

CONTRACTS OPEN.

GUELPH, ONT.—Mr. J. W. Beech e will erect an addition to his hotel.

SEAFORTH, ONT.—The town hall and market building was burned on the 23rd inst.

ORANGEVILLE, ONT.—Mr. James Bowers will erect a brick planing and saw mill on Mill street.

LONDON, ONT.—Mr. Murry Anderson intends erecting two stores on his property in East London.

BERWICK, N. S.—A company is being organized to erect a building to be used as a sanitarium.

BEAVER CREEK, MAN.—The Presbyterian congregation contemplate the erection of a new church this fall.

ST. THOMAS, ONT.—A citizen has offered to give \$500 towards the purchase of a site for a new Y.M.C.A. building.

SANDWICH, ONT.—A by-law authorizing the construction of waterworks was carried by the ratepayers on the 24th inst.

HALIFAX, N. S.—The Board of Works has decided to lay water mains to supply the south western suburbs with water.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN.—The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. contemplate erecting a flour mill of 600 barrels capacity.

MORDEN, MAN.—Supt. White, of the C.P.R., has offered a free site for the erection of a grain elevator of 40,000 bushels capacity.

STRATFORD, ONT.—Work has been commenced on the excavations for the new Sunday School building for St. James Church.

HORNINGS MILLS, ONT.—The farmers in this vicinity are applying for incorporation to erect and equip a grist mill. Estimated cost, \$8,000.

PORT ARTHUR, ONT.—The by-law authorizing the expenditure of \$75,000 on the construction of an electric railroad to Fort William has been carried.

THREE RIVERS, QUE.—A petition has been presented to the House of Commons asking that improvements be made to the harbor, at a cost of \$80,000.

KINGSTON, ONT.—Mr. Frank H. Taylor has drawn plans for a summer cottage to be erected on Round Island for Mr. P. Mason. The estimated cost is \$5,000.—A company is being formed to establish works for the grinding of mineral paints and phosphates.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—Mr. W. W. Gilbert, of Rochester, will erect a summer cottage at Thousand Island Park next season.—Another dock will probably be built this winter at Fernbank.—Mr. C. H. Burrows will immediately erect a costly cottage on an island off Taylor's Island.

RAT PORTAGE, MAN.—An agreement has been entered into between the Ontario Government and the Kenawatin Lumber Manufacturing Co. by which the company is to expend the sum of \$150,000 in improving the water power, including the building of a dam at the west side of Norman Rapids.

VICTORIA, B. C.—By-laws will shortly be submitted to the ratepayers appropriating nearly \$3,000,000 for the construction of railroads.—The British Columbia Paper Manufacturing Company has been formed here, with a capital stock of \$40,000, and will build a paper factory at Alberni, at the first rapids of the Sornas river, Vancouver Island.

TORONTO JUNCTION, ONT.—The Congregationalists are looking for a suitable site on which to erect a new church.—The council has adopted the recommendation of the Board of Health that sewers be constructed on sanitary grounds at an estimated cost of \$30,000.—A site for a new fire hall has been recommended to the council by the Fire and Light Committee.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The trustees of Central St. Andrews district intend erecting a new school house this fall.—Mr. T. H. Davis has purchased two lots on the corner of Market and Princess

streets, and is having plans prepared for the erection of a brick building.—A movement has been commenced for the construction of an electric railway from this city to West Selkirk, following the Red River bed.—It is said that the C. P. R. will construct a line of railroad from Medicine Hat through Crow's Nest Pass.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Extensive improvements are to be made to the Vancouver Hotel, including the erection of an addition and a number of external alterations. A building will also be constructed for the electric light and heating machinery.—The Council have selected the site for the erection of the crematory. About 100,000 bricks, as well as 150,000 fire bricks, will be required in its construction.—Mr. Collier is about to erect a new brick block.—Tenders are asked for the erection of a building for the Vancouver Club.—Mr. R. M. Tripp has prepared plans for a large business block for Mr. R. G. McKay, to be erected on Richmond street.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Tenders are shortly to be asked for the construction of a sewer on Pearl street, between York and Florence street.—The following building permits have been granted: Hamilton Vinegar Works, warehouse on Jarvis street, cost \$3,500; George Pfann, 2 story brick dwelling, corner Robinson and Caroline street s. cost \$1,400.—Mr. W. A. Edwards, architect, has just completed plans for a residence for Mr. Charles Gurney, to cost about \$5,000.—Father Whitcombe, of St. Matthew's Church, has purchased a piece of land 142 x 122 feet west of the church for \$5,700, and proposes to erect a boys' school thereon.—Mr. Powell, architect, is preparing plans for houses to be erected here by Mr. H. Appleton, of Ossington Ave., Toronto.—Mr. Cockburn, of the Sawyer-Massey Co., contemplates the erection of a residence.

TORONTO, ONT.—Mr. Cameron is preparing to build a pair of semi-detached brick dwellings at the corner of Bloor and Borden streets. Mr. Crane, of Granby Ave., will erect a detached stone and brick dwelling on Bernard Ave., 2-stories and attic, slate roof, mantels, to be heated with hot water, cost about \$4,000.—The council has placed \$3,000 to the credit of the Local Board of Health to enable them to cut a channel through the Asbridge marsh.—The widening of Davenport Road will be proceeded with at an estimated cost of \$71,000.—The incorporation is announced of the Toronto and Richmond Hill Street Railway Company, with a total capital stock of \$300,000, the members of the company being P. G. Close, J. Blacklock, P. W. Ellis, A. E. K. Greer and Hector Cameron, all of Toronto.—Ald. Wm. Bell, Chairman of the Fire and Light Committee of the city council, will receive tenders until Sept. 16th for furnishing a hook and ladder truck to the fire department.—Building permits have been granted as follows: Chas. Platt, pr. 2-story bk. dwellings, e. side Booth Ave., 500 ft. s. of Queen St., cost \$3,000; J. N. Lee, 2-story and attic bk. dwelling, w. side Beverley St., nr. Cecil St., cost \$4,000; T. M. Bryer, seven att. 2-story r. e. dwellings, s. side Pears Ave., cost \$6,500, and two ditto, s. side Pears Ave., cost \$6,500; T. Adair, 2-story and attic det. bk. dwelling, s. side Woodlawn Ave., cost \$3,500; Kennn Mfg. Co., 4-story bk. factory, s. e. cor. Gerrard and River Sts., cost \$12,000; Geo. Goulding, 1½-story bk. stable, rear 347 Jarvis St., cost \$2,200.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The Road Committee have recommended sewers on Mary Anne, St. Phillip, Amherst and Duke Sts.—The Parks Committee has been authorized to call for tenders for alterations to the Superintendent's residence.—The Montreal and Ottawa railway is to be extended from Rigand to Hawkesbury, a distance of sixteen miles. The work is to be completed before the first of next year.—The Sec.-Treas. of the municipality of Cote St. Antoine invites tenders for the construction of a stone bridge under the A. & N. W. railway at the Glen.—It is probable that the proposed Bleury St. electric railway will be constructed at an early date.—Cathedral St. is to be widened between St. Antoine and Osborne Sts.

—The Roads Committee has presented the following list of streets to be paved next year: St. Peter, Common to Notre Dame, estimated cost, \$21,000; Custom House square, asphalt, \$5,550; Victoria Square, St. James to Jurors, asphalt, \$33,550; Vaudreuil, St. Paul to St. Therese, asphalt, \$2,540; Fortification lane, St. Gabriel to Victoria Square, asphalt, \$27,500; Champ de Mars St., Bonsecours to Gosford, asphalt, \$7,000; Jacques Cartier square, Commissioners to Notre Dame, granite, \$24,000; Commissioners, Custom House square to St. Peter, granite, \$44,950; Sherbrooke, Amherst to Union Ave., asphalt, \$102,000; Ontario, St. Lawrence to Bleury, asphalt, \$31,700; Ontario, Papineau Ave. to Amherst, asphalt, \$24,500; Dorchester, Campeau to St. Denis, asphalt, \$18,700; Dorchester, in front of General hospital, asphalt, \$6,050; St. Hubert, Craig to Ontario, wood blocks, \$56,360; St. Lawrence, St. Catherine to Sherbrooke, granite and wood, \$43,000; Dubord, St. Denis to St. Hubert, asphalt, \$12,100; Amherst, St. Catherine to Sherbrooke, wood and granite, \$52,260; Donagan, Winder to Bisson, asphalt, \$8,300; Osborne, Cathedral to Mountain, asphalt, \$24,000; Union Ave., St. Catherine to Sherbrooke, asphalt, \$25,488; Dorchester, Beaver Hall square to Peel, asphalt, \$43,980; Dorchester, Fort to western limits, asphalt, \$24,000; Notre Dame, McGill to Chabouillez square, asphalt, \$50,000; Chabouillez square throughout, asphalt, \$29,000; Albert, Chabouillez square to Mountain, granite blocks, \$47,500; Wellington, St. Etienne to Bourgeois, granite blocks, \$68,550; St. Etienne, Wellington to Mill, granite blocks, \$33,500; McCord, Notre Dame to Wellington, granite blocks, \$53,875; St. Leon, McCord to Wellington bridge, granite blocks, \$11,500; St. Catherine, St. Matthew to western limits, wood blocks, \$42,300; Sherbrooke, Amherst to Union Ave., asphalt, \$20,000; Cathedral and Metcalfe, Osborne to St. Catherine, asphalt, \$33,350.—Building permits have been issued as follows: A. Beaudoin, one 2½-story wood and bk. dwelling, Amherst St.; mason, Jos. Germain, cost \$2,800; James Smith, one 2-story bk.-cased dwelling, St. Lawrence St., contractor Renni Gustin, cost \$3,800; D. Galbraith, one 2-story bk.-cased dwelling, St. Lawrence St., cost \$2,000; Geo. R. Locker, one 2½-story stone and bk. dwelling, Crescent St., contractor, O. Brunet, cost \$5,000; Les Securs Grises, one building, bk. and stone, five stories, St. Catherine St., Perrault & Messnard, architects, L. Dansereau, mason, Alph Dube, carpenter, cost \$22,000; alterations to a building, cor. Chatham and Notre Dame, cost \$1,000.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

WARTON, ONT.—Mr. Geo. Gray, of Harrison, has been awarded the contract for the erection of a Presbyterian church here. The building when completed will cost about \$7,000.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Mr. G. Robertson, representing the Canadian Office & School Furniture Co., of Preston, Ont., has been given the contract to supply desks for the city schools.

SARNIA, ONT.—Messrs. Robt. Carrick and Andrew Thompson have the contract for the erection of Mr. James King's new grain elevator.

To remove varnish, the following is stated to be the most effective mixture: 20 pounds solution of caustic soda (20 degrees B.), one pound potato starch, and 20 pints of water are placed in a closed boiler and thoroughly agitated. Heat is thus generated, and causes gelatinization of the mass, which is then treated with 57½ pints of water, and 1½ pounds of potato starch added to form 100 pounds of product. This varnish remover may be reduced with water to any desired percentage of alkali.

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