processes to iron-founding.

The various Government steamers employed in the Fisheries and Customs Protection Service, are now laid up in their various winter quarters at St. John, Quebec, Port Dalhousie and Owen Sound, undergoing the usual repairs, and will be ready to resume active service when navigation opens.

An agitation is being carried on by some farmers, in the vicinity of Winchester, for the formation of a large joint stock company for the manufacturing of both cheese and butter, and the buying of fresh milk along the line of the C. P. R., between Smith's Falls and Montreal. It is intended to have fully equipped factories at all