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# TOWN OF MOUNT FOREST

#### WATER WORKS

Plans and specifications for a System of Water Works for the Town of Mount Forest, with tenders for the cost of completion of the works from Woodland Springs, will be received by the undersigned up to the

### 10th Day of January, 1896

The Council do not bind themselves to accept any system or any tender that may be submitted, but any tender that may be approved of must, before being accepted, have a deposit accompanying same of \$5,000.

W. G. SCOTT,

Chairman Fire and Water Committee.

The Booth Copper Co., of Toronto are appying for incorporation, to manufacture boilers, metal goods, etc.

The Maritime Nail Co., which has recently been formed at St. John, N. B. will commence operations about the 1st of January.

#### CONTRACTS OPEN.

MADFORD, Man.-Fred Doubt will build in the spring.

PEMBROKE, ONT .- A Protestant Hospital will probably be built here.

LEAMINGTON, ONT. - Edward Tyhurst will probably build a large brick hotel in the spring.

NEW HAMBURG, ONT .- T. H. Mc-Nelly will make alterations to the woollen mills and add new machinery.

OSHAWA, ONT.—Tenders for the purchase of \$3,000 debentures are invited by E. I. Rowse, until the 28th inst.

WINGHAM, ONT.—A by-law will be submitted to the ratepayers to raise funds for laying granolithic sidewa'ks.

St. John, N. B.—The Buctoche & Moncton Railway Co. propose to extend the line to Rich bucto in the near future.

GRAND MERE, QUE.—The Laurentide Pulp Company have decided to erect a large paper mill on the St. Maurice river.

MOUNT FOREST, ONT .- The by-law to grant a loan of \$5,000 to the Zoeliner & Co. Furniture Co. was carried recently.

PORT ARTHUR, ONT.--A by-law will be voted on by the electors on the 7th of January to purchase the waterworks

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN.-Dr. Jas. Cowan has purchased property and will probably erect a brick block thereon next Spring.

GALT, ONT.—McGregor, Gourlay & Co. are considering the removal of their factory to another town or the rebuilding of their works here.

HALIFAX, N. S-The Wanderers Amateur Athletic Club are considering the erection of a club house anb gymnasium at a cost of \$2,000.

VICTORIA, B. C.—The Jubilee Hospital Board have accepted plans for a new operating room, to cost \$3,500 and tenders will shortly be called.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—J. Griffiths, of Mount Pleasant, will build next year on Cordova street in this city, a brick block, three stories, with frontage of 66 feet.

HULL, QUE—Frank Hibbard, C. E., favors the construction of a small bridge across the Brewery Creek at end of Wall street. A new incinerator will be erected next spring.

FREDERICTON, N. B.-Mr. Chipman, C. E., of Toronto, estimates the cost of a system of sewerage at about \$76,000. His report will be presented about the last of January.

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT .- The Public School Board invites plans from architects for a four-roomed brick or stone school, the successful competitor to receive \$40 for his plans.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The question of water supply will likely be taken up by the next council. Two sources of sup--The question of ply are to be considered, viz: the Assiniboine river and artesian wells.

EMBRO, ONT.—It is probable that the C. P. R. will build an electric line to this place. Mr. Williams, inspector of the western Division, was in town recently in connection with the matter.

ST. CATHERINES, ONT.—The County Council have finally passed the by-law granting to the Lincoln Street Railway and Traction Co. the privilege of constructing a railway along the Queenston and Grimsby stone road.

COLLINGWOOD, ONT. — The Great Northern Transit Co. will probably rebuild one of their steamers. Should they not rebuild, it is probable that a contract will be given for a new steamer. Manager Andrews of the Collingwood Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company is preparing plans.

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.—The Niagara Falls Metal Works Co., recently organized, will build a factory, 120 ft. ×40 ft., with two wings 40 × 40 ft. and 40 × 120 ft. respectively, and another building of considerable size. Materials, stone and considerable size. Materials, stone and brick. Building operations will be commenced at once.

LONDON, ONT.-Contracts are being let for materials necessary for the construction of the G. T. R. shops.—An electric elevator will be put in the Grigg House next spring.—The agreement between the city and the G. T. R. has been signed by the mayor. The city gives the company a bonus of \$100,000.

WOODSTOCK, N. B.-A meeting of the directors of the Centreville Railway Co. was held here last week, at which were present: Geo. T. Baird, John Conner, F. P. Killeen, B. Mahone, Frank Lawlor and R. W. Conner. It is understood measures were agreed to with a view of pushing forward the work of construction.

ST. JOHNS, QUE. - The subway or discharge tunnel under the canal will likely be constructed next spring by the Dominion Government.—A committee has been formed here, with Mayor O'Cain as president, for the promoting of the scheme of building a canal between Montreal and St. Johns via Chambly.

WOODSTOCK, ONT .- The County Clerk states that in the next few years several new bridges will be built in Oxford county. The new council will take up the question of buying up the toll roads, which would necessitate the building of new bridges to replace those on the toll roads.—The Anderson Furniture Co. will build in the spring a mammoth saw mill to cut 60,000 feet of lumber per day.—R. Whitelaw is thinking of adding an electrical depart-ment to his engine business.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—Quotations have been asked from local lumber dealers for supplying 500,000 feet of square timber to the International Bridge Co., which indicates that the proposed bridge will be proceeded with in the spring. It is to be 16 to 30 feet long, 12 inches square, and faced on both sides, and will be used for the caissons, which are to be sunk to support the piers. The structure itself will be of steel .- A syndicate of local men propose to reclaim about 1,000 acres of marsh land near this town.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The Harbor Commissioners invite tenders until Teusday, the 31st inst., for the supply of timber and planks required for next year. Address, Alex. Robertson, Secretary.—The Board of Governors of the Protestant Hospital for the Insane will ask permission from the Government to issue bonds for \$35,000 for the erection and equipping of more buildings, present ones being inadequate. -The Provincial Government will be required at no distant date, to either enlarge the present court house or erect a new building.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The sewerage committee has adopted the report of Mr. Kuickling, C. E., of Rochester, relative to the abatement of the east end trouble. The idea is to divert the sewage from Wentworth street, at a cost of \$25,000.— The City Engineer estimated that the cost of constructing a brick sewer from Wentworth street to the proposed site for a pumping station near the foot of Victoria avenue, with a three foot steel pipe into 30 feet of water, would cost \$51,000, and that the extension of the east end sewer by a steel pipe into deep water will cost the same amount.—Building permits have been granted as follows: R. Smith, twostory brick dwelling on Erie avenue, cost \$1,200; James Millman, two storey brick dwelling on Oak avenue, cost \$1,000.

QUEBEC, QUE.—A division has been made of St Roch parish, and a new church will be erected, the plans for which are said to be prepared.—E. Berlinquet, architect, of this city, at the request of the Right Revd. Dr. McDonald, has prepared plans for a new Roman Catholic Cathedral to be accepted in Chapters. dral, to be erected in Charlottetown, P.E. I., at a cost of between \$80,000 and \$100,000.—A deputation waited on the Provincial Gov't recently requesting that action be taken at once to extend the Quebec and Lake St. John railway to St. Alphonse. The Government promised consideration.—A company to build a cold storage warehouse here is being formed. -The provincial government has been asked to grant financial aid to complete the Montford railway.—D. Quellet, architect, will call for tenders next week for the erection of a convent.

OTTAWA, ONT.—It is the intention of the Department of Railways and Canals to shortly call for tenders for the section of the Trent Valley Canal between Peter-boro and Nassau.—Messrs. J. W. Mc-Rae, Hector McRae, Geo. P. Brophy, John Brophy, and S. H. Fleming have purchased a plumbago mine about eight miles from Calabogie, and will operate it next spring.—A movement is on foot here for the establishment of an institute for trained nurses in connection with the Roman Catholic hospital.—The following notices of applications to parliament for legislation next session have been given: by the Sault Ste. Marie and Hudson Bay Railway Co., for an extension of time; by the Ontario Peat Fuel Co., to operate a branch line of railway in Welland County; by the Kingston, Napanee and Westein Railway Co., for an extension of time, to lease the line of the Bay of Quinte Railway & Navigation Co., and to build branch lines to the mineral districts; by the Thousand Islands Railway Co., for an extension of time and to run by electricity.—A free site has been offered to the Westinghouse Air Brake Co., of Pittsburg, to establish their proposed Canadian factory here.—At the January elections three by-laws will be voted on, one to establish a public library, another to grant \$40,000 for new exhibition buildings, and the third to grant \$45,000 for improvements to the fire protection, which includes the erection of a new station.—

The Building Committee of the Protestant Hospital Board have decided to call for competitive plans for the proposed addition to the hospital, not to exceed a cost of \$45,000. The addition will be built to the east end of the hospital, and will likely be fire proof.—The Dominion Government will again be requested to grant assistance towards the building of the Interprovincial bridge at Nepean Point. The city has granted \$150,000 and the Ontario Government \$50,000 towards the work.—M. Calderon, architect, desires tenders until the 31st inst., for the erec-tion of a terrace of dwellings on Cooper street.

TORONTO, ONT.—The Northey Mfg. Co. are asking for tenders until noon today (Thursday) for the erection of two factory buildings. Plans may be seen at their factory, King street subway.—A committee of the City Council has been appointed to report on improvements to the Yonge street wharf.—The Court of Revision has confirmed petitions for a brick sidewalk on Queen street, south side, between John street and Spadina avnue, and a macadam roadway on Jaivis street, between King and Queen street.— The Council has given notice that an asphalt roadway will be constructed on first lane west of Yonge street, from Temperance street to Adelaide street, and on lane lying between Temperance and Adelaide streets, running westerly 313 feet. Estimated cost \$2,100.—A sufficiently signed petition for the construc-tion of asphalt pavement on Berkeley street, between Gerrard and Carlton streets, has been received by the City Clerk. The petition for a new cedar block pavement on old foundation on Yorkville avenue still requires two signa-tures

#### FIRES.

The premises of Williamson & Hilton, spice manufacturers, Winnipeg, Man., were recently damaged by fire to the extent of \$20,000.—The car factory of Patterson & Corbin, St. Catharines, Ont., was badly gutted by fire on the 20th inst. badly gutted by fire on the 20th inst. The loss is \$12,000, principally on machinery and car fittings.—David Price's hotel at Dunnville, Ont., together with store and dwellings adjoining, were burned on the 18th inst. Loss \$4,500.—The residence of John T. Rutlidge, at Portage la Prairie, Man., has been destroyed by fire. -The railway station at Gracefield. Ont., has been burned.—The dwelling house of Wm. Forrest, at Eastdwelling house of Wm. Forrest, at Eastwood, Ont., was destroyed by fire on the 19th inst. No insurance.—The vinegar works operated by S. Allen, at Norwich, Ont., were burned on Saturday last. Loss, \$30,000; insurance, \$10,000.—The fine residence of Dr. J. G. Yeman at Strat ford, was completely consumed by fire on Monday last. Loss, \$6,000, mostly covered by insurance. Fire at Vancouver, B. C., on the 24th inst., gutted Cassidy's lumber and shingle mill and factory, Spicer's mill kiln and the British Columbia Cooperage Works. Loss \$56,000.

#### CONTRACTS AWARDED.

St. Stephen, N. B – The New Brunswick Red Granite Co. is supplying slabs for the city hall, at Philadelphia.

MITCHELL, ONT .- Geo. Woods of this place, has been given the contract for the new school house in school section No. 2.

TORONTO, ONT. - The Metallic Roofing Co. have supplied their embossed metallic ceiling for the Gendron Mfg. Co's factory

LEAMINGTON, ONT.—The tender of the Globe Furniture Co., of Walkerville, has been accepted by the School Board for school furniture.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—Thomas D. Adams will probably be awarded the contract for the construction of the Gulf Shore Railway Co.'s line.-Whitman Brewer, of St. Mary's has been awarded the contract for building a bridge across Vaughan's Creek and for a breakwater.

OWEN SOUND, ONT .- The Owen Sound Portland Cement Co. have sold to Mr. Onderdonk, of Hamilton, 1,500 barrels of their Portland Cement.

FORT STEELE, B. C.—The contract for a tunnel on the Dibble group of mines, has been let to Scott, Brander and Dale. The length will be 200 feet.

KINGSTON, ONT.—The tender of the Canadian Locomotive and Engine Co. has been accepted for a new boiler for the waterworks plant. Contract price \$1,200.

BRANTFORD ONT .- The Waterous Engine Works Co. have been awarded a contract by the Peoples Heat and Light Co., of Halifax, for the construction of a coal elevator.

STRATFORD, ONT.—The contract for sewer pipes necessary for the extension of the sewerage system in this town has been awarded to the Hamilton and Toronto Sewer Pipe Co.

CHATHAM, ONT .- Park Bros., of this city, have been awarded the contract for pumps and machinery for the Dauphin drainage scheme in Tilbury. Operations will begin in the spring, and about 3000 acres of land will be reclaimed.

MONTREAL, ONT.—Tenders for the supply of 13,000 feet of hose have been awarded by the Fire Committee as folawarded by the Fire Committee as follows: Canadian Rubber Company 5,000 feet Maple Leaf at 75c.; John Martin, Son & Co., 3,000 feet American Double Jacket at 92c.; A. W. Fleming, 3,000 feet Keystone; J. A. Ogilvie & Sons, Rob Roy Cable at 80c.; and B. J. Coghlin, Double X Multiple at ooc.

LONDON, ONT.—Contracts have been let as follows for works in connection with the new Bank of Toronto building: Brickwork and musonry, Ed. Martyn; carpenter work, Wm. Tytler. estimated cost, \$18,000.—W. Reath, of St. Thomas, has been awarded the contract by the Dominion Bridge Company, to construct the framework of the new iron bridges to be constructed on the L. & P. S. over Mill and Kettle Creek. The bridges will be almost 1,200 feet long.

#### SOME TECHNICAL TERMS.

Architrave.- That part of a column which lies immediately upon the capital, and is the lowest member of the entabla ture; the mouldings round doors and windows.

Archives.—A public building; the place where ancient records are kept.

Apex. - An angular point or tip, as the end of a splar on a church steeple.
Ashlar.—Free stones as they

brought from the quarry; the facing of square stones on the front of a building.

Asphalt.-A kind of bitumen used for cementing and giving firmness to stones, brickwork, etc., and for paving roads. It is found in a soft and liquid state on the surface of the Dead Sea.

Banker.—A stout bench used by bricklayers and stonemasons to prepare their

bricks and stones for a building.

Ray.—A bulge, a recess in a wall, or window built out; is the same as bow.

Bead and Butt.—When the panels in

joinery are beaded on the two sides only.

Bead and Flush.—When the panels are beaded all round.

Braces.-Pieces of timber used to brace or stay studding and principals.

Breastsummer.—A strong horizontal to support an upper wall.

Caisson.—A chest; a chest of timber floating between piles, and loaded with stones until it rests on the ground.

Camber.—Screwing up the center of a tiebeam so as to give the form of an arch for greater strength.

Cantilever.—A small beam transversely

fixed to support a structure, as stairs, etc. Claircolle.—Preparing walls or ceilings

for decoration by giving a coat of size.

CORBEL.—Stones or bricks, etc., projecting from a wall to carry a plate for

roofs, floors, etc.

Cornice.—A moulded projection to make a finish to the top of a room; an ornament over a window.

Cul de Sac.—An alley blocked up at

DERRICK.—Upright poles, etc, used as a crane for raising beams, stones, and other material into their places.

DOVETAIL.—A joint made by inserting one piece of timber into another in the form of an inverted wedge or a dove's tail.

Dado.—The decoration of the lower part of a room.

Embrasure.—The enlargement of the aperature of a door or window, or the inside of a wall, to give greater to the opening of the door or casement, or for ad-

mitting more light.

Entablature.—The whole of the parts of an order of architecture above a column, comprising the architrave, frieze and cornice.

Estrade.—A level place, or balcony. Extrados.—The upper surface of an

Fascia.—A broad list, fillet or band used in architraves and pedestals; the projection over a shop front.

Fillet.—In architecture, a small member of moulding (listel); a strip of wood fastened so as to carry any board, etc., mortar bedded in a corner.

Frieze.—That part between the architrave and cornice; an enrichment at the top of the wall in a room; the ctone that carries a mantel.

Groined.—Divided, as a ceiling with semi-circle arches joining so that every two form a groin.

Ichnography.—A ground plan or horizontal section of a building.
Intrados.—The under surface of an

arch; the soffit.

Jamb.-The upright timbers of door and sash frames; the side pieces of a mantelshelf.

Joist.—Stout pieces of timber laid from wall to wall to form the floor of a building.

King Post.—An upright post in the centre of the principal of a roof.

Lewis.—An iron instrument in three pieces fixed in stone, by which it is raised to where required.

Louvre.—An opening for the emission of smoke.

Mullion.—The divisions in Gothic windows.

Munton.—The vertical divisions in a door between the stiles.

Mortise.--An opening cut in a piece of wood in joinery to receive another piece called the tenon.

Principal Beam.—The cross piece of timber on which the principals of a roof are formed.

Principal Rafter.—The angle pieces of timber fixed on the tiebeam, and forming the principals of a roof.

Pilaster.—A column set in a wall or other work, or placed so as to appear so. Plinth.—The base of a pedestal; the

lowest member of a column; anything shaped like a brick.

Priming.—In painting the first coat.

Pole Plate.—A wooden plate placed over the ends of principals as a formation for gutters, etc.; sometimes to carry common rafters, and is over the wall plate.
Purlin.--Those pieces of timber laid on

the principal rafters to give support to the common rafters.

Quoin. - A stone placed in the corners

of brick buildings to strengthen them.

Queen Posts. — Two upright posts placed half way from the centre of the principals of a roof.

Rails.—The cross pieces in framed lomery.

Rebate.-A groove sunk on the edge of

any piece of joinery, as a door jamb.

Rectangular.—A figure the sides of which are all right angles.

Ridge.- The centre piece of timber at the top of a roof, on either side of which

the tops of the rafters are fixed. Rostrum.—A stage or platform for orations.

-The joining and bolting of two Scarf.pieces of timber transversely.

Soffit.—The under side of an over-hanging erection, as under stairs, etc. Stays.—Pieces of timber to make an

erection more firm.

Stile.—The perpendicular pieces in joinery, as the two side pieces of a door.



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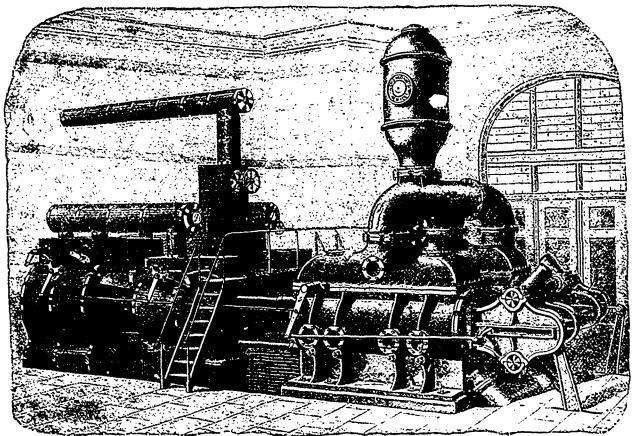
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The limited amount of street space accorded to contractors by the municipal authorities for buildings under construction has long been a serious embarrassment to contractors and a considerable impediment to rapid building construction, says the American Contractor. Not that the public should be called upon to give up any more space than at present; we were merely considering the matter from the contractor's standpoint.

The great loss in rents which is sustained by the owner during the period of construction is another serious matter which the enterprising contractor is called upon to overcome. There is almost always a stipulation in the building contract that the completed structure shall be turned over to the proprietor on a specified day, and for failure to complete the work on the day named, a daily forfeit is exacted, which is to reimburse the owner for loss of rent during the additional time required to complete the structure.

As an incentive to rapid work a bonus is frequently offered the contractor for every day saved from the allotted time allowed for the execution of the contract. This is as it should be. How some of our contractors manage to do such good work in such short time allotted is often a mystery.

It is a well-known fact that many wealthy owners of extremely valuable business property in our large cities refrain from replacing their out of date buildings with substantial modern structures simply because of the great financial sacrifice entailed by the loss of rents. Modern methods of rapid building construction are designed to overcome such embarrassments. The period involved in the construction of a building, especially it it be a large one, is one of the most important questions which enters into the whole problem of building construction. To erect a million dollar office building in eight months, which it formerly required sixteen months to build is frequently a saving in rents of \$30,000 to \$40,000.

The subject of night work on large buildings has received a great deal of attention of late. The constantly decreasing cost of electric light service, the ease with which such illumination can be adjusted to meet the requirements of artisans, the disposition of mechanics to work beyond hours where there is pecuniary inducement to do so, and the recent invention of perfected machinery whereby a vast amount of heavy manual labor is avoided, are considerations which are contributing to make nightwork on a certain class of business buildings most feasible.

We have watched with much amusement the serious matter-of-fact way in which certain union organizations in the building trades pass resolutions and frame cast-iron rules in condemnation of night work, and later have watched them utterly ignore these fine resolutions and by-laws where the contractor, pinched for

time and goaded by the impatient owner, offers his union men a bonus voluntarily for their services after hours.

The old adage reads: "Where there's a will there's a way." A newly coined phrase might read: "Where there's cash all things are possible," too much so sometimes. We are of opinion that during the coming season there will be considerable night work, and that work during all of the twenty-four Lours will be a conspicuous feature where the exigencies of the occasion demand that the work be " rushed."

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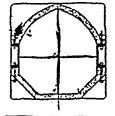
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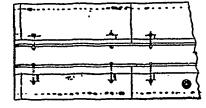
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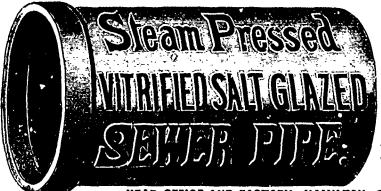
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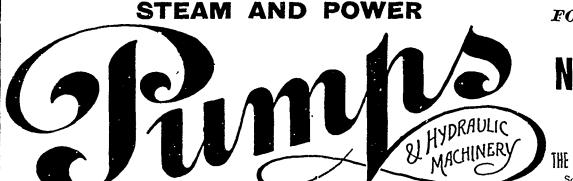


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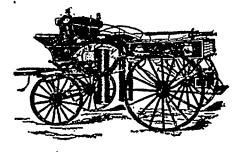
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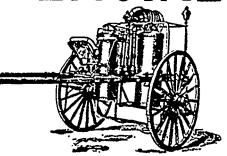
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## LEGAL DECISIONS AFFECTING MUNICIPALITIES.

LEWIS V. CITY OF LONDON.-Judgement by Judge McMahon, in the Court of Common Pleas at Toronto in action tried without a jury at London. Action to recover against the corporation of the city of London the damages which the plaintiffs sought but failed to recover against the defendants in Lewis v. Alexander, 21 A.R., 613, and 24 S.C.R., 551. Judgement for plaintiffs for an injunction restraining defendants from permitting filth and refuse from water-closets or other noxious or foul matter from being carried on to the premises of the plaintiffs, and declaring plaintiffs right to damages, with a reference to the local Master at London to assess the same, and with costs of action and reference. Injunction suspended for five months to enable defendants to abate the nuisance, with liberty to apply to ex-

tend the time. Stafford vs. The City of Montreal .-Plaintiff is proprietor of a lot of land and premises on Sebastopol street, Point St. Charles, in the City of Montreal, under deed of 24th November, 1886. He owned the land and premises in the year 1890, when the defendants, for the public benefit, authorized the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, to construct a permanent subway at a place commonly known as "The Crossing," on Wellington street, where Sebastopol street connected directly with Wellington. The construction of the subway changed the level of Wellington street, and cut off direct communication with Sebastopol. Instead of direct communication, a small passage from twelve to fourteen feet wide was made leading from Sebastopol street to Congregation street, and thence through the subway to Wellington. Plaintiff claims that, being thus deprived of his full access to Wellington street, his property has been damaged and decreased in value for all time, and he claims five hundred dollars Defendants plead a general indemnity denegation in fact and in law. This case is almost identical with that of Drummond vs. Mayor, Aldermen and citizens of Montreal, decided by the Privy Council in England and reported in the 22nd vol., L. C. Jurist. In that judgement, their Lordships state:-"It certainly then appears that, in France, the depreciation caused to a house by stopping one end of a street, supposing it to remain open at the other, is not regarded as an interference with a servitude, nor (standing alone) such direct and immediate damage as will give a title to indemnity, and, if this be so, there seems to be no reason or authority for declaring the law to be otherwise in Canada." Demolombe, Traiti des Servitudes, at No. 699 B., deals directly with such a

case as the present one, and specifically states that the public authorities may make, without indemnity, such alteration for general utility, Pages 205: "Comme si, par example, l'administration dominait la largun de le place ou de la rue. Ou meme si elle fermait la rue par l'un de ses touts, de manion a en faire une impasse." In this case, the defendants did not go so far as to make un impasse; they left a narrow passage. Plaintiff, although his access has been diminished, has, within a short distance of his property, Farard street, through which to communicate with Congregation street, and thence to Wellington. The authorities on the French law, hold that, 'n such a case, the droit d'acces is not materially interfered with. Then, it must have been evident, from the nature of the place, even in 1886, date of plaintiff's purchase, that at some future time, a subway or other means of avoiding the railway crossings would have to be made for the protection of the public at the Point, when the construction complained of had been erected, and though it cannot be contended that such a subway was unforeseen at the date of plaintiff's purchase, under these circumstances plaintiff's action is dismissed.

#### SLATE DEBRIS FOR PAVEMENTS.

Why should not the slate débris brick be tried for street pavements? asks the British Clayworker. We are aware that several attempts have been made to utilize slate débris, but we do not know of any concern that may be said to be making slate bricks for the market with a large amount of success. And yet the difficulties in the matter of machinery have been overcome, and in one recent case of failure at least, there was no difficulty as to capital.

Talking the other day to a well-known firm who have made a life-long study of the tests of various materials, we were informed that, in the course of certain trials, it was found that a brick made of slate débris was one of the strongest and hardest materials they had ever tested. So strong, in fact, was it that the machine used was not of sufficient power to crush it whole, and it became necessary to cut the brick in two, and use the whole strength of the machine upon the half brick. Even then they only succeeded in crushing it when the maximum power of the machine was employed.

## THE INVESTIGATION OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES.\*

By FLOYD DAVIS.

One of the most important factors in the prolongation of life and preservation of health in any community is a pure and wholescme water supply. The necessity of measures which enable municipal authorities to secure such water, in quantities to meet all demands, is now fully recognized by every intelligent citizen, who also knows that pure sources of supply can generally be determined only by a thorough and careful investigation. As the population of our country increases,

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the sources of contamination likewise multiply; so year after year it becomes more difficult to secure an adequate supply of water for cities and towns that shall be entirely free from dangerous impurity. In mountainous regions, where the conditions for self-purification are most favorable, we generally find the purest waters; in great abundance; yet in the Mississippi valley, where the streams are generally sluggish and frequently heavily laden with organic impurity, and in the eastern States, where the rivers are sewer-polluted, the problem of securing pure water is difficult, and it is sometimes almost impossible with limited means to furnish a supply that is beyond dispute in its qual-

Many of our cities and towns lie adjacent to public water courses, from which the water, polluted or otherwise, is pnmped through mains, without proper purification, to be drunk by the people. Under such a disregard for sanitary considerations it is not strange that we are still maintaining in some parts of the country a typhoid fever rate higher than that prevailing in any other civilized country. Our typhoid death rate is too frequently many-fold what it is in some European cities, like London and Berlin, which have expended millions of dollars to secure for their citizens a pure and wholesome supply of filtered water.

The ideal water for manufacturing and domestic purposes is distilled, and the amount of impurities, both inorganic and organic, found in natural water is, therefore, a measure of its purity. It is rare that the mineral constituents have any marked effect on the quality of a water for drinking, since the poisonous compounds of barium, iron, zinc, copper, lead, and arsenic, which may exist in it, are not often found in sources that are available for the supply of cities and towns; and in the sanitary investigations of a water supply we do not usually look for these subtances. But the mineral constituents have a bearing upon the use of a water for boiler and manufacturing purposes. Its suitability for the generation of steam is determined mainly by the amount of lime, magnesia, and mineral acids which it may contain, since these bases incrust the boiler and the acids corrode it. Magnesium chlorid is especially objectionable. The mineral salts also characterize a water for manufacturing purposes, since a hard water containing much iron is unsuited for the

These are considerations of importance only for particular purposes, but every public water supply must be used domestically by large numbers of people, and the substances which vitiate it for such purpose are of greatest importance in its sanitary investigation. They are organic, both vegetable and animal, and exist in different proportions in all natural waters that have any communication with the snrface of the soil. The manner in which they gain access to water, and their relations to health and disease, have been discossed in a former number of this magazine.\* Suffice it, therefore, to say here that decaying animal matter is indirectly far more dangerous than decaying vegetation, for it is from animal sources that the infectious bacteria, now considered the real agents of disease, are mainly derived. Upon the danger from these various impurities is based our classification of water supplies.

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the manufacture of beer; while water for

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Green, chrome	Waste pipe, per lb
Black lamp	ton lots.  Galvanized Iron:
Oil, linseed, raw, & Imp. s.al. 54 59 58 59 " " boiled " 57 63 62 63 " " refined, " 78 85 75 75	Adam's—Mar's Best and Queen's Head: 16 to 24 guage, per lb 4½c. 4½c.
" refined, " 78 85 75 75 Putty 2½ 2½ 2½ 2½	26 guage, " 4¾ 5
Whiting, dry, per 100 lbs 75 1 00 60 75 Paris white, Eng., dry 90 1 25 90 1 00	Gordon Crown—
Litharge, Eng	16 to 24 guage, per lb 4½ 4½ 26 guage, 4½ 4½ 4½ 28 4 5
Umber, " 8½ 12 12	Note.—Cheaper grades about 1/2 c. per lb. less
OEMENT, LIME, etc. Portland Cements.—	Structural Iron: Steel Beams, per 100 lbs 275 250
German, per bbl 325 255 265 London " 250 275 192 205	" channels, " 285 260 " angles, " 250 270
Newcastle " 250 275 192 205 Belgian, Josson, artificial 265 295 225 230	" tees, " 280 265
English, artifical, per bbl. 260 290 255 265	Sheared stee bridge plate 255 235