

VICTORIA.—Tenders are invited until September 15 for the supply of about nine hundred tons of cast iron socket pipes and special castings. T. Lubbe, secretary, Esquimalt Waterworks Company.

### CONTRACTS AWARDED.

#### Quebec.

MONTREAL.—The department of marine and fisheries has awarded a contract to Clarence De Sola for a hydrographic survey vessel. She will be built by the Swan Hunter firm of the Tyne, the celebrated builders of the Mauretania and other sea leviathans. The vessel will be twin screw, of a length of 273 feet, and it is to be specially devoted, it is understood, to coast survey work. Both vessel and equipment will represent the best work of their class and will prove an important addition to the Dominion Government survey department. The vessel will be of steel throughout, and will be equipped with engines capable of developing great speed.

QUEBEC.—Two tenders were received for the sale of a steam roller to the city for which \$4,000 was recently voted. The tenders were Messrs. Cameron & Co., Montreal, representing the Waterous Engine Works Co., and Messrs. Bosse & Banks, of this city. The tender of Cameron & Co., for a roller of 35,500 pounds for \$3,700, was accepted as the lowest and most advantageous.

MONTREAL.—The contract for the cementing of the wading pool in Lafontaine Park was awarded to Mr. A. T. Chagnon, at a price of \$1,975. It was by far the lowest tender. The next was \$4,290, while the highest was \$5.50.

#### Ontario.

BRANTFORD.—The Board of Works met on Saturday to award the contract for paving East Colborne street and Market street. The Bitulithic Co. was the only firm to tender, and their offer will be accepted. The figures for the top dressing are \$1.63 per yard, whereas the Colborne street work costs about \$2. The city engineer will do the concrete work as follows: Foundation, 50c per yard; curb and gutter, 45c per foot. The paving company's tender is for a five years' guarantee.

KINGSTON.—J. W. Litton has been awarded the contract for excavating for the two new science buildings to be erected on Queen's University grounds, and will begin work next Monday. Power & Son, architects, will not have the plans for the building ready for five weeks. Only the foundations of the buildings will be constructed before the winter arrives.

TORONTO.—Mr. A. L. MacLennan, of Toronto, was awarded the contract for the bridges and culverts of the new waggon road from Elk Lake to Gowganda. There will be 12 bridges in all, which will be distributed as follows: One bridge at Lost Lake, 290 feet long, with approaches; two bridges at Long Point Lake, 25 feet long, with approaches; four bridges between Lost and Leroy Lakes, 25 feet long, with approaches; two bridges at Miller Creek, 25 feet long, with approaches; about 400 feet of sidehill bridging near Lost Lake, and about 45 culverts. The contract price is about \$4,000. Mr. MacLennan also had the contract for clearing the route of the new road. The grading is being done by day labor, and he will follow immediately with a gang of men to construct the bridges and culverts, which are to be completed by Oct. 1.

COBALT.—S. F. Whitman, of Toronto, was awarded the contract for building the new Temiskaming & Northern Ontario station at Cobalt. The work will be prosecuted without delay.

OTTAWA.—The tender of the Canadian Oil Company, of Strath Avenue, Toronto, at 4 8-10 cents per gallon for oil required in laying dust on the streets, was recommended for acceptance.

OTTAWA.—The Gutta Percha and Rubber Co'y., of Toronto, have secured from the City of Ottawa a contract for

2,000 feet of "New Peerless" hose at 95 cents. Other tenders were: Canadian Rubber Co., 90 cents, and Dunlop Rubber Co., 97½ cents.

OTTAWA.—Toms, Beuthillier & Slack, for \$13,600, secured the contract for building the new Rideau Ward Fire Hall. Pepin and Caron tendered at \$13,950 and August Boshmer \$13,765. T. Smith offered to do the steel, iron, masonry, plumbing and heating for \$8,495 and R. A. Bingham the carpentry, joining, painting and roofing for \$5,200. There were a number of separate tenders for the smaller jobs, but on the whole Toms, Bouthillier and Slack were lowest.

#### Saskatchewan.

REGINA.—Tenders for 22,800 feet of trenching (contract a.) and hauling 1,710 tons 18 inch pipe, laying, caulking, backing and filling the trench (contract b.) were recently opened, from the following firms: McVean & Craig, Moose Jaw, A and B, 58c per ft., or \$13,338. City Engineer, machine, A and B, 59 6-10c per ft. City engineer, hand, 68 6-10c per ft. John Brodt, Regina, machine, A and B, 70½c per ft. John Brodt, Regina, hand, A and B, 78c per ft. W. J. Gray, Winnipeg, A and B, 92c per ft. Saskatoon Construction and Engineering Co., A and B, 93c per ft. Murphy Bros., A and B, 94c per ft. F. F. Frey, Toronto, A and B, 94c per ft. Municipal Construction Co., A, 22c per ft. Geo. H. Archibald, Winnipeg A, 27½c per ft. The engineer pointed out with regard to the first mentioned tender that at 58c per ft. the total should be \$13,224. The tenders were referred to the Works Committee.

REGINA.—The tender of McVean & Craig, contractors, Moose Jaw, for trenching, hauling pipe, laying and caulking, and backfilling trench for water works new pipe line from compensating basins to city for \$13,338, was accepted.

#### British Columbia.

VANCOUVER. — Five miles of concrete walks, for which tenders were recently invited, will be constructed by day labor. Fourteen cents a foot was the figure sent in by the Paterson Lumber Co. and Lawrence & Hull. Palmer Bros., who underbid the present contractors now doing the work, did not bid. The price of the present contract is 12 cents. The cost last year when done by the city was 15.2 cents, including grading.

VICTORIA.—Tenders for cast iron pipe were received from the following: R. P. Rithet & Co., \$50,930; W. G. Winterburn, \$49,892; Stavelly Coal & Iron Company, \$49,592; Robertson Godson & Co., Vancouver, \$50,131; A. Rickaby, \$44,190; Robert Ward & Co., \$51,191; R. Angus, \$48,969; Findlay, Durham & Brodie, \$51,776; M. & L. Samuel Benjamin Company, \$54,381.

#### United States.

CINCINNATI, OHIO.—The Cincinnati Southern Railroad has awarded at \$125,000 a contract for the removal of 200,000 cubic yards of earth in preparation for construction of a new bridge over the Kentucky River at High Bridge, Ky. The new bridge will be 306 feet above the low water mark, one of the highest in the world.

### FINANCING PUBLIC WORKS..

The following municipalities have recently sold debentures:—

Cobalt, Ont., \$100,000, for waterworks.  
Morris, Man., \$12,000, local improvements.  
Sudbury, Ont., \$11,800, for waterworks.  
Magrath, Alta., \$14,000, local improvements.  
Clinton, Ont., \$51,000, waterworks.  
Rivers, Man., \$12,000.

#### Quebec.

COATICOOK.—On Monday, August 30, the ratepayers will vote on a by-law to raise money for electric light plant and extensions.