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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.

Schools, Churches & Public Buildings.

Tramps have burned the Presbyterian Mission Church in Pottersburg, Ont., just east of London, Ont. The stove was overturned, the organ smashed and furnishings damaged before the fire was started. Loss \$500, covered by insurance. The church will be rebuilt at once.

Mr. Nicholas F. Davin, M. P., has secured the placing of \$16,000 in the supplementary estimates to build a new land and registry office on the corner of Victoria and Scarth streets, Regina, N. W. T., the site of the old court house. Tenders will be called shortly, and the building will be completed this year.

Tenders will be received till March 28th, 1896, for the erection of a four roomed brick or stone school house in the town of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of Chas. J. Gibson, Esq., 24 Adelaide street east, Toronto, or at the office of the Secretary of the School Board, Post Office building, Sault Ste. Marie.

The difficulty of finding a suitable pastor for St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, may lead to a change of plan in connection with the location of the church. There is a proposition to move the church stone by stone from the present site in the business portion of the city to the residential part of Toronto. The cost would be about \$70,000. The building is not suited for manufacturing purposes.

The building committee of the Collegiate Institute at Hamilton has reported that it received tenders according to four designs prepared by Architect Stewart. The aggregate of the tenders for the several designs is as follows: No. 1 \$114,297, No. 2 \$117,610, No. 3 \$110,288, No. 4 \$107,198. It recommends the adoption of design No. 1, at \$114,297, and the acceptance of the several lowest tenders submitted, and asks authority to make such minor alterations and deductions from the plans as the committee and architect may determine. Designs 1 and 2 are for a building with a tower, 3 and 4 not having that ornamental addition. Design 1 calls for stonework up to the basement sills of the first floor,

while design 2 would carry the stonework up to the floor of the second story.

Railways, Canals, Bridges, etc.

It is stated that the Government contemplate the construction of a lock on the Red River, near Winnipeg, which will enable vessels from Lake Winnipeg to reach the city.

All the real estate, chattels, franchise, rights and privileges of the St. Thomas Street Railway Company, and all the capital stock, except a few shares will be offered for sale by public auction. If no sale is made offers for leasing the property will be received.

The Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway Company's Act provides that it shall not come into force unless \$85,000 be deposited in the Bank of Hamilton to pay the creditors of Bracey Bros., the insolvent contractors. Several sub-contractors and many laborers are as yet unpaid.

An agreement has been ratified between the Brookville Electric Street Railway Company and the town of Brockville. The agreement provides that the work of construction shall be commenced on or before May 1, 1897, and that at least one mile shall be completed, equipped and in operation within a year from that date. Before commencing work the company has to give security in the sum of \$20,000 that the contract will be carried out and the corporation protected against all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of any thing done or admitted to be done in the construction of the work.

The water has been let out of the Cornwall Canal and Messrs. Davis and Sons have started a large force of men to rush through the work which has to be done before the opening of navigation. Work has been commenced on the piers of the new swing bridge at Mills Roches, which is to connect Sheiks Island which is to connect Sheiks Island with the mainland and give the Islanders a means of communication which the filling of the big basin will cut off. It is expected that the water will be let into this basin about June 1st, and the work is being rushed forward to completion by that date.

Railway and Municipal Bonds.

The by-law to issue debentures to the extent of \$108,000 for 40 years at 5 per cent to consolidate the floating debt of the city of Hull, carried without opposition, no poll being demanded.

For the purpose of consolidating its floating debt, the City of Hull, P.Q., is authorized to issue debentures at forty years to the amount of \$108,000, bearing interest at 5 per cent, payable semi-annually, and is prepared to receive offers for the same.

Two important bills were introduced in the New Brunswick Legislature, one providing for a loan of four hundred thousand dollars for public improvements and another providing for a grant of \$7,500 a year for seven years towards the establishment of cold storage at St. John and other points.

A petition signed by over half the ratepayers in Walsley municipality has been presented to the municipal council asking that a by-law be submitted to the people for borrowing \$6,500 to build an elevator for 5000 bushels capacity at Walsley, Assa. The council has taken the necessary legal proceedings in the matter to have a vote taken.

It is rumored in financial circles and on the "street" that the Quebec Government contemplate sending the Deputy Treasurer, Mr. Machin, to London in a few weeks to float a new loan of \$5,000,000. The loan, it is stated, is a portion of the loan of ten millions authorized by the Legislature

during the Mercier regime. The money is to be applied to the payment of obligations about to fall due.

Sealed tenders will be received by the Board of School Trustees of the town of Campbellton, N.B., up till noon on Saturday, the 4th day of April, 1896, for the purchase of \$15,000 of school debentures of the town of Campbellton, N.B., under Chap. 65, Sect. 97, Consolidated Statutes of N. B. Debentures to be of the denomination as may be agreed upon to suit purchasers, payable in twenty years from date of issue, with interest payable half-yearly.

Miscellaneous.

Portneuf is to have the electric light and probably, Roberval, too.

At Kent Bridge, N.S., a quantity of logs, wood and building material has been moved on the snow. There is every prospect of a building boom in the spring.

Mr. H. Lewis, of Tilbury, was at Jennette's Creek last week on business. It is expected several houses will be built on the Plains as soon as the weather permits.

Creamery matters are progressing very nicely in British Columbia. A co-operative creamery is to be established at Chilwack. A meeting has been held and a site is being chosen. There are rumors of other creameries starting.

There is a proposition before the Hamilton Council to extend the appropriation for the new Normal College and Collegiate Institute from \$100,000 to 135,000, as the tenders received indicate that the latter figure will be the cost.

The Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co. have decided to re-open their Chemarus mill about April 15; men are now busily engaged making the necessary preparations. A number of the old employees have been re-engaged and the boarding house is at present undergoing repair.

Mr. William Hutchison, President of the Central Canada Fair, has left Ottawa for Toronto to look after the portion of the City's bill providing for the raising of \$40,000 for improvements at the fair grounds by mortgage of property. Mr. Hutchison thinks this portion of the bill will at least carry.

The Esson property, corner of Pleasant and South streets, Halifax which was purchased by Capt. J. A. Farquhar some time ago, will be enlarged at once. The new owner will put on another story and two wings, and the building will be occupied by H. C. Preedy, at present of the Frecker House.

The building, in this city at present occupied by the Canada Life Assurance Company has been sold to a Montreal syndicate. Neither the officers of the Company, nor the members of the syndicate, will divulge the price paid, but it is in the neighborhood of \$75,000. It is the intention of the buyers to remodel the building throughout, and turn it into what they say will be the finest cafe and restaurant in the Dominion of Canada.

The engineer of St. John, N. B. has submitted a plan for extensive harbor improvements. It includes the extension of Sand Point slip wharf up to Union street, a wharf along Union street to north Rodney wharf, a wharf to replace south Rodney wharf and one at right angle to the latter down to the harbor front. The cost would be about \$1,725,000. Of course the work is not all contemplated at present, but if it were found necessary for the city to provide further facilities, a short extension might be made which would cost \$60,000. The whole plan admits of the making of a wet basin with lock gates.