CONTRACTS OPEN.

BRYSON, QUE.—James McLeod is preparing the foundation for a residence.

ST. MARYS, ONT.—James Storey will shortly erect a two-story frame residence.

ORANGEVILLE, ONT.—A syndicate has been formed here to operate cement works.

AYLMER, QUE. It is rumored that the Hull Electric Company intend building offices here.

ASHCROFT, B.C — Materials will shortly be purchased for the proposed waterworks system.

TROUT LAKE CITY, B. C.—N. E. Lay is making preparations to evect a large hotel building.

TILBURY CENTRE, ONT -P T Barry is negotiating for a site on which to erect an hotel and store.

STRATFORD, ONT. - It is probable that the city will take steps to construct its own waterworks system.

LISTOWEL, ONT.—Plans for electric lighting and power are now under consideration by the town.

WOODSTOCK, ONT - Howard Burt is about to commence the erection of a residence on Green street.

HALIFAX, N. S.—Fort Massey congregation have decided to enlarge the church building, at a cost of \$10,000.

CHATHAM, N. B.—It is probable that a factory will be established here for the manufacture of calcium carbide.

IROQUOIS, ONT.—A by-law authorizing the town to purchase the local waterworks system has been defeated.

GRAND FORKS, B. C.—The town has decided to borrow \$20,000 for an electric light plant and waterworks system

DUNDAS, ONT.—On Monday next bylaws will be voted on by the ratepayers to raise \$5,300 to build the Ewart dam, and \$3,500 to erect a fire station.

KAMLOOPS, B. C.—Plans have been completed for the new Dominion hotel, which will be 60×75 feet, three stories in height, with basement, cost \$20,000.

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.—John Robinson, town clerk, will receive tenders until 1 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 6th, for the purchase of \$59,082.63 sewerage debentures.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—Power & Son, architects, of Kingston, have prepared plans for a residence for George E. Fulford, to be erected on his east end property.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P E I—An agitation has been commenced to secure the erection of a large hotel. One gentleman has offered to subscribe \$5,000 towards the project.

VERNON, B.C. - The corporation wants tenders for \$75,000 of debentures, the funds to be used for waterworks and electric light purposes. Frank M. Gowan, City Clerk.

RENFREW, ONT.—Tenders for erecting a pump house and furnishing all materials will be received at the office of the town clerk until to-morrow (Thursday). Willis Chipman, C.E., engineer.

LONDON, ONT.—Dr. Nelles purposes erecting a brick residence on Ridout street.—At a special meeting of the city council it was decided to expropriate the land required for sewerage farm purposes. "COLCHESTER SOUTH, ONT. Tenders for the building of a school house in section No 4, 5th concession, Crichester South, will be received by S.P. Leak, Harrow P.C., before Wednesday, September 1st.

NELSON, B. C.—It is announced that the Denver Smelting co. will locate as works at Roseberry, on the Nakosp and Slocan, instead of at Nakusp, as reported. A mill with a capacity of 100 tons per day will be erected.

CORNWALL, ONT. Ground has been broken on the Ottawa & New York railway. Sub contracts have been let to T. B. Carroll, of Thorold, and Breen & Butler, of St Catharines. Others will probably be let this week.

HULL, QUE.—The plans of F. A. Hibbard, C.E., have been adopted for the extension of the waterworks system, and the by-law to raise \$53,000 for the purpose will be submitted to the ratepayers. Work will commence as soon as the by-law is approved of.

CHATHAM, ONT.—Charles Francis is making preparations to erect a residence at the corner of Edgar and Lacroix streets.

The new sedimentation basin, 900 × 300 feet, in connection with the waterworks, has collapsed, at a loss of several thousand dollars.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—It is the intention of the Marine Department to make a series of test borings at the entrance to the harbor, in order to ascertain the character of the material it will be necessary to dredge should the plan for deepening that part of the harbor be carried out.

BILLINGS BRIDGE, ONT.—A company has been organized to supply the village with water and electric light. Included in the company are the following: James Perry, C.E., Ottawa; Robert Anderson, electrician, Ottawa; and A. Grabam, brickmaker, Ottawa East.

PEMBROKE, ONT. — The Pembroke Southern Railway Co. have elected the following persons as directors: Messrs. F. E. Fortin, Thomas Hale, Alex. Millar, J. A. Thibaudeau, Thos. Pink, C. Chapman and others. A change in the proposed route from Golden Lake to Killaloe is advocated.

ORILLIA, ONT. - It is the intention of C. Lawlor, of Bass Lake, to build a brick store on West street, in this town; two stories, 70 × 20 feet. - R. A. McGillivray & Co., of Toronto, have written to the town authorities to learn what inducements will be offered for the establishment of a seamless hosiery factory.

GUELPH, ONT.—G. R. Bruce; architect, has invited tenders for the erection of a double dwelling house for Charles Raymond.—The county council have decided to build a new bridge on the town line between Guelph and Puslinch, and tenders for both steel and combination superstructure will be invited. The length will be about 90 feet.

KINGSTON, ONT.—A by-law will be voted on to raise the sum of \$55,000 for the erection of a grain elevator.—W. A. Newlands, architect, has prepared plans for the new oil shed for the Queen City Oil Co. It will be built of stone, 40×80 feet, and two stories high. The plans have been submitted to the head office in Toronto for approval.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Building permits have been granted as follows: John McCormack, brick dwelling, corner West avenue and Robert street, cost \$1,000; D. Philp, residence on Liberty street.—Negotiations are still pending for the conversion of the Hamilton & Dundas Railway into an electric system.—A cement sidewalk will be constructed on the south side of Market square, between James and Macnab streets.—The Electrical Power and Manufacturing Company has asked permission from the city to erect poles for supplying light and power. The company has a capital of \$20,000.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The Winnipeg gas works will be taken over by the electric street railway company.—The Scandinavian Baptist congregation have commenced the erection of a new church.—The city has given notice of its intention to construct macadam roadways on the following streets. Princess street, from Notre Dame avenue to Point Douglas ave., cost \$26,000; McDermid avenue,

from Main street to Princess street, cost \$5,600, and from Princess street to Penelope street, cost \$15,620; Smith street, from Assiniboine to Portage avenue, cost \$10,450; Carleton street and Edmonton street, from Assiniboine to Portage avenue, cost \$10,340 each.

MONTREAL, QUE.—J. R. Gardiner, architect, is calling for tenders for two houses to be built on Prospect street, Westmount, for Miss Ewans.—A. St. Louis, architect, is taking tenders for a house to be erected on Rachel street for Thos. Forest.—The C. P. R. will erect a station at Outremont, at the foot of Rockland avenue.—Gamelin & Huot, architects, have called for tenders for houses to be built on Berri street for J. Girard.—A. St. Louis, architect, is preparing plans for two houses, three tenements, to be built on Fairmount street, Montreal Annex, for F. X. Morency.—Mr. Richard Bell, secretary of the Sailors' Institute, states that plans are being prepared for a new building, to cost \$50,000, and to be erected on the property known as the Montreal House on Place Royale.

QUEBEC, QUE.—Building permits have been granted as follows. One house, two stories in brick, to be built on Grant street for Mde. Vve. Arel; contractor, C. Giguere. One house, four stories, 30x 18 feet, on Huteuil street, for Mr. R. Ritchie. Reparation of a house on St. Jean street for Mr. Garant; contractor, D. Vezina.—Tenders for steam and hot water heating apparatus and plumbing for the new car barn on St. John street will be received by A. Thompson until Saturday, 28th inst. H. Staveley, architect.—Peachy & Dussault, architects, have prepared plans for building a gymnasium, baths and a bowling alley at the Y. M. C. A. building, and tenders for construction will be received by the secretary until the 30th inst.—Rough sketches have been prepared of the building proposed to be erected by the Bell Telephone Company. The structure will be two stories, with basement, 30 x 65 feet; estimated cost, \$60,000.

OTTAWA, ONT .- The Health Officer has recommended that drains be constructed on a number of streets.—Property has been purchased at the corner of Water and Queen streets, in Ottawa ward, on which to erect a new fire station.—Mr. H. J. Beemer, president of the Gatineau Railway Company, recently had an interview with the city authorities regarding the extension of the railway from Aylmer to this city. The new Interprovincial to this city. The new Interprovincial bridge, on which the sum of \$50,000 is to beexpended before December next, is a part of the scheme. — The excavation and masonry contract for the Y.M.C.A. swimming baths has been let to Holbrook & Sutherland. Tenders for the other portions of the work will be invited as soon as the funds are forthcoming. James Mather is the architect.—Ernest Marceau, superintending engineer, Department of Canals, Montreal, will receive tenders until September 8th, for the supply of timber lumber, cast and wrought iron, hardware, tools, oil, cement, etc., required on different canals during the next fiscal year.

TORONTO, ONT. — William Hardy, Commissioner of Public Works for Ontario, will receive tenders until noon of the 26th inst. for laying intake pipes from pump-house to lake at the Asylum for Insane, Mimico.—A petition has been presented against a brick sidewalk on the north side of Wellington street.—The city council has given notice of its intention to construct brick pavements on the following streets. Alexander st., north side, McMillan to Yonge st., cost \$649; Portland st., west side, Adelaide to Front st., \$732, Lippincott st., west side, Nassau to Bloor st., \$1,934, Palmerston ave., both sides, Queen to Robinson st., \$570; Robert st., from College to Bloor st., cost \$29,600; Spadina ave., from King to