

the interest on the bonds. Ultimately the situation may call for joint action on the part of the Canadian railways.

CANADA'S TRADE WITH NEWFOUND-LAND.—The prospects for a big trade between St. John's, Nfld., and Montreal were never brighter. No less than five steamers will be employed in the St. Lawrence traffic, as against three last season. Much of the flour and other Western products were carried by rail last season to New York, Boston, Halifax and Sydney, and thence conveyed by steamer to St. John's. Montreal shipowners interested in the trade have made special arrangements for the conveyance of freight this season from Montreal direct to St. John's at figures which defy railroad competition. Five years ago the United States did a trade with Newfoundland valued at \$3,000,000, whereas Canada's was but \$2,000,000. To-day the conditions are reversed, and five years hence Newfoundland shall probably be doing 80 per cent. of the business with

A STEAMER LINE TO JAMAICA.-The Dominion Government has made a contract with the Halifax & West India Steamship Co. for a monthly service between Halifax and the Island of Jamaica, which will continue in force until December 31, 1906. The steamer to be used is the Beta, of 1,037 tons register. The company is to receive a subsidy of \$13,800 per annum, or at the rate of \$1,150 a trip



To Contractors.

Sealed tenders, addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Works," will be received at this Department until noon of

Friday, May 23rd,

for the erection of the Chemistry, Mining and Geology Building, on College street, in connection with the School of Practical Science, excepting heating, plumbing, ventilation and electric work.

Tenders may be sent in separately or in bulk.

Plans and specifications can be seen and forms of tender procured at this Department. An accepted bank cheque, payable to the undersigned, for five per cent, on the amount of each tender for each of the above works will be required. The cheques of the unsuccessful parties tendering will be returned when the contracts have been entered into for the

The bona fide signatures and business addresses of two parties as securities must accompany each

The Department will not be bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

F. R. LATCHFORD Commissioner.

Department of Public Works, Ontario, May 3

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