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## NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

### TENDERS FOR PAVEMENTS

Tenders will be received by registered post only, addressed to the Chairman of the Board of Control, City Hall, Toronto, up to NOON ON THURSDAY, APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>, 1897, for the construction of the following works:

#### ASHALT PAVEMENT

On Front Street, from Church Street to Yonge Street  
On Carlton Avenue (now Aberdeen Avenue), from Ontario Street easterly to a point 222 feet.

#### BRICK PAVEMENT

On Hazelton Avenue, from Yorkville Avenue to Davenport Road.  
On Johnston Street, from Adelaide Street to south end.  
On Huntley Street, from Earl Street to Bloor Street.

Specifications may be seen and forms of tender obtained at the office of the City Engineer, Toronto, on and after Friday, March 19, 1897.

A deposit in the form of a marked cheque, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for the sum of 5 per cent. on the value of the work tendered for up to \$10,000, and 2½ per cent. on the value of the work tendered for over that amount, must accompany each and every tender, otherwise they will not be entertained.

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

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted

R. J. FLEMING (Mayor),  
Chairman Board of Control,

City Hall, Toronto, March 18, 1897.

## TENDERS WANTED

Tenders will be received by the undersigned, up to NOON OF MONDAY, APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>, 1897, for the construction of the McIntosh Drain, lots 24, 25 and 26, con. 9, East and West Zorra. Plans and specifications can be seen at Alexander Matheson's, lot 26, con. 9, who will show the location of the work. Offers may be either for work or material, or for both. A deposit of two per cent. of the amount required with each tender, as security for entering into contract. The lowest or any other tender not necessarily accepted. Tenders opened at Township Hall, Strathallan, at 3 p. m. on above date.

JAMES ANDERSON,  
Clerk East Zorra, Strathallan, Ont.

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1897.

## SEWERS

### NIAGARA FALLS, CANADA

Sealed proposals will be received by the Corporation of the Town of Niagara Falls, Canada, until 8 o'clock p. m. on

Monday, the 5th Day of April, 1897,

for the furnishing of all the materials and doing all the work necessary for the complete construction of Sections No. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Niagara Falls Sewerage System.

The works to be built under these sections and the approximate quantities of the same are as follows:

Section 3.—About 735 feet of 15 inch, 1,190 feet of 12 inch, 2,146 feet of 10 inch and 9,244 feet of 8 and 9 inch Pipe Sewers.

Section 4.—About 360 feet of 18 inch, 1,083 feet of 12 inch, 470 feet of 10 inch and 3,776 feet of 8 inch Pipe Sewer.

Section 5.—About 1,361 feet of 15 inch, 55 feet of 12 inch, 370 feet of 10 inch and 2,190 feet of 8 and 9 inch Pipe Sewers.

Also about 769 feet of Brick Sewer, 24 x 36 inches, and outlet into the Niagara Gorge, consisting of shaft and tunnel in rock, pipe, chambers, etc.

Section 6.—About 1,129 feet of 12 inch, 1,222 feet of 10 inch and 4,080 feet of 8 and 9 inch Pipe Sewers.

Section 7.—About 550 feet of Brick Trunk Sewer, 4 feet by 6 feet, in deep cut.

Including in these sections all the rock excavation and appurtenances required.

Proposals may be made in bulk sum for all the sections or for one or any number of sections. Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified cheque for a sum equivalent to six per cent. (6%) of the amount of the same, payable to the Treasurer of the Town of Niagara Falls, said cheque to be returned to the person making the proposal, unless he fail to execute the contract should it be awarded him.

A bond for an amount equal to forty (40) per cent. of the estimated total cost of the construction of each section will be required by the Town of Niagara Falls for the faithful performance of the same, and the successful bidder for each section, before being awarded the contract, must appear before the Mayor with approved sureties for this purpose.

A certificate signed by the sureties must accompany each proposal.

Proposals shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes and addressed "The Town of Niagara Falls, Ontario, John Robinson, Clerk, and endorsed "Proposal for Section No. ... Niagara Falls Sewerage System." (If more than one section is tendered for, the envelope must be so endorsed.)

Plans, profiles and drawings may be seen, and specifications, forms of proposal, contract, etc., may be obtained at the office of the Engineer, Bridge Street, Niagara Falls, Canada, after Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 1897.

The Corporation and the Sewer Committee reserve the right to reject or to recommend to be rejected, any or all proposals.

CHARLES C. COLE, Mayor  
WILLIAM COLE, Chairman of Com.  
J. B. STEVENS, Secretary.  
CHARLES H. MITCHELL, Engineer.

## Tenders Wanted

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to NOON ON MONDAY, APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>, 1897, for the erection of a

### STEEL HIGHWAY BRIDGE

in the Township of East Zorra. Site is 4 miles from Strathallan station, G. T. R. Stone abutments will be ready August 1<sup>st</sup>. Length of bridge over all 70 feet, in one span. Width of floor 14 feet. Height from water 12 feet. Depth of water 2 feet. Floor and joists to be of oak, costing in the vicinity of \$18 per M. Tenders to be accompanied by sketch of bridge and lead it is designed to carry. To be completed by August 10<sup>th</sup>. The lowest or any offer not necessarily accepted. Mark envelope "Tender for Bridge," and address

JAMES ANDERSON,  
Clerk East Zorra,  
Strathallan, Ont.

## STEAM ROAD ROLLER

### Niagara Falls, Canada

Sealed proposals will be received by the Corporation of the Town of Niagara Falls, Canada, until 8 o'clock p. m. MONDAY, THE 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 1897, for the furnishing of a Steam Road Roller.

Proposals are to be made for machines of both ten tons and twelve tons weight (unloaded) and with double cylinders. General specifications for each roller are to be furnished, signed by the person making the proposal and enclosed with the same.

Persons making proposals for a Roller are to be prepared to satisfy the committee of its capabilities, either by testimonials or by actual trial. Proposals to be enclosed in sealed envelopes and addressed "The Town of Niagara Falls, Ontario, John Robinson, Clerk, and endorsed, "Tender for Road Roller."

The Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

CHARLES C. COLE, Mayor.  
WILLIAM COLE, Chairman of Com.

### CONTRACTS OPEN.

TOLEDO, ONT.—Mr. Percival, merchant tailor, proposes erecting a new residence.

LEAMINGTON, ONT.—S. T. Henderson will erect a two-story building, at a cost of \$2,500.

THAMESVILLE, ONT.—The Methodist congregation propose erecting a new church.

COLLINGWOOD, ONT.—Plans are being prepared for a two-story store to be erected by W. J. Douglas.

L'ORIGINAL, ONT.—The Council have decided to invite tenders for a fire engine and appliances.

COWANSVILLE, QUE.—A by-law to provide funds for a system of waterworks has been carried by the ratepayers.

VICTORIA, B. C.—The ratepayers will be asked to sanction a by law to provide \$17,000 for school buildings.

RIVIERE DU LOUP, QUE.—A proposal is being considered for the construction of a system of drainage and waterworks.

METCALFE, ONT.—A by-law will be submitted to the ratepayers to raise \$9,000 for the purpose of erecting a high school,

building.—Rev. C. Clarke will receive tenders until 8 p.m. to-day (Thursday) for stonework of an English church. Plans at office of A. M. Calderon, architect, Ottawa.

MEAFORD, ONT.—It is rumored that the Grand Trunk Railway Company will extend their line from this town to Owen Sound.

NELSON, B. C.—The estimated cost of the Slocan river line, for which tenders are asked by the C. P. R., is given as \$500,000.

DELHI, ONT.—Plans have been received for a new school building, and tenders for construction will be invited at an early date.

PARRY SOUND, ONT.—Mr. Henry Simpson, architect, of Toronto, will prepare plans for a new building for the Odd-fellows' Society.

KINGSTON, ONT.—Power & Son, architects, are receiving tenders for additions and improvements to a residence on Wellington street.

PORT HOPE, ONT.—Offers are invited by J. W. Sanders, Town Clerk, until the 27th inst., for lighting the streets with arc lights or gas lamps.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—The City Engineer has been instructed to prepare plans for a large wharf to be built in connection with the harbor improvements.

COBOURG, ONT.—Mrs. Munson, of Detroit, will erect a summer residence here this summer.—Mrs. Wells will build an addition to her residence this spring.

STRATHALLAN, ONT.—James Anderson, clerk of East Zorra, will receive tenders until April 5th for constructing the McIntosh drain in East and West Zorra.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—A large hotel is to be erected on the shore of Bricklet Bay by the Northern Supply Company. It is stated that a large wharf and store will also be built.

ALVINSTON, ONT.—A. L. Code, O. L. S., C. E., writes that steps are being taken towards the erection of a brick and stone Presbyterian church, to seat 400 and cost about \$5,000.

SPRUCEDALE, ONT.—Tenders for building a schoolhouse for school section No. 1, McMurrich, are asked until the 29th inst. by George Downes, secretary of the School Board.

PORT ARTHUR, ONT.—A deputation from this vicinity last week requested the Ontario Legislature to grant an increased bonus towards the completion of the Rainy River Railway.

DELORAIN, MAN.—Separate and bulk tenders are invited until the 27th inst. for erecting a solid brick church for the Methodist congregation. Address, Rev. W. Bridgman.

HALIFAX, N. S. Competitive plans are invited from architects for a main exhibition building. For particulars, address J. W. Power, secretary Provincial Exhibition Commission.

BERLIN, ONT.—Jackson & Cochrane propose building an addition to their wood-working factory, 30 x 100 feet.—The G. T. R. will build a modern depot here. Work will commence May 1st.

APPIN, ONT.—Charles Strachan will receive proposals until the 31st inst. for the erection of a brick church in this village, from the plans of McBride & Farncombe, architects, London.

GRANBY, QUE.—The Granby Rubber Co. are erecting a box shop, in which to manufacture wood cases and paper boxes. The main building will be 84 x 36 ft., two stories, with boiler house 24 x 30 ft.

ARNPRIOR, ONT.—Tenders for erecting a brick school, from the plans of Andrew Bell, architect, of Almonte, are invited until the 6th of April. For particulars ad-

dress George Craig, secretary Board of Education.

BRANDON, MAN.—William H. Brandon and C. K. Hammond, of this place, and R. B. Kerr, of New Denver, are seeking incorporation for the purpose of constructing waterworks and electric light systems.

GRAND FORKS, B. C.—A. B. Jones will shortly commence the erection of a large lodging house.—It is said to be the intention of a gentleman from Washington to shortly commence the erection of a hotel on Bridge street.

GUELPH, ONT.—William Reynolds, county treasurer, will receive tenders until Wednesday, April 7th, for extensions to the registry office and judge's chambers at the court house, from the plans of G. A. Trimble, architect.

BRANTFORD, ONT.—Tenders are asked until April 5th, addressed to A. K. Bunnell, secretary School Board, for the erection of a large school in this city. Plans may be seen at the office of the secretary or of the architect, Beaumont Jarvis, McKinnon Building, Toronto.

PETROLEA, ONT.—The Public School Board invites plans from architects for a brick or brick and stone school building, two stories, with basement, to contain four rooms, and having seating capacity for 240. Estimated cost, \$5,000. Particulars from W. E. Langford, secretary.

ROSSLAND, B. C.—The British Columbia Power & Light Company are seeking incorporation, to develop water power on the Pend d'Orelle river, to construct and operate electric generating stations, and for other purposes. Among the promoters are Frank C. Loring and W. S. Norman.

NANAIMO B. C.—The Nanaimo-Alberni Railway Company, composed of Andrew Haslam, J. H. Davidson and others, are seeking incorporation, for the purpose of constructing a railway from Alberni to Nanaimo, with power to operate telegraph and telephone lines, construct wharves, docks, etc.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN.—It is reported that the Northern Pacific Railway Company will build a line of railway north from this place.—The congregation of Knox church have accepted the plans of Smith & Gemmell, architects, of Toronto, for their proposed church, and work will be commenced at an early date.

RAT PORTAGE, ONT.—Barber & Barber, architects, have prepared plans for a seven-story building to be built on the Chadwick property; estimated cost \$75,000.—The Town Council will raise \$40,000 for local improvements.—The construction of a waterworks and sewerage system will probably be undertaken at an early date.

HULL, QUE.—Proposals for the purchase of \$73,000 of debentures are invited until the 15th April. Address A. P. Thibault, city treasurer.—The E. B. Eddy Company are taking estimates on an iron and frame roof for the boiler house. They also desire to purchase a quantity of fire bricks and clay.

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.—The corporation invites tenders until 8 p.m. on Monday, April 5th, for the furnishing of a steam road roller. Proposals are to be made for machines of both ten and twelve tons. Particulars from Mr. John Robinson, Town Clerk.—The Council will likely construct permanent pavements on a number of streets.

REVELSTOKE, B. C.—The Revelstoke Waterworks, Electric Light & Power Company is seeking incorporation, for the purpose of supplying electric light and power to this town. Among the promoters are William M. Brown and Thomas Downs.—The Edmonton & Kootenay Packing Company will erect a cold storage warehouse here.

WINNIPEG MAN.—The Industrial Ex-

hibition Association have decided to erect a large grand stand and other buildings.—Tenders are invited until the 27th inst. for the erection of a solid brick residence for J. H. Ashdown, from plans by J. H. G. Russell, architect, Canada Permanent Block.—The City Council has given notice of its intention to construct a sewer on Furby street, to cost \$3,700.—Mr. Rudolph Hering, C. E., of New York, who is to report on a waterworks system, is in the city.

HAMILTON, ONT.—At a recent meeting of the shareholders of the Hamilton, Chedoke & Ancaster Electric Railway Company, it was decided to ask the Legislature for a supplementary charter and for the extension of the line to Mohawk Park and Brantford.—The City Engineer has recommended that the following works be proceeded with: Twelve-inch main on Robinson street, from James to Hess streets; on Hess to Hannah, and on Hannah to Garth streets, cost \$8,496.50; twelve-inch main on Markland street, from high level reservoir to Bay street, \$3,598; six-inch main on Park street, from Duke to Bold, \$438; six-inch main on Brant avenue and Princess street to Westinghouse factory, \$995; six-inch main on Ferris street, from James to Wellington, \$2,695.

LONDON, ONT.—It is understood that Robert Lloyd proposes erecting a new hotel.—A committee appointed to consider the hospital project favor the erection of a building in the north end of the city, and will report to the Medical Association to this effect.—The damage to the Adelaide street bridge by the recent flood will cost \$3,000 to repair.—At a vestry meeting of St. James church, plans were submitted and adopted for remodelling the church building, at a cost of \$7,000. New seats are included in the proposed improvements.—Young & Smith have been granted a building permit for a residence on Elmwood avenue, to cost \$1,800.—Moore & Henry, architects, will prepare plans for remodelling St. James church, South London.—Geo. Craddock, architect, will receive tenders until the 29th inst. for erecting a brick house on York street.—The Street Railway Company will extend their Springbank line to Byron, at a cost of \$10,000.

QUEBEC, QUE.—W. D. Baillairge, assistant city inspector, invites tenders until Wednesday, the 31st inst., for the following works and supplies: Unbroken and broken stone, stone sidewalks and iron and vitrified brick crossings, deals, lumber, etc., sand, cast iron and stone gully wells, nails, stone paving, macadam, forge work, and stone kerb. Particulars may be obtained from the City Engineer.—It has been decided to remove St. John's gate, and the upper part of the structure will be replaced by an elegant ornamental iron bridge 30 feet above the road. The plans of the proposed work have been prepared and submitted to the Dominion government, as well as that intended to connect Richelieu and McMahon streets by a cut through the fortification wall. The passage through the latter will be 40 feet wide, and will be spanned overhead by a handsome iron bridge 20 feet over the roadway.—Mrs. T. Beland is about to reconstruct immediately the store destroyed by fire and that belonged to her on St. Joseph street. She intends to erect a four-story house in stone and brick with flat roof, to cost \$15,000.—A. Hunt will shortly build on Dalhousie street a new brick facade, to cost \$10,000.—Mr. John Ritchie has purchased a site on Valier street with the intention of ultimately building thereon.

OTTAWA, ONT.—E. F. E. Roy, secretary Department of Public Works, will receive proposals until the 9th of April, for the construction of a wharf at Pugwash, N. S. Plans may be seen at the post-office in that town, at the office of C. E. W. Dodwell, Halifax, and at the above Department.—

The city engineer is preparing an estimate of the cost of paving Wellington street with Massillon brick.—Robert Surtees, city engineer, will receive tenders until Tuesday, 30th inst., for the supply of oils, lead pipe, brass work, hardware, hydrants, valves, castings, cast-iron pipe and fire alarm supplies, also until the 31st inst. for supplying cedar plank and vitrified sewer pipes.—A committee has been appointed, of which ex-Ald. MacLean is chairman, to consider the question of erecting a building in this city in commemoration of the Queen's diamond jubilee. The estimated cost of a suitable structure is placed at \$80,000.—The Southern Counties Railway Company are seeking a charter to build a railway from Chambly to Sherbrooke, Que.—The Quebec Bridge Company ask authority from the Dominion Government to extend the time for the commencement of their work.—The congregation of Erskine Presbyterian church, of which Rev. Dr. Campbell is pastor, have decided to sell their present building and erect a new church at the corner of Arthur and Somerset streets, at an estimated cost of \$12,000.—Mr. John R. Reid, local manager of the Sun Life Assurance Company, has purchased property on Sparks street on which the company will erect a new office building, the plans for which will be prepared by Mr. E. L. Horwood, architect.—The bill authorizing this city to borrow \$60,000 for improving the waterworks system and \$55,000 for fire alarm apparatus, has been passed by the Private Bills Committee of the Ontario legislature.—J. H. Balderson, secretary of the Department of Railways and Canals, will receive tenders until Saturday, April 17th, for the enlargement of the Galops canal. Plans at above department and at engineer's office at Cornwall.—The Department of Railways and Canals asks tenders until the 10th inst. for improvement of the North channel, situated between Galops canal and Prescott. Proposals are also wanted until the 19th inst. for the enlargement of the Farran's Point canal.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Mr. Lewis Coste, chief engineer of the Public Works Department, Ottawa, was in the city recently surveying the proposed ground for the eastern harbor. It is said to be the intention of the government to make extensive improvements.—W. E. Doran, architect, has invited tenders for an extension to a house on Hubert street for Wm. Strachan; also for alterations to dwellings on Wellington street for J. P. Cuddy.—Tenders have been received at Mr. Robert Findlay's office for a residence to be built at Westmount for A. N. Paxton; also for Thos. Fraser's residence, to be erected on Prince Albert avenue, Westmount.—Robert Findlay, architect, is preparing plans for two residences on Cote St. Antoine road, Westmount.—Macduff & Lemeux, architects, are preparing plans for a convent to be erected at St. Henry for the Rev'd Sisters of St. Anne. Tenders will be invited shortly.—Gamelin & Huot, architects, are calling for tenders for four residences to be erected on Quiblier street for the Estate Masson.

TORONTO, ONT.—A permit has been granted to C. Evans for a brick house on the west side of St. George street, near Sussex avenue, to cost \$6,000.—Henry Simpson, architect, will prepare plans for a building at Parry Sound for the Odd-fellows Society.—T. B. Baggshaw has taken out a building permit for a detached brick dwelling, south side Marion street, east of Roncesvalles avenue, cost \$2,500.—Mr. Rawlinson has been granted a permit for an addition to his storage warehouse on Phipps street, to cost \$2,000.—The plans of Smith & Gemmell, architects, of this city, have been accepted for the proposed Presbyterian church at Portage la Prairie, Man.—Mr. Henry Darling, of the firm of Darling & Pearson, architects, has been commissioned by the solicitors

of the Lawlor Estate to prepare plans for the new building to be erected at the north-west corner of King and Yonge streets. The new structure will be five stories, of brick and stone, and fire-proof as far as possible. The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$50,000.—G. M. Miller & Co., architects, are preparing plans for extensive barns to be built on the farm "Dentonia," East Toronto.—The trustees of the East Toronto public school are considering the question of erecting an additional story to the present school building.—The residents of St. Joseph street have petitioned for the construction of a pavement.—It is said to be the intention of the Ontario Radiator Co., which was recently organized, to erect this summer a factory building just north of the C. P. R. tracks on Yonge street.—Mr. J. W. Siddall, architect, is preparing plans for remodeling the store of Messrs. W. A. Murray & Co. on King street, which was recently destroyed by fire.

**FIRES.**

The saw mill of D. B. Barnhill at Two Rivers, N. S., was recently burned, at a loss of \$3,000; no insurance.—A large residence at Weston, Ont., owned by Mrs. Stong, was completely destroyed by fire on the 17th inst. Loss \$20,000; partially covered by insurance.—Fire at Magneta-wan, Ont., on the 18th inst., destroyed William McLachlan's steam lumber and shingle mills, at a loss of \$2,000; no insurance. It is the intention to rebuild at once.—H. S. Austin's saw, shingle and grist mills at Edwardsville, Ont., were recently burned. Loss \$10,000; no insurance.—A small public school at Minesing, Ont., was recently destroyed by fire, at a loss of \$1,200.—The Pembina street school building at Winnipeg, Man., was burned a few days ago, at a loss of upwards of \$4,000. In consequence of the fire, it is probable that the school board will recommend the erection of a more commodious building on another site

**CONTRACTS AWARDED.**  
 CHATHAM, ONT.—T. L. Pardo, M.P.P., has let the contract for a new residence at Cedar Springs, to cost \$10,000.  
 CARP, ONT. The contract for the Agricultural Hall has been let to William Cummings, of Hazledean, at the price of \$1,025.  
 BROCKVILLE, ONT.—The C. P. R. have closed a contract with Thomas Tompkins, of this town, to build a large hotel at Revelstoke, B. C.  
 ST. VALENTIN, QUE.—The contract for the new wharf has been let by the Dominion government to Messier & Naylor, of this place.  
 MOLESWORTH, ONT. Blow & Nash, of Gorrie, have the contract for the brick and stone work of the new Presbyterian church to be built here.  
 HULL, QUE.—Joseph Bourque, of this town, has received the contract, at the price of \$10,000, for the construction of a chapel at St. Eustache.  
 WABIGOON, ONT.—T. A. Kennedy, of Toronto, has secured the contract for the erection of a large block here, to be used as a bank and post-office.  
 OWEN SOUND, ONT.—The contract for pipe for the waterworks extension has been let to The Gartshore-Thomson Pipe & Foundry Co., of Hamilton.  
 THOROLD, ONT.—The Estate of John Battle have received the contract from the Dominion government for the supply of 30,000 barrels of Portland cement.  
 COBourg, ONT.—M. Williams has awarded contracts for additions to his hotel as follows. Mason and plaster work, Martin & Jex; woodwork, Henderson Bros.  
 SUSSEX, N. B.—Edward Fairweather has received the contract to erect a residence for Murray Huestis.—George H. White proposes erecting a large brick

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THE Authorities at Ottawa have been investigating the merits of the new Wall Plaster, known as

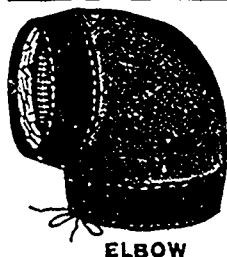
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building, the contract for which has been let to Thomas Heffer.

QUEBEC, QUE.—The contract for additions to the Union Bank building in this city has been awarded to Mr. Peters, at the price of \$13,000, exclusive of heating and plumbing.

LONDON, ONT.—Tenders have been accepted as follows for erecting the Wortley road Baptist church. Carpentering, Wm. Gerry; brickwork, John Hayman & Sons; painting, Westland & Son; plastering, Prichett & Calhoun; plumbing, Skelly & Son; pulling down old building, Wm. Gerry. The seating capacity of the church will be 300, and the cost \$7,000.

TORONTO, ONT.—The following tenders were received for repairing asphalt pavements: 2½ inch asphalt, without concrete, \$1.67 and \$1.35 a yard; 2-inch asphalt, \$1.50 and \$1.15 a yard, concrete, \$4.40 and \$4.90 a cubic yard, filling, 40 cents and 75 cents a cubic yard.—R. J. Edwards, architect, has accepted the lump tender of F. Armstrong for the erection of a cottage at the Island, to cost \$800.

OTTAWA, ONT.—Munro & Murray, of Pembroke, are said to be the lowest tenderers for sections 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the

Soulanges canal.—Contracts have been let as below for American Bank Note Company's building: Masonry, brickwork and cement, Holbrook & Sutherland; other trades, J. & C. Low. Cost \$60,000.—Ernest C. Arnoldi will supply the steel and iron work for the American Bank Note Company's new building.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The tender of G. T. Simpson, for a dynamo for the sewage

disposal works, has been accepted; price \$175.—Contracts for furniture and fittings for the Collegiate Institute have been let as below. Furniture, Joseph Hoodless & Son, \$1,415; galvanized iron and copper work, J. E. Riddell, \$165; plumbing and gas fitting, W. J. Walsh, \$277; blinds, Semmens & Evel, \$429; motor and fan, Lowe & Farrell, \$155; electric fixtures, W. J. Walsh, \$800.

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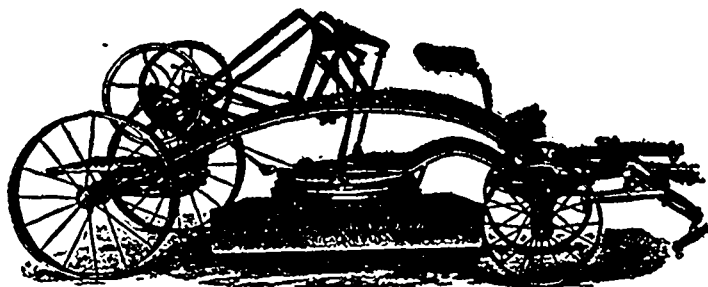
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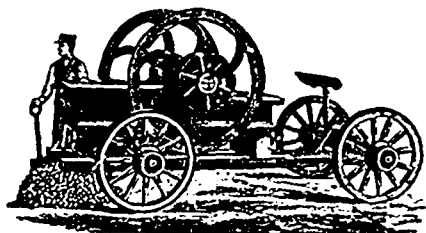
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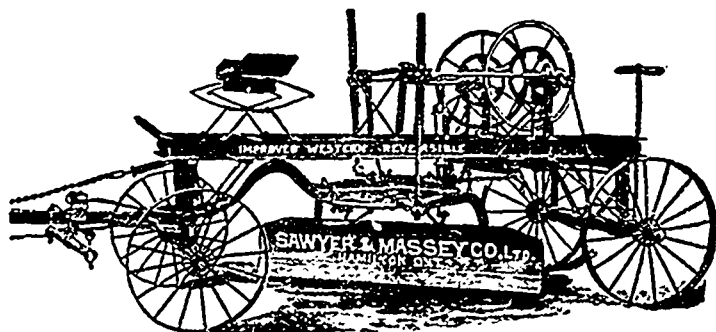
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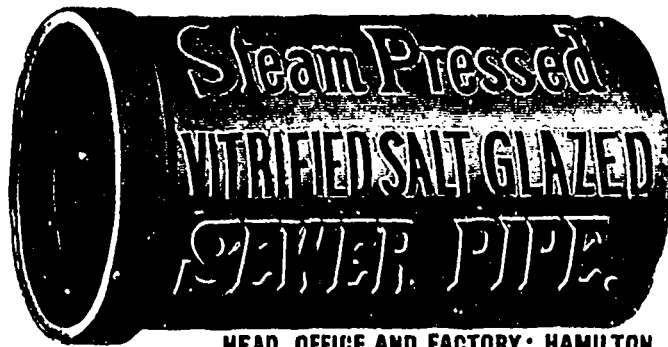
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## MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL ACCOUNTS.

Hon. A. S. Hardy has introduced in the Ontario legislature an act to make better provisions for keeping and auditing municipal and school accounts. Some of the most important provisions of the bill are printed below :

The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may from time to time appoint for the purposes of this Act an officer to be known as "The Provincial Municipal Auditor."

It shall be the duty of the Provincial Municipal Auditor, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, from time to time to frame rules respecting the following matters, namely:—The number and form of books of account to be kept by the treasurers of county, township, town and village municipalities respectively, the system of book-keeping to be adopted by all municipal treasurers, or by the treasurers of any class of municipalities, and by the treasurers of all or of any class of school boards; the manner in which books of account, vouchers, receipts, moneys and securities of municipalities and school boards shall be kept; the audit and examination of accounts and moneys of municipal corporations and of school moneys by municipal and school auditors respectively, or by the Provincial Municipal Auditor, or by any person appointed by him for that purpose.

The rules so made shall after approval by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and publication in the Ontario Gazette, have the force of law, and any officer of a municipal corporation guilty of any wilful act or omission in contravention of such rules, in addition to any other penalty provided by law, shall upon conviction before two or more justices of the peace, be liable to a penalty of not more than \$100, nor less than \$20 and cost, and shall be disqualified for the period of two years thereafter from holding any municipal office.

In order that municipal accounts may be kept correctly and according to a uniform method, the said Auditor shall prepare a book or sets of books of account upon a proper system for use by county, township, town and village corporations respectively; and he shall submit the said books to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for approval.

The said auditor when directed by and subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council as aforesaid shall also from time to time prepare books of account upon a simple and uniform system of bookkeeping for use by the various school boards throughout the province.

The council of each of the said municipalities and each of the said school boards, shall procure the book or books prescribed for their respective municipality or board, and shall keep the accounts of the municipality or board therein, and

in accordance with the system provided thereby, and any municipality aforesaid which refuses or neglects so to do, shall be liable to the penalty of \$200 for every month it may be in default.

In case there is no prospect of the publication of said books or of any one or more of them by some responsible publisher, the Auditor may call for tenders for their publication, and with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, may arrange for such publication and for the sale thereof, and in order that said books may be supplied to the public at a reasonable cost, may, with the like approval, fix the price at which the same shall be sold.

The Provincial Municipal Auditor may at any time on his own motion, or whenever requested by any member of a municipal council, if directed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, or when required by a requisition in writing signed by thirty ratepayers resident in the municipality he shall make a full audit, inspection and examination of the books, accounts, vouchers and moneys of any municipal corporation in the hands of the treasurer or collector thereof.

The said Auditor upon any such audit, examination or inspection may require the treasurer, collector or auditor of any municipality or school board, or any other person to appear and give evidence on oath, and for this purpose shall have the same power to summons such officers or other persons to attend as witnesses, to enforce their attendance, and to compel them to produce books and documents and to give evidence as any judge or court has in civil cases, and the officers of all municipalities and school boards shall as often as required by the said Auditor produce all books and documents required to be kept by them, at the treasurer's office for examination and inspection.

The Provincial Municipal Auditor or any other person making an audit, inspection or examination under this Act, shall report thereon to the council of the municipality, and to the Lieutenant-Governor, and shall in such report make such recommendations as may seem to him to be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act and The Municipal Act and the School Laws as regards the keeping of the books and accounts of the municipality or board, and so as best to secure the moneys and assets of the said corporation.

Whenever the said Auditor personally

conducts an audit, inquiry, inspection or examination under this act, the fees and expenses to be allowed therefor shall be determined and certified by the Attorney-General or other Minister, and shall become a debt due to the Crown from the municipality, and in default of payment thereof the Provincial Treasurer may deduct the same from any moneys payable to the municipality by the province.

Whenever such audit, inquiry, inspection, or examination is conducted by any person other than the said Auditor, the fees and expenses to be allowed for the same shall be determined by the Auditor subject to the approval of the Attorney-General or other Minister, and shall thenceforth become a debt due such persons by the municipal corporation, and shall be payable within three months after demand thereof at the office of the treasurer of the municipality.

The said Auditor shall not receive from any municipal corporation, or from any officer thereof, any fees or other remuneration for service rendered by him in the fulfilment of the duties of his office under this Act, and in lieu of all other fees, emoluments or expense he shall be paid out of the consolidated revenue fund such salary per annum as shall from time to time be provided by the Legislature, and reasonable travelling and other expenses.

The said Auditor shall annually prepare and present to the Lieutenant-Governor a report showing the number and character of the investigations made by him or under his direction during the preceding year, and also as to any changes in the law or in the rules made under this Act which he may consider advisable.

The manager in charge of the bank in which municipal or school board funds are deposited shall make a true statement of the funds in the bank at any time desired.

The treasurer of every municipality and school board shall keep the moneys held by him as such treasurer entirely separate from his own moneys, and in depositing any moneys of the municipality or board in any bank or company he shall deposit the same to a separate account kept in his name as treasurer of the municipality or school board under some designation that will show the account to be an account of the money of such municipality or school board.

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Table listing hardware prices for 3 inch, per 100 lbs., 2 1/2 inch, 2 inch, 1 1/2 inch, 1 inch, and Slating Nails.

Table listing hardware prices for 5d, per 100 lbs., 4d, 3d, 2d, and Common Barrel Nails.

Table listing hardware prices for 1 inch, per 100 lbs., 3/4 inch, 1/2 inch, and Clinch Nails.

Table listing hardware prices for 3 inch, per 100 lbs., 2 1/2 inch, 2 inch, 1 1/2 inch, 1 inch, and Sharp and Flat Pressed Nails.

Table listing hardware prices for 3 inch, per 100 lbs., 2 1/2 inch, 2 inch, 1 1/2 inch, 1 inch, and Steel Wire Nails.

Table listing hardware prices for Steel Wire Nails, 80% of printed list, and Iron Pipe.

Table listing hardware prices for Iron pipe, 1/2 inch, per foot, and Waste pipe, per lb.

Table listing hardware prices for Lead pipe, per lb., and Galvanized Iron.

Table listing hardware prices for Adam's-Max's Best and Queen's Head, 16 to 24 gauge, per lb., 26 gauge, 28 gauge, and Gordon Crow.

Table listing hardware prices for 16 to 24 gauge, per lb., 26 gauge, 28 gauge, and Note—Cheaper grades about 1/2 c. per lb. less.

Table listing hardware prices for Steel Beams, per 100 lbs., channels, angles, tees, plates, and Sheared steel bridge plate.