



### CONTRACTS OPEN.

**BROCKVILLE, ONT.**—A new public school building is to be erected.

**MIDDLESEX, ONT.**—The Presbyterians will erect a new church soon.

**PERTH, ONT.**—St. Andrews congregation will build a new church on a new site.

**ALMONTE, ONT.**—A new church will be built in the spring by the Presbyterians.

**HAYSVILLE, ONT.**—The congregation of Christ Church contemplate improvements.

**SMITH'S FALLS, ONT.**—A new post office and customs buildings are expected for this town.

**YARMOUTH, N. S.**—It is proposed to expend \$50,000 in street and sidewalk improvement.

**LACHINE, QUE.**—A new Roman Catholic Presbytery is to be erected in the spring. — Also a new post office to cost \$12,000.

**TRENTON, ONT.**—The Government has been asked to make needed improvements to the post office building in this town.

**DIGBY, N. S.**—The Dominion Government has been asked to make a grant for the construction of a new pier at this harbour.

**HALIFAX, N. S.**—The Board of Health will apply to the Legislature for authority to borrow \$400,000 to construct additional sewers.

**PARIS, ONT.**—The town council is collecting information which it is proposed to use in providing the town with a system of pure water supply.

**OTTAWA, ONT.**—Permission has been granted by Parliament to the Pontiac and Pacific Junction Railway to construct a bridge over the Ottawa river.

**COLLINGWOOD, ONT.**—The Government will cause a survey to be made of the harbor, with a view to making the improvements necessary to put it in good condition.

**NEW GLASGOW, N. S.**—The Board of Trade have decided to petition the Government for \$100,000, for the purpose of deepening the river between New Glasgow and Pictou.

**BOTHWELL, ONT.**—Tenders will be received by I. E. Vogler until March 5th, for the erection of an iron bridge with stone abutments across the river Thames on the county line between Kent, Elgin and Middlesex.

**PORT STANLEY.**—Deputations representing this town and the cities of London and St. Thomas, will urge the Government to improve Port Stanley harbor. — A number of cottages are to be built on the beach here this spring.

**GUELPH, ONT.**—New county buildings are needed. The suggestion is made that they should be erected in a more central locality. — The city council is considering how it may provide funds for the construction of a sewage system.

**WEST TORONTO JUNCTION.**—The congregation of Annette street Methodist church will erect a new edifice with a seating capacity of 1,200. — This town is seeking authority from the Legislature to construct subways or overhead bridges.

**LONDON, ONT.**—The Ontario Government and the C. P. R. are asked to share with the city the cost of construction of a trunk sewer. — The chief of the fire department recommends that the present central fire station be torn down and a new one erected. — Mr. Anderson will probably build two more stores east of the McCormack block.

**BRANTFORD, ONT.**—The school authorities are collecting information in Toronto and elsewhere to be utilized in the erection of a new school to take the place of the Central School recently damaged by fire. — By-laws will be introduced providing for the construction of sewage and fire alarm systems. The proposed cost of the former is placed at \$30,000.

**KINGSTON, ONT.**—A syndicate is looking for a suitable site on which to erect steel works. The Fire and Light Committee of the city council intend to erect an engine house in the upper part of the city. — The trustees of the general hospital are considering the question of erecting a new wing to that institution. — A site has been purchased for a new Anglican church in Williamsville.

**HAMILTON, ONT.**—Mr. James Balfour, architect, has prepared plans for two new school buildings, the estimated cost of which will be \$22,000 and \$32,000 respectively. The building committee of the school board have the plans under consideration. — Plans are being prepared for a factory building 434 x 100 feet for the Sawyer-Massey Co. — The Inspector of Prisons recommends the erection of an addition to the gaol. — Tenders will be asked by the city council for the construction of a stone or granolithic pavement surrounding the new city hall. — The city will grant a bonus of \$275,000 to aid the construction of the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway. The proviso is made that the railway company shall construct a tunnel from Bay to James St., the cost of which is estimated at \$125,000.

**VICTORIA, B. C.**—The Pandora street Methodist church will erect an edifice costing not less than \$60,000. — St. Andrew's (R. C.) congregation

will erect a handsome cathedral costing in the neighborhood of \$75,000. — Three and four-storey brick blocks will be put up at the corner of Government and Fort streets, at the corner of Government and Broughton streets, at the corner of Douglas and View streets, at the corner of Johnson and Government streets, at the corner of Yates and Waddington Alley. Similar buildings will replace primitive structures on Government, Yates, Fort, Johnson and Douglas streets. — It is believed that the Canadian Western Hotel Co. will begin the construction of a hotel costing \$150,000. — The proprietors of the Dravid have stated their intention to erect a seven storey addition to their hotel, facing on View street.

**MONTREAL, QUE.**—The Carmelites have purchased a piece of land on Rachel street between Duferin and Amherst, upon which they intend building a convent next spring. — The City Surveyor's estimate of expenditures by the Roads Department the present year includes the following: Squares, \$10,500, roads, \$140,901, paving repairs, \$2,000, sidewalks (wood) \$57,000, sewer repairs \$10,000, catch basins, \$41,000, private drain connections, \$1,800, river roads, \$1,500, names and numbers of streets, \$2,000. Of the \$140,901 put down for roads, only one-fifth will be expended this year and the balance in the four succeeding years. — The estimates of the Water Committee contain \$23,412 for distribution pipes. — Tenders are asked by the City Clerk until noon of Saturday, 1st March, for the erection of a public weigh house. — It has been decided to build the new Roman Catholic church of St. Louis at the corner of Roy and Laval streets. — There is a rumor that the Seminary intend erecting a large hall for the entertainment of young men, on the corner of St. Denis and St. Catherine streets.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—The city registry office does not afford sufficient accommodation. The erection of a new one is being urged. — The city will contribute \$30,000 towards the cost of erecting a bridge across the Rosedale Ravine at the head of Sherbourne St. — A new police station will be erected to take the place of the one at St. Andrew's market. — The Provincial estimates for the present year include the sum of \$91,916.59 for repairs to public buildings, and \$18,500 for repairs to public works. — University College will at once be rebuilt at a cost of \$250,000. The Ontario Legislature will furnish \$160,000 of this amount, the balance coming from the insurances on the burned building. — The Dominion Piano Co., of Bowmanville, are looking for a suitable site in Toronto on which to erect a large factory. — Messrs. Peter McIntyre and W. G. Storm, propose to erect on the Island a summer hotel capable of accommodating 500 guests, if the necessary arrangements can be made with the city council. — The Park Superintendent says 75,000 yards of dredging will be required at Island Park the coming season. — The construction of new wharves at the Island has been decided upon. — The following building permits have been granted since last issue: Toronto Real Estate & Investment Co., add. storey and alterations s. w. cor. Church and Colborne Sts., cost \$3,500; Mr. Curran, pr. s. d. 2 storey and attic bk. fronted dwellings, St. Patrick St., near Spadina Ave., cost \$1,800.

### CONTRACTS AWARDED.

**WINNIPEG, MAN.**—The contract for the erection of the W. E. Sanford Company's new warehouse at the corner of Princess and Bannatyne streets, Winnipeg has been awarded to Bruce & Madden. The amount of the tender is between twenty and twenty-five thousand dollars.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—Contracts were awarded a week ago by the city as follows: Block paving—Hamilton street, \$1,828; Gordon avenue, \$2,249, and Brighton avenue, \$838, to Wm. Cassels. Peter street, \$1,890, John street, \$4,950, Morris street, \$1,249, and Birch avenue, \$2,460, to John McCracken. Bridge street, \$1,502, to H. A. Brown. Mackenzie Avenue, \$742, to A. W. Godson. Sewers—Radenhurst street, \$875, to J. H. McKnight. Withrow avenue, \$2,373, Smith street, \$1,151, and Defries street, \$432, to John Farley. Sand—To all localities east of Yonge street at \$1.03 per ton, to J. H. McKnight, and west of Yonge street at \$1 per ton, to Ardagh & Leonard.

### BIDS.

**MONTREAL, QUE.**—The following bids have been received by the Water Committee for the supply of cast iron pipe: Gloucester Iron Works, Philadelphia, \$32.91 per ton, B. J. Coghlin, \$43; J. X. Perrault, \$41; T. T. Turnbull, \$40.48; Canada Pipe Company, \$40; Londonderry Iron Company, \$36.45; D. V. Stewart & Co., Glasgow, Scotland, \$43; J. Bellhouse, \$46.20. A tender was also received from the Wood Company, of Philadelphia, but as it was not in accordance with the specifications, it was thrown out. The awarding of the contract was deferred until the next meeting, in order that the Gloucester Iron Works could be communicated with in regard to the terms of their contract. The following firms tendered for the supply of five copper 24-inch water valves: R. H. Buchanan & Co., \$268 each, John MacDougall, \$255.60, Miller Bros. & Mitchell, \$325, Darling & Bros., \$315, Eagle Foundry, \$295, E. Chanteloup, \$235, Guilford & Felton, \$450. The tender was unanimously awarded Mr. Chanteloup.

The death is recorded of Mr. John Philpot, one of the oldest contractors and builders of the city of St. Thomas, Ont., at the advanced age of 81 years.