

CONTRACTS OPEN.

PETROLIA, ONT.—A street railway is talked of for this place.

GLENCOR, ONT.—It is proposed to organize a Congregational church here.

MADOC, ONT.—Electric street lighting is under consideration of the Council.

BRANDON, MAN.—The Council have purchased a site for a new city hall.

CHIPPICWA, ONT.—The Presbyterians will erect a new church on the old site.

GANANOQUE, ONT.—A water-works by-law will be voted on by the ratepayers a few days hence.

QUEBEC.—Competitive designs for the new hotel proposed to be erected by the Fortress Hotel Co. are to be in by the 15th inst.

LAMITON, ONT.—Louis Sliegman, Buffalo, representing a syndicate in that city, has bought a large tract of land along the river, presumably for manufactories.

ST. MARY'S, ONT.—A special joint committee of the council and board of trade are considering the preliminaries in connection with a new town hall and market building.

BELLEVILLE, ONT.—An offer has been made by capitalists to erect a fine hotel, on condition that the city shall keep the assessment on the same below \$15,000 for a period of ten years.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—A meeting of the City Council was called for last night to consider three propositions received from American companies for the building of electric street railways.

GUELPH, ONT.—A meeting of the congregation of St. James parish is to be held this (Saturday) evening to inspect plans for a new church. If satisfactory, tenders will be at once called for.

CALGARY, N. W. T.—There is said to be no doubt that the Calgary and Edmonton railroad will be built south as far as Macleod next season. All the money has been provided for building 300 miles of road, from Edmonton to Macleod.

LONDON, ONT.—The Council has given notice of its intention to construct sewers on English, Dundas, and Glebe streets, at an estimated cost of \$2,237.50; also to block pave Richmond street, between Fullerton and Ann streets, at an estimated cost of \$15,000.—The Council will ask tenders for the erection of an electric light station.

PORT ARTHUR, ONT.—Operations are about to commence by the syndicate which is to carry out extensive improvements at Kakabeka Falls. A branch line from the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western railroad will likely be built to the foot of the Falls, a distance of 15 miles. In the utilization of the power it is stated that a large electric plant will be put in.

KINGSTON, ONT.—It is the intention of the manufacturers of oil cloth to enlarge their factory to double its present size.—Tenders will be asked for the construction of sewers on Brock and Collingwood streets.—There is urgent demand for increased school accommodation.—Dr. Crabb has leased the Old Orchard house lot, Cape Vincent, for a long term of years, and will soon build a residence and office on the site of the old Dr. Webb house.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—A by-law will be introduced authorizing the Council to purchase and operate electric light plant.—The competition for suitable designs for a public library to cost \$19,000 has resulted in the adoption of the plans of Mr. G. W. Grant, Mr. W. R. King being awarded second prize, and Clow & McClure, third.—The plans of Mr. T. Hooper, architect, for a new Y. M. C. A. building have been approved, and tenders for construction will be immediately called for.—A building for the manufacturing of confectionery is to be erected.—The Sisters of the Good Shepherd are collecting subscriptions for the erection in this city of a Home for Fallen Women.

HAMILTON, ONT.—While it is admitted that there is great necessity for the erection of a Home for Incurables, the proposal that it should be under the management of one religious denomination is generally condemned. Public opinion favors its erection and support out of the public funds.—James Ballfou, architect, will receive tenders up to noon on the 16th inst. for the construction of a granary for the Hamilton Street Railway Company.—Mr. Albert Pane has purchased 136 x 105 feet on the south-west corner of Main and Bay sts., it is presumed with the intention of erecting buildings thereon.—Geo. Bauer has obtained a building permit for the erection of a 2-storey brick house on Bay st., between York and Peter, cost \$1,000.

OTTAWA, ONT.—A preliminary survey is being made by the superintendent of the Rideau Canal, with the object of reclaiming a large area of drowned land between Brewer's Lock and Kingston Mills. A cut of nearly three miles extends westerly from Brewer's Locks, and here it is proposed to build a new lock, reducing the water-level about nine feet and doing away with one of the present four locks at Kingston Mills.—It is said the plans of the late Mr. Page for the enlargement of the Morrisburg Canal will be abandoned, and engineers sent out to make a new survey, with the view of the adoption of plans differing in some important respects from those of the late engineer, and that when these are received and specifications prepared, new tenders will be called for.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The City Surveyor gives notice that it is proposed to construct a sewer on St. Lawrence Market street, from St. Lawrence to St. Dominique street.—The following building permits have been granted:—Miller Bros. & Co., factory, stone and brick, cost \$3,000. Nelson & Clift, architects; Mrs. Geo. Swinborn, 2-storey wood and brick dwelling, Bagg St., cost \$1,000; Luparie Sudin, 2½-storey wood and brick dwelling, Darling St., cost \$1,500; P. McGorven, two 2½-storey wood and brick dwellings, St. Charles Borromie St., cost \$2,500; S. D. Valuns, 3-storey stone and brick tenement, Hutchinson St., cost \$3,005; Jos. Amioth, tenement house, wood and brick, 3-stories, St. Catharine St., cost \$2,500.—Ald. Prefontaine, who has just returned from New York, states his belief that the company incorporated at the last session of the Legislature for the purpose of constructing an elevated railroad, will begin the work early next year with a line along Craig street.

TORONTO, ONT.—Mr. Tennant, lumber merchant, will probably dispose of his present property on Harbord street, and erect a new residence on St. George street.—Mrs. Campbell will make extensive improvements, principally in the decorative line, in the interior of her residence, corner of Church and Carlton streets.—The Benchers of the Law Society are to have a meeting to-day to consider plans which have been prepared for a building to accommodate the Law School, the cost of which is estimated at \$50,000.—The construction of an asphalt pavement beneath the new covering of St. Lawrence market, at an estimated cost of \$6,000 is recommended.—The Executive Committee has been asked to provide funds for the construction of a railway along the Don improvement for the use of the Belt Line railway, at an estimated cost of \$20,000.—An asphalt pavement is to be constructed on Gerrard street, between Jarvis and Sherbourne streets.—A building permit has been granted the Bell Telephone Co. for the erection of a 3-storey bk. office building on Temperance street, to cost \$35,000.—The Militia Department has completed the plans and specifications of the Toronto drill shed, and as soon as the site is available the Public Works Department will be ready to ask for tenders.—The Property Committee of the High School Board have adopted the plans for the new High School in the north-western part of the city as amended by the Educational Depart-

ment.—An elaborately fitted up musical warehouse, containing professors' rooms, etc., is to be fitted up at the corner of Queen and Yonge sts by the manufacturers of the Karn piano, Woodstock, Ont.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

WATERLOO, P. Q.—The contract for the Crinkshank factory has been let to Mr. W. R. Lefevre for \$4,000.

HARRISTON, ONT.—W. J. Davidson, of Drayton has secured the contract for building the new bridge across the Maitland river.

BELLEVILLE, ONT.—The contract for dredging the harbor has been awarded to the Weddel Dredging Company, of Trenton.

ST. THOMAS, ONT.—Mr. P. Meeham has let the contract for the mason work of three brick houses on the corner of Alma and Talbot streets to Horton Bros., cost \$1,800 each.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The Sewers Committee have awarded the contract for finishing the east end sewer to Joseph Kent at \$7,884. J. G. Pocock also tendered at \$11.70 per foot, which amounted to a lump sum of \$10,000.

W. TORONTO JUNCTION.—Mr. J. A. Ellis, architect, on September 5th awarded the contracts for the erection of factories for the Vermilyea Corset Co. and the Strachan Shoe Co., to Mr. Geo. R. Cumming, at \$3,730 and \$1,700 respectively.

The Rathbun Co. have received contracts for supplying porous terra cotta fireproofing for the following buildings:—Freehold Loan & Savings Company's building, Toronto; new Board of Trade building, Toronto; the Biological Library, Toronto; Y. M. C. A. building, Montreal; Sun Insurance Company's building, Montreal; The Nickel wing, Kingston Hospital.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The Water-Works Department has opened and awarded tenders as follows:—For seventy-five tons of pig lead—H. McLaren & Co., \$77.95; Thos. Robertson & Co., \$77.84; W. E. Gower, \$78.77; Jas. Robertson, \$80.50; B. J. Coghlin, \$78.00; Montreal Rolling Mills, \$79.22; awarded to Thos. Robertson & Co. For seventy-five nozzle hydrants—Miller Bros. & Toms, \$72.50; E. Chanteloup, \$78.00; Garth & Co., \$67.50; J. McDougall, \$70.00; W. E. Gower, \$69.25; awarded to Garth & Co. For the supply of special castings—Estate Chanteloup, \$48.00; Anesse, \$45.00; J. McDougall, \$45.00; Thos. Scanlan, \$44.75; H. R. Ives & Co., \$43.80; awarded to H. R. Ives & Co.

TO REMOVE STAINS FROM GRANITE.

A correspondent of the *Building News*, (London, England,) writes to that paper asking for information as to how best to get stains out of granite. Several correspondents reply. "Elbow Grease," says, "You have a troublesome job before you in attempting to get smoke and soot stains out of granite. Try this—A paste of 1 ounce ox-gall, 1 gill of strong solution of caustic soda, 1½ tablespoonful of turpentine with enough pipeclay to make it thick and consistent; scour well." "A Mason" is of opinion that "Washing is about as useful in getting stains of soot out of granite as tickling with a feather or fixing an electric belt round the window sill. Pick out a place where the stain is worst, and as a sample apply the following—Mix together ¼ pound whiting, ¼ pound soft soap, 1 ounce of washing soda, and a piece of sulphate of soda as big as a walnut. Rub it over the surface you propose to treat, let it stand four-and-twenty hours, and then wash off. If it succeeds try another portion." "G. D. M." replies that "Smoke and soot stains can be removed with a hard scrubbing brush and fine sharp sand, to which add a little potash."