

tract C Kerr Engine Works, Walkerville: Fire hydrants, \$27.00; ten inch gate valves, \$20.50; eight inch valves, \$14.50; six inch valves, \$10.50; four inch valves, \$6.25; valve boxes, \$3.50.

ST. MARY'S, ONT.—The tender of John Kean has been accepted for granolithic walk on west side of Peel street, at 5½ cents per square foot.—For purchase of \$15,000 20 year 4 per cent. debentures tenders were received by the council as follows: Amelius Jarvis & Co., Toronto, \$14,850; H. O'Hara & Co., Toronto, \$99.26 on \$100; G. A. Stimson & Co., Toronto, \$14,925; G. W. Wood & Son, Toronto, \$14,875; Hanson Bros., \$98.50 on \$100; The Ontario Building & Savings Society, Kingston, \$15,094; The Mutual Life Assurance Co. of Canada, \$15,080; Confederation Life Association, \$15,000; Andrew T. Drummond, Kingston, \$96.00 on \$100; Central Canada Loan & Savings Co., \$14,092.50. The tender of the Imperial Building & Savings Society has been accepted.

THE GREAT TORONTO FAIR.

As there seems to be a feeling of general prosperity throughout the country this year, the attendance of visitors at the Toronto Exhibition, which opens a few days hence, on the 28th inst., promises to exceed that of any previous year. Many who have never been to this great fair before are talking of going, and those who have been before are going again. The entries in all departments, especially that of live stock, are the largest in its history, and this is a pretty good indication that the exhibition will score another great

success. Although some of the manufacturers of reapers and mowers have decided not to exhibit at any fair in future, there will still be a good exhibit of other farming implements at this exhibition. The special attractions, which will to a great extent be of a patriotic character and up to date, promise to be most interesting, including, among other things, a representation of the siege and relief of Mafeking, in the present South African war. Many interesting trophies, brought back by the returned members of the Canadian contingent, will be on exhibition. It is astonishing the great interest that is taken in the Toronto Fair throughout the country, and the approaching one is no exception. The usual cheap excursions will be given on all the railways.

LIME WHITEWASH.

The principal point in preparing lime whitewash, says a contemporary, is to have the lime well slaked. Select good builders' lime, soak it with warm water and allow it to fall into fine powder in the open air. Then, if wanted for inside and so prepared that it will not rub off,

make it very thin with water, and to every pail add a pint of flour, previously made into starch or paste; or, better still, dissolve two pounds of ordinary alum in boiling water and add this solution to every two gallon pail of whitewash. Apply the first coat very thin, so as to bind it on the wall, and the addition of alum will prevent the second coat from rubbing up the first coat, thereby making a more uniform surface.

For outdoor work, take one pound of lime and slake it as above. Then take one-quarter pound Burgundy pitch and dissolve by gentle heat in a pint of linseed oil; now add to the hot lime one gallon skimmed milk, then the mixture of pitch and oil a little at a time, stirring all the while. Finally add three pounds of bolted whiting. If too stout to work evenly, add more skimmed milk.

The addition of one part of salt to three parts by weight of lime, or

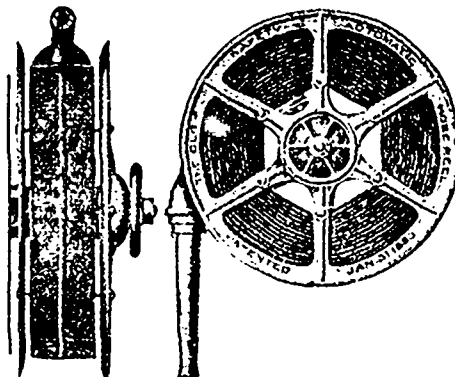
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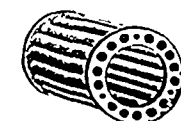
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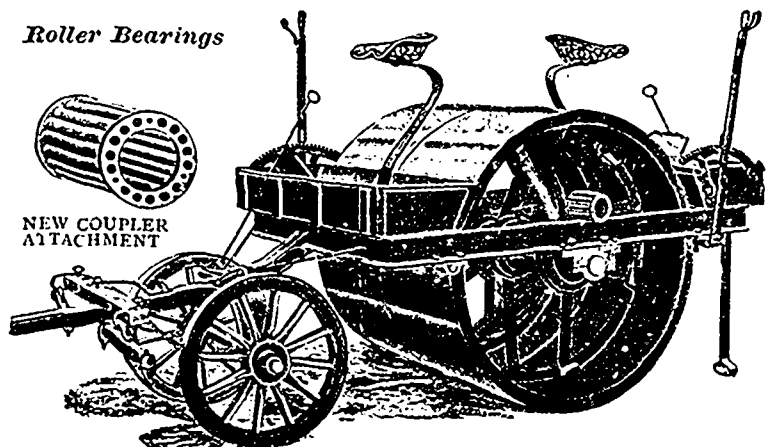
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