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Will be received by the undersigned up to MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, for all trades required in the erection of a Residence in Aberdeen Avenue. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the architects to whom tenders are to be addressed. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

GOUNLOCK & BAKER, Architects,
714 Temple Building, Toronto.

TENDERS

CHURCH AT PERCE, GASPESIA, QUE.

Tenders for the erection of a R. C. CHURCH will be received at my office or at the residence of the Recteur, until SEPTEMBER 21ST 1899. Plans and specifications may be seen at my office or at the residence of the Recteur.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JOS. VINNE, Architect,
17 Place d'Armes Hill, Montreal.
Montreal, Sept. 2nd, 1899.

CONTRACTS OPEN.

SHOAL LAKE, MAN.—A new block will be erected by John Simpson.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—Newton Cossitt purposes building an addition to his store.

PARRY SOUND, ONT.—Mr. Hagan purposes building a two storey brick block.

KAMLOOPS, B. C.—Clawson & Pinnett, painters, purpose erecting a two storey building.

SOUTH MAITLAND, N.S.—L. R. Rittie & Co., of Truro, will erect a rotary saw mill here.

DAUPHIN, MAN.—The ratepayers have carried a by-law to raise \$6,000 for fire protection.

ARTHUR, ONT.—Improvements will be made to the English church, including new steeple.

ERIN, ONT.—The question of installing an electric light plant is being considered by the citizens.

NAPANEE, ONT.—Council has decided to build a granolithic walk on north side of Dundas street.

ST. CATHARINES, ONT.—Irvin Niger intends erecting a residence on his farm near Riley's Bridge.

THOROLD, ONT.—The Electric Light Committee has been empowered to purchase a new transformer.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.—The Condensed Milk Co. is calling for tenders for erection of factory building.

GLACE BAY, C.B.—The Dominion Coal Co. invite tenders up to 20th inst. for sinking main and fan shafts.

WINDSOR, N.S.—J. G. Geldert, town clerk, wants bids by 16th inst. for purchase of \$5,000 of debentures.

SHAWNEGAN FALLS, QUE.—It is reported that a commodious summer hotel will be erected here next year.

ST. VITAL, MAN. The ratepayers will this week vote on a by law to raise \$1,500 for new school building.

WELLANDPORT, ONT.—A tower 66 feet high will be built and other improvements made to the Salem church near here.

WALLACEBURG, ONT.—J. A. Maycock, architect, was in town last week in connection with the building of Presbyterian

BRANTFORD WATERWORKS

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed tenders, addressed to the Chairman of the Board of Water Commissioners, City Hall, Brantford, Ont., will be received until 12 o'clock noon on

Saturday, 23rd September, 1899,

for the supplying and laying of about

2,500 Feet of 24-inch Sewer Pipe,

150 Feet of 24-inch Water Pipe,

together with the construction of WELLS, MANHOLES and VALVES.

Plans, specifications and forms of tender may be seen at the office of the City Engineer, Brantford, on and after September 16th.

A deposit in the form of a marked cheque, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for the sum of ten per cent. on the value of the work tendered for, must accompany each and every tender.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

T. HARRY JONES, M. Can Soc. C.E.
City Engineer.

Brantford, Sept. 13th, 1899.

Notice to Contractors

TENDERS FOR

PAVEMENTS AND SIDEWALKS

Tenders will be received, by registered post only, addressed to the Chairman of the Board of Control, City Hall, Toronto, up to noon on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 1899, for the following works:

ASPHALT PAVEMENTS:

Bloor Street, from Avenue Road to Walmer Road.
Admiral Road, from Lowther Avenue to Bernard Avenue.
King Street, from Simcoe Street to Spadina Avenue.
Madison Avenue, from Bloor Street to Dupont Street.

BRICK PAVEMENTS:

Buchanan Street, from Yonge Street to Teraulay Street.
Lane, first south of King, from John Street to Dorset Street.
Cameron Place, from Cameron Street to Vanauley Street.
Bellevue Place, from Bellevue Avenue to Carlyle Street.

CEDAR BLOCK PAVEMENT:

Sully Crescent, from Sully Street to Shaw Street.

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS:

Bernard Avenue north side, from Avenue Road to Bedford Road.
Spadina Avenue, both sides, from Bloor Street to Bernard Avenue.
Colborne Street, both sides, from West Market Street to Yonge Street.

MACADAM ROADWAY:

Mackenzie Crescent, from Dovercourt Road to Beaconsfield Avenue.

Contents of envelopes containing tenders must be plainly marked on the outside.

Conditions and specifications may be seen and forms of tender obtained at the office of the City Engineer on and after Monday, September 18th.

A deposit, in the form of a marked cheque, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for the sum of 2 1/2 per cent. on the value of the work tendered for, must accompany each and every tender, otherwise they will not be entertained.

Tenders must bear the bona fide signatures of the contractor and his sureties, or they will be ruled out as informal.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JOHN SHAW (Mayor),
Chairman Board of Control.

City Hall, Toronto, September 13th, 1899.



SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Heating Apparatus, Rat Portage, Ont.," will be received at this office until THURSDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER 1899, for the construction of a Hot Water Heating Apparatus at the Post Office, &c., Building, Rat Portage, Ont.

Plans and specifications can be seen at this Department and at the office of the Clerk of Works, Rat Portage, Ont.

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

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque, made payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent. (10%) of the 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, August 31st, 1899.

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

church. It is expected that tenders for erection will be invited in a week or two.

WOODSTOCK, ONT.—J. L. Wilson, jeweller, has purchased the store of J. H. Brown and purposes remodelling it next spring.

INGERSOLL, ONT.—The council has given notice of its intention to construct artificial stone sidewalks on a number of streets.

GODERICH, ONT.—The by-law to loan \$10,000 to the Kensington Furniture Co. to assist in building their factory was carried last week.

ST. PAUL, QUE.—Offers are wanted by 14th inst. for construction of church, sacristy and presbytery. Address, Rev. H. Brisset, parish priest.

WESTON, ONT.—In connection with the proposed electric light plant, it is intended to buy the old mill site and deepen 600 feet of the tail race.

CARBERRY, MAN.—The Knights of Maccabees contemplate the erection of a brick block, containing two stores and ogee room, cost \$10,000.

DELHI, ONT.—Mr. Bell, C. E., has reported to Middleton council that the cost of improvements to the Big Marsh drain would be \$3,836.98.

ESSEX, ONT.—The committee appointed for the purpose have selected a site near this town on which to build the proposed house of refuge.

PETROLEA, ONT.—J. McHattie, town clerk, wants bids by 18th inst. for the construction of a granolithic sidewalk on north side of Main street.

FORT WILLIAM, ONT.—On Monday last the ratepayers approved of granting exemption and free site for W. W. Ogilvie's flour mill and elevator.

PETERBORO', ONT.—The town engineer has been instructed to prepare plans and invite tenders for the construction of a pipe sewer on Gilmour street.

LEAMINGTON, ONT.—The congregation of St. Johns church are considering the advisability of reconstructing their present church or building a new one.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—R. C. John Dunn, architect, of this city, is preparing plans for a brick office and warehouse building at Moncton for F. P. Reid & Co.

THEDFORD, ONT.—Geo. Sutherland, township clerk, invites offers up to September 22nd for repair of the Mud Creek drain, in township of Bosanquet.

PLEASANT VALLEY, ONT.—Plans have been prepared for a new Presbyterian church to be built here, frame, 30 x 40 feet. Particulars from John Thompson.

FRASERVILLE, QUE.—The Aqueduct Co., of this place, has been incorporated, with capital of \$50,000. Thos. Crockett and G. J. Chagnon are interested.

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N.S.—A project is being discussed to build a line of railway from Victoria Beach to Middleton, and to bridge the Annapolis river at this point.

VERSCHOYLE, ONT.—Bids are invited by Alex. Bell, township clerk, up to October 2nd, for construction of the seventh concession drain, in township of Dereham.

CLINTON, ONT.—The town purposes lighting the new library building and the town hall with acetylene gas, using one 80 light machine or two machines of smaller capacity.

WATERLOO, ONT.—The town wants an engineer to take charge of the waterworks. Applications received by David Bean, chairman Waterworks Committee, up to 17th inst.

HINTONBURG, ONT.—Tenders are invited up to 16th inst. for the construction and laying of intake pipe. Plans by C. H. Keefer, C. E., Metropolitan Life building, Ottawa.

IRONSIDES, ONT.—It is proposed to replace the wooden bridge over the Gati-

neau river by an iron structure, to cost about \$25,000. Parliament will be asked to assist the project.

WATERLOO, QUE.—The Eastern Townships Telephone Association is being organized, to construct a telephone line between Waterloo, Magog, Roxton Falls, Granby and other places.

NELSON, B. C. The Nelson Coke & Gas Co. have purchased a site for proposed works and will commence building operations at once. The main building will be of stone, 131 x 35 ft.

SHARROT LAKE, ONT.—A deputation from this vicinity interviewed the Commissioner of Crown Lands at Toronto last week, asking that repairs be made to bridges in Addington county.

PORTAGE DU FORT, QUE.—The Dominion Public Works Department is preparing plans for a new iron bridge to be built in place of the wooden structure here which collapsed recently.

BERLIN, ONT.—Dr. H. P. Bryce, of the Provincial Board of Health, has presented a report to council in which he recommends improvements to the sewage farm, including the construction of a receiving tank.

ARNPRIOR, ONT.—At last council meeting a proposition was submitted by J. E. Askwith and other Ottawa gentlemen to construct waterworks and sewerage systems for the town and to supply electric lighting.

STRATFORD, ONT.—W. F. VanBuskirk, city engineer, has presented to council a report on proposed improvements to Romeo creek. The cost is estimated at \$5,197, and includes four culverts of steel and concrete.

SUSSEX, N. B.—The Sussex & Hammond Telephone Co. is seeking incorporation, to build a telephone line from Sussex to Jeffrey's Corner and other places. O. P. King and R. B. Harmer are interested.

BRIDGEBURG, ONT.—J. F. Wilmer, C. E., of Buffalo, was in the village last week with a view to promoting the construction of a waterworks system.—Baxter Bros. purpose repairing their elevator and rebuilding the dock.

ALLANDALE, ONT.—The town of Barrie has not extended the waterworks and electric light systems to this place, in accordance with the agreement of 1896, and a vote of the electors will be taken on the question of separation from that town.

LONDON, ONT.—H. C. McBride, architect, wants tenders by 14th inst. for building brick residence on Ridout street.—A. O. Graydon, city engineer, asks tenders up to 21st inst. for supplying and laying 1,025 feet of 20-inch iron pipe.

ORILLIA, ONT.—The purchase of a stone crusher and road roller may come up for consideration at an early meeting of the council.—The High School Board is this week taking tenders on the election of a gymnasium. Particulars from C. L. Stephens.

HULL, QUE.—The Ottawa Saw Works Co. have made a proposition to the council to erect new works here, to cost about \$30,000.—The city clerk has been instructed to obtain bids by the 19th inst. for the purchase of \$4,000 waterworks debentures.

GRAND FORKS, B. C.—W. A. Campbell, who, with others, recently purchased the water power franchise at Boundary Falls, states that the work of developing will be completed within sixty days. The improvements will develop 600 h.p. at low water, according to the report of B. C. Riblet, hydraulic engineer, of Spokane.

QUEBEC, QUE.—It is said that new artillery workshops will be erected here, under the superintendence of W. O. Hammant.—Hon. Mr. Parent reports that a company has applied for certain water powers on the upper Saguenay for the

purpose of establishing calcium carbide works, and that over \$1,000,000 will be expended.

SYDNEY, C. B.—Mr. H. M. Whitney has offered to contribute \$25,000 towards a hospital for working men.—A project is on foot to erect a large hotel for working men on Ferry street.—The Dominion Iron & Steel Co. expect to start work in the early spring on their permanent offices.—The Merchants Bank of Halifax have purchased a site on which to erect a bank building.

BRANTFORD, ONT.—The board of governors of the John H. Stratford hospital, at a meeting held last week, decided to build an isolation hospital and large addition to the present building. Tenders for erection of above buildings, from plans by Chas. Mills, architect, of Hamilton, are invited up to 14th inst.—A movement is on foot to build a Salvation Army barracks; cost \$2,500.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—G. W. Grant, architect, has taken tenders on a brick and stone building on Hastings street.—T. F. McGuigan, city clerk, invites bids up to Friday, October 13th, for purchase of \$150,000 of debentures.—Parr & Fee, architects, have taken tenders on a dwelling house for Mr. Davidson.—Some of the aldermen are in favor of purchasing another road roller.

SARNIA, ONT.—The Lake Erie & Detroit River Railway Co. have taken tenders on erection of brick engine house. Particulars from H. R. Stuart, general agent.—On September 14th the ratepayers will vote on a by-law to grant \$2,559 to aid in the construction of a switch for the Dominion Wire Manufacturing Co. The construction of the new buildings the company will depend upon the result of the vote.

RAT PORTAGE, ONT.—Langford & Moran, solicitors for the Canadian Mines Development Co., invite tenders up to October 15th for shaft sinking, drifting and cross cutting at the Foley mine, Seine river. About 1,400 feet of work is contemplated.—Tenders closed on 7th inst. for lighting the town, but it is said that only one tender has been submitted, it being from the Citizens Telephone & Electric Company.

PEMBROKE, ONT.—The interprovincial bridge at Des Joachims collapsed recently. It is probable that a substantial structure will be erected in its place.—The council will borrow \$5,000 to meet current expenses.—J. L. Morris, town engineer, has reported that the cost of an iron bridge at Mary street would be \$15,000. No decision has been reached by the council.—Council desires tenders for purchase of \$12,000 of thirty-year four per cent. and \$5,000 of twenty-year four per cent. debentures.

VICTORIA, B. C.—Plans have been prepared for a new church for the First Congregationalists, to be 60 x 40 feet, with Sunday school room 20 x 40 feet; cost \$4,000.—The construction of a tramway line to the Gorge, one and one-half miles from the Saanich road, will be commenced about November 1st.—An English syndicate has purchased the property now occupied by Erskin, Wall & Co., and it is said that a modern block will be erected on the site.—B. Williams & Co. have leased the Oliver property on Yates street and will build thereon a two-storey brick block.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The Minister of Militia has decided to at once provide a new rifle range for this city.—N. Vallee has decided to build a new hotel at St. St. Joseph, Ont., on the shore of Lake Huron, to be 161 x 132 feet, of brick and stone, cost about 50,000, and to be completed by the spring of next year.—The building inspector states that a new departmental store building will be erected on St. James street.—Tenders, close

Saturday next for building slope walls on the Lachine canal. Plans at 1709 Notre Dame street.—The municipal council of St. Henri has decided to purchase a piece of land for the purpose of enlarging the fire station.—The R.C. church and vestry at Perce, Que., for which tenders are now invited, will cost about \$30,000; Joseph Venne, this city, architect.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The Board of Works will recommend the extension of Hannah street to Wentworth street, at a cost of \$1,825 for grading, \$1,600 for macadam pavement, and \$800 for culverts.—The Quebec, Hamilton & Fort William Navigation Co. have so far received no tenders for building their two steel freight steamers, estimated to cost \$250,000. If a satisfactory tender is not received from a Canadian firm, a representative of the company will go to England to close contracts there.—Building permits have been granted as below: W. A. Edwards, three-storey brick factory on Bowen street for J. Jolley & Sons, cost \$3,400; Geo. Milne, two-storey brick dwelling, Walnut street south, cost \$1,200.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—It is probable that the foundation of the new C.P.R. hotel will be laid this fall.—At a meeting of the council of the University of Manitoba held last week, it was stated that Mr. Browne, architect, expected to have the plans of the new building ready so that the work of excavating and laying the foundation could be proceeded with this fall. Dr. Bryce is chairman of the building committee.—The council will construct a macadam pavement on lane between Carlton and Edmonton streets, cost \$2,500, and a cedar block pavement on Banatyne ave., from Main street to Rorie street, cost \$5,000, also a granolithic sidewalk on Assiniboine ave., cost \$1,800.—The city engineer has gone to New York in connection with plans for the pumping engine for new waterworks system.—It is understood that the Dominion government has purchased property adjoining the post office with the intention of erecting a large addition to the building.—It is expected that a number of houses will be erected next spring on Portage avenue, west of Vaughan street.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The contractors have thrown up the contract for the Metropolitan Power Company's canal at Britannia, and it is probable that the Metropolitan Company will complete the work by day labor.—The Dominion Carbide Co. is applying for a charter, with capital of \$250,000. J. W. McRae, of this city, and T. L. Wilson, of St. Catharines, are interested.—E. F. E. Roy, secretary Department Public Works, invites tenders up to 27th inst. for raising and under-building a barracks building at Regina, N.W.T.—The department has decided to accept none of the tenders submitted for the supply of wire for the proposed telegraph line from Quesnelle to the Yukon.—Plans have been completed for a new brick school on Lyon street, and tenders for erection are being invited.—The Canada Atlantic Railway Co. are about to commence the erection of instruction offices and a supply building in Ottawa East.—Building permits were last week issued as follows: Duncan McLennan, brick veneered house, Concession street, cost \$1,100; Herman Hayner, brick veneered dwelling, Cambridge street, cost \$1,500; George Dearing, brick addition to house, No. 63 McLaren street, cost \$900; W. Moss, brick veneered house and shop, Osgoode street, cost \$1,500; W. Weston, frame house, Waverley street, cost \$1,000.—The E. B. Eddy Co. purpose building large kilns for drying lumber. These will be fireproof, of stone, brick and iron, and will cost about \$15,000. The plans for the building have been prepared by G. H. Millen, superintendent of the factories.

TORONTO, ONT.—It is said that work on the new G.T.R. station at the Don will be commenced in a few weeks. The plans show a building to cost \$3,000.—Peter S. Gibson & Son, Willowdale, will receive tenders up to 15th inst. for constructing cedar pile foundation and break-water and for excavating earth for widening river bed in connection with steel bridge over forks of Don river, in township of York. Tenders will be let at site of above bridge.—Petitions have been received against a brick pavement and for an asphalt pavement on Lippincott street, between Ulster and Bloor streets.—The following building permits have been granted: Commissioner Booth, alterations to Salvation Army barracks on Farley ave., cost \$2,000; E. Gunn, two storey and attic brick residence on Dunbar road, Rosedale, cost \$5,500; W. B. Glover, two-storey brick residence on Dovercourt road, near Queen street, cost \$2,500; B. Muntz, four two-storey brick and stone dwellings on Bellwoods avenue, near Arthur, cost \$3,500; John F. Logan, three-storey and attic brick residence, Callendar street, cost \$2,500.—In his report presented to the Board of Works yesterday, the city engineer recommends the purchase of another road roller and the erection of new stables at the Tannery Hollow for the Street Commissioner's Department. He also recommends the construction of the following pavements as local improvements. Asphalt pavements—Church street, Queen to King, cost \$12,100; Brunswick avenue, Ulster street to Sussex avenue, cost \$9,970; Bathurst street, College to Bloor, cost \$28,220; Prince Arthur avenue, St. George street to Bedford road, cost \$6,818. Brick pavements—Niagara st., Bathurst to King, cost \$14,240; Balmuto street, Bloor to Czar streets, cost \$2,800. Cedar block pavements—Arthur street, Euclid avenue to Dundas street, cost \$8,370; Yonge street, Davenport road to C.P.R. tracks, cost \$9,860. Macadam—River street, Gerrard to Spruce, cost \$1,110. The engineer advocates that a permanent pavement be laid on Massey street at the same time as the Toronto Railway Company are laying down their rails. The following concrete walks are recommended. Gerrard street, north side, Parliament to Berkeley; Simcoe street, east side, Adelaide to Richmond; St. George street, west side, Prince Arthur to 171 feet north; Queen street, north side, Crawford street eastward, 200 feet; Major street, both sides, College to Bloor; Bedford road, east side, Lowther to Bernard; Prince Arthur ave., St. George westward; Richmond street, south side; College, north side, St. Clarens avenue to Lansdowne ave; Berkeley street, east side,

Queen to Duke streets.—The construction of a 24-inch water main on Front street, from Church to George, cost \$13,000, has been recommended by the engineer.

FIRES.

Planing mill of John Monkhouse at Markham, Ont., totally destroyed; loss \$3,000, insurance \$1,000.—Flour mill and shingle mill of Mills Bros. and oatmeal mill of Hiram Easton at Merrickville, Ont., burned on 5th inst., loss about \$10,000.—Residences at Moncton, N. B., owned by James Flanagan, W. B. Mackenzie and Mr. Thompson.—Residences at Vaudreuil, Que., occupied by E. L. Clarke, Dr. J. A. Rodier and A. G. Portergor, totally destroyed. Residence of J. Byers at Bailieboro, Ont.—Summer residence of Alfred Eaves at St. Agathe, Que.—Pulp mill of the Glen Falls Paper Co. at Riviere au Pierre, on the line of Lake St. John Railway, in Quebec.—Grain elevator at Caledon East, Ont., owned by R. W. Burrell.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

LANARK, ONT.—Baptist parsonage: A. Affleck, contractor.

MOOSE JAW, N. W. T.—New court house. R. Baird, contractor.

CHATHAM, N. B.—New almshouse: James Mowat, contractor; price about \$5,000.

WINDSOR, ONT.—The tender of C. F. Babcock has been accepted by the council for excavating.

PORI COLHORNE, ONT.—\$3,000 of debentures. G. A. Stimson & Co., of Toronto, purchasers.

BELLE RIVER, N.S.—Residence for Dr. Anyot. Hehetre & Co., of Windsor, contractors; cost about \$4,000.

WOLFVILLE, N. S.—Electric light station: Chappel Bros., contractors; brick and iron, with concrete floors.

WESTMOUNT, QUE.—St. Mathias church is having two No 21 "Kelsey" warm air generators installed for heating.

COLCHESTER, ONT.—School debentures. H. O'Hara & Co., Toronto, purchasers, \$2,561. Village debentures. G. A. Stimson & Co., Toronto, purchasers.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—School building at Indiantown. Tilley & Clark, mason work; Andrew Miles, carpenter work; J. E. Wilson, galvanized iron. Building will cost about \$25,000.

LACHINE, QUE.—The contract for construction of sewerage system has been awarded to Bastien, Valquette & Parker, at the price of \$153,000. Dupont & Amos, consulting engineers.

VANCOUVER, B.C.—For pier in con-

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nection with Granville street bridge, the tender of Martin & Kelley, at \$7,400, has been accepted.

KOONLINA, B. C. Addition to general hospital. Toye & Gardiner, general contractors, plumbing, Lawrence Hardware Co.; contract for heating not yet let.

STRATFORD, ONT.—Cement walks: Guelph Pavement Co., contractors.—Sewage disposal works. E. A. Cawsey, successful tenderer, \$4,225.10. Grant & Co., Toronto, tendered at \$4,413.95.

GUELPH, ONT.—Two storey brick residence for A. Murchy: Carpenter work, F. W. Darby; mason work, Shaw & Dunbar; plastering, J. J. Mahoney; tinsmithing, D. E. Rudd; painting, W. Scriven.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—G. T. Fulford's residence: Plumbing, Brown & Semple; roofing, Deegan & Co.; metal work, R. H. Smart.—St. Johns Presbyterian church at this place will be heated by two No. 24 "Kelsey" warm air generators, now being installed by the James Smart Mfg. Co.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Improvements to St. Paul's Indian school: J. & J. McDermott, contractors.—S. Hopper & Son, architects, have just let the contract for a large stone and brick warehouse for Jobin & Mance, on Market street east, to be four storeys, 50 x 120 feet.—New Gimli docks: J. J. Vopin, this city, contractor.

WILLOWDALE, ONT.—For superstructure of 100-foot steel bridge over forks of river Don, in township York, tenders were submitted as follows: Hamilton Bridge Company, \$1,200 (accepted); Dominion Bridge Company, \$1,385; Dixon Bros., \$1,390; Stratford Bridge & Iron Works, \$1,400; King Bridge Company, Cleveland, \$1,411; Imperial Bridge & Iron Works, Montreal, \$1,425.

OTTAWA, ONT.—Separate school, corner Eccles and Le Breton streets: W. J. Sims, successful tenderer, \$4,155.—The contract for building the Ottawa street railway to Britannia has been let to Heney & Smith, at a price about \$40,000, the railway company furnishing the rails, poles and ties. A pier about 600 feet in length will be built at Britannia.—Girl's school for Separate School Board: Oscar Beaudry, successful tenderer, \$6,990. Other tenderers: J. A. Desriviers, \$7,495.99; Joseph Fauteux, \$7,850; Danis & Dufresne, \$7,253; J. Bourque, Hull, \$7,000.

QUEBEC, QUE.—For the construction of the proposed Quebec bridge tenders were submitted by the following firms. The Carnegie Steel Company; Keystone Bridge Works, Pittsburg, Pa., for cantilever superstructure; Dominion Bridge Company, Montreal, for superstructure of both cantilever and suspension system; William Davis & Sons, Cardinal, Ont., for foundations of both cantilever and suspension systems; Engineering Contract Company, New York, for foundation of both cantilever and suspension systems; Union Bridge Company, New York, for a rigid suspended truss bridge. The New Jersey Steel and Iron Company handed in an incomplete set of plans without tender, and asked for more time. The above tenders have been submitted to Theodore Cooper, consulting engineer, of New York, for a report.

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SMITH'S FALLS, ONT.—Only two tenders were received for construction of granolithic walks. Mr. McIlvenny tendered at 18 cents and the Guelph Paving Co. at 16½ cents per square foot. The contract may be awarded this week.



AN OMISSION.

In order to find space for a report of the Municipal Convention held in Hamilton last week, it has been necessary to omit from this number Mr. Campbell's paper on "Highway Culverts and Bridges." Next week the paper will be continued.

MUNICIPAL CONVENTION IN HAMILTON.

The first annual convention of municipal authorities opened in the city of Hamilton on September 5th. Mayor Teetzel presided.

After preliminary work, Assessment Commissioner Pratt, of Ottawa, moved the following resolution: "That the law as it now stands in assessing personal property or income is unjust, impracticable and impossible of equalization; that no basis is given to the assessor upon which his judgment can be brought to bear as in the assessing of real property; that each person to be assessed for personal property or income should be required to make an annual return of personality or income to the assessment department, as is required in Great Britain and the United States: that all incorporated companies, including banks, should be assessed as other individuals or partnership; that the revenue of persons from Dominion, provincial or municipal bonds should be assessed as other personal property or income."

After considerable discussion the resolution was seconded by City Solicitor Mackelcan, of Hamilton, and carried unanimously. Mr. Mackelcan brought

up the subject of seizures on personal property for taxes before coming on the real estate, showing clearly that a change in the law was necessary.

On motion of Solicitor Mackelcan the following resolution was passed: That no sale of lands for taxes in any city shall be invalid by reason of there having been goods or chattels within the county belonging to, or in the possession of, the person assessed for the lands, or goods or chattels upon such lands liable to seizure for taxes, and of no levy by distress having been made upon such goods or chattels for the payment of taxes due in respect of said lands.

The following resolution was passed, on motion of Auditor Cluff, of Ottawa, and Mayor Radford, of Galt: That in the opinion of this convention the clause in

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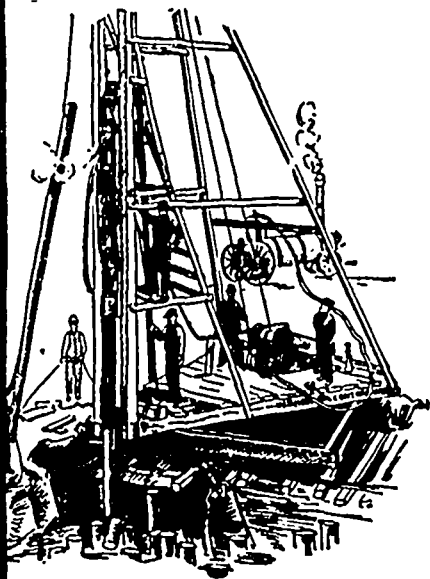
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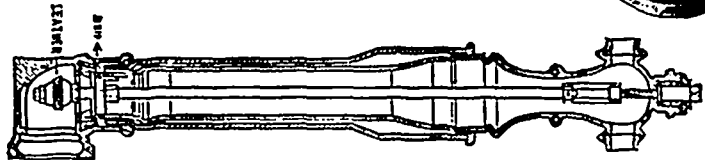
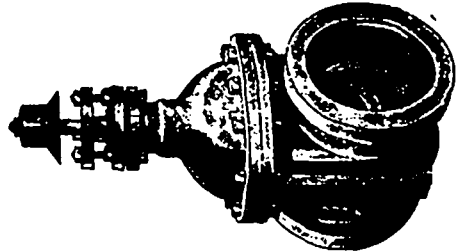
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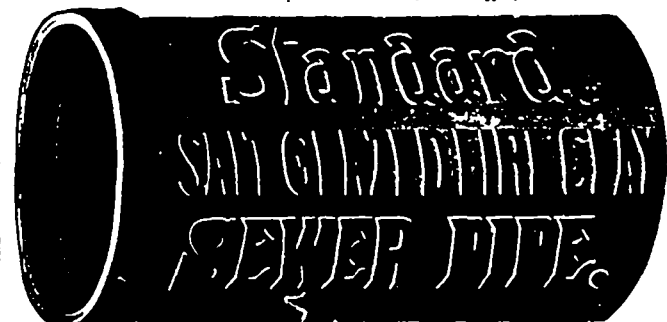
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the assessment act by which the property in each ward in a municipality has to be separately assessed, should be amended so that companies should have the whole amount of the property belonging to them assessed against the companies as a whole at the head office, or principal places of business within the municipality, as going concerns.

The following committee was appointed to put the first resolution that was passed by the convention into shape to be presented before the legislature, also to draft other resolutions on the subject of assessment for consideration by the convention and for presentation to the legislature: Mayor Johnson, Belleville; Mayor Radford, Galt; Assessment Commissioner Pratt, Ottawa; Assessor Dolson, St. Catharines; Auditor Cluff, Ottawa; Mayor Walters, Lindsay; Mayor Keating, St. Catharines; City Solicitor MacKelcan, Hamilton.

A paper was then read by Mr. J. A. Culham, on "Municipal Reform in the United States." In connection with the discussion on this paper, Mayor Keating and Ald. Robertson, of St. Catharines, moved that the legislature be requested to amend the Municipal Act by giving municipalities the privilege of extending the terms of service of its representatives, making the mayorality term two years and the aldermanic or councillor term three years, one-half or one-third of the number to be elected annually, as decided by by-law to be carried by the ratepayers. This was carried.

Following the paper came a report from the special committee on resolutions. This report was made by Frank Mackelcan, Q.C., and in some respects the resolutions were changed. The report was as follows:

1. That, in the opinion of this convention, the Assessment Act should be so amended as to distribute the burden of taxation more equally, and, with this end in view, the assessment of personal property should be made without regard to the debts owing on account of it.

2. Provision should be made in the Assessment Act that real property belonging to or in the possession of any person or incorporated company, and extending over more than one ward in any city or town, may be assessed together as a going concern in any one of such wards at the option of the assessor, or that the assessment of the property as a going concern may be apportioned amongst two or more of such wards in such manner as he may deem convenient, and that in either case the property shall be valued as a going concern or as forming part of a going concern.

3. The personal property of incorporated companies, other than chartered banks, should be liable to assessment to the same extent as that of any private individual or partnership, and sub-section 2 of section 39 of the Assessment Act should be amended accordingly.

The resolution re the sale of land for taxes was presented as passed, and the whole report was passed by the convention.

At this stage a discussion took place on Mr. Culham's paper, and the Belleville delegates gave an interesting account of the working of municipal reform in that city. The aldermanic representation had been greatly reduced at the last election, and the aldermen elected at large. Each alderman in Belleville is a member of every committee, and all committees meet on the same night. There is also an Executive Committee. The changes made in Belleville have resulted in a great improvement in the personnel of the council board, and while more work and better work was being done, there was less expense to the city. It was found that by electing aldermen at large the undesirable class of aldermen were shut out.

The general trouble, as voiced by the delegates, was that under the statute, as it is at present, it was impossible for the wards to be abolished and the number of aldermen reduced, as it leaves to the councils the power to introduce the reform, which they would not do. It was more desirable to have the reform question dealt with directly by the ratepayers.

The following resolution was passed:

Moved by Mayor Keating, of St. Catharines, seconded by Ald. Robertson, of St. Catharines, that the legislature be asked to amend the Municipal Act as to provide that mayors of cities and towns may be elected for a term of two years, and aldermen and councillors for two or three years, one-half or one-third of the number to be elected annually, as decided by by-law to be carried by the ratepayers.

On motion of S. H. Kent, seconded by Ald. Graham, of London, the following important resolution relating to the voters' lists was passed:

That, in the opinion of this convention, the polling sub-divisions made by councils of cities and towns in which the Manhood Suffrage Registration Act is in force should be for municipal purposes only. That the number of voters for municipal elections in a sub-division should be increased from 200 to 300, and that an election should not be void or voidable for the reason that a polling sub-division which contains more than 300 voters has not been divided; provided it does not contain more than 400 voters. That the Board of Registrars should define the polling sub-divisions for elections to the Legislative Assembly, and that those not on the list should register with the Board of Registrars under the Manhood Suffrage Registration Act.

City Solicitor Mackelcan introduced a motion dealing with the frontage assessment for local improvement rates, and the rebates thereon. It was seconded by Ald. Graham, of London, and carried. It was as follows:

That sub-section 1 of section 680 of the Municipal Act be amended by inserting

after the word "council," in the third line, the words "upon the value of the land only, and not on the improvements thereon," and by adding at the end of the said sub-section the words "and the value per foot of frontage of the land to be so exempted from any general rate or assessment for the like purpose shall be estimated for the purpose of such exemption, and shall be stated in the notice of assessment provided for in sub-section 2 of section 671, and such valuation shall be subject to appeal under sub-section 5 of said sub-section."

On motion of Mayor Graham, of London, and ex-Ald. Cluff, of Ottawa, the following resolution was adopted: That power should be given cities having a population of more than 15,000 to provide for the election of aldermen by a general vote instead of by wards, if such mode of election be desired by a majority of the electors, and that the question of its adoption should be submitted by the Council to the vote of the ratepayers at the next municipal elections, if desired by petition of at least 300 ratepayers, and if decided by such vote in the affirmative, the aldermen at all future annual elections shall be elected by a general vote.

A number of resolutions respecting the water power privileges for cities, local improvements and industrial schools were adopted.

It was decided to form the Ontario Municipal Association, to consist of the mayors of cities and towns and other representatives, to meet once, a year, the Executive Committee to meet prior to the meeting of the Legislature.

The following officers were elected: Mayor of Hamilton, president; Mayors of St. Catharines and Guelph, vice-presidents; S. H. Kent, Hamilton, secretary; John T. Hall, Hamilton, assistant secretary; executive committee, Robert Fleming (Toronto), ex-Ald. Cluff (Ottawa), and the Mayors of London, Port Hope and Belleville. The convention concluded its business and adjourned to meet in London next year, during the second week of the fair.



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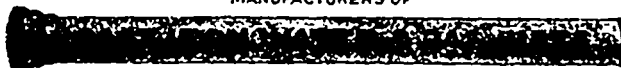
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	F.O.B.	F.O.B.	
	Toronto.	Montreal.	
Common Walling.....	7 00 8 00	7 50 8 00	
Good Facing.....	8 00 9 00	8 50 9 00	
Sewer.....	8 00 9 00	8 50 9 00	

STONE.

Common Rubble, per ton, delivered.....	10 10	11 00
Large flat Rubble, per ton, delivered.....	14 00	18 00
Foundation Blocks, per c. ft. Granite (Stanstead) Ashlar, 6 in. to 12 in., rise and fall, per ft. Amherst Red Sandstone. Amherst, N.S., per cu. ft. Kent Free stone Quarries, Moncton, N.B., per cu. ft. River John, N. S., brown Freestone, per cu. ft. Port Phillip, N. S. Brown Sandstone.....	95	95
	90	

"Scoria" Paving Blocks, 8" x 3 1/2" x 5".....	55
"Scoria" Paving Blocks, 8" x 3 1/2" x 4".....	45 00
Masilon.....	30 00
Quebec and Vermont rough granite for building purposes, per c. ft. For ornamental work, per sq. ft. Granite paving blocks, 8 in. x 12 in. x 2 1/4 in., per M. Granite curbing stone, 6 in. x 20 in., per lineal foot.....	40 1 00 40 50 0 70

CREDIT VALLEY STONE.	
F.O.B. Quarries.	
Rubble, per car of 15 tons.....	7 00
Brown Coursing, upto 10 in., per sup. yard.....	1 50 to 1 75
Brown Dimension, per cub. ft. Grey Coursing, per sup. yard Grey Dimension, per cub. ft.	60 1 00 45

LONGFORD STONE.	
Rubble, per 30 M. car.....	5 00
Ashlar, per cub. yd.....	7 00
Dimension, per cub. ft.....	18

SLATE.	
Toronto. Montreal.	
Roofing (10 square).....	
" red.....	17 50 20 00
" purple.....	8 50 10 00
" untinting green.....	8 50 7 00 8 00
" black.....	7 50 6 50
Terra Cotta Tile, per sq.....	20 00 25 00
Ornamental Black Slate Roofing.....	8 80 6 80

CEMENT, LIME, etc.			
German per 100.....	2 90 3 10	2 55 2 65	
London.....	2 95 3 00	2 25 2 45	
Newcastle.....	2 70 3 00	1 95 2 10	
" Joseph Bra Portland.....	3 05 3 25	2 70 2 80	
" Dyckerhoff.....	3 05 3 25	2 75 2 90	
North's "Condor".....	2 95 3 10	2 65 2 80	
English, artificial, per bbl.....	2 85 3 00	2 35 2 45	
Belgian, natural, per bbl.....	2 50 2 75	2 00 2 20	
Canadian, artificial, ".....	2 85 3 00	2 60 2 70	
Roman.....		2 20 2 25	
Parian.....	5 25 5 25	5 75 5 75	
Superfine.....	1 25 1 75	8 25 9 00	
" Karlstaedt" (German).....	3 05 3 25	2 75 2 90	
" Germania" (German).....	3 05 3 25	2 75 2 90	
" Rooster" (Belgian).....	2 15 2 20		
" Keystone" (Belgian).....	2 05 2 20		
" Anvil" (Belgian).....	1 95 2 05		
" Burham" (English).....	2 95 3 00	2 25 2 45	
Hydraulic Cements.—			
Thorold, per bbl.....	1 50	1 65	
Queenston, ".....	1 50	1 60	
Napanee, ".....	1 50	1 50	
Hull, ".....	1 50	1 50	
Ontario, ".....	1 25		

Keene's Coarse "Whites".....	5 50	6 00	50 0	5 50
Fire Bricks, Newcastle, per M.....	30 00	35 00	16 00	21 00
Scotch.....	30 00	35 00	19 00	21 00
Lime, 100 lbs., Grey.....			25	
" " White.....			30	
Plaster, Calcined, N. B.....			2 00	1 50
" " N. S.....			2 00	1 50
Hair, Plasterers', per bag.....	80	1 00		000

HARDWARE.			
The following are the quotations to builders for nails at Toronto and Montreal:			
Cut nails, 50d & 60d, per keg.....	2 25		1 85
Steel " " ".....	2 25		1 95
CUT NAILS, FENCE AND CUT SPIKES.			
40d, hot cut, per 100 lbs.....	2 15		1 85
20 to 12d, hot cut.....	2 25		1 95
8d, 9d, " ".....	2 30		2 00
6d, 7d, " ".....	2 45		2 15
4d to 3d, " ".....	2 55		2 25
3d, " ".....	2 60		2 25
2d, " ".....	3 75		2 85
Cut spikes, 10 cents per keg advance.			
Steel Nails, 1 c. per keg extra.			
Wire nails, 2 1/2 base price.			

Iron Pipe:			
Iron pipe, 1/2 inch, per foot.....	6c.		6c.
" " 3/4 " " ".....	7		7 1/2
" " 1 " " ".....	8 1/2		8 1/2
" " 1 1/4 " " ".....	12		12
" " 1 1/2 " " ".....	17		17
" " 1 3/4 " " ".....	24		24
" " 2 " " ".....	30		30
" " 2 1/2 " " ".....	43		43
Toronto, 65 per cent. discount.			
Montreal, 70 per cent. discount.			

Lead Pipe:			
Lead pipe, per lb.....	7c.		25 per
Waste pipe, per lb.....	7 1/2		cent. dis

Galvanized Iron:			
Adam's—Mar's Best and Queen's Head and Opello:			
16 to 24 gauge, per lb.....	4 1/2 c.	4 1/2 c.	4 1/2
20 gauge, " ".....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
28 " ".....	5	5 1/2	4 1/2
Gordon Crown—			
16 to 24 gauge, per lb.....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
20 gauge, " ".....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
28 " ".....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
Note.—Cheaper grades about 1/2 c. per lb. less.			

Structural Iron:			
Steel Beams, per 100 lbs.....	2 75		2 30
" channels, ".....	2 85		2 30
" angles, ".....	2 50		2 61
" tees, ".....	2 80		2 65
" plates, ".....	2 55		2 00
Shared steel bridge plate.....			2 30