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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.

D. G. Baxter, architect of Stratford, has let the contract for seating the St. Marys Methodist church to the Globe Furniture Company, of Waverille, for \$1,325, and the fresco work to Elliott, of Toronto.

At Barrie, Ont., Messrs Eden Smith and Eustace Bird, architects, have let contracts as follows in connection with the Simcoe County gaol. Mason and concrete work, John Stapleton & Son, Barrie, at \$546, hot water heating, ventilating, etc., Moore & McDonald, Barrie, at \$678.

Alderman J. Lebre, Chairman Police Committee, has received an offer from a resident of Ste. Therese to donate to the city a site and building materials for the construction of a poor house in the parish of Ste. Therese. It is probable that some action in this direction will be taken by the City Council.

In Toronto tenders have been let as follows for an addition to Bay street fire hall: Brick work, \$744, carpenter work, \$1,477. E. Holt & Co., galvanizing iron, \$167. A. B. Omsby & Co., wrought and cast iron, \$248. St. Lawrence Foundry, painting and glazing, \$147.50. Egies & Langton, plumbing, \$140. J. T. Aggett, total, \$3,024.50.

In Ottawa a meeting of the building committee of the Protestant hospital held last week. Mr. A. C. Hutchison, of Montreal, was finally commissioned to prepare the necessary plans and specifications for the proposed extension to the building. An Ottawa architect will be appointed as clerk of works and supervising architect. It is probable that contracts will be awarded this fall.

Railways, Canals, Bridges, etc.

Surveys will be completed in about six weeks of the proposed railway to be built by the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company. The road will extend from Vancouver to New Westminster, crossing the Fraser river by a railway and traffic bridge. The cost of construction is placed at \$100,000.

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Tenders are invited for the supply of timber, lumber, cast and wrought iron, hardware, oils, cement, etc., required by the various canals throughout the province. Tenders to be addressed to Ernest Marceau, superintending engineer, 1709 Notre Dame street, this city.

Messrs. Leather & Watson, of Hamilton, have been awarded the contract for the material for the renewing of the Hamilton and Dundas railway line, and work will be commenced within two weeks. New 65 pound rails will be laid on the entire line, and steel culverts will take the place of the present structures.

As it is generally thought the Binbrook ratepayers would not vote for a \$25,000 bonus to the Southeastern Electric Railway, the promoters intend to look over a line from Elfrida to Smithville and thence to Dunnville, leaving out Hall's Corners and Cayuga. The idea being to run from the head of the new incline Railway to Albion Mills, Rymal Station, Elfrida, Smithville and Dunnville.

The Q. M. and C. Company will meet to transfer its rights in the Electric Railway to the new company which will hold its first regular meeting for the election of officers immediately afterwards. Two hundred men will be put on the Lower Town section from Quebec to St. Sauveur next week if the company decides to accept the amendment of the Council and construct the cross-line between d'Aiguillon and St. Louis streets.

In Quebec tenders have been received as follows for the construction of a bridge over the St. Charles river, to connect the city and St. Sauveur: Excavation, embankment, carpentry, stone filling, masonry, cut stone, iron spiking, etc., Ignace Bilodeau, \$21,753. C. Gignere, \$19,734; superstructure, with woodwork forming part thereof, Carrier, Laine & Co., of Lewis, \$6,239.27; for the bridge complete, A. Rousseau & Co., Montreal, \$16,200; for the superstructure only, Dominion Bridge Company, \$3,888; Canadian Bridge & Iron Co., \$2,790; Messrs. Carrier, Laine & Co., of Lewis, \$4,500; A. Rousseau & Co., of Montreal, \$12,485 for one plan and \$12,485 for another. The City Engineer has been asked to report on the tenders.

The Hamilton City Solicitor has received from Ottawa a draft of the proposed order in reference to the application by the T. H. & B. Railway Company to build a bridge over the Desjardins Canal and connect the spur line with the Grand Trunk tracks. The substance of the order is that the Railway Company, the city and the County shall each pay the Milton Toll Road Company \$20,000 in lieu of the Road Company giving up its right to the road between the Valley inn and the York street toll gate. This virtually makes a free road. The Railway Company will have to build at its own expense a high-level bridge over the canal, to connect the two highways along York street, the said bridge to be 24 feet in width, and of sufficient strength to carry a motor car and a trailer in addition to the other traffic.

Railway and Municipal Bonds.

The Town of St. Jerome will shortly issue debentures to the extent of about \$50,000 to meet the bonuses recently granted.

GEORGE F. HARDY.

At Hamilton proposals will be received until the 5th November for the purchase of \$200,000 of 20 year debentures bearing interest at 4 per cent. Address L. Beaser, city clerk.

In Ottawa a vote of the ratepayers will be taken on Tuesday, the 3rd of November, to provide the sum of \$144,500 by the sale of debentures for the construction of a number of sewers, to be built of brick.

The London, Ont., Finance Committee will ask the City Council to authorize the sale of \$200,000 worth of debentures to pay the Grand Trunk car shops' bonus on the outlay on the London and Port Stanley railway.

The total debt of Quebec City is \$6,450,066, of which that portion having the interest payable in Quebec is \$2,030,753, inclusive of permanent or non-redeemable debentures amounting to \$572,800. The portion bearing interest payable in London, and known as the English debt, is \$4,421,316, and it is this which it is now proposed to convert. There are two methods of doing this, either by providing for its immediate extinction at a fixed date, or by diminishing the amount of interest to be paid while leaving the principal increased in amount, as a heritage to successors. The Treasurer is in favor of the first method, and decidedly opposes the second. The total receipts for the year were \$622,573, which is \$5,257 more than the appropriations, and the expenditure was \$396,268, which is \$1,007 less than the appropriations, the result being a surplus on the year's transactions of \$1,250,304. The cash on hand on April 30th was \$34,246.

Waterworks, Paving, Lighting, Sewers, etc.

J. Foley of Ottawa has secured a contract for the laying of a large block asphalt roadway in Renfrew.

Messrs. Price Bros. have brought action to quash the water works by-laws of the town of Chicoutimi on the plea that certain councillors having endorsed the by-laws of the Water Company to the Bureau Nationale at the time of the passing of the by-law, were interested parties.

It is learned from Winnipeg that Mr. J. W. Sifton and Civic Engineer Lawton have gone to Springfield to lay out the necessary work in connection with the extension of the Springfield road and the deepened Burns creek. Tenders will be asked early for the construction of the work. There will be about 6,000 yards of excavation.

The City Engineer of Toronto, E. Keating recommends the following street pavements:—A twenty-one foot brick pavement on Hazelton avenue, from Yorkville avenue to Davenport road, at a cost of \$9,770; a twenty-four foot brick pavement on L. Canal avenue from Nassau street to Bellevue place, at a cost of \$4,200. Ten foot brick pavements with an interlocking tile pavement on Shaw street from Queen Arthur street, at a cost of \$18,500; and 27 foot macadam pavement on the west side of Queen's Park crescent from Osgood street to the foot of the foot of the street running up to Bloor street. He also commends the laying of a 24-inch main