

## CONTRACTS OPEN.

Ganangous. Ont,-Gmec Church will probabiy be en'arged at an early date.

Perti, Ont.-The erection of the new brack school house will be commenced immediately.
Kingston, Ont. - A wealthy syndicate will build a large distillery in the eastern portion of the city.
Lanark, Ont.-Mr. Jas. N. Dobbic. proprietor of the Clyde Hotel. is talking of enlarging the buildang.
Hatithax, N. S. -It is proposed by the military authorities 10 erect a new barracks on the citadel grounds.
Thamesvilie: Ont.-T. J. Rutey, of Chatham, has piepared plans for a new fire hall, for which tenders are being called.
Sarnia, Ont.-The stockholders of the Sarnia Grain Elemtor Company have deciged to rebuild the structure recently destroyed by fire.
Fhrgus, Ont. - Tenders will be received by John Beatty up to Friday, August agth, for the erection oi a windmill at the County of Wellington pror house.
New Westminster. B. C.-A new school district has been organized on Howe Sound. A site for a school hous: will be chosen and a suitable building erected.
Hamilton, Ont. - The petition for the paving of Cannon St., between East avenue and Wentworth street, will te considered at a special meeting of the Barrd of Works.

Chatham, Ont. - The necessary remairs to the piers at Rond Eau Harbour, will be shonly begun. Mr. Henry N. Gray, C. E., is the Dominion -officer in charge of the work.
Eloka, Ont-It is proposed to extend the Elora branch of the C. P.R. to Stratford. passing through Hamstead, Wellesley village, St. Clements, Hawksville, and Elmirn, to Elora.

Brantropd; Ont.- $\lambda$ special commatee has been appointed to secure ground on which to erect a Mission Church in the North Ward, in connection with thic Zion Presbyterian congregation.
Galt. Ont.-The town councal have adopted a by-law to: raise by debentures $\$ 125.000$ for a. syitem of water-works. - The strect railway project between Galt and Preston is being revived and stock is being solicited and subscribed.

Ortawn, Ont.-Archbishop Duhamel has purchased the property known as Pertey's Farm, located just outside the city linits on which he puproses erecting a large church for the French Catholic resudents of Hintonburg. Mechanicsville and other places in the immediate vicinity.

Petekfono. Ont. -The special committec appointed to consider the. serorage question, have met and discuissed tt. It has been decided to ask the local men for teriders to take tbe lerels of the town ior the purpose of subroitung the matter to a practeal expert to ascertain what system : would be most sutable, the probable cost. where the mains would run, etc.
Smith's Falls. Ont. - Tenders for the enlargement and-improvement or St. John's Church will be asked next week.-Plans, are being prepared for a new and handsome residence to be erected next spring. -At a recent meeting of the Sewer Committee it was recommended that a water main be laid alongside the sewer pipe and the sewer extended to the public school.

West Toronto Jusction.-Messrs. Knox \& Ellioll ane asking for tenders for the several trades required in the erection of a Presbiyterian Chureh. Teaders to be delivered at their office by Tuesday, August 5.Mr. Willis Chipman's report on a system of watenwerks for the town is ready for inspection. A special meeting of the council will discuss the question.

Iomonto, Ont. - Fenders for lighung the streets will be adyertised for next, week.- A; large deputation of gatepayers and others. interested in the opening of Woodbiné avenue to Si Clair dvenue, and St: Clair avenue to the Don dialls radd. met and yent over the proposed yond hat Saturday. The mattelwas looked upon inia most favomble light as it ivarsontidered an absolute necessity to the people living on the tova line and neighborhood that-there should ie some other outlet than at present in use, which at certainseasons of the year.s aluost impassable. It here is a-large areathntwould te at once opened up to market gardens, if easy access could be had: to the city through Todndorden. - The Tollowing building permits have been granted: F. Hoyland, istorey bk. addition rear 23 Adelaide St. west, cost 5700 : M. AcComuell, 2:\&torey-bk, addition, rear 254 Church St., cost, 5700: Land Security Co., altemtions and additions biailding-sourli east cor. Gerrard and Ontario S's., cost $\$ 3.00$, W. Stollery, a-storey and attic bk duelling, north side Eigin. Ave., , cost, $54: 500$. Piof.J. Davis, 1 -storey bk. addi•ion cor. Wilton Ave, and Mutual St., cost $\$ 1,000$ R. H. Scarlett, a.storey and attic bk. duelling, east side Miaynard Place. cost $\$ 4,00$ : G M. atiller, 4 -storey bk. addition warehouse, Victoria St., west of Queen St., cost $\$ 2.500$; R. Kidne), three 3 -storey att. bk. stores, cor. Church and Ann Sts., cost $\$ 10000$ : R. Kidney, pair s. d. 2-storèy bk dwellings; south side Ann St. near Church St., cost 56,000 ; Mrs. O. Johnston, bk. residence, Vorkvile Ave, cost $\$ 3.00$ :

## CONTRACTS AWARDED.

Stanienvinie. Ont.-Mfesrs. D. \&A. Kippen, of Perth, have secured the contrace for the new Catholic church, for $\$ 3.500$.
Winusor. Oxt.-The Market Committee recommend that Mr. Monroe get the contract for paving the market grounds. His figures ale between $\$ 2,000$ and $\$ 3,000$.
Cilatham, Ont.-Mesers. Roberison \& McKic have secured the contract for building Mr. Baby's new brick hotel block on the corner of King and William streets. The conteact price is $\$ 9,00$.
L.ondos. ONt. - Smith Bros. ' tender was accepted for the steam-fitting, gas-fiting, boiler and brickwork of the new addition to the hospital, at $\$ 1,564$. -Tenders for erecting, a boiler house at the watenworks were awirded to Chas. Screaton for brickwork, at $\$ 365$ : W'm. Tyter, carpentering. slating and iron. $\$ 215.77$.

## BIDS.

Tenders.for the coustruc:ion of an electric lighting plant for. Windsor, Ont., were opened before the Fire, Water and. Gas Comrinites, with the following result :-Ball Company, Toronto. \$8.j88; Reliance, Waterford, 59.950: A. J. Wíayne, s72.100: Mutual Edison. Tononto, s13,200; Royal, Montreat, $\$ 15.150$ : Western. Toronto, $\$ 16.762$. The bids for machinery and boilers were as follows:-Leonard $\&$ Sons, London, $\$ 3.095$ : Waterous Engine Company. Brantord, $\$ 3.600$; Goldie \& McCulloch, Gatt, $\$ 3.975$; United Edison. Toronto, $54,0 \infty$.

## MEASUREMENT OF LAND.

The dimensions of land, or of any surface of considerable extent, are taken by means of Gunter's Chain, which is 4 poles or22 yards in length, and is divided into 100 equal parts, called. links. If the field be a-square or parallelogram, multiply the length in rods by the width in rods, and divide by 160 , the number of square rods in an acre. If the field is triangular, multiply the length of the longest side in rods by the greatest width in rods, and divide half the product by 160 . If the field be of irregular shape, divide it into triangles, and nind the acreage of each trangle as above. All straight-sided fields can be thus mensured. Where the sides are crooked and irregular, take the length in rods in a number of places at equal diștances apart, add them, and divide by the number of measurements, which will give the mean length; proceed similarly with the width, multiply the mean length by the mean width, and divide by 160 . Where the field is in a circle, find the diametet in rods, multiply the square of the diameter by 7.854 , and divide by 160 - Exchange.

Two German engincers propose rapid transit by means. of three continuous platforms moving along the strcets side by side. The lowest of these platforms is four inches high, and moves at a uniform speed of five feet per second. Any ordinary pedestrian can, they state, mount this plationm from the ground without difficulty, and from this he can, with equal ease, step on to a second platform four inches higher than the first, and moving twice as fast. The passenger thus acquires a speed of ten feet per second, and, stepping on to the third platform in the same way, he is carried at a speed of fifteen feet per-second; or ten miles per hour, to his destination, where he steps off by degrees as he got on.

