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## CONTRACTS OPEN.

This column is to furnish Advance Reports of Building Projects, before the Closing of Contracts, for the special use of Material Men, Supply Men, Manufacturers, Builders, Architects, Roofers, Plumbers, Gas Fitters, Bridge Builders, Foundrymen, Hardware Men, etc.

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.

### Railways, Canals, Bridges, etc.

Mr. Gibson, M. P., for Welland has signed a contract with the G.T.R. for the enlargement of the Victoria bridge at Montreal.

W. H. Law, of the Peterborough Bridge Company, is arranging to have work commenced on the high-level bridge at Hamilton.

The town of Rat Portage will construct the approaches to the government bridge over the Winnipeg river as soon as the by-law is passed. The work will cost \$2,000.

The Chamber of Commerce, of this city will petition the Dominion Government to grant an additional subsidy of \$2,000 per mile to widen the gauge of the Montreal Railway between Montreal Junction and Arundel.

The Cataract Power Company has applied to the Hamilton City Council for permission to erect poles and string wire. Mr. G. J. Myles states that an electric railway will be built from Beamsville to St. Catharines as soon as the company can furnish power from Decew's falls.

The estimates for civic improvements at Toronto contain the following items:—New bridge over River Don at Queen st., \$50,000; crib work on Esplanade at Lorne st., \$6,000; draining Queen st. subway, \$2,500; Fort Rouille and Dufferin st. sewers extension into lake, \$7,000; sidewalk on Island, Hanlan's Point to Hanlan's Bridge, \$6,500.

There is a big electric tramway scheme on foot, which will necessitate the building of over 100 miles of road. The line starts on the south shore, opposite Montreal, and will run through Chambly, St. Johns, Bedford, Cowarville, Sweetburg, Knowlton, Magog and Sherbrooke, Canadian, American and Parisian capitalists will put up the money to build the road as

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soon as the charter is secured and other preliminary work is attended to. Mr. J. Corriveau of the Montreal Park and Island Railway is one of the promoters of the new scheme.

### Schools, Churches & Public Buildings.

A new Methodist church to cost \$12,000 is to be erected at Renfrew, Ont.

Mrs. A. McLagan will lay the corner stone of a new building for the Women's Christian Association at Hamilton.

A contract for a new public school on Albion street, to cost \$14,500, has just been let to Schultz Bros. of Brantford.

The Winnipeg Public School Board will recommend the immediate enlargement of the Fort Rouge school on River avenue. The Pembina street school will probably be rebuilt on the old site.

The East Toronto School Board has requested Architect Ellis to inspect the school buildings. It is expected another storey will be added. The estimated cost is \$5,000. The ratepayers will have 25 years to pay this amount.

Building operations promise to be brisk in Halifax this season. The drill hall, commenced last fall, will be completed and the new exhibition buildings will be somewhat extensive, while a cold storage building and several brick stores will be built.

The demolition of the Central Methodist Church was commenced at St. Thomas, last week. The plans are expected shortly for the new edifice, which will be a handsome brick structure, with a seating capacity of 700 or 1,100 with the Sunday School, which will open into it. The cost will be from \$1,200 to \$2,500.

It has been discovered that a portion of the land on which the new Wentworth Baptist church is to be built in Hamilton belongs to the city, having been given to it a number of years ago as a site for an East end market. The city owns a strip 180 feet long and 20 feet deep, facing on the street.

A joint meeting of the Citizens' Committee of the City Council and the special committee of the Board of Trade took place at Brantford. The joint committee, of which the Mayor is Chairman, will make a strenuous effort to secure certain lands at the foot of Brant avenue near the Drill Hall, as a site for a Jubilee Park. The ground will cost about \$1,000, of which some \$500 has been subscribed by a few public spirited citizens.

Toronto's estimates for this year include:—Bay-street Fire Hall site and enlargement of Bay street Fire Hall, \$16,740; St. Lawrence Market improvements, \$2,300; cost of land purchased from Dominion Government for enlargement of Cattle Market, under agreement dated Feb. 1, 1903, \$32,000; permanent improvements at the several parks, \$24,263; erection of new buildings, \$10,000; enlargement of certain public school buildings, \$45,000.

At Rat Portage the following works are projected:—Presbyterian church, brick, seating capacity 600, cost \$9,000; Methodist church, frame, with stone basement for Sunday school, seating capacity 500, cost \$8,000; new post-office; additions to the Hilliard House and Queen's hotel. An hospital is also talked of, to be built in such a manner that wings may be added at a latter date.

### Railway and Municipal Bonds.

Stratford will require \$15,000 for educational purposes this year.

The sum of \$2,000 is to be spent in improving the waterworks system at Port Hope.

The ratepayers of Picton will be asked to vote the sum of \$12,000 to improve the electric light plant and remodel the Town Hall.

If the town of Edmonton, N. W. T., will make a grant of \$25,000 the Government will build a combined railway and traffic bridge there.

Mr. Justice Oimmet has rendered judgment against the directors of the Temiscouata railway, awarding Mr. A. R. Macdonald, contractor, \$193,000, with interest, percentage which he claimed as due him, by agreement, on the bonds floated by the company.

The ratepayers of Dartmouth, N. S., will shortly be asked to provide the following sums: \$5,000 for improved sidewalks and water and sewerage extensions; \$1,500 for repairs to the steam fire engine, and \$50,000 for purchasing the plant of the electric light company.

A by-law will be submitted to the ratepayers of Toronto to provide for the following expenditures:—New bridge over Don river at Queen street, \$56,000; crib work on Esplanade at Lorne street, \$6,000; draining Queen st. subway, \$2,000; Fort Rouille and Dufferin st. sewer extension into lake \$7,000; converting No. 2 engine, \$10,000; laying new mains, \$38,180; reconstructing old cement mains, \$12,500; fuel economisers, \$8,575; St. Lawrence market improvements, \$2,300; erection of new buildings, \$10,000; enlargement of certain public school buildings, \$45,000.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating John Torrance, shipper; Fred. Fairman, manufacturer; James McBride, merchant; F. W. Fairman, superintendent, and A. W. H. Smith, clerk, of Montreal, for the following purposes: To acquire and own a certain building commonly known as Temple building, 185 St. James st., Montreal, to borrow any sum or sums of money deemed necessary for the promotion of the objects of the company, and to issue bonds or debentures therefor, by the name of the Temple Investment Company, with a total capital stock of \$200,000, divided into two thousand shares.

### Waterworks, Paving, Lighting, Sewers, etc.

As the contract between the Berlin Waterworks Co. and the municipality will shortly expire, the council of that town are contemplating the purchase of system.