

price \$1,800.—Mr. Link, contractor, has been given the contract for cooperage work for Mr. Drader.

BRUSSELS, ONT.—R. G. Wilson has the contract for a church at Molesworth and a brick residence at Newry.

HALIFAX, N.S.—The tender of Longard Bros. has been accepted for heating apparatus for St. Patrick boys' school.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—G. W. Meldrum has the contract for building twenty-four elevators throughout western Manitoba and Assiniboia.

DIGBY, N. S.—The Londonderry Iron Works has been given the contract for cast iron water pipe for the Lawrencetown waterworks system.

FREDERICTON, N.B.—The city council have accepted the tender of the Bank of Halifax for the purchase of \$12,500 of debentures, at a premium of \$137.

CAMDEN EAST, ONT.—David L. Brown, of Deseronto, has secured the contract of building the new Anglican church. The edifice will be of brick, 79 x 28 ft.

WINDSOR, ONI.—The Board of Water Commissioners have accepted the tender of Henry Collins, of Detroit, for the new intake and wells, at the price of \$5,400.

BELLEVILLE, ONT.—Messrs. Phippen & Quinlan, of this city, have received the contract for \$60,000 worth of stone from Mr. Onderdonk, contractor for the Soulanges Canal. The stone will be taken from their quarries at Crookston.

MINNEDOSA, MAN.—The contract for J. W. Tedder's house here has been let to C. W. Hall, Brandon. The building is three-story and basement, brick veneered with cement, brick made by S. Fairbairn, of Minnedosa, cost \$8,000. W. H. Shillinghaw, architect, Brandon.

GUELPH, ONT.—H. J. Powell, architect, of Stratford, has accepted the following tenders for building the Coffee block in this city: Masonry, Foster & Rundell; carpentry, A. Stiffler; plastering, J. J. Mahoney; painting, A. Cormie; plumbing, Feek & Co.; tinsmithing, A. Rumford.

CORNWALL, ONT.—The contract has been let for the building of the Ottawa & New York Railway from Cornwall to Ottawa, a distance of 52 miles. The scheme includes the building of bridges across the St. Lawrence from the main shore, a short distance above this town, to Massena Point.

COLLINGWOOD, ONT.—The contracts for building the post-office in this town were let on the 17th inst. as follows: Brickwork, Arthur Court; foundation, Michael Boland; cut-stone work, H. McAstorker; woodwork, Bryan Mfg. Co.; plastering, Henry Wynes; plumbing and sheet iron work, J. H. Duncan; painting and finishing, Frank C. Munson; interior fittings, etc., Bryan Mfg. Co.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The contract for improvements to the Russell House has been let to E. C. Horn. Purdy, Mansell & Mashinter will do the plumbing work, and the Canadian Granite Co. the marble work. J. B. McElfattrick & Sons, architects.—Contracts have been let as follows for Thackeray's new block: Masonry and brickwork, Mr. Matthews; carpentry, Thackeray & Co.—James Copping has received the contract from Mr. G. M. Bailey, architect, for the erection of two houses on Spenset street, to cost \$5,000.

RENFREW, ONT.—Tenders for the construction of water works and sewerage systems have been received by the council as follows: Thomas McQuillan, Toronto, \$52,275; Three Rivers Iron Works Co., Montreal, \$51,874; Broder & McNaughton, Ottawa, \$64,750; Clark & Connolly, Toronto, \$58,750; G. A. Dana, Brockville, \$61,974; Morris & McDougall,

Renfrew, \$59,000; Barnett & Allan, Renfrew, \$59,845. The council have recommended the acceptance of the tender of the Three Rivers Iron Works Co., provided that their sureties are satisfactory.

TORONTO, ONT.—Tenders have been accepted by the city as follows: Gravel roadway on O'Hara ave., cost \$1,968, and on Dunn ave., cost \$4,824, John Maloney & Co.; cedar block roadway on Gladstone ave., Bryce & Co., \$3,699; cedar block roadway on Queen st., from Gwynne to Roncesvalles, Van Vlack & Co., \$7,293; gravel roadway on Melbourne ave., and concrete sidewalks on Victoria st. and on Queen st. in front of Osgoode Hall, Constructing & Paving Co.—The York County Council have accepted tenders as below for the construction of a new Infirmary at the Industrial Home, Newmarket. Masonry and plastering, William Collingwood, Mount Albert, \$720; carpentry, William Cane, Newmarket, \$1,500; painting and glazing, J. S. Taylor, Aurora, \$166; tinsmithing, G. A. Binns, Newmarket, \$145.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Contracts for drains have been let as follows. Sydenham street, O. Gosselin, \$3 for excavation, \$1.40 for rock, and 45 cents for filling, Anderson street, A. Campeau & Co., \$6.50 excavation and \$3.05 rock, Chambord street, O. Desrochers, \$4.41 excavation and \$3 rock; Lagauchetiere street, M. Bellehumeur, \$5.17 excavation and \$4 rock.—Messrs. Paquet & Godbout have been awarded the contract for the erection of a new Roman Catholic church at Barford at the sum of \$14,800.—Jos. A. Mercier, architect, has let contracts for one house on Marie Anne street, and three tenements to be built for Mr. Jos. Giroux, as follows. Masonry, Germain & Therrien, carpenter and joiner's work, H. Papineau; roofing, Amable Lauzon; plumbing, A. Charpentier & Co.; bricklaying, Daniel Deslongchamps; plastering, Theophile Leclaire; painting and

glazing, Jos. Giroux.—The City Health Department, Montreal, has awarded contracts for stables on Amos farm; all trades to Chapleau & Leboeuf.—L. R. Montbriand, architect, has let the contract for one building on Clarke street for Ald. Lemain; all trades to R. Cloutier.—Eric Mann, architect, has let contracts for a house on Drolet street; all trades to G. F. Denman.—The directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway have given the contract for doors, sashes, etc., for their east end Dalhousie depot, to M. W. Baril.—Taylor & Gordon, architects, have let contracts as follows for ten houses to be erected on William street for Mr. H. B. Ames: Masonry, H. Dufort; carpenter and joiner's work, W. M. Long; bricklaying, Amos Cowan.—Mr. Jos. Charette, architect, has given the contract for all trades to R. Laberge for alterations and improvements to Mr. P. A. Rodier's house on Notre Dame street.

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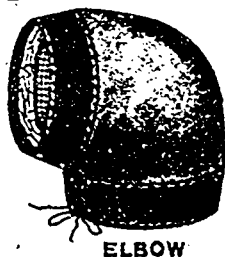
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