

CONTRACTS OPEN.

FERGUS, ONT.—The Commercial hotel is to be enlarged.

COLDWATER, ONT.—The purchase of a fire engine is under consideration.

MIDLAND, ONT.—The stores recently burned will be rebuilt without delay.

ANDERSON, ONT.—Antoine Rocheleau will erect new buildings in the spring.

STOUFFVILLE, ONT.—The Council are considering the question of constructing a system of waterworks for the town.

DASHWOOD, ONT.—The Evangelical church congregation intend erecting a \$4,000 building the coming summer.

PERTH, ONT.—William Wooden is making preparations to build a new residence. W. J. Rabb will also erect a residence.

BRANTFORD, ONT.—Additions to Darling street school, to cost from \$6,000 to \$6,500, have been decided on. Plans are being prepared.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—J. W. Horne has had plans prepared for a store to be built at the south-west corner of Richards and Cordova streets.

BRAMPTON, ONT.—T. J. Blain, Town Clerk, invites tenders until the 18th of March for the annual supply of lumber and nails for 1895-96.

WHITBY, ONT.—Wm. Brown will in all probability purchase the foundry here, and will make extensive alterations and improvements to the buildings.

STAFFA, ONT.—John Sadler proposes erecting a new residence in the spring. Mrs. Herron has purchased three lots and also intends erecting a fine residence.

FORT WILLIAM, ONT.—It is stated that a solid brick block will be erected in the spring, on one of the principal streets, for which plans are now being prepared.

PORT HOPE, ONT.—Tenders are invited by H. V. Saunders, Town Clerk, until Wednesday, the 20th of March, for the purchase of \$30,000 of waterworks debentures.

NORTH TORONTO, ONT.—The Council will probably issue debentures to cover the cost of constructing an electric railway or to purchase the plant of the Metropolitan street railway.

HALIFAX, N. S.—The City Engineer has reported that the amount required for water construction for the year would be \$18,000. The extensions proposed included those on Campbell road and Willow park.

KINGSTON, ONT.—The School Property Committee has engaged Joseph Power, architect, to report on the condition of Queen street and Central schools, and estimate the cost to put them in complete repair.

GUELPH, ONT.—The Guelph Railway Company will make application to the Ontario Legislature for incorporation to construct an electric railway along the streets of that city and extending to adjacent towns. The promoter is George Steeman.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The Committee on Works have recommended to the City Council that the legislative committee be instructed to obtain such legislation as will enable the city to issue debentures, without submitting a by-law to the ratepayers, to the amount of \$9,500 to meet the cost of rebuilding Osborne street bridge with a steel superstructure.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.—D. Robson City Clerk, invites tenders on behalf of the city, until Wednesday, the 30th of March, for the purchase of two issues of debentures of \$20,000 and \$400,000 respectively. The latter issue is required for the construction of the proposed railway and traffic bridge across the Fraser river, and may be delivered in whole or part.

ST. HENRI, QUE.—The Catholic School Commissioners will ask authority from the provincial legislature to borrow a sum of money to liquidate their present indebtedness and to erect a new school house, to cost \$18,000.—The Road Committee will interview the authorities of the Grand Trunk railway with reference to the building of a freight and passenger station.

QUEBEC, QUE.—H. J. Beemer is said to have decided to carry into effect at an early day his scheme for an electric railway in and around this city, and to La Bonne St. Anne. The establishment of a large hotel and park at Montmorency Falls in connection therewith is also talked of. The Quebec Steam Laundry has been secured by the C. P. R. authorities and will probably be enlarged and improved.

WINDSOR, ONT.—Smith & Sewell will build a frame house on Church street.—A deputation consisting of A. H. Clark, of Windsor, and John Donnelly, of Detroit, had an interview last week with the Minister of Marine at Ottawa, and asked permission to lay an additional main under the Detroit river, from Windsor to Detroit. The statute requires that such mains must be in 22 feet of water. Provided all the requirements are complied with, the request will likely be granted.

AYLMER, QUE.—At a recent meeting of the town Council, W. J. Poupore, the contractor for the new waterworks, proposed a larger system of waterworks for the town, which would meet the requirements of the Underwriters' Association. The proposal is to substitute the six-inch for nine-inch pipes and larger pipes in the same proportion. Mr. Poupore asks the council to raise the price for construction from \$35,000 to such a figure as would be the cost estimated by a board of arbitrators. It is the intention to extend the intake pipe three thousand feet into the lake instead of one thousand feet as at present. There will also be a tower tank erected on the highest point in the town.

LONDON, ONT.—At the last meeting of the Hospital Trust, it was decided to ask the Council for a grant of \$1,500 for a new operating room. The question of erecting a new \$16,000 wing to the hospital was also discussed, and the general opinion seemed to be in favor of issuing debentures to raise the money.—The vestry of St. Matthew's church have decided to build a new edifice on the site of their present building in the east end. The cost will probably be about \$10,000.—The members of St. James church, South London propose to build a \$1,500 addition.—Tenders are asked for tearing down the walls and removing the debris from the old site of the Dundas street Methodist church.—It is probable that new bridges will have to be erected this year over Kettle and Mill creeks.—The Board of Education will probably require the sum of \$48,000 for new buildings this year. A new school is to be erected on Colborne street, and several additions will be built.

OTTAWA, ONT.—A scheme is under consideration by certain members of the Y. M. C. A. for adding an additional storey to the building. The proposal is to take off the roof of the building, raise it a storey, and put in a swimming bath and bowling alley, at an estimated cost of about \$10,000.—The Canadian Southern Railway Company give notice of application for incorporation of "The Langenburg and Southern Railway Company," to build a railway from Langenburg, Assiniboia, to join the Canadian Pacific Railway between Red Jacket and Elk Horn, Man.—The Sisters of the Good Shepherd have been granted a building permit for a \$30,000 extension to the convent at the foot of St. Andrew street.—John Henderson, City Clerk, invites proposals on behalf of the corporation until Thursday, the 14th of March, for the purchase of \$300,000 of debentures, repayable at the end of twenty years.

Further particulars may be obtained from the City Treasurer.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Wm. Stewart & Son, architects invite tenders until the 8th, of March, for a new front, new roofing and for electric lighting of the Centenary Methodist church.—E. A. C. Pew, projector of the Lake Erie canal, states that the plans for the scheme were filed on Feb. 8. It is now proposed to utilize the water from the Welland River, about one and a half miles east of the Wellandport, from this point the canal will run to the Jordan river, where the power-house will be built. From this point the company will run 60 wires to transmit the electric power to Hamilton. The canal will cost \$1,000,000.—The Waterworks Committee have decided to ask for an appropriation of \$82,000, \$9,000 of which is for enlarging a main, and \$6,000 for enlarging new hydrants. The City Engineer is in favor of engaging an expert to look into the question of increasing the water pressure.—A report is current that Inspector Hodgins has reported against the payment of the annual Government grant to the Hamilton Collegiate Institute unless a new building is erected.

TORONTO, ONT.—Tenders are asked for a brick boarding house on Roncesvalles avenue. Plans at C. A. Mitchell's shop, rear 13 Grange ave.—The Council of the County of York passed a by-law on the 3rd of February providing for the issue of \$25,000 of debentures.—A sub-committee of the Fire and Light Committee last week inspected Brock avenue fire hall, and decided to report in favor of the erection of a new hall on the site already purchased on Dundas street.—The City Engineer desires to have the machine shops of the Water Works Department removed to the main pumping station. And new shops will probably be erected, at a cost of from \$7,000 to \$8,000.—The Management Committee of the Public School Board will recommend the following additions to schools:—Four rooms to Ryerson street school, six to Bolton avenue, four to Gladstone avenue, four to Queen Victoria, two to Kew Beach, four to Palmerston avenue, and two to Clinton. The cost of these additions will be about \$70,000.—The City Engineer, in his fortnightly report, presented to the Board of Works on Monday, recommended the construction of asphalt pavements on Selby street, from Huntley to Sherbourne streets, estimated cost, \$4,640. and on St. Joseph street, from Yonge to St. Vincent streets, estimated cost, \$6,900. The attention of the Board was drawn to the fact that new pavements were required on a number of streets, and the City Engineer will recommend that the work be carried out. With respect to the Queen street subway, it is recommended that it is not advisable to ask for tenders for the work until the matters in dispute between the railway companies and the city are finally settled.—The adoption of the down-draught, smoke-consuming furnaces at the main pumping station was recommended, the estimated cost of changing the furnaces being placed at \$7,500.—City Commissioner Coatsworth has recommended the erection of a wharf at the foot of Bay street, with a frontage of 300 feet, and extending out to the windmill line. The cost will probably be from \$15,000 to \$20,000. The recommendation has been passed by the Property Committee, and the amount will be placed in the estimates.—The Fire and Light Committee decided, at a meeting held on Tuesday last, to submit the question of purchasing an electric light plant to a vote of the ratepayers before taking any further action in the matter.—J. J. McLaughlin's mineral water factory on Sherbourne street was totally destroyed by the explosion of a boiler on Monday last. It is estimated that it will cost about \$5,000 to erect a building similar to the one destroyed.—Building permits have been granted as