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CONTRACTS OPEN.

This column is to furnish Advance Reports of Building Projects, before the Closing of Contracts, for the special use of Material Men, Supply Men, Manufacturers, Builders, Architects, Roofers, Plumbers, Gas Fitters, Bridge Builders, Foundrymen, Hardware Men, etc.

Any of our subscribers who write to parties referred to in our Contract Column, will oblige us by naming the **TRADE REVIEW** as the source of their information.

Schools, Churches & Public Buildings.

Perth County Council have decided to build a poor house.

E. Stephen, N.B., is considering the advisability of building a poor house.

The school board of Brockville will erect a \$10,000 school house on James street.

Wolfville, N.S., is asking the Provincial Government to enlarge the School of Horticulture.

The Victoria, Ont., county council are contemplating the building of a lock-up at Kinnmount.

The Committee on Agriculture has reported to the Nova Scotia Legislature in favor of a grant of \$50,000 for the erection of exhibition buildings in Halifax, N.S.

Mr. H. C. McBride, of Messrs. McBride & Farncomb, of London, Ont., has received instructions to prepare plans for the new German Methodist Church at Crediton, cost to be about \$7,000.

A special committee reported to the Kingston City Council that the Dominion Government had promised to put fifteen thousand dollars in the supplementary estimates to begin work on the new drill hall for Kingston. The government will also provide the site. The structure will cost about fifty thousand dollars.

Architect Stewart has the plans prepared for the new Collegiate Institute and Ontario Normal College at Hamilton. It will be 400 by 250 feet; the main building will be three stories high and will accommodate 100 scholars. The architecture will be of modern Romanesque style and the basement and the first story will be of rock face brown Credit Valley stone.

The plans and specifications for the proposed Gangway Refractory are to be seen at the office of Mr. E. H. Tuffery Alexander, where they have been inspected by several contractors, who have also looked over the site and visited the neighbouring quarry. The tenders are called for the Central hall and west wing. The wing will be 141 feet long by 50 feet wide, and

50 feet high from the ground line to the eave of roof. The wing will contain 200 cells in all.

Railways, Canals, Bridges, etc.

The County Council of Perth, have decided to build two new bridges this summer.

Application has been made for permission to build a railway from Berlin, Ont., to Copetown.

The citizens of Petrolia, Ont., are considering a plan to build a railway from Florence to Thamesville.

A deputation has visited Ottawa asking for a subsidy of \$100,000 to the Lambton & Sarnia Railway Company.

The Haliburton, Lindsay & Mattawa R. R. are asking for a grant of \$3,200 per mile for a 125 mile extension to Mattawa.

The railroad from Shelburne, N.S., to New Germany, has obtained an extension of time until May 1st, in which to commence operations.

A charter has been procured for an electric railway from Greenfield, N.S., to Port Medway. The company also proposes to build three pulp mills.

A franchise has been given to the Belleville Electric Company to construct and operate electric railways between Belleville and adjoining villages.

The Hatley Township Council has decided to give a contract for a new steel bridge, at North Hatley, to the Imperial Bridge Company, of Montreal.

The Sarnia, Petrolia & Florence Railway scheme has again come to the front and this time in a practical business form. It is the intention to build a road from Sarnia to Florence and Thamesville, via Petrolia, Oil Springs, Ely's Mills, Florence, Euphemia and Dawn Centre.

It is reported on what is believed to be good authority that the Michigan Central Railway have in contemplation the erecting of an addition to the shops at St. Thomas, and the building of more new cars, as they can be built more cheaply there than at the Jackson shops. If the change is decided upon, it will give employment to a large number of mechanics.

Sealed tenders will be received until noon on Saturday, 21st March, 1896, for the construction of about four miles of canal on the Peterboro and Lakeside division. Plans and specifications of the work can be seen at the office of the Chief Engineer of the Department of Railways and Canals, at Ottawa, or at the Superintending Engineer's Office, Peterboro, where forms of tender can be obtained.

Houses.

W. & M. Bell are preparing to build a brick house at Springfield.

C. Cotterill will build a two storey brick residence at Collingwood. John Wilson is the architect.

The Coleman Planing Mill Co. will build nine two storey brick buildings to cost \$12,000, in Hamilton.

In this city permits have been granted to V. Forest for alterations to store and to Mr. Edward Lusher for the erection of a \$7,000 three story residence on Stanley street.

At Richmond, P. Q., Mr. Thos. Newell is making ready to build a house for himself on the "Foster" land in rear of the Court House, and Mr. Enos will build on his recently acquired property near by in the spring.

The Engineer's department of London, Ont., granted a permit to Mr. William Webster to erect a brick veneer cottage on William street, north of Oxford. It will cost \$1,000.

T. K. Maybury will build a stone house with slate roof, furnace, etc., at Elma, Ont., to cost \$1,500. Mr. Dickson, reeve of the same place, will build a new \$1,800 house this year.

Waterworks, Paving, Lighting, etc.

The city engineer, of Winnipeg, has recommended the expenditure of \$100,000 in macadam pavements.

The St. Thomas city council has called for tenders for lighting the streets by electricity and gas, or acetylene.

City Engineer Haskins estimates that it will cost \$41,900 to divert the Wentworth street sewer and carry the sewage to the Ferguson avenue flume.

Railway and Municipal Bonds.

The Toronto H. and B. Dominion Construction Company has transferred to the Bank of Hamilton the debentures of \$225,000 voted by the city.

The by-law to grant a bonus of \$10,000 in aid of an electric road from Perth to Lanark has been carried, and debentures for the amount will be issued at once.

A by-law was passed to pay the bonus of \$40,000 to the Hamilton Iron and Steel Company the company to give a bond that it would expend the \$40,000 provided for in the by-law.

Application will be made to the next session of the Legislature of New Brunswick for the introduction of a bill enabling the municipality of the County of Albert to refund Albert County Railway bonds, maturing on the first day of July, 1896, to an amount not exceeding twelve thousand dollars. Also for a bill to authorize the municipality of Albert to effect temporary loans in certain cases.

City Solicitor Meredith has prepared a draft bill for submission to the Legislature to give the London, Ont., water commission power to issue debentures not to exceed a certain amount annually for the necessary extension of mains and other permanent improvements. Another proposal in the bill looks to the extension of the commissioners' term from one to two years.

Miscellaneous.

L. Seebach will build a flour mill at Fullerton, Ont.

Mr. Pouchen will erect a chemical factory at Kinnmount, Ont.

Joseph LeBlanc will build a chocolate factory at Langley, Prairie.

W. Mackey will erect a new building on the Post Office lot in Amprior, Ont.

Norwood, Ont., is to have a new foundry. The Mayor will give information.

The Corporation of Seaford are inviting tenders for their yearly supply of lumber and gravel.

Henry Trenaman, Secretary, invites for the construction of an engine house in Halifax, N. S.

The Oneida Community will build an addition 100 feet x 40 feet to their factory at Niagara Falls Centre.

Lam Tang, Chinese merchant, Westminster, B. C., intends erecting a cannery near Lulu Island bridge.

Brown, McVicar & Heriot, of this city, are calling for tenders for the erection of the Hotel Albion, at Chambly.