

CONTRACTS OPEN.

FERNIE, D.C.—A new fire hall will probably be built here.

VANCEBORO, ONT.—There is talk of erecting a large pulp mill here.

EXETER, ONT.—Ross & Taylor are about to build a new planing mill.

HOLLAND, ONT.—A new residence will be built next summer by Robert Story.

CHARLESTON, ONT.—R. Foster is preparing to build an addition to his hotel.

NORTH WAKEFIELD, QUE.—Mr. Pritchard purposes building a new store in the spring.

STOUFFVILLE, ONT.—A. Grubin purposes erecting a new brick building on Main street.

LACOMBE, N.W.T.—The Merchants' Bank is negotiating for a site for a bank building here.

CARGILL, ONT.—The Rife Co., of Walkerville, will probably establish a factory at this place.

KEMPTVILLE, ONT.—The Federal College Co. will erect a brick building here this summer.

CHEMAINUS, B. C.—Subscriptions are being collected towards the erection of a Baptist church here.

ORILLIA, ONT.—A by-law has been passed in council authorizing the issue of \$2,700 of debentures.

MILLARTON, ONT.—George Clarke invites bids up to the 16th inst. for erection of brick dwelling house.

PUGWASH, N. S.—The ratepayers have decided to remodel and re-seat the school building, at cost of \$3,000.

HEPWORTH, ONT.—A company is being formed here to bore for gas and oil in Grey and Bruce counties.

HULL, QUE.—Fire chief Benoit has recommended the purchase of a steam fire engine and a hose wagon.

NORMAN, ONT.—It is stated that work will shortly be commenced on the buildings for the Keewatin Power Co.

LINDSAY, ONT.—The corporation is about to invite tenders for purchase of \$37,000 local improvement debentures.

WALLACE TOWN, ONT.—John C. Campbell will receive tenders up to 20th inst. for remodelling the Presbyterian church here.

KAMLOOPS, B.C.—The council will be petitioned to secure the services of an engineer to prepare plans for a sewerage system.

MATTAWA, ONT.—Chapin & McVittie, who own an extensive pulp wood limit north of this place, intend erecting a large pulp mill.

GOULD, QUE.—Tenders are asked by G. F. Cowan, municipal treasurer, up to March 4th, for building a town hall in this village.

NEWMARKET, ONT.—The Mayor is about to issue a prospectus and take preliminary steps towards establishing a beet sugar factory.

COWICHAN, B.C.—Price Bros., proprietors of the summer resort at Cowichan Lake, intend erecting a large modern hotel at Duncan's.

PORT ARTHUR, ONT.—Secretary Langworthy, of the public school board, has been instructed to obtain plans for a new school building.

BRANTFORD, ONT.—Steps have been taken to organize a new Presbyterian congregation in the east ward, and a church will likely be erected.

FREELAND, ONT.—D. Murphy has sold property to a joint stock company, which purposes erecting a large hotel and several cottages.

MIDLAND, ONT.—A memorial has been presented to the Minister of Public Works asking that the harbor here be deepened and improved.

NORWICH, ONT.—William Fairley, municipal clerk, invites bids up to 7 p. m. of 23rd inst. for purchase of \$3,960.89 4½ per cent. debentures.

HALIFAX, N.S.—The city council at a meeting held last week decided to install a municipal electric light plant, at an estimated cost of \$100,000.

WEBBWOOD, ONT.—It is stated that as soon as spring opens the Spanish River Pulp & Paper Co. will commence work on their projected pulp mill.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—A by-law to raise \$50,000 for improving the waterworks of the town will be submitted to the ratepayers on March 3rd.

RAT PORTAGE, ONT.—The council will memorialize the Provincial Government to erect an iron bridge over the east branch of the Winnipeg river.

EDMONTON, N.W.T.—Twenty-six sets of plans have been received for the proposed new \$20,000 school building. A selection will be made this week.

QUEBEC, QUE.—The Wolfe, Megantic & Lotbiniere Railway Co. is seeking incorporation, to build a railway from Line Bridge to the proposed Quebec bridge.

ST. THOMAS, ONT.—Elgin county council has agreed to bear half the cost of building a bridge over the Thames river, on the town line between Dunwich and Aldborough.

ISLINGTON, ONT.—A. Macpherson, treasurer of township of Etobicoke, has just taken bids for \$5,000 of debentures, issued for building steel bridges and for road improvements.

BRANDON, MAN.—It is reported that a project is on foot to erect a six story hotel on property recently occupied by D. A. Reesor's building.—The Brandon Machine Works Co. will this year erect new machine shops.

PEMBROKE, ONT.—Bids are asked by Rev. L. D. Zimmerman, Box 16c, up to February 18th, for erection of brick church for the Lutheran congregation in the township of Alice. Plans by M. Gorman, architect, this place.

NORTH BAY, ONT.—It is understood that Mackenzie & Mann will commence work this spring to build a railway from this town to the Temiscaming country. The road has been surveyed to Lake Temagami, a distance of 68 miles.

MEGANTIC, QUE.—A by-law will be submitted to the ratepayers to raise \$36,000 for the construction of a waterworks system, according to plans prepared by J. O. C. Mignault, civil engineer, of Montreal. A. Beigneul is municipal secretary.

SHFRBROOKE, QUE.—At the last council meeting the erection of a city hall was discussed. It is proposed to purchase the Merchants bank property and to endeavor to induce the Government to build a court house, to cost \$60,000, adjoining the city hall.

PARRY SOUND, ONT.—The proposed electric railway project from this town to Ahmic Harbor is making satisfactory progress. A survey of the route has been made by W. T. Jennings, C.E., of Toronto, and J. B. Miller, W. W. Keighley and others are about to apply for a charter.

LISTOWEL, ONT.—W. E. Binning, architect, is preparing plans for a school in section No. 5, township of Morris, and one in section No. 8, township of Morningside.—The contract for pressed brick residence for James Fox, of Brussels, has not yet been let.

WINCHESTER, ONT.—Plans have been prepared for a two-story and basement addition to the building of A. Sweet & Co.—Beach & Co. intend increasing their foundry, and will erect two buildings, one 40x120, four stories high, and the other 60x75, the latter to be used as a moulding shop.

SYDNEY, N.S.—It is stated that the New York syndicate which last week purchased property on Charlotte street intend erecting a modern office building on the site.—A new county building, costing over \$60,000, will be erected here in the spring. Plans have already been prepared.

TWERD, ONT.—The county council has decided to build a bridge over the Mora river, on the boundary between the city of Belleville and the county.—The Frankfort Electric Co. have asked for the privilege of erecting poles for the purpose of supplying electric light to the residents of Frankfort.

FREDERICTON, N.B.—A vote of the ratepayers will be taken on March 11th on a by-law to raise \$80,000 by debentures for the construction of a sewerage system.—The Provincial Secretary invites tenders up to February 27th for purchase of \$200,000 of debentures, issued for the purpose of building bridges.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—The city council has adopted the recommendation of the water and sewerage board that water mains be laid on portions of Smythe, Mill, Cobourg, Metcalf, Canard and Pitt streets, at estimated cost of \$6,550, also that \$10,000 be spent in renewing the water main in Carleton.

AMHERSTBURG, ONT.—The annual meeting of the directors of the South Essex Electric Railway Co. was held here last week. A discussion took place as to the route of the new road, which is likely to follow the lake shore from here to Leamington. It is proposed to extend the road to Point Pelee, and to build a large summer hotel there.

ST. CATHARINES, ONT.—The county council has granted a franchise to the Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto Railway Co. to build an electric railway through the county to Beamsville, Smithville and St. Anne's.—Estimates are being made of the cost of a new structure to replace the Queenston street bridge.—The Shaw Milling Co. has commenced the erection of a flour mill here.

VANCOUVER, B.C.—It is reported that the Great Northern Railway Company intends to connect the British Columbia coast with the Eastern States, via the Kontenay mine camps, and have secured a site here for terminal wharves and stations. They will also build a canal to deep water, Vancouver Harbor, a quarter of a mile in length.—It is proposed to erect an agricultural hall at Central park.

HAMILTON, ONT.—It is said that representatives of the Shea syndicate have been negotiating for the purchase of a lot on King street east, with a view to building a theatre thereon. J. Harris, of Buffalo, was in the city last week in that connection.—A new Sunday school building will be erected in connection with the church of Ascension.—Geo. P. Dennis has secured a permit for two brick dwellings on Hannah street, cost \$2,200.

WELLAND, ONT.—The treasurer has been instructed to dispose of \$2,000 of debentures.—Mr. Hooker will give notice in council of by-laws to provide for the purchase of a steam road roller, to macadamize north Main street and to complete the work on East Main street.—The council will present a memorial to the Minister of Railways and Canals asking that a sum be placed in the estimates for the purpose of deepening the raceway, giving a direct water supply from the Welland canal for municipal purposes, also to build a new bridge over the canal at Main street.

LONDON, ONT.—Herbert Matthews, architect, is preparing plans for three new residences on Piccadilly street for J. G. Ruchie, manager of the London Life Insurance Company.—A. O. Graydon, city engineer, will receive tenders up to 5 p. m. of 14th inst. for annual supply of sewer