

**CONTRACTS OPEN.**

**MAGOG, QUE.**—It is proposed to erect a Boy's School.

**GLANWORTH, ONT.**—The congregation of Christ's Church have decided to erect a parsonage.

**NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.**—Mr. James Corcoran of Stratford, Ont., will erect a saw and shingle mill here.

**PORT ARTHUR, ONT.**—It is proposed to build a silver smelter. Some American gentlemen have the project in hand.

**OWEN SOUND, ONT.**—Public meetings are being held to consider ways and means for the erection of a public hospital.

**BROCKVILLE, ONT.**—The Collegiate Institute Board has under consideration the question of increasing the accommodation.

**CORNWALL, ONT.**—The Town Council will apply to the Legislature for power to borrow \$17,000 for street improvements.

**ST. JOHNS, QUE.**—The Central Vermont Railway is considering the question of erecting a double drawbridge at this point.

**BERLIN, ONT.**—It is proposed to extend the line of the Galt and Waterloo Railway to Drayton and to re-build the old line to Preston.

**HALIFAX, N. S.**—The Board of Works has decided to purchase 8,000 feet of porphy blocks and 8,000 feet of granite blocks for street paving.

**COLLINGWOOD, ONT.**—Engineers are inspecting the route of the proposed Ship Railway from the mouth of the Nottawasaga River to Toronto.

**ST. MARY'S, ONT.**—Geo. Gowinlock, architect, Toronto, has prepared the plans and will superintend the erection of the proposed new municipal building which is to cost \$9,000.

**QUÉBEC, QUE.**—It is stated that the Boston & Maine Railway Co. have expressed their willingness to build the Quebec Bridge if the Provincial Government will guarantee \$2,000,000 of the cost.

**WEST TORONTO JUNCTION, ONT.**—Messrs. McTaggart & Leishman are about to erect a block of buildings at the junction of Western road and Dundas street.—A project is on foot for the erection of a High School.

**PRINCE ALBERT, N. W. T.**—A meeting of citizens will shortly be held to further the project for the erection of a new hospital.—An association has been formed to establish a college. The president is D. H. McDowall, M.P.

**ST. THOMAS, ONT.**—A by-law will be submitted to the ratepayers at the January election to provide for the raising of \$15,500 for the construction of an iron bridge to replace the present wooden structure across the ravine.

**NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.**—Montreal engineers are at work locating a site for a new bridge across the river between Suspension Bridge and the village of Niagara Falls, N. Y. They are supposed to be in the employ of the C. P. R.

**FORT WILLIAM, ONT.**—The C. P. R. Co. commenced work on the foundation of a large hotel which will have a frontage of 100 feet and will be three stories high with basement and attic. All the latest hotel improvements will be adopted.

**WOODSTOCK, N. B.**—The Government has sent an engineer to inspect the bridge over the river at this point, and he has reported it to be in such a dilapidated condition as to be beyond repair. A new bridge will therefore have to be erected.

**OSHAWA, ONT.**—The Town Clerk will receive tenders until this (Saturday) evening for lighting the streets by electricity for one or more years. Parties tendering to state price for 16, 20 and 24 lamps of one and two thousand candle power, respectively.

**WINNIPEG, MAN.**—The Dominion Government has offered the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Co. 60 acres of land for exhibition; pur-

poses on favorable terms.—The St. George Snowshoe Club have purchased a lot on Smith Street as a site for their proposed new club house.

**SHERBROOKE, QUE.**—The Sherbrooke Telephone Association will extend their line early in the spring to all points in the Eastern Townships, and to Montreal.

**SPRING HILL, N. S.**—The Roman Catholics are taking steps to erect a new church in the spring.

**CHATHAM, ONT.**—The Department of Public Works, Ottawa, has sent an engineer to survey and lay out improvements in the way of sheet piling on the north side of McGregor Creek between Colborne st. and William st. bridge. The work will be proceeded with at once.

**KINGSTON, ONT.**—The Electric Light Co. will probably require to purchase additional machinery, including new engines, at an early date, to enable them to extend their lighting facilities.—The council has passed a by-law to raise by way of loan \$55,000 for the opening and extension of streets.

**PERTH, ONT.**—The County Council has taken preliminary action towards establishing a House of Industry for the homeless poor of the county. A commission has been appointed to obtain all necessary information. Messrs. Donald and Pattie, members of the County Council, can give information.

**OTTAWA, ONT.**—The Minister of Militia has under consideration two plans for monuments to commemorate the battle of Lundy's Lane and Chateaugay. Parliament appropriated at its last session \$10,000 for the erection of monuments of this character.—The Rideau Lake Cottage Co. has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000.

**LONDON, ONT.**—The County Council have decided to construct the proposed new bridge between Strathroy and Caradoc. Also between Lobo and London Townships, North and South Dorchester, and East and West Williams. A new superstructure will also be required for the Morton Bridge over the Thames near this city, and a sub-structure for the McGregor bridge.

**HAMILTON, ONT.**—Messrs. Joseph Powell & Co., architects, have just completed plans of a residence for Dr. Farewell. The building will cost about \$10,000, style of architecture being a mixture of Norman and Russian Byzantine. They have also received instructions to prepare plans for the Methodist Mission Church to be built on Yonge street, in a Gothic and Roman style, to cost about \$3,500.—Mr. M. Jones will expend a considerable sum of money in improvements to the Walker House on King street east.—The City Engineer recommends the construction of a pile flume 150 feet long from the mouth of the east end sewer.—The trustees of the Centenary Church have purchased the land in the rear of the present building, on which it is their purpose to erect a large Sunday School.—The Hamilton Incline Railway is to be from 700 to 800 feet long, and will be constructed under the supervision of M. D. Burke, Cincinnati.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—The following building permits have been granted: John Ringer, 3-storey bk. store, and a 2-storey bk. stable, s. w. corner Sussex Ave. and Spadina Ave., cost \$7,000.—The promoters of the proposed new Athletic Club House have received subscriptions to the amount of upwards of \$20,000. The Varsity Athletic Association have also on hand the sum of \$15,000 towards a similar project, and an effort is being made to amalgamate the funds of both organizations for the purpose of erecting a suitable building. It is understood that the University Senate have consented to donate a site for the building, which will probably be erected in the neighborhood of College street.—Messrs. Scott & Cross, Hamburg avenue, Dovercourt, want tenders for excavating.—The Lawrence & Chicago Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., has just been incor-

porated and propose to enlarge the Steamer Rosedale and other vessels.—The Atheneum Club have selected a site on which they will erect a new club house.

**MONTREAL, QUE.**—Alderman Prefontaine has obtained the charter for the Montreal Pacific Junction Railway, which will extend from Hochelaga to L'Assomption. Stations will be built at Longue Pointe, Pointe Aux Trembles, Riviere des Prairies, Repentigny, St. Paul's, L'Hermite and L'Assomption.—Plans for the proposed new observatory will be submitted to the council at the next meeting.—Mr. Erel Mann, architect, has in course of construction here 6 first-class stone front cottages on Pine Avenue, frontage 140 feet, costing \$20,000; residence for Mrs. Earls, costing \$6,000; residence on Green Ave. for Mrs. M. Popham, costing \$5,000; residence on St. Matthew street for Mr. F. E. Phelan, costing \$5,600; block of flats for Mr. H. Murray Smith, costing \$15,000.—The bill empowering the suburb of St. Cunegonde to borrow \$100,000 for the construction of a drainage system has passed the Legislature.—At a meeting of contractors of the Mount Royal Incline Railway, it was decided to take steps to secure the immediate extension of the line.—It is proposed to permanently pave next year, St. Catherine street westward to Guy; Dorchester street, from Dominion square to Beaver Hall hill; St. James, from Victoria square to the Bonaventure depot; St. Patrick street, western section; St. Lawrence, from Craig to Sherbrooke; St. Paul, throughout; St. Denis, from Craig to Ontario; Ontario, from St. Denis to Papineau road; Centre street, and several small streets in the business section.—A number of citizens of Boucherville have formed themselves into a waterworks company and are applying for incorporation.

**CONTRACTS AWARDED.**

**OTTAWA, ONT.**—It is rumored that J. Poupore, M.P.P., is the lowest tenderer for the work of enlarging the Morrisburg Canal.

**MILTON, ONT.**—The contract for seating the new Methodist Church has been awarded to Pennington, Baker & Co., of Hamilton.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—Messrs. Pennington, Baker & Co., of Hamilton, have been given the contract for seating Westminster Presbyterian Church on Bloor street.

**PAKENHAM, ONT.**—Mr. R. B. Keating has received the contract for the carpenter work for the new Methodist Church at the sum of \$3,835. Messrs. J. McDowell and Wm. Miller, Carleton Place, have the contract for the stone work.

One of the useful recipes which the Wiener Bauindustriezeitung collects is that for removing rust from iron objects. It often happens that a valuable article of iron becomes so rusty as to be useless. To scrape off the coat of oxide is a long process, and, as it cannot be applied to joints, or covered parts, it is often of no value. It is therefore important to know that a nearly saturated solution of chloride of tin will dissolve the oxide completely away, and, unless the solution contains free hydrochloric acid, it will not attack the iron. The object to be cleaned is simply placed in the solution, where it stays until the rust is dissolved; which will take from twelve to twenty-four hours, according to the thickness of the coating. The metal then appears like silver, and should be first thoroughly washed with pure water, and then dipped in ammonia and quickly dried. If desired, it may then be polished.