

Tenders.

The Municipal Council of the Town of Rat Portage are prepared to receive Tenders for Debentures for Local Improvements amounting to \$40,000, payable in twenty years, with interest at the rate of 4½% per annum. The Debentures are re-payable, one Debenture each year, with interest.

The Council are not bound to accept the lowest or any tender. Tenders to be mailed to the undersigned and marked "Tenders for Debentures" on or before the seventh day of June, A.D. 1897, at 12 o'clock, noon.

JOHN KERR BRYDON,
Town Clerk.

Dated at the Town of Rat Portage, this 15th day of May, 1897.



SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Asphalt Footpaths, &c., Public Buildings, Ottawa," will be received until Monday, 31st instant, for the construction of Asphalt Footpaths, &c., required at the Public Buildings, Ottawa. Plans and specifications can be seen and form of tender and all necessary information obtained at this Department, on and after Saturday, 22nd instant.

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

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque, made payable to the order of the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, equal to five per cent. of 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 fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,

E. F. E. ROY,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, May 18th, 1897.

Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the Department will not be paid for it.

The Standard

Life Assurance COMPANY

ANNUAL MEETING.

The 71st Annual General Meeting of The Standard Life Assurance Company was held in Edinburgh, Scotland, on Tuesday, the 6th of April, 1897. The following results for the year ended 15th November, 1896, were reported:

4792 NEW PROPOSALS for Life Assurance were received during the year for	\$ 10,865,096
4232 Policies were issued, assuring	8,927,657
THE TOTAL EXISTING ASSURANCES in force at 15th November, 1896, amounted to..	114,305,006
THE CLAIMS BY DEATH during the year amounted, including Bonus Additions, to.....	2,727,616
THE CLAIMS UNDER ENDOWMENTS MATURED during the year amounted, including Bonus Additions, to.....	110,527
THE REVENUE for the year ended 15th November, 1896, amounted to	5,323,374
THE ACCUMULATED FUNDS at same date amounted to	41,115,078
Being an increase during the year of	1,463,690
Investments in Canada.....	12,500,000
Deposited with Government.....	3,000,000

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TORONTO.

CHARLES HUNTER, J. W. KERR,
Chief Agent, Ontario. Cashier.

THE matter of the purchase by the city of the Rossland Consumers' Water Works Company's plant is being considered by the council of that place.

THE machinery and stock of the London Showcase Company, valued at \$2,201, was sold on Tuesday to S. Gilnes & Co., of this city, for \$800.

AN offer of 60 per cent., payable inside of one year, is made to the creditors of Munro & McLennan, clothiers, in Hamilton. They have nominal assets of \$15,000, but owe about \$3,000 more than this.

THE John Eaton Co., Ltd., who were burned out in this city a little over a week ago, have suspended payment until a settlement of their claim of \$234,000 is adjusted by the insurance companies.

AN old-time flour and grain merchant of Quebec, Ambroise Laroche, has made an assignment of his estate. Direct liabilities are estimated at about \$9,000, and indirect at \$29,000.

G. B. EVANS, clothing merchant, Toronto, west, has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors to Henry C. Fowler. The estate is a small one, with assets and liabilities nominally equal.

KOOTENAY is a unit on the question of home smelters, says the Rossland Miner. It will not submit to having its smelters built in the State of Washington, and the whole Dominion is in sympathy with it on this question.

THE president of the fire company at Nelson, B.C., Mr. George Bigelow, has addressed a letter to the mayor and board of aldermen, urging the necessity of procuring a chemical engine for fire protection of the town. He deplors the badly organized condition of the present fire brigade of Nelson, declaring that the equipment is inadequate to the requirements of the place.

It is estimated that the lumber cut of the Miramichi river and tributaries, in New Brunswick, will this season amount to 112,000,000 feet; that is to say, 25,000,000 in the N.W. boom, 62,000,000 in the S.W. boom, 5,000,000 in the Barnaby river boom, and say 20,000,000 cut below Chatham to be towed up by steam and sawed. Up to Saturday last the news from the drives was very encouraging. There will be very few, if any, of the logs hung.

LAST week we noted that the sheriff was in possession of the assets of D. St. Amour, general storekeeper at Comber. He has since assigned with liabilities estimated at \$11,000, and assets of nominally \$3,000. He confessed judgment to his brother for \$3,700. It is claimed that this amount did not appear in his liability sheet, and loud dissatisfaction is expressed in consequence of its absence. After being out of business some years Wm. Horner opened a grocery in London about 1890, but owing to lack of business methods he made no progress. On the contrary, he now finds an assignment necessary. In 1882, W. K. Ireland disposed of his stock, and removed from Meaford to Owen Sound, where he opened another bookstore, but being always disposed to purchase too freely he now finds shelves loaded but till nearly empty, and is obliged to assign. Another assignment is that of Maria Mackenzie, grocer at Picton. Luckily she owes but \$800, for creditors need not expect much dividend. P. Labby & Co. were grocers at Port Arthur for a number of years. Some months ago they moved to Rat Portage, where they opened a general store. Not finding that prosperous town a suitable place for their business, they now assign.

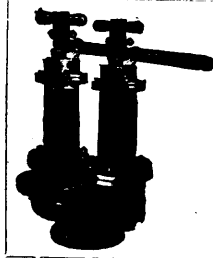
DEBENTURES

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Stocks of standard Mines in British Columbia and Ontario bought and sold.

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Exchequer, of British Columbia

Stocks and Bonds.

Stocks and Bonds listed on New York, Montreal and Toronto Stock Exchanges, bought and sold for cash or on margin. Grain and Provisions on Chicago Board of Trade bought and sold on margin.

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46 King Street West, TORONTO.

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