

**SMITH'S**  
**Mercantile & Land Reporting Agency**

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Having for its special objects the furnishing to subscribers of reliable information on the financial standing of otherwise of traders and others, the collection of outstanding accounts and the procuring of the most reliable information from independent sources of the value and condition of landed and other properties in any part of Canada and the United States, with correspondents in Great Britain and other parts of Europe.

Our method of procuring for our subscribers the most reliable information is through solicitors of the highest standing, and from other equally reliable sources in the several localities indicated, who are under contract with us to supply the necessary information promptly.

The Landed Enquiry Department of this Agency, the only institution of this kind known, is invaluable to Solicitors, Loan, Investment, and Insurance Companies, Estate Agents, and others, preventing fraudulent land transactions resulting from misrepresentations.

The Department for the collection of outstanding accounts is conducted on an entire change of the system usually followed by Collecting Agencies, viz.:—Subscribers may have their collections paid either direct to themselves, or to the offices of the Agency, in which latter case remittances will be deposited to an account provided for that purpose, and immediately remitted to the parties to whom it is due, and will not be applied to any other purpose.

Another important feature in connection with this department is, that subscribers depositing accounts for collection will, if requested, be furnished with a Form of Script, on which will be entered the name of each debtor, the amount owing, and a full report of the prospects of collection, and providing that the receipts thereof be paid to bearer only, thus enabling subscribers to realize on their outstanding accounts.

The Agency will forward at least once in three months, or oftener if desired, a report and statement of all accounts in hand.

NOTE.—The offices of the Agency are open to the Solicitors and subscribers for reference to our numerous maps, atlases, directories and correspondence, and for the transaction of business with their clients and customers when in Toronto.

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Intending contractors should personally visit the site and make themselves fully cognizant of the work to be done, according to the said plans and specifications, before putting in their tenders.

Persons tendering are further notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied, and signed with their actual signatures.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque, made payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, equal to five per cent. of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so or if he fails to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

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