

CONSTRUCTION NEWS SECTION

Readers will confer a great favor by sending in news items from time to time. We are particularly eager to get notes regarding engineering work in hand and projected, contracts awarded, changes in staffs, etc.

Printed forms for the purpose will be furnished upon application.

TENDERS.

Nova Scotia.

TENNYCAPE.—Tenders for Tennycape breakwater extension will be received at this office until 4 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 1909, for the construction of an extension to the breakwater at Tennycape, Hants County, N.S., according to a plan and specification to be seen at the offices of C. E. W. Dodwell, Esq., resident engineer, Halifax, N.S.; E. G. Millidge, Esq., resident engineer, Antigonish, N.S. Napoleon Tessier, Secretary, Department of Public Works.

Ontario.

MARKDALE.—Tenders will be received by A. Macpherson, clerk, Markdale, Ont., until December 28, 1908, for the construction of the several portions of a municipal waterworks system as follows: 15,600 feet of cast-iron pipe and hauling and laying the foregoing complete. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of C. H. Mitchell, Traders Bank Building, Toronto, or the clerk's office, Markdale. (Advertised in The Canadian Engineer.)

OAKVILLE.—Sealed tenders will be received by A. S. Chisholm, Esq., chairman Board of Water and Light Commissioners, Oakville, Ont., for the laying of approximately one thousand lineal feet of eight-inch cast-iron intake pipe in Lake Ontario at Oakville for the waterworks system. Pipe and necessary flexible joints will be furnished by the Commission; lead, etc., by the contractor. Plans and profile may be seen and form of tender obtained at the office of Willis Chipman, Esq., 103 Bay Street, Toronto, or at Oakville. (Signed), A. S. Chisholm, Chairman.

Manitoba.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.—Tenders addressed to W. R. Grieve, Secretary Parks Board, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, will be received up to noon of Monday, December 28, 1908, for the various works to be done in connection with the improvements of Crescent Lake at Portage la Prairie, Man. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the Secretary of the Parks Board, Portage la Prairie, Man., or at the office of Messrs. Smith, Kerry & Chace, Carnegie Library Building, Winnipeg. Dated at Portage la Prairie, December 14, 1908.

WINNIPEG.—Tenders addressed to the chairman of the Board of Control for the privilege of removing all broken glass from the city nuisance ground will be received at the office of the undersigned up to 11 a.m. on Monday, December 28, 1908. M Peterson, Secretary, Board of Control Office.

WINNIPEG.—Tenders will be received by the undersigned at their offices in the city of Winnipeg up to twelve o'clock noon on Saturday, the 26th day of December, 1908, for the following parcels, together or separately, belonging to the estate of the Portable Elevator and Excavator Co., of Winnipeg, Man.: Lot 1—One London 8-foot lathe, 18-inch swing, and equipment therewith, cost \$1,000. Lot 2—One London 10-foot lathe, 30-inch swing, and equipment therewith, cost \$1,250. Lot 3—One 2½ horse-power Gilson gasoline engine, cost \$120; one 1½ horse-power Gilson gasoline engine, cost \$65, \$185. Lot 4—One lot of tools, shaftings, pulleys, etc., amounting to \$250. Lot 5—One Cary safe, practically new, 33 inches high, 28 inches wide, outside; 20½ inches high, 15½ inches wide, inside; cost \$125. Newton, Davidson & Cherry. Winnipeg, Dec. 15, 1908.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

Ontario.

HAMILTON.—Samuel Cheeseman was given the contract of constructing a sewer on Breadalbane Street at 98 cents a foot and on Ardvolich Street at 75 cents a foot. E. New asked \$2,500 for constructing these sewers last summer, and now the job will be done for less than \$2,000.

PETERBORO'.—The contract for Section No. 7 of the Trent Valley Canal has been let, and the contractor is Mr. Randolph McDonald, of Toronto, who also has the Rosedale section. Section No. 7 extends from Rice Lake to Healy Falls, a distance of about twenty miles, and includes the construction of a dam and lock at Hastings, new guide piers at the G.T.R. bridge at the same village, and also at the Narrows at Trent Bridge, the dredging of the river from Hastings to Healy Falls to produce a 9-foot draught.

SARNIA.—The council accepted the tender of Mr. Gutteridge for a 20-pound creosote block for street paving. Contract price, \$27,100.

Saskatchewan.

INDIAN HEAD.—The contract for rebuilding the Massey-Harris warehouse, which was destroyed by fire three months ago, was let yesterday to Contractor Fleming, of Moosomin. Mr. Fleming will commence work on the building next week.

LIGHT, HEAT, AND POWER.

Ontario.

STRATFORD.—Stratford has decided to put the power by-law to the people and the chances are that it will carry. "That the city solicitor be instructed to prepare a by-law to contract for 1,000 horse-power at \$27.10 for submission to the ratepayers in January."

TORONTO.—The Hydro-Electric Power Commission's agreement with Toronto promises to deliver power to this city by December 19, 1909, and Mr. K. L. Aitkin, engineer in charge of the city's distribution plant, says the transmission line should be completed by that time. He says the city will be prepared to take power then.

TORONTO.—It is expected that about seventeen more municipalities in Western Ontario will vote on power by-laws at the coming municipal elections. A. F. Lobb, solicitor, for the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, stated that from what he had learned in these towns he thought the by-laws would carry in the majority of them. At present it looked as if about 5,000 horse-power would be utilized, and it was likely that the option with the McGuigan Company for an additional length of transmission line would be taken up. Many of the municipalities where the voting was to take place were using natural gas, which might be a factor in the fight for cheap power. The leading places to vote will be Windsor, Walkerville, Chatham, Kingsville, and Leamington.

RAILWAYS—STEAM AND ELECTRIC.

Nova Scotia.

AMHERST.—There is under construction at the car works a box car for the Grand Trunk Pacific. It is a sample car of the 500 which Rhodes & Curry are under contract to build for the G.T.P. during the coming year. When this contract is finished work will be commenced on the C.N.R.