

PALMERSTON, ONT.—The following tenders were received for construction of granolithic sidewalks:

	Sidewalk Crossings	
A. Graham, London,	12c	14c
P. L. Marden, " for asphalt	10½	15½
C. H. Conery, Guelph,	7	10
H. Wynes, Collingwood	10 1-2	12 1-2
E. D. Hofeller, Buffalo,	12 1-2	18
W. Ireland, Stratford,	13	16
J. East, Orangeville,	12 1-2	14
Guelph Paving Co.,	11	13
W. Anthistle, London,	10½	10½
J. Reid, Goderich,	12 1-2	20½
J. L. Lloyd, Walkerton,	10	13
	10 1-2	10 1-2

The latter tender was accepted.

TORONTO, ONT.—The Bennett & Wright Co. have secured the contract for plumbing, heating and lighting the new palace hotel on King street.—Benumont Jarvis, architect, has let the contract for the carpenter work of the new hotel on Lake Rousseau for the Muskoka Navigation Co. to Charles Menzie, and the other trades will be let this week. The building will contain 225 rooms and some sixty bathrooms, will be steam heated throughout, and lighted by electricity.—J. F. Brown, architect, has accepted the following tenders for residence on Avenue road: Masonry, William Stollery; carpentry, Hanks & Son; plastering, Beaver Bros.; painting, Taylor & Co.; galvanized iron, J. Bryan.

#### BIDS.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Tenders were opened last week for municipal bonds: The offers received for the million and a half bonds were as follows: James Stewart, Portsea, Eng., 95 for \$2500 worth of bonds; Gobett Sons & Co., London, 93 for the entire loan; Walter Hy. Borlase, Penzance, Cornwall, Eng., 99 for \$400,000; Eliza Mary Thomas, Herefordshire, Eng., 99 for \$300; Emma Bradley, England, 90 for \$2500; James Scringeau, London, 90 for \$10,000; McIntosh & Hyde, Montreal, 103 for \$30,000; G. A. Stimson & Co., Toronto, 93.80 for \$100,000; John Worthington, Brooklyn, 98 for \$2,000; E. H. Gay & Co., Montreal, 95.27 for the entire loan; Standard Life Insurance Co., Montreal, 94.80 for \$50,000. The following were the offers for the \$300,000 bonds: Standard Life Insurance Company, Montreal, 102.53 for \$100,000; Dominion Security Corporation, 105,000 for a portion of the loan; City and Districts Savings Bank, Montreal, 105.50 for the entire loan; The Baron Hirsch Institute, Montreal, 104 for \$25,000; E. H. Gay & Co., Montreal, 101 for the entire loan.

#### OIL ON ROADS.

A remarkable experiment in the application of oils to roads has been described by Mr. T. F. White before the Good Roads Association of Southern California. At first it was proposed to use oil for keeping down the dust, and as a substitute for sprinkling with water, but it was afterwards

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discovered that by the use of oil the surface of the road became hardened and was made better adapted to sustain traffic. The oil has to be as hot as possible, and it is necessary to use from 100 to 150 barrels per mile, the width being from 16 to 18 feet. It was a waste of labour and oil unless the roadway to be operated on was firm and consistent. If the road is sand; or formed of loose alluvial soil a firmer ma-

terial should be laid down upon it before oil is used. At a place known as Chino, where great care was taken in the experiment, it was found that one year's traffic did not affect the oiled road.

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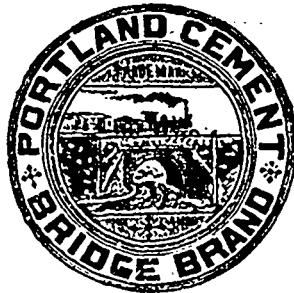
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