

brickwork, Bedford Bros.; carpentry, Hutchins & Burns; plumbing and heating, J. B. Malcolm; painting, W. M. Weeks. Residence on Elm ave., Rosedale, for Mr. Drayton—masonry, Gordon & York; carpentry, Taylor & Clouston; plastering, Davey Bros.; painting, H. W. Johnston; roofing, Duthie & Son.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Contracts have been awarded as follows. W. E. Doran, architect, one residence, to be built on Mance street for Mrs. McCarthy masonry. Hughes & Bryson; bricklaying, E. Gauthier; carpentry, Phaneuf & Dore; plastering, J. Lefebvre; plumbing, W. G. Graham; painting, glazing and roofing not let. A. F. Dunlop, architect, three stores and extension to music hall on St. Catherine street, for F. Fairman—masonry, Wighton & Morison; carpentry, Labregue & Mercure; bricklaying, Isaac Lewis. David Ogilvy, architect, one residence on Drummond street, for John Duncan—masonry, E. Picard; carpentry, T. Benard.—James & H. C. Nelson, architects, have awarded the contracts for Mr. Abbott's house at St. Ann's to J. B. Crevier, St. Ann's, all trades. The building will be clapboard, with stone foundation.

CHATHAM, ONT.—J. L. Wilson & Son, architects, have let the contracts for the following buildings. School house at North Tilbury, cost \$800; brick veneered church at Croton, cost \$2,500; school house for school section No. 5, Township of Zone, cost \$1,600; brick residence for Milton Moorehouse, near the village of Shetland; brick residence for Wm. Snow, Blenheim; brick veneer residence for John Jardine, Tilbury North, cost \$2,000; brick residence, with slate roof, for E. R. Smith, Lacroix street, cost \$3,000; brick veneer residence for Archie Wemp, on Wellington street; \$1000 brick residence on Sheldon avenue, North Chatham, for G. A. Thompson; \$2,500 residence for James McKinley, Tp. of Howard; additions to residence of J. B. Runkin, B.A., Chatham.

A FLOATING CHURCH.

A "floating church" has just been inaugurated in the fen country. The parish of Holme, in the diocese of Ely, has, in consequence of the drainage of the fens, especially the famous Whittlesea Mere, so extended itself that about half of the population are practically out of reach of the parish church. To assist him in getting at these outside parishioners, the vicar is trying the experiment of using a kind of house-boat, which can be moved from point to point on the large

fen dyke or canalized river surrounding three-fourths of the parish. The craft in question, fitted up as a church, with a small American organ, portable pulpit and lectern, and conveniences for the administration of the Holy Communion, baptism, etc., has received the full license of the Bishop of Ely, and been solemnly dedicated by the Archdeacon of Huntingdon. There is accommodation for a congregation of about forty, and in fine weather—all the windows to the leeward being thrown open—additional worshippers can participate in the services from the dyke bank.

USEFUL HINTS.

WATERPROOF PAPER VARNISH.—For a waterproof paper varnish, one part Dammar resin and six parts acetone are di-

gested in a closed flask for two weeks, and the clear solution poured off. To this four parts of collodion are added, and the whole is allowed to clear by standing.

FIREPROOF CEMENT.—The following are said to give good results: (1) iron filings, 140 parts; hydraulic lime, 20; quartz sand, 25; sal ammoniac, 3, formed into a paste with vinegar, and then applied: (2) iron filings, 180 parts; lime, 45; common salt, 5, made into a paste with strong vinegar, as in the former receipt. In both cases the cement is to be dried slowly, and to be perfectly dry before being submitted to heat, after which it is stated to become as hard as a stone.

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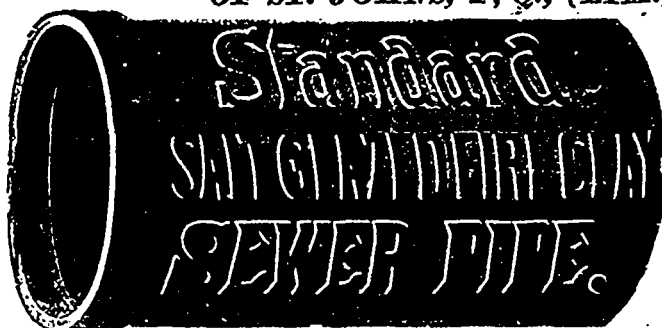
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