

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

COST OF ASPHALT IN WINNIPEG.

WINNIPEG, August 11th, 1902.

Editor CANADIAN CONTRACT RECORD:

Dear Sir,—In your issue of August 6th you have a paragraph with reference to City of Winnipeg asphalt plant, in which you say that the average cost of asphalt per square yard is \$2.78. This appears to be taken from table on page 64, which includes expenditure on curbing, street railway tracks, etc. The actual cost of the asphalt per square yard was \$2.03, in addition to which we charge 20 cents per square yard to cover maintenance. This makes the cost \$2.23 per square yard on the basis of specifications on which contractors tender.

On page 63 of the report referred to you will find table of comparative costs compiled by Mr. F. V. E. Bardol, City Engineer of Buffalo, in which, on the basis of Buffalo prices, the cost of Winnipeg asphalt is placed at \$1.76 per square yard.

Freight on cement and asphalt are large items in the cost of our work in Winnipeg.

Yours truly,

H. N. RUTTAN,
City Engineer.

CONVENTION OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS.

Arrangements have been completed for the second annual convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities to be held in Montreal on September 15, 16, and 17, and judging from the assistance that the executive have received from the various municipal bodies and citizens generally, its success is already assured.

Many of the more important cities of Canada intimated even before the issue of any circular their intention of sending delegations. Among the latter were Toronto, Halifax, Ottawa, St. John, Owen Sound, Winnipeg, St. Thomas, and a number of the Quebec municipalities. The programme for the three days has been drawn up, and among the more important subjects that will occupy the attention of the convention are: Provincial rights in municipal legislation; municipal home

rule; proposal for a financial union to facilitate loans at lower rates; Montreal Island union; the new telephone bill, as it concerns municipalities; public ownership; compulsory arbitration for corporations and employees operating public services; power to expropriate property outside limits; level railway crossings; sinking fund investment.

As the Union is adverse to employing its time on social functions and last year begged to be excused from a number which were offered it in Toronto, preferring to

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attend to the very interesting business before it, only two entertainments will be included on the programme. These will be a luncheon on the mountain top to be tendered by the city of Montreal and a lawn party on Westmount Park, under the auspices of the Westmount Town Council.

The president of the association is Mr. O. A. Howland, Mayor of Toronto.

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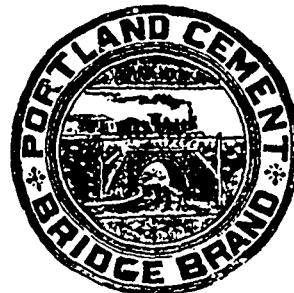
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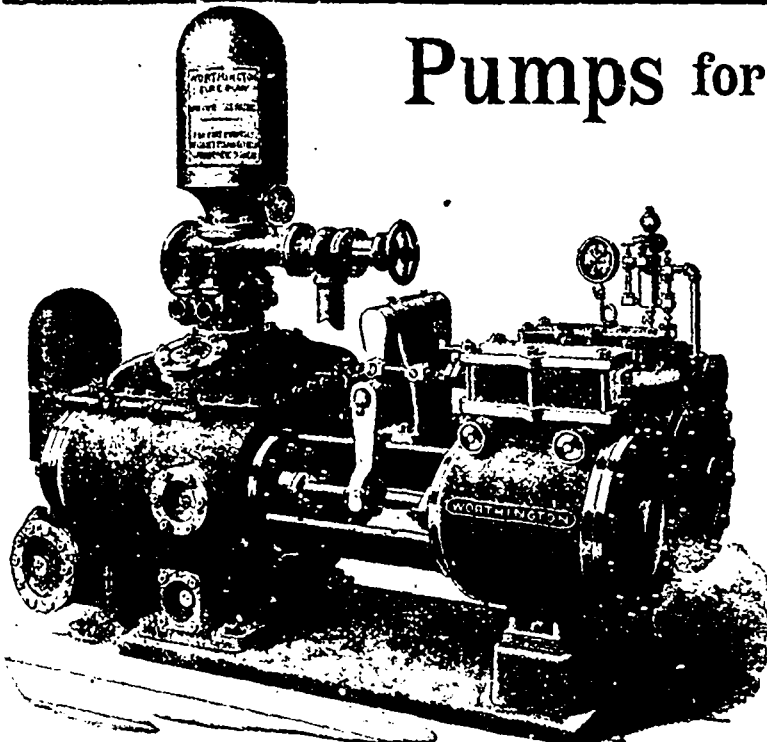
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