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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.

Walkerton is talking of a new town hall to cost \$10,000.

Tenders are being asked for the new Anglican Church at Sawyerville.

The School Board of Milverton, Ont. have decided to erect a new school building.

Plans are prepared for the erection of a new Presbyterian Church at Palmerston, Ont.

Three new churches at an average cost of \$10,000 each are to be erected at Petrolia.

The Public School Board of Brantford desire plans for an eight or ten-roomed school building.

The plans of W. Blackwell have been accepted for the \$15,000 Y. M. C. A. building at Peterboro, Ont.

Mr. C. J. Silliker has been awarded the contract for the repairs to be made to the Presbyterian church at Truro, N. S., and will commence work at once. The alterations will increase the seating capacity of the church by about 90.

The Catholics of Nelson, B. C. will begin the construction of a church edifice at an early day, and have asked the city council for a renewal of the grant of a site in the church and school reserve, which was given them last year under certain conditions. Their request will doubtless meet a ready compliance.

### Houses.

Robert Foley will erect a house at Stittsville, Ont.

Wm. Hammell will erect a residence at Hawthorne, Ont.

Fred. A. Lallemand will erect two brick houses on Park avenue, this city.

John Crosby and H. Montgomery will erect residences at Ahmic Harbor.

In Hamilton building permits have been granted to Ed. Furieux for a brick dwelling on West avenue north, to cost \$1000, and to Wm. Dixon for two two-story brick dwelling on Duke street, to cost \$2,500. Building permits have been issued to



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James Balfour, for alterations to a dwelling at the corner of Hess and Markland streets, to cost \$800, and to W. L. Cummer, for alterations to a barn on East avenue south, to cost \$125.

W. E. Doran, architect, this city, will shortly give out contracts for the erection of a block of five tenements on St. Andre street.

Among the building permits recently issued from the London City Engineer's office were the following:—Ed. Towe, two-story residence on north side of Princess avenue, between Maitland and Palaco streets, to cost \$3,300. Wm. Short, a brick house at 722 York street. A. A. Lind, Elmwood avenue, a two-story brick residence on lot 9, Elmwood, \$1,500. Ed. Martyn, a \$1,200 brick cottage on English street. John Baker, brick veneer cottage on Lorne avenue, between English and Ontario streets. John Drew, a story and a half brick veneer house on Queen street.

### Railways, Canals, Bridges, etc.

The waterworks to be constructed at Petrolia will cost about \$172,000.

It is proposed to build a dry dock and marine railroad at Sandwick, Ont.

John Seim, York, Ont., will receive tenders until May 2nd for the ironwork of a bridge over Mackenzie Creek at Oneida.

The franchise and property of the Victoria Electric Railway and Lighting Company have been sold for \$340,000.

James McDougall, county engineer, has been instructed to prepare plans for a new \$3,000 bridge over the Credit River at Medowdale.

The new piers under the Shubenacadie bridge have just been completed. The work is a great credit to the contractor, Mr. David Bell.

A deputation from Valleyfield is to visit Ottawa this week to again press the claims of the town to a sewer along the main street and underneath the canal.

Spring having opened, there is quite a force of men working on the Welland end of the T. H. & B., ballasting up the road and putting it in first-class shape. The force will be increased if the fine weather continues.

The masons have finished all the piers of the new bridge at Chateaugay and are now working on the last abutment. One-half of the iron work is now completed; the remainder will not be put on until after the ice moves out.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has begun the proposed improvements in St. John, N. B. A gang of workmen have been engaged by Contractor Beatey and are now building an extension to the old Gregory wharf at the eastern end of the flour shed. Mr. Beatey has secured the contract for the yard improvements also.

Work was commenced on the preliminary surveys for the new double-track railway single-arch bridge of the spandril-braced type across the gorge at Niagara Falls. The new bridge is to take the place of the railway suspension bridge. The bridge company are awaiting the signing of the contracts by the Grand Trunk railway officials, but word has been received from General Manager Hays office in Montreal that there will be no hitch in that respect.

Tenders for repairs to the Queen's Wharf, rendered necessary by the carrying away of sheet piling by the ice, have been opened by the Toronto Harbor Commissioners, but none will be accepted until the Engineer reports. The question of dredging was laid over to give an opportunity for making soundings.

The Moncton, N.B., Electric Railway Co. has purchased from Mr. E. Taylor and J. & C. Harris land on the wharf siding of the I.C.R., at the foot of King street, for a power house, car sheds, etc., and work will be commenced at once. The site selected for the power house is a very convenient one, as it will enable the company to discharge coal, etc., directly from the railway to its works.

A meeting of the incorporators and shareholders of the Moncton street railway, heat and power company (limited), was held in the office of J. & C. Harris. It was decided to proceed at once with the construction of the railway which will be built after the most modern style. The road bed will be commenced as soon as practicable, and it is expected to have cars running in about two months time.

The Toronto City Council has decided that no contract for the widening of Queen-street subway be entered into until the land damages on the north side of Queen-street are ascertained, and settled, and in the event of an amicable settlement not being arrived at before the tenders are opened, then the Board of Works must report again to the Executive, or Board of Control, if such board is constituted, such action as they deem advisable.

Scaled tenders endorsed, "Tenders for Grenville Canal Enlargement," will be received until noon on Saturday, 9th May, 1896, for the enlarging of about 1½ miles of the Grenville canal. Plans and specifications of the work can be seen at the office of the Chief Engineer of the Department of Railways and Canals at Ottawa, or at the Superintending Engineer's office, Montreal, where forms of tenders can be obtained.

Mr. Corry, of Ottawa, has obtained the contract for the completion of the Peterboro Lakeside section of the Trent Canal, extending from Nassau Mills to Little Lake, and running through Ashburnham. The Review states that Mr. Corry's price is greatly below the department estimate and competent contractors say that he can never do the work at his figures except at a loss. A fair price for the work is \$350,000. Mr. Corry's tender is slightly over \$200,000, the next tender being that of Hogan & McDonald, of Montreal, who are \$67,000 above Mr. Corry.

### Railway and Municipal Bonds.

The by-law to raise \$10,000 for improvements at Hintonburg has been defeated.

The County Treasurer at Windsor, Ont., is receiving tenders for \$16,000 in debentures.

The village of Rodney, Ont., is about to grant a bonus of \$2000 for the erection of a flour mill.

The Free Library Board of London, Ont., will issue \$5,000 in debentures for the purchase of books.

Wanted on loan, by the City of Ottawa, for a period of twenty years, the sum of \$40,000, secured by mortgage on the City's Exhibition Grounds and Buildings.

Tenders will be received up to Monday, the 20th day of April next at noon, from parties disposed to loan to the City of Halifax the sum of two hundred and thirteen thousand dollars, in whole or in part, for the following purposes, viz. \$25,000 for sewerage purposes, \$20,000 for permanent pavements, \$5,000 for subsidy to dry dock, \$100,000 for widening Lockman St., \$3,000 for widening Quinpool Road,