

## CONTRACTS OPEN.

**LANARK, ONT.**—Mr. A. Cameron invites tenders until the 22nd inst. for building a Presbyterian manse.

**WALKERVILLE, ONT.**—Work has begun on the new office building for Messrs. H. Walker & Sons. It will cost \$65,000.

**PETERBORO, ONT.**—The ratepayers will vote on a by-law on the 9th of August to raise the sum of \$3,000 for school buildings.

**NORTH BAY, ONT.**—Surveyors are at present engaged in locating the first section of the Nipissing and James Bay railway.

**VRIDEN, MAN.**—The Board of Trade is considering a scheme for the erection of a flour mill, the mill at this place having been burned.

**CHALSEA, ONT.**—At a recent meeting of the parishioners of St. Stephen's it was unanimously decided to build a new residence for the parish priest, at a cost of \$3,000.

**RENFREW, ONT.**—Mr. David Carswell, of this town, will receive tenders until Saturday, the 15th inst., for the erection of a brick church at Lochwinnoch for the Presbyterian congregation.

**WATFORD, ONT.**—Mr. W. H. Stewart, Clerk, will receive tenders until Monday, the 24th inst., for repairing the McPherson drain, also for re-shingling and putting in brick foundation under the Town Hall.

**WAWANESA, MAN.**—The Northern Pacific Railway company has offered to give \$500 towards the construction of a traffic bridge across the Souris river at this place, providing the proposed flour mill is built.

**LONDON, ONT.**—Mr. T. E. Robson, County Clerk, will receive tenders until Tuesday, the 18th inst., for the construction of three coal furnaces in the basement of the County Court House. Plans may be seen at the County Engineer's office.

**STONEY POINT, ONT.**—A special meeting of Tilbury North Council was held last week to consider the erection of a new bridge over the Big Creek. The Rev. Deputy-Reeve and Coun. Grenier, were appointed a committee to invite tenders for the work.

**BRANTFORD, ONT.**—The Waterous Engine Co., contemplate the erection of a new factory in this city; the McPherson & Hovey Threshing Machine Co. will be associated with them. Certain propositions will shortly be laid before the city council looking to this end.

**WESTMINSTER, ONT.**—At the last meeting of the officials of the Presbyterian church it was decided to purchase the lot at the corner of Main and Louise streets, known as the Musgrove property. On this site will be erected a new church next summer, everything being got in readiness this fall.

**HALIFAX, N. S.**—Mr. R. J. Wilson, Secretary School Board will receive tenders until Monday next, the 19th inst., for the erection of an addition to the Compton avenue school and for other work in connection therewith. Plans may be seen at the office of Mr. H. S. Fremain, architect, Queen's building.

**VANCOUVER, B. C.**—Mr. W. E. Thomson is having plans prepared for a new building to be erected on a lot which he recently purchased adjoining the Bank of British Columbia on the south side of Hastings street.—Messrs. Cassidy & Co. propose building extensive additions to their sash and door factory at an early date. They also propose to add several new machines.

**KINGSTON, ONT.**—Petitions for granolithic walks on the north side of Princess street, between Bagot and Montreal streets, and on north side of Brock street, between Wellington and King streets, have been referred to engineer to report.—The Council is considering the construction of a sewer on James street, from Montreal street to connect with the sewer on Rideau street at a cost of \$1,200.

**QUEBEC, QUE.**—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company is contemplating the erection of a new Union depot in this city. The company is said to be willing to expropriate all the property under Dufferin Terrace, including Little Champlain street, and the Cul de Sac and continue their line up to the Montreal Ocean S.S. Company's wharf in Diamond Harbor, if the city will give them Champlain Hall and Market and the ground adjoining for the purpose of erecting a grand depot thereon. The offer will, it is reported, be laid formally before the City Council at its next meeting.

**WINNIPEG, MAN.**—The plans of the new Bank of Ottawa building have been received by Mr. C. H. Wheeler, who has been appointed superintending architect, and the contract will be awarded by private tender. We learn that the plans were prepared by Mr. M. Sheard, architect, of Toronto.—Mr. J. G. Gordon is about to erect a new drug store a few doors south from his present stand on Main street. It will be two stories in height and will have a front elevation of brick and stone. Mr. Geo. Brown is the architect.—Mr. E. L. Drewry contemplates the erection of a 30,000 bushel elevator in his brewery property at Redwood.

**OTTAWA, ONT.**—The Protestant hospital has received the bequest of \$10,000 left by the late Mr. John Roberts. It is to be devoted to the erection of a new wing, to be called the Roberts wing.—The Canada Atlantic Railway Company has offered to erect a library building and reading

room if the employees will fit it up, and means are being devised to raise the necessary funds.—The City Clerk has given notice that the council propose to construct the following works: An artificial stone sidewalk, 10 feet in width, on the south side of Rideau street from the west side of Little Sussex street to the west side of Nicholas street, cost \$2,229, and an artificial stone sidewalk, 10 feet in width, on the north side of Rideau street, from the west side of Sussex street to the east side of Mosgrove street, cost \$1,172.—On Saturday afternoon last the board of management of the Y. W. C. A. held their regular meeting. The question of proceeding at once with the new building was freely discussed, but the building committee decided to award no contracts until the remaining \$1,500 had been subscribed. The ladies propose to institute a vigorous canvass with a view of raising the required amount.

**HAMILTON, ONT.**—The voting on the bonus by-laws last week resulted in carrying the smelting works by-law granting \$40,000 and a site for smelting works, and the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville electric railway by-law, granting a bonus of \$31,000 for an electric railway from Hamilton to Beamsville. The by-law granting a bonus of \$50,000 for the erection of new fair buildings was defeated by a small majority.—Mr. Cloheey, architect, is preparing plans for a new Catholic church to be erected on the corner of Locke and Herkimer streets, in the west end, estimated cost \$8,000 to \$10,000. The building will be of brick, 100 by 40 feet in size, with basement. Tenders for the work will be let in a few days.—The following building permits have been granted: John Linder, two two-story brick houses, on Grant avenue, between Main and Stinson streets, cost \$3,600; row of five brick houses on Ferguson avenue, between Hannah and the mountain, cost \$4,000; two brick houses on Wentworth street, between Ida and Main streets, and one brick house on Ida street, corner of Wentworth, cost \$5,100; A. L. Burke, four two-story brick dwellings on Spring street, between Jackson and Hunter, cost \$6,000.

**MONTREAL, QUE.**—The Road Committee has reported in favor of the construction of sewers on Peel, Pantheon, Logan and Dufresne streets and St. Michael's lane.—Tenders are invited at the office of Migneault & Belanger, Civil Engineers, 611 New York Life Building, until Monday, the 24th inst., for the construction of a telephone line in this city for the Merchants' Telephone Co.—The City Council has ordered the construction of permanent sidewalks on the following streets: Viger Place, west side asphalt; St. Peter, St. Sacrament and St. Nicholas streets, ppsite Board of Trade Building, Forsyth granite, Amherst street, both sides from St. Catherine to Cherrier, frimite; St. Lambert street, opposite Mutual Insurance Company, asphalt; Bleury street, from Craig to Sherbrooke, asphalt; St. Denis street, from Sherbrooke to Roy, frimite; Notre Dame street north side, from Laeox to Papineau, rockledge; Ontario street, both sides from St. Urban to Bleury, frimite, Dubord street, from Campeau to St. Denis, rockledge; Berri street both sides, from Dubord to St. Catherine, frimite; Ontario street, south side, from St. Urban to Manoe, asphalt.—A scheme to turn Atwater avenue into a boulevard is being discussed, and seems to be meeting with approval. The proposal is to utilize Atwater avenue in making a boulevard from Cote des Neiges through to the river, with a bridge over the Lachine canal. The municipalities interested will urge the Government to construct the bridge.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—The Cobban Manufacturing Company contemplate the erection of a large factory in the near future, and are endeavoring to secure a lease from the city of a lot on the Esplanade as a site for the proposed building.—The City Engineer has recommended the construction of an asphalt pavement on Front street, from Church to West Market street, at a cost of \$8,350. A cedar block pavement is recommended on Spadina place, at a cost of \$800.—The Toronto Canoe Club will erect a three story club building on the south side of the Esplanade, west of York street, at a cost of \$3,000.—The City Commissioner has been instructed to proceed with the erection of the new crematory by day labor. It will cost about \$10,000.—A committee has been appointed to examine and report on the plans received for enlarging St. Lawrence Market.—Building permits have been granted as follows: Toronto Canoe Club, 3 story club building, s. side Esplanade, west of York st., cost \$3,000; Imperial Bank, alterations to building cor. Queen & Yonge sts., cost \$2,000; Ontario Bank, brick add. to building cor. Scott and Wellington sts., cost \$6,000; Hon. W. E. Sanford per G. R. Harper, architect, 4 story bk. store, 115-121 King st. e., cost \$18,000; Bickell & Wickett, additions to tannery, Cypress st., cost \$1,000.

## FIRES.

Messrs. Gaudette & Thuot's pottery, at Ilerville, Que., was totally destroyed by fire on Sunday morning last. The loss is about \$4,000.—Mr. Joseph Brown's lumber and shingle mill at Coldwater, Ont., has been destroyed by fire. Loss on building and machinery \$2,500; insurance \$1,600.—Messrs. Taylor Scott & Co.'s, broom and wash tub factory on Pearl street, Toronto, was damaged by fire last week to the extent of \$5,000.—The building, a four story brick structure, was owned by Mr. Geo. Proctor,

of the Bay Tree hotel.—The Dupuis hotel, at St. Henri de Levis, Que., was destroyed by fire on the 9th inst.—The sash and door factory of Mr. C. W. Taylor, at Cookshire, Que., was burned on the 6th inst. The fire also spread to the building of the Cookshire Mill Company which was damaged to the extent of a few thousand dollars. Mr. Taylor's loss is placed at \$8,000, on which there was no insurance.—A large unoccupied grain elevator on the Canal Bank, Mill street, Montreal, was burned on Thursday of last week. The building, which was formerly the old Gould mills, was owned by Frothingham & Workman, and was valued at about \$40,000.—Trumbell's wholesale liquor store at Vriden, Man., was totally destroyed by fire recently. The loss is estimated at \$18,000, with only partial insurance.—D. H. Taylor & Son's stove mill at Dutton, Ont., was gutted by fire on the 7th inst. The loss is as follows: machinery, \$3,000; building \$2,000, stock, \$7,000. John Whiteside's saw mill at Huntsville, Ont., was burned on Sunday morning last. The building and machinery were completely destroyed. Loss, \$10,000; insurance \$3,000.—The village of Fairville, a suburb of St. John, N. B., was visited by a disastrous fire on Monday last, about twenty substantial buildings and twenty small houses being destroyed. The Canadian Pacific Railway station is among the buildings burned. The loss is placed at about \$70,000.—Thomas Burn's mill at Kingston, N. B., has been destroyed by fire. The building was almost new, having been erected a year ago.—The livery and sale stable formerly occupied by James Oatt, the Ross House stable, John Cote's saddlery and the Ross block at Owen Sound, Ont., were burned on Tuesday last. Most of the buildings are owned by Mr. J. M. Kilburn.

## CONTRACTS AWARDED.

**WOODSTOCK, ONT.**—Mr. Thomas McLay has been awarded the contract for the new rectory of St. Paul's. The price is \$3,850.

**SHERBROOKE, QUE.**—The contract for the Protestant Hospital has been awarded to Mr. G. G. Bryant, and operations will be commenced at once.

**PETERBORO, ONT.**—The contract for the new Narrows iron bridge was awarded last week to Messrs. Waddell & Co., of Trenton. The structure will cost between \$12,000 and \$13,000.

**WINNIPEG, MAN.**—The Board of Works has accepted the tender of Messrs. Dobson & Jackson for sewers on Thirteenth street south and on Eleventh street south, at \$1,077.05 and \$1,187, respectively.

**ATVINGTON, ONT.**—The contract for the new steel bridge to be built over the Sydenham river at this place has been awarded to the G. & J. Brown Mfg. Co., of Belleville, at the price of \$6,300. It is to be completed by the 15th of October.

**QUEBEC, QUE.**—D. Ouellet, architect, has awarded the contract for the heating apparatus of the church of N. D. of Levis Quebec, to Mr. Chas Vergina, of Quebec. Daisys furnaces and Safford radiators will be used. Amount of contract, \$3,650.

**WESTON, ONT.**—Mr. Alexander Green of Owen Sound secured the contract for the erection of the new works of the Moffat Stove Co., which is removing from Markdale. The main building will be 280 x 44 feet, one storey high, built of brick and stone, with a moulding wing 100 x 72 feet in dimensions.

**NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.**—The Maple Ridge Dyking Commission are making preparations to commence the work of reclaiming Pitt Meadows, the contract having been awarded for 14 miles of dyke, which will reclaim nearly 10,000 acres. The specifications have been completed and the work will be begun at once. The cost of the dyking will be about \$75,000.

**MONTREAL, QUE.**—The Road Committee has awarded contracts for sewers as follows: Sheridan & Hefferman, Frontenac street, at \$5.75 and \$4.00; Lusignan street, \$5.00 and \$4.00; Montcalm avenue, \$6.25 and \$4.00; Pantheon street, \$6.00 and \$3.50; John Parker, Ottawa street, \$6.17 and \$4.00; Norrier & Robin, Cote des Neiges road, \$3.84 and \$3.08; McCrezgor street, \$3.84 and \$3.30; Cyrial Belhumeur, De Salaberry street, \$5.95 and \$3.50; Wolfe street, \$5.85 and \$3.50. The tenders for Emily street and Pine avenue were referred to the City Surveyor for a report.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—The Metallic Roofing Co. write as follows: Our attention has been drawn to a notice in the RECORD of July 6th, under "Contracts Awarded," which is not exactly correct, and we shall be pleased if you will mention in the next issue that the contract for roofing the Industrial Buildings, Toronto, has been awarded to Douglas Bros., and that the majority of the buildings will be covered with the Eastlake galvanized steel shingles, manufactured by the Metallic Roofing Co., Ltd., of this city.—The contract for cedar block pavement on Huron street, from Phoebe street to Grange avenue, has been awarded to Mr. Robert Grant, at \$1,577.—The Board of Works has decided to accept the tender of J. Perkins for check valves at the price of \$3,050, subject to the engineer's approval.

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## MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Willis Chipman, C. E., of Toronto, has lately been engaged in investigating a peculiar trouble in connection with the Brant avenue sewer at Brantford. It appears that a number of fungi are growing in the pipes, and that they threaten to create a stoppage at one or two points. Mr. Chipman states that spring water is growing. He hopes to be able to check the favorable to the production of these trouble, which if not speedily handled may create a great deal of trouble.

Railway and overhead railway bridges are to be raised by a law passed by the last New Hampshire Legislature, and the state board of railway commissioners is now hearing the chief engineers of the various lines on this subject. Under the law the commission can compel this raising of bridges under a penalty of \$50 per day for non-compliance. The expense of the improvement is to be paid by the railway company; though the cost outside the railway property may be recovered as an ordinary debt from the town or city, if the commission so decides on petition. No covered bridge shall hereafter be constructed in the state with less than 21 ft. between the top of rail and lowest point of the overhead structure, except under special written permission of the commission. No railway company shall hereafter receive or haul any freight car exceeding 14 ft. in height from top of rail to top of running-board.

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