

CONTRACTS OPEN.

BIRTLE, MAN.—A movement is on foot to erect a hospital.

BEARBROOK, ONT.—A new Anglican church will be erected here this spring.

HULL, QUE.—Surveys are being made for a site for the proposed government wharf.

ALMONTE, ONT.—A new pipe organ will likely be purchased for St. Andrew's church.

DUNDAS, ONT.—The county of Wentworth will probably issue \$20,000 of debentures.

PETERBORO', ONT.—W. H. Meldrum purposes erecting a two hundred barrel flour mill.

WATFORD, ONT.—Tenders have been taken for the construction of the Parker-Shirley drain.

REVELSTOKE, B. C.—The Oddfellows' Society is considering the erection of a new building.

WELLAND, ONT.—A. Griffiths and C. J. Page will probably establish a pork-packing factory here.

WATERLOO, ONT.—It is the intention of Schaefer, Killer & Co. to build a large addition to their factory.

WHITBY, ONT.—The establishment of a municipal electric light plant is under consideration by the council.

MINNEDOSA, MAN.—Steps will be taken at once to rebuild the Presbyterian church. Rev. W. J. Herbison, pastor.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN.—T. T. Bailey has purchased property, and will likely build a substantial block.

PRESTON, ONT.—It is again rumored that the Galt, Preston & Hespeler railway is to be extended to Berlin.

ST. THOMAS, ONT.—The city will likely construct a number of permanent pavements during the current year.

BUCKINGHAM, QUE.—The Anglican congregation have decided to build a church, of stone, and to cost \$2,000.

SHELBURNE, ONT.—Ward & Smith, of Alton, have made a proposition to the council to establish a woolen mill here.

VALLEYFIELD, QUE.—A deputation of citizens have requested the Canada Atlantic Railway Co. to build a new station here.

CHATHAM, ONT.—J. L. Wilson & Son, architects, have prepared plans for a brick residence for Henry Stevens, to cost about \$3,000.

ALVINSTON, ONT.—Tenders are wanted by Geo. H. Clark, of Rokeby, for building a frame school house. Plans at office of A. S. Code, this place.

MIDLAND, ONT.—The town purposes constructing permanent sidewalks this year, and the council are looking into the merits of vitrified brick.

PEMBROKE, ONT.—Promoters of the proposed cottage hospital scheme have purchased a site and will erect a building as soon as funds are available.

ORILLIA, ONT.—Authority is being sought from the government to issue \$75,000 of debentures to establish an electric light and power plant.

TILBURY, ONT.—It is probable that the electric light plant will be changed to the alternating system, and that a new 750-light dynamo will be purchased.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.—The city clerk has been authorized to call for tenders for the erection of a fire hall at the corner of Eighth and Simcoe streets.

MCGREGOR, MAN.—S. & W. Little purpose erecting a new general store.—T. E. Scott & Co. contemplate building a brick store to replace the burned premises.

GRAVENHURST, ONT.—A movement is on foot to secure the removal of the

county buildings from Bricebridge to this place. A bonus of \$12,000 and free site is offered.

PORT ELGIN, ONT.—Parliament has made a grant towards harbor improvements at this place, and it is expected that work on same will be commenced at an early date.

QUEBEC, QUE.—It is the intention of the Quebec District Railway, Light & Power Co. to build a new line to Montmorency Falls. Work will be commenced this spring.

RAT PORTAGE, ONT.—Ottawa capitalists are said to be considering the erection of a large pulp mill in this vicinity. John Mather is the leading promoter of the scheme.

CORNWALL, ONT.—The town authorities are preparing to improve the streets. About \$35,000 will be spent this season, under the supervision of Mr. T. H. Wiggins, town engineer.

HALIFAX, N. S.—F. W. W. Doane, city engineer, wants tenders by the 16th inst. for the annual supply of drain pipe, special castings, bricks, cement, sand, gravel and hardware.

WOODSTOCK, ONT.—Tenders are invited by Powell & Ure, architects, up to March 15th, for the erection of a new edifice for the congregation of the Norwich avenue Methodist church.

LIVERPOOL, N. S.—Tenders close on the 20th inst. for the supply of 400 tons of cast iron water pipe and specials. Particulars from D. C. Mulhall, chairman Light and Water Committee.

TORONTO JUNCTION, ONT.—C. F. Wagner, architect, is preparing plans for a two storey factory for the Matthews Bros. & Company, to occupy the site of the old wire mattress factory.

PERTH, ONT.—About \$1,500 has been subscribed towards the proposed skating rink, which will be 150 x 60 feet, and will cost \$3,000.—Brick dwellings will be erected by J. M. Rogers and Robt. Scott.

LONDON, ONT.—Contracts are about to be awarded for the refrigerator machinery for the cold storage building.—It is rumored that T. H. Duncombe, of St. Thomas, intends erecting a theatre in this city.

HINTONBURG, ONT.—Mr. Keefer, C. E., has submitted plans of the proposed waterworks system, showing the site of the pump house, intake and main supply pipe. At an early date tenders for construction will be invited.

FREDERICTON, N. B.—William Minue, architect, is preparing plans for alterations and improvements to Mr. Pitt's building, which is to be occupied by the Bank of Nova Scotia. A plate glass front will be put in, and the whole structure modernized.

GUELPH, ONT.—William Frye Colwill, architect, is preparing plans for the erection of a dwelling for Dr. Dryden, of this city.—A deputation from this city has requested the Ontario government to provide increased accommodation at the Agricultural college.

LINDSAY, ONT.—A syndicate, represented by J. A. Culverwell, of Toronto, has secured control of the Burleigh Falls water power. The purpose is to develop it and to transmit one-half of the power to Lindsay, 30 miles distant, and the balance to Peterboro'.

BRANTFORD, ONT.—The Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company has still under consideration the question of erecting a new building in this city.—There is a great scarcity of dwelling houses, and it is expected that building operations will be unusually brisk this season.

SOUTHAMPTON, ONT.—The Southampton Manufacturing Company intends building an addition to factory, three stories and basement, 170 x 50 feet, with

wing 75 x 50 feet, engine and boiler house and dry kiln. The contract for brickwork has been let to Henry Prast.

SPRINGHILL, N.S.—The Edison Electric Light & Power Company (J. E. Simpson, president) invite proposals up to March 31st for the development of a water power and supply of generators, switchboard, equipment, transmission line, wiring, hydraulic machinery, construction of power house, etc.

CRANBROOK, B. C.—The Fort Steele Mercantile Co. will build a bonded warehouse here, and it is said that the Hudsons Bay Co. has in view the erection of a store. It is also probable that a new Catholic church will be built.—The Cranbrook Lumber Co. will in all probability construct another saw mill.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Mr. MacIntosh purposes building a new hotel.—It is the intention of the British Columbia Electric Railway & Light Co. to commence at once the construction of a new car barn. As soon as this is completed, the present barn will be torn down and a large power house built on the site thereof.—The city purposes macadamizing and boulevarding Nicola street, at a cost of \$15,000.

SMITH'S FALLS, ONT.—Williams & VanLaven have taken tenders for building a brick store.—N. Gardner desires tenders by the 11th inst. for building a brick block on Main street. Plans at office of Geo. Steele.—The Ontario legislature has declined to give the council power, without a vote of the ratepayers, to issue debentures to the amount of \$50,000 for the construction of permanent street improvements. Authority has been granted to issue debentures for the construction of a new High school.

ANNAPOLIS, N.S.—A bill to incorporate the Nova Scotia Electric Light & Heat Co. is now before the provincial legislature. If a charter is obtained, it is proposed to light the whole Annapolis valley from a power station to be situated on the Gasperreau river. The capital, about \$400,000, will be provided by Montreals.—The town council will ask the legislature for power to borrow \$10,000 for the erection of a new academy and school building.—Wm. Ramsay will establish a 50 h.p. steam rotary saw mill at Eight Mile brook.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—Plans of the proposed pulp mill to be built by the Cushing Sulphite Fibre Co. are now being prepared, and the erection of the mill will be proceeded with immediately. Geo. S. Cushing is managing director.—D. Pottinger, general manager Intercolonial Railway, invites tenders up to Saturday, 25th inst., for the erection of a grain elevator and a freight warehouse.—The Cushing Sulphite Fibre Company desire tenders by March 10th for the supply of from one to two million red brick, delivered at Fairville.

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.—The thirteenth annual report of the Niagara Falls Park Commissioners has been presented to the Ontario legislature. The commissioners recommend that authority be granted to issue \$25,000 of debentures to provide for the following works: Widening the river road at the Clifton House, \$5,000; construction of permanent roadway to Cedar Island, \$10,000; permanent pathways in Niagara Glen, \$2,000; improvements and additional pathways at Queenston Heights park, \$3,000; permanent works in Niagara Falls park, \$5,000.

KINGSTON, ONT.—A large petition has been forwarded to the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, asking for the construction of a breakwater in the harbor.—It is stated that New York parties are negotiating for the construction of the Kingston, Smith's Falls and Ottawa Railway.—There is a proposition on foot to secure the residence of the Archbishop of Ontario on King street west, and convert it into a hotel.—The furniture establishment of T.