

## MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS, CONTRACTORS AND MATERIALS

## UTILIZING MARBLE FRAGMENTS.

The smallest fragments or chips of marble are now by simple processes, says the Manufacturer and Builder, reunited in a solid mass to form household ornaments, parts of buildings, mantels, etc., all colors and sizes, from that of a pea to that of an egg or larger, being thus utilized—those that are larger being crushed by powerful machines, then carefully screened so as to obtain an even grade of the size desired, the particles being then mixed with a composition of cement and other materials and the mass molded while soft into the shape intended, such as table tops, brackets, urns, mantels, cornices, etc. On the mosaic becoming hardened it is smoothed and polished like solid marble, taking in this way a mirror-like finish, while in some instances the various colors of the marble appear to special advantage by contrasts. It is claimed that the composition will last for a long time out of doors, as has been tested in numerous cases, such as its application for building fronts, vaults, tombstones, etc. The inexpensiveness of such mosaic work is of course an important consideration—that is, the material costs much less than solid marble in the block, while the work of molding, admitting as it does of indefinite duplication, involves less cost than cutting by hand.

## BUSINESS NOTES.

Dion, Poitras & Larin will do business as plumbers in Montreal.

Joseph Sears, painter, Victoria, B. C., is reported to be in financial difficulties.

The Chanteloup Mfg. Co., Montreal, has filed a declaration of its incorporation.

J. Dunkerly, contractor, of Durham, Ont., is reported to have gone into insolvency.

O'Reilly & Hooper, carpenters, Kingston, Ont., have dissolved, Joseph Hooper continuing.

Lachine, Bouchard & Brunet, brick-makers and plasterers, Montreal, have registered a partnership.

Authority has been conferred upon the Hamilton Bridge Company by supplementary letters patent to increase its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Some time ago Seymour Green Smith, of New York, was awarded a contract by the town of St. Henri to build an incinerator, but the council subsequently annulled the contract and Mr. Smith now sues the corporation for \$20,000 damages.

The suit of Messrs. Connolly, of Kingston, against the city of St. John, N. B. to recover the sum of \$4,000 for improvements executed to the deep water wharf, has been settled by compromise, the plaintiff accepting \$15,731.73 in full of claim.

T. T. Richards, of Parry Sound, is suing S. R. Poulin and Hugh Fitzgerald, contractors, for \$16,200. Richards took a sub-contract from the defendants for the construction of the third section of the Parry Sound Colonization railway, and he sues to recover the balance due on the contract.

During the recent difficulty in the London building trades the masters demanded the insertion of the following conditions as a preamble to the working rules:—That no workman shall be placed under

any disability by reason of being or not being a member of a trade society; that no objection shall be raised to sub-letting work provided these rules are observed. The federated unions are now voting upon the following questions. (1) Are you in favor of accepting the above rules as additions to the present working rules? (2) Are you determined to stand by the working rules as agreed to in 1892? It is stated that in the event of the rules as set forth above not being accepted, there will be no agreement arrived at between the trades and employers.

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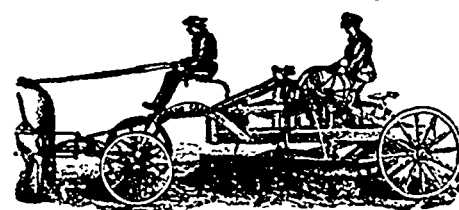
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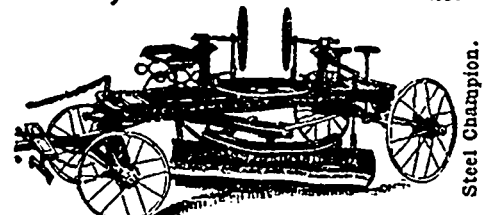
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