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Schools, Churches & Public Buildings.

The congregation of St. Luke's English church at Fort William purpose building an addition of forty feet.

Contracts have been awarded for the construction of a new Franciscan church on the Grande Allée at Quebec.

The Board of the Collegiate Institute have under consideration the erection of an addition to the building at Ottawa.

Tenders will be invited for improvements to Colborne street school London, Ont., to cost \$1500. Herbert Matthews architect.

The Manitoba government propose making alterations in St. Paul's industrial school. D. Smith, chief of works, will have charge.

It is the intention of St. Donat's Parish to build a new church at Rimouski. The plans will be prepared by David Ouellet, architect, Quebec.

The Reformed Baptists are to build at Brown's Flats, N.B., a tabernacle that will seat about 2500 people, work on which will probably be started this fall or early next season.

At Berlin, Ont., the English Baptist church congregation, lately organized, has purchased a site on which to erect a new church. The sum of \$2100 has been subscribed for a new organ pipe.

Mr. W. J. Morrison, Secretary of Public Works, will receive tenders for the construction of the proposed addition or annex to the hospital for the insane, Falconwood, P. E. I. Plans may be seen at the office of C. B. Chapelle, architect, of Charlottetown.

The directors of the Industrial Exhibition Association have decided to apply to the Canada Life Association at Toronto which holds the mortgage on the property, to rebuild the one stable that was partially destroyed by fire, and apply the balance of the insurance money to repairing the machinery hall, the stove hall and other buildings.

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H. Stavelov, architect, Quebec, has been engaged by the authorities of the Anglican church to prepare plans for a small church on Harrington Bay, on the coast of Labrador. The same architect is also preparing plans for exterior alterations to the house of L. G. Baillairge, St. Louis street, Quebec.

At a meeting of the St. John, N.B., school trustees it was decided to have sanitary appliances placed on each flat of the building and to adopt the fan system of ventilation. Tenders will be called for this work. It was not decided whether to adopt the hot water or steam system of heating; and tenders will be called for each system: Tenders will also be asked for the remaining \$23,000 of the \$40,000 issue of bonds which was authorized by order of council last year. The \$17,000 was used in building the Aberdeen school.

Railway and Municipal Bonds.

There will be offered for sale by public auction at St. John, N. B. on Tuesday, the 15th of August, the outstanding bonds of the Central Railway Co. of New Brunswick, amounting to \$680,000.

The Manitoba Provincial Treasury Department has opened tenders for \$5,000 worth of 5 per cent 30 year bonds to complete the improvements to the Postage in Prairie court house and jail. There were six tenders, the highest and successful one being that of the Imperial Bank of Canada at \$126.45 per 100.

The Hamilton, Ont. Finance Committee of the City Council have recommended the release of the bonds of the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Railway held as security for the continued operation of the road. Should the bonds be released, the company will be enabled to proceed with the extension of its line to Bramsville.

The tenders for the purchase of \$2,500 water and school and 4 per cent debentures, payable 30 years from date of issue, and \$1,000 five per cent debt debentures, payable in 11 years, were opened by the finance committee of the Fredericton, N.B. city council. Nearly all the offers received were from Toronto parties and the whole amount was disposed of to one concern through a local agent, for \$18,960 or a premium of \$460. This is undoubtedly the best price ever obtained for city of Fredericton debentures and says much for the financial position of the city.

Railways, Canals, Bridges, etc.

The Toronto City Engineer is preparing specifications for the Queen street subway, and tenders for the work will be invited at an early date.

The Grand Falls N. B. Water Power Co. have taken steps to develop the water power. Mr. C. Le B. Miles, the company's resident engineer, is making a survey of the route of the proposed canal.

Mr. Baillairge, City Engineer of Quebec, has prepared plans for the construction of the bridges over the St. Charles, connecting the Parent Park with St. Roch and St. Saviour, and the consent of the government is now waited for. Work will be commenced in September.

GEORGE F. HARDY.

The report current that Rhodes, Curry & Co. who have the contract for building the new I.C.R. station at Moncton were ordered from Ottawa to suspend operations have been confirmed.

John A. Macdonell, chief engineer of the local government, has recently returned from Brandon, where he located two new bridges over the Saskatchewan river in the vicinity of the town.

Vaughan Roberts, C. E., is making surveys and preparing plans and profiles for the construction and development of the power of the Welland Power and Supply Canal Co.'s canal from the Welland river to Lake Ontario.

The Hull & Avimer Electric Railway Co. will build a large trestle down the centre of Albert street, at Hull, to the ferry landing. In addition to this there will be erected a double elevator to carry passengers up to the grade of the street, with a similar one at the foot of the st.

Mr. McLeod Stewart states that Marcus Smith and Adam Davey, two well-known civil engineers, will leave shortly to make a new survey of the route of the Ottawa and Georgian Bay Ship Canal, and to see what changes are necessary since Messrs. Clark and Shanley made their first report.

The C.P.R. have presented the following estimate of cost of improvements to be carried out at Carleton, to provide berths for steamers: Two warehouses, 70x320 feet, \$11,515; wharf, \$90,564; dredging, 63,000 cubic yards, \$18,900; dredging, 35,000 cubic yards, \$42,500; tracks, \$21,000; cattle yards, \$2,500. A committee has been appointed by the St. John, N.B. City Council to confer with the C.P.R. in connection therewith.

It looks as if the Canadian Pacific Railway contemplated the early extension of their Vaudreuil and Rigaud line to the capital of the Dominion. The Company's engineer, Mr. Hugh D. Lumden, has been making preparations for some time past to build a portion of the Montreal and Ottawa line between Rigaud and a point near Alfred, a distance of 25 1/2 miles, a great many of the ties, rails and other material are scattered along the line, and the whole section of 25 miles will be covered immediately by large gangs of men, as the Canadian Pacific officials are desirous of having the section completed by the end of November. The new railway offers no serious engineering difficulties and after leaving Rigaud will pass through St. Eugene, Vankeek Hill and Caledonia Springs into Alfred.

There is a scheme afoot whereby Toronto may have a big electric belt line running around the city capable of conveying passengers from Lorne Park to the Don, around the outside of the city. The plan is to take over the Toronto Belt Line Railway and turn it into an electric line. Extensions are contemplated whereby the line will be run out so as to include the villages within a radius of fifty miles. The Belt Line Railway will first be changed into an electric railway and as such the promoters claim it can be made to pay. It runs through, or close to, Toronto Junction, Weston, Davenport and Lepe the