

Huge Contract In New York

Thirty-Five Millions the Estimate for Rapid Transit Undergrd.

Work Let to One Man Who Also Leases Lines for Fifty Years.

Work is just beginning on the construction of the New York underground railroad. This great enterprise, the contract price of which is \$35,000,000, is the result of twelve years of popular discussion and of state and municipal legislation.

The first steps leading up to the present work were taken in 1888, during the administration of Mayor Abram S. Hewitt.

The tunnel or tunnels will be constructed below city streets, as well as through the mountains. Every great engineering project, however, involves details that are peculiar to itself.

The cost of this public work is to be paid by the city of New York, however, it will not build the subway immediately, as it would open a street or a sewer, but it has let out the job to the lowest responsible bidder, who is to construct the road, equip it and operate it for 50 years, with the privilege of renewal for 25 years longer.

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Three Great Americans Past, Present and Future Presidents of the United States

Bishop Ridley Relates Impressions Made at a Religious Conference.

The Right Reverend Dr. Ridley, Bishop of Caledonia, a diocese comprising all the Northern portion of this province, with an area even greater than all Great Britain and Ireland, returned last evening from a protracted visit to the Old Dominion and New York, his stay in the great American metropolis being in connection with the recent Protestant congress—probably the greatest conference of religious workers during modern times.

The Bishop will be thoroughly waterproof, and the specifications are particularly definite upon this point. The roof of the tunnel will be supported by steel framework, consisting of built-up columns 12 feet high and 15 inches in diameter.

The underground stations will be entered from the sidewalks through openings under ornamental coverings, and the specifications have been made of considerable importance.

Letters to the Editor. SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION.

Sir:—Referring to your report in yesterday's issue of the several fires that have recently taken place in Victoria, I would, through your permission, direct special attention to the causes of what is called "spontaneous combustion."

WORKINGMEN'S INTERESTS. Sir: The working men of Victoria and those of the districts of British Columbia will shortly be asked to cast their votes for or against the Martin government.

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Canadian portion of this building exhibits of all characters and classes can be placed, the space being entirely within the control of the Canadian authorities.

The general plan of the exhibition is to have the exhibits divided by classes in 18 general groups according to their nature, without respect to the country from which they come.

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TO OUR PATRONS. LAST YEAR we had such a demand for our Seeds that we were SOLD OUT before the season was fairly over; therefore we start THIS YEAR with a FRESH, CLEAN AND NEW CROPS.

DR. J. COLLIS BROWNE'S B.C. Year Book CHLORODYNE. 1897 By R. E. GOSNELL

JOHN JAMESON & SONS (DUBLIN) "Own case" very old Black Bottle WHISKEY

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT. Victoria Meteorological Office. April 23rd to May 1st, 1900.

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