

CONTRACTS OPEN.

VICTORIA, B. C.—Messrs. Steiner & Earle will erect large coffee mills.

LETHBRIDGE, N. W. T.—An opera house is to be built here as well as a hospital.

BELLEVILLE, ONT.—An effort is being made to secure the erection of a county poor house.

GUELPH, ONT.—A new bridge will shortly be erected crossing the Conestoga river on the Elora and Saugeen road.

AMHERSTBURG, ONT.—Seats will be required for the new public school building which Sutherland & Co. are about to erect.

HULL, QUE.—Mr. F. Martin, of Cummings Bridge, Ont., is negotiating with a view to establishing a tannery and shoe factory here.

WINDSOR, ONT.—The Dominion Railway Supply Company, incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000, will erect works here.

GANANOQUE, ONT.—Already \$2,100 of the \$5,000 required towards the erection of a Mechanics Institute has been subscribed.

TILSONBURG, ONT.—A by-law granting \$10,000 to aid the construction of the Tilsonburg, Lake Erie & Pacific Railway has been carried here by a large majority.

LONDON, ONT.—The agreement with the Royal Electric Co. for lighting the streets has been broken off, and the City Engineer invites new tenders until 6 p.m. on the 15th inst.

BRANTFORD, ONT.—It is said that after certain alterations shall have been made in the plans of the proposed new drill shed, with the object of reducing its cost, the work will be proceeded with.

SARNIA, ONT.—An extension in connection with the Great Western Division of the G. T. R. is to be built immediately, from Glencoe extending west to Sarnia. Mr. H. K. Wickstead, of Brantford, will be engineer in charge.

DIGBY, N. S.—A Boston syndicate are making arrangements for the building of a large summer hotel.—It is announced that Mr. Cyrus Perkins intends enlarging his premises, so as to give ample accommodation to summer tourists.

ANNAPOLIS, N. S.—At a meeting of the provisional directors, Mr. R. J. Hervey, Brockville, Ont., manager of the Westport and Sault Ste. Marie railway, advised his associates to take hold of the enterprise and commence operations at once.

ST. THOMAS, ONT.—Mr. Amasa Wood has offered a donation of \$10,000 for the erection of a hospital, and a prominent citizen whose name has not been made public is said to have expressed his willingness to give an equal sum towards its equipment.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—It is stated that local capitalists are organizing a company to build the electric railway.—The Water-Works Co. is to be notified of the city's intention to purchase the Company's works, and requested to appoint an arbitrator within 30 days.

GALT, ONT.—The movement for the construction of a railway between this town and Preston is progressing, and there is said to be little doubt of its ultimate success. A charter is to be at once applied for. If granted, the municipalities will be asked to grant the right of way. It is expected that construction will begin next spring. Steam motors will probably be used.

ST. MARY'S, ONT.—At a meeting of the building committee of the town council it was decided to communicate with H. Dickson, St. Mary's, Peters, Jones & McBride, of London, and A. Hepburn, of Stratford, for sketch plans of a new town hall, the limit of cost to be \$8,000.

HALIFAX, N. S.—Sir John Macdonald, on the occasion of his recent visit, promised to consult with his colleagues regarding the proposal to widen Lockman street.—J. C. Dumaresq, architect, will proceed with the erection of a portion

of the Monastery of the Good Shepherd.—A special committee of the City Council is to devise ways and means of lighting the city.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—Tenders will be asked for the construction of a storm sewer on Bartholomew street.—The erection of a summer hotel is talked of at Oliver's Ferry on the Rideau Canal.—It is the intention of the Government to sell some 50 islands in the vicinity of Fiddler's Ebow. The conditions of sale will be that not more than one island will be sold to one person and a deed will not be issued till a house is erected thereon.

QUEBEC, QUE.—The directors of the Fortress Hotel Company have selected two of the plans for the proposed new hotel, and submitted them to Mr. E. E. Tache for his opinion. These plans were executed by Mr. J. H. Stavelly, of Quebec, and Messrs. Roache & Tilden, of Boston.—Some \$3,000 has been subscribed for a monument to be erected in Quebec in honor of Major Short and Sergt. Wallack, the victims of the terrible conflagration which devastated St. Sauveur ward on the 16th May, 1889. A meeting of the subscribers has been called. The monument committee has written to a number of sculptors asking for plans, which are to be in by the 1st of December.

HAMILTON, ONT.—It is intended to proceed at once with the extension of the street railway track on Herkimer street from Queen west to Locke or Garth streets. A car building and stable will be erected at the corner of Herkimer and Hannah streets. Mr. James Balfour, architect, has the plans in hand. Five new double cars will also be purchased.—The directors invite tenders until the 21st inst., for the construction of the proposed inclined railway. Private advices from a reliable source to this journal indicate, however, a probability that the present plans will have to be remodelled and new tenders called for.—The Victoria Curling Rink Company has just been incorporated with a capital of \$10,000.—The directors of the Grand Opera House have decided to convert the southwest corner of the block into a hotel, which will have the usual rooms on the ground floor and accommodation for twenty beds upstairs.—Messrs. Allan & Hayes, who are about to start a factory here for the manufacture of molders' casings, have been granted a building permit to erect a factory on Hess street between Barton and Stuart streets. The cost will be about \$8,000.

KINGSTON, ONT.—W. J. Morrison, Canadian agent of the Fort Wayne Electric Co., is negotiating with the city for the establishment of branch works here.—Some \$17,000 has been subscribed to remodel St. George's Cathedral, and a special vestry meeting will be held to issue mortgage debentures for \$15,000 to complete the sum necessary to proceed with the work.—The trustees of Thousand Island Park have adopted plans for the erection of a large two-storey block on the corner of St. Lawrence avenue and Rainbow street, to be 84 x 84 feet. This building will be used as a general store and meat market.—The trustees of St. Luke's church, this city, are contemplating the building of a parsonage on the property adjoining the church.—The waterworks committee has decided to ask for tenders for the metal work, galvanized iron, corrugated iron and Canada plate required for the coal shed.—The Salvation Army is endeavoring to secure the erection of a Rescue Home for discharged prisoners.

MONTREAL, QUE.—A large distillery is projected.—Armstrong & Cook, of Toronto, have purchased the Blue Bounties farm at Montreal Junction, and will cut it up into building lots. They have been in negotiations with the authorities of Lachine with the object of securing an extension of the water service to their Junction property.—The City Council has granted \$10,000 towards an exhibition for this city next year.—Increased facilities for handling cattle are urgently required, and a committee representing the City Council and the Harbor Commission will impress

upon the Government the necessity of carrying out harbor improvements at once.—Nearly \$2,000 has been collected by the promoters of the proposal to erect statues of Carrier and Lafontaine in front of the Court House.—The city council of St. Hyacinthe have invited Sir Hector Langevin to visit that place on the 14th inst., to lay the corner stone of the new public buildings to be erected there by the Dominion Government.—Canadian architects will shortly be asked to submit plans in competition for the proposed new Board of Trade building.—Terrebonne will adopt the electric light for the streets.—An agitation is on foot for the enlargement and improvement of the St. Lawrence market.—Tenders will be received at the office of the city clerk up to noon of the 14th inst., for one boiler of the locomotive type for the high level pumping station, McTavish street.—It is stated that Premier Mercier has bought an island near St. Rose, and will there build a summer residence.—Extensive improvements are said to have been decided upon at the St. Hilaire hotel. The directors will erect immediately the Hopkins wing, which will give fifty additional rooms and a ball room; put in a heating apparatus and elevator and provide new outdoor baths, new stables and carriages; erect a pavilion on the summit and a spacious boathouse with Lake Champlain boats.—A party of civil engineers have during the past week explored Isle Ronde to find a good site for the masonry work of the projected Longueuil bridge.—A syndicate, believed to consist of Mr. T. G. Shaughnessy, Ald. Prefontaine and Mr. G. W. Parent, has purchased the Valois estate of 285 acres at Hochelaga. The price paid is believed to be \$300,000 and it is intended to use the land for building purposes.—The citizens of St. Henri are agitating for a new G. T. R. depot, and a petition to that effect is now in circulation and is being extensively signed.

TORONTO, ONT.—The Superintendent of Water-Works has reported against the advisability of attempting to repair the existing plant at the St. Alban's ward pumping station, and in favor of the purchase of a new outfit.—The Markets and License Committee have selected a site in the east end for a garbage crematory.—The annual report of the Board of Management of the Aged Womens Home calls attention to the necessity for increased accommodation, and suggests the erection of a commodious home on the adjoining ground. It states that there are some available funds for such a purpose, and with from \$6,000 to \$8,000 additional the project could be carried out.—It is reported that the site of the Caer Howell Hotel, on Queen's Ave., has been chosen for a new Metropolitan Hotel, and that a meeting of citizens interested in the enterprise will be held in a few days.—On the recommendation of the City Engineer, sewers are to be constructed on the following streets: Essex avenue, from Christie street to western terminus; Ruskin avenue, from Edwin avenue to Perth street; Edwin avenue, from Royce avenue to Ruskin avenue; Melady lane, from St. David's street to Sydenham street; Wallace avenue, from Northern railway tracks to Mackenzie avenue; Gladstone avenue, from College street to Bloor street; Rosedale road, from Roxborough street to North drive; Spadina crescent, east side, to connection with Spadina avenue sewer.—Asphalt pavements will be constructed early next year on Pembroke street, and on Gerrard street, from Jarvis to Sherbourne; on the latter street a concrete sidewalk will also be laid.—A Eureka sidewalk is to be laid on the corner of Gladstone avenue and Queen street.—Cedar block pavements are to be laid on Leslie, Douro, Shaw, and Water streets.—Mr. David S. Keith will erect a factory at Mimico.—The block pavement on Spadina avenue, north of College street to Spadina crescent is to be widened.—Sylvan avenue is to be graded.—The raising of Queen street at the crossing of the Garrison Creek is recommended.