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Whole or separate tenders will be received by the cuder-signed up to and including noon. MARCH oris, for the erection and completion of a church for the Melville Presbyterian congregation at Fergus. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of Powell & Wideman, Guelph.

H. J. POWELL, Architect, Stratford, Ont.

## TO CIVIL ENGINEERS

Tenders will be received up to MARCH 10TH NEXT for the following work:

Examine and Prepare Working Plans, Specifications and Estimates for the proposed Water-Works in the Village of Stirling.
 For Superintending the work during Construction.

JOHN S. BLACK, Village Clerk, Stirling, Ont.

Feb. 25, 1899.

## TO CONTRACTORS

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 12 O'CLOCK, NOON, SATURDAY, MARCH 4111, for the several trades required in the Removing of Old Laildings and the effection and completion of a

LARGE OFFICE BUILDING

r King Street, Toronto, for the National Trust Company of Ontario, Limited.
Plant and specifications may be seen and all other
information obtained at the office of the Architect.
GEO, W. GOUINLOCK, Architect,
714 Temple Building.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

## TO CONTRACTORS

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to MONDAY, 20TH MARCH NEXT, for the erection

#### **Brick School House** AT UPTERGROVE.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the offices of the architerts, Thos. Kennedy & Co, Barrie, and at the office of F. J. Gillespie, Uptergrove. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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PETER THOMSON, Secretary,
Uptergrove.

## TENDERS

Tenders will be received up to 5 p.m. on TULSDAY. MARCH 77H, for the Plastering, Painting, Iron and Roofing, Plumbing and Heating, in connection with Roofing. Plum the erection of

#### THREE DETACHED RESIDENCES

on Madison Avenue. Plans and specifications may be obtained at the office of the undersigned.

F. H. HERBERT, Architect, 9 Toronto Street.

## Tenders for Supplies

Tenders, addressed to the undersigned, in care of the Chy Clerk, Brantford, and marked "Tenders for Supplies," will be received up to 12 o'clock, noon, on MONDAY, MARCH 20711, 1899, for the supply of the following materials required by the Board of Works Department of the City of Brantford.

1. LUMBER. 2. CEDAR POSTS. 3. OAK PLANK.

4. SPIKES. 5. SEWER PIPB. 6. CEMENT.

according to specifications to be obtained on applica-tion to the City Clerk, Brantford.

Parties tendering for spikes are asked to give a segarate price for spikes manufactured in Brantford parate price for spikes manufactured in training.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted
W. G. ELLIOTT,
Chairman Board of Works.

Brantford, February 25th, 1899.

#### TENDERS FOR

# Waterworks Supplies

Sealed Tenders, addressed to the Chairman of the Fire, Water and Light Committee, will be received at the office of the undersigned up to 8.30 p.in. on

#### Monday, April 3rd, 1899,

for the supply of the following materials:

ne supply of the following materials
100 tons Pig Lead.
75 tons Lead Pipe.
2000 Corporation Cocks.
2000 Sidewalk Cocks.
2000 House Stop and Waste Cocks.
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Specifications and forms of tender may be obtained at the office of H. N. Ruttan, City Ingineer, Winnipeg. Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque or each deposit for the sum called for in the form of tender supplied, which will be subject to for-feiture in case of failure on the part of the Contractor to enter into a written contract if called upon to do so. If an accepted cheque is submitted it must be payable at par in Winnipeg or be for an amount sufficient to cover exchange over the sum called for in the form of tender supplied.

No tender necessarily accepted.

C J. BROWN, City Clerk. City Clerk's office, Winnipeg Man., Feb. 25, 1899.

### CONTRACTS OPEN.

MOULTON, ONT .- J. Kirk is preparing to erect a brick residence.

CASCADE CITY, B.C. -- A new Presby-terian church is to be built here.

WELLANDPORT, ONT .- Absalom Angle will erect a residence, to cost \$2,000.

HINTONBURG, ONT .- C. Burnside will elect a residence on the Richmond road.

WALLACEBURG, ONT. - The council contemplates the purchase of 300 feet of

GOWANSTOWN, ONT .- It is the intention of B. Greer to erect a residence next summer.

BRIGHT, ONT. The Blandford township council is considering the purchase of a road roller.

FERNIE, B. C .- William Eschwig, of Wardner, is about to erect a large block on Victoria avenue.

ST. THOMAS, ONT .- The county council will shortly invite tenders for furnishing the court house.

PORT COLBORNE, ONT.-Tenders are now being taken on a residence to be built by F. K. Brown

WOODSTOCK, ONT.—The C.P.R. will shortly commence work on the new station to he built here.

ROCKLAND, ONT.—Plans have been prepared for a new R.C. church to replace the one destroyed by fire.

PORT ROBINSON, ONT.—It is expected that a modern hotel will be built on the site of the Bennett House.

BALDERSON, ONT. The Presbyterian congregation will build a church in the near future, to cost \$3,000.

ST. Jacob's, ONT.—Moses G. Bowman intends building a cider mill and apple evaporating establishment.

MILVERTON, ONT. -- Geo. has purchased property on Mill street, on which he will build a residence.

PARRY SOUND, ONT.—It is reported that the Ontario government intends building a jail here this summer.

BLOOMSFIELD, ONT .- The farmers of West Lake have formed a stock company, and will erect a canning factory.

TARA, ONT. - L. D. Tobey, clerk, invites proposals up to March 6th for the purchase of \$4,000 of debentures.

ESSEX, ONT. - Charles Hannan, of this place, is looking for a location for a factory to manufacture butter dishes.

BUCKINGHAM, QUE. St. Stephen's vestry has decided to build a stone church. Plans will be selected at an early date.

HARROW, ONT .- On March 4th a vote of the ratepayers will be taken on a by law to borrow \$800 to purchase a fire engine.

CHATHAM, ONT. - James L. Wilson & Sons, architects, are taking tenders this week on a frame residence on Joseph street.

LINDSAY, ONI. - The Board of Trade is taking steps to secure the erection of a bridge across the river at the foot of Ridout street.

CEDARVII.LE, ONT. — Tenders wanted by 4th inst. for the erection of a Presbyterian church. Plans at residence of Samuel Rogers.

VALLEYFIELD, QUE. - A deputation from this place has requested the officials of the Canada Atlantic Railway to build a new station here.

ST. HYACINTHE, QUE.—It has been decided to build an annex to the Hotel Dieu Hospital, to accommodate 100 additional patients.

ARNPRIOR, ONT .- The curling club

purposes building a curling and skating rink, at a cost of \$2,600. Site has al ready been chosen.

LION'S HEAD, ONT.—A joint stock company will be formed to build a grist mill. J. H. Cook and A. B. Agar are provisional directors.

THESSALON, ONT. — The ratepayers will vote on a by-law to raise \$13,000 by the issue of debenures for the purchase of the waterworks system.

PEVENSFY, ONT — John A Hannaford wants tenders by March 6th for building a new school house and for enlarging and repairing another building

MIDDLEVILLE, ONT. - Tenders are invited by Andrew Baird up to March 4th for the erection of a brick veneered town hall in the township of Lanark

EDMONTON, N.W.T.—The Board of Trade has appointed a committee to memorialize the government to at once complete the bridge across the over.

GUELPH, ONT.—The Board of Trade has passed a resolution calling upon the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to extend its line from this city to Goderich.

FENELON FALLS, ONT—The trustees of Red Rock school, Verulam, wants tenders for the erection of a new building. Plans at McGee's hardware store at this place.

PORT DALHOUSIE, ONT - It is believed that the Toronto Rubber Company have decided to rebuild their factory at this place, and that work will be commenced at once.

PAPINEAUVILLE, QUE. The parish oners are discussing a proposition to erect a new church. Vicar General Routhier was here recently in connection with the project.

ELMWOOD, ONI.—Petitions have been presented to the Brant township council asking for the construction of two bridges over the Saugeen river. The cost is estimated at \$8,000.

DUNDAS, ONT.—The congregations of Freelton and Brock Road churches are said to be considering the rebuilding of their edifices. Rev. Andrew Hamilton, of this place, is pastor.

GODERICH, ONT.—It is expected that the bill authorizing the town to issue debentures for \$25,000 to complete the waterworks and electric light plant will be passed by the legislature.

BEAR RIVER, N. S.—The Bear River Electric Light Company will hold a meeting to-morrow (Thursday, to consider the extension of its system to Digby and the purchase of new machinery.

PETERBORO', ONT.—The town council has agreed to grant \$200 a year for twenty years towards the rebuilding of the Mud Lake bridge. The county council estimates the cost of a new bridge at \$10,000.

KENTVILLE, N.S.—The town has under consideration a thorough system of sewerage, and we understand that Mr. Foss, C.E., of Bridgewater, will make a survey of the town for this purpose at an early date.

WINDSOR, N.S.—Thos. Aylward invites tenders up to Wednesday, March 22nd, for furnishing materials and building a Methodist church on King street, from plans prepared by Elliott & Hopson, architects, Halifax.

UPTERGROVE ONT.—Peter Thompson, secretary School Board, desires tenders by Monday, March 20th, for the erection of a brick school house. Plans at office of Thos. Kennedy & Co., Barrie, and F. Gillespie, this place.

LONDON, ONT. - During the current year a number of permanent street improvements will likely be carried out. It is also probable that some action will be taken looking to the disposal of the sewage of the city.

ST. JOHN, N B - G E Fairweather, architect, is preparing plans for a club house near Riverside to be built by the Kennebeccas s Chalet Co - The Board of Works will purchase a steam drill and probably a stone crusher.

MOUNT FOREST, ONT. — John McNabb, of this place, wants tenders by Saturday next for the erection of a brick residence.— Thomas Reidy, sr., desires tenders by some date for the erection of a brick dwelling in Arthur township.

ATHENS, ONT.—A new stone church will be built by the Methodist congregation, tenders for which will be received by A. W. Bianchard, of this place, up to March 15th. The plans were prepared by B. Dillon, architect, of Brockville.

ASHBURNHAM, ONT. — The village clerk has been instructed to procure tenders for a street sprinkler and wagon. — The Peterboro Light & Power Company has submitted a proposition to the council to light this village by electricity.

LIVERPOOL, N. S.—The Water and Light Committee of the town council is now calling for tenders for 400 tons of cast iron water pipes for the proposed water works. It will shortly be asking for proposals to install an electric light plant.

MADOC, ONT. The village has asked permission from the Ontario legislature to issue debentures for \$14,000. Of this sum \$3,000 is wanted for a new steam fire engine. The township of Madoc also wants permission to issue debentures for \$32,000.

Picton, Ont.—The municipal council has engaged Mr. Roderick J. Parke, consulting electrical engineer, of Toronto, to prepare estimates, plans and specifications for extensions and improvements to the municipal incandescent lighting plant for this town.

SMITH'S FALLS, ONT.—The Board of Education have purchased a site on which to erect a new High school, to cost about \$20,000.—Building operations here promise to be brisk in the spring. It is expected that buildings to the value of \$150,000 will be erected.

ALMONTE, ONT.—Steps will be taken to form a company to build a skating and curling rink.—James storey has leased property on which he will build a cheese factory.—T. R. White, whose building was destroyed by fire, will erect a new brick structure in the spring.

Annapolis, N.S.—Steps will be taken at once to build a new county academy at this place.—F. S. Judd, of Boston, has been engaged by the Nova Scotia Pork Packing Company, of Middleton, to furnish plans and superintend the construction of the necessary buildings.

HULL QUE.—The Taylor Air Compressing Company has submitted to the council plans for operating the electric light and waterworks system by compressed air instead of steam. They offer to place new engines at the waterworks and build the necessary apparatus for \$39,600.

Belleville, Ont.—At a meeting of the shareholders of the Abbott-Mitchell Rolling Mills Company, held last week, it was stated that the plans for the buildings had been completed, and that tenders would be called for in a few days. Mr. William Abbott is secretary of the company.

LISTOWEL, ONT.—W. E. Benning, architect, is preparing plans for the following buildings: Presbyterian manse at Monkton, red brick, with concrete foundation, furnace, improved plumbing and acetylene gas fittings, contract awarded March 9th; Methodist parsonage at Milverton, brick, plumbing and hot air heating; residence for J. P. Newman, of Wiarton, red brick, improved plumbing, hot air heating, mantels,

grates, etc.—A company of local capitalists is being formed to build a furniture factory.

VANCOUVER, B.C.—It is reported that Theodore Ludgate, of Peterboro, has secured from the Federal government part of the Stanley Park Naval Reserve, and that he will build thereon a large saw mill.—The British Columbia Electric Railway Company has purchased property on which to build a new power house and car barns.

RENEREW, ONT. - A deputation from this vicinity has asked the Ontario government for a grant of \$5,000 for an interprovincial steel bridge across the Ottawa river at Portage du Port. The Prenie: has promised to give \$5,000 on condition that Quebec province gives a like amount and the Dominion government \$10,000.

Hamilion, Oni.—At a meeting of the members of the Central Presbyterian church, heid last week, a commuttee was appointed to carry out the proposed improvements to the church building, which are to cost \$8,000. William Hendrie and J. J. Evel are members of the committee.—William & Walter Stewart, architects, are preparing plans for the necessary buildings in connection with the proposed stockyards.

STRATFORD, ONT. — R. B. Barber, architect, is preparing plans for a residence for Donald Murray, of Maplewood, to be of red pressed brick, with Ohio freestone arches, sills and caps, two storeys high, 45×40 feet, slate roof, oak finish, etc.—Thomas Hepburn, architect, is preparing plans for alterations to the old Stratford hotel, which has been leased by J. P. McGill for the purpose of establishing a plant for desiccating eggs.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—The insurance on St. John's church has been satisfactorily adjusted, and the chances are that the structure will be rebuilt in the spring.—Thos. Tompkins has had plans prepared by G. R. Oldershaw, architect, of Vancouver, B.C., for a large hotel which he purposes erecting at the corner of King and Home streets. The building will be one of the finest yet built in this city, and will likely be furnished with an electric light plant.—The town council has under consideration the installation of a municipal electric light plant, and will engage an engineer to report on the cost of same.

NIAGARA FALIS, ONT.—Plans are being prepared for the rebuilding of the Howard block, work on which will be commenced about April 1st.—The Grand Trunk Railway Company are preparing to improve their yards here. The company will also build new custom houses.—The chairman of the Roads and Bridges Committee has been instructed to get tenders for the supply of 20-inch sewer pipe. The Mayor has advised the Finance Committee to consider the advisability of issuing debentures for the West Main street sewer and granolithic walks.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The city council has decided to again submit to the rate-payers a by-law to authorize the establishment of a civic electric light plant.—The following have made arrangements to erect new buildings this year. Manitoba Trust Co., corner Main and Notre Dame street east; Dominion Bank, corner of Main street and McDermott avenue; James Scott, corner of Main street and Portage avenue east; R. J. Whitla & Co., wholesale warehouse, McDernott avenue; the Bole Drug Co., wholesale warehouse; Bulman Bros., Bannatyne street, west of Main street; Rat Portage Lumber Co., large saw mills, Point Douglass; John Baird, addition to the Seymour hotel, Market street; Paulin & Co., new biscuit factory; Canada Bank of Commerce, Main street; Merrick & Anderson, wholesale warehouse; the

Clare Manufacturing Co., wholesale warehouse.—The city engineer is completing arrangements for the construction of the proposed waterworks system.—Mr. White, of the C.P.R., who recently returned from Montreal, states that engineers will shortly be sent out to estimate the cost of double tracking the railway between this city and Fort William. A number of wooden bridges will also be replaced by steel structures.—President Melten, of the Northern Pacific Railway, visited this city last week to confer with the Board of Trade regarding the rebuilding of the Man'toba hotel.

OWEN SOUND, ON1.—The application of the Owen Sound Portland Cement Company to increase its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$200,000 is now before the Ontario legislature. With the increased capital it is contemplated to double the capacity of the works.—The R. J. Doyle Manufacturing Company will erect, during the coming summer, an adultion to their buildings at Shallow Lake.

It is probable that the Eaton Bros. Brewing Company will erect a new building and make other improvements to their plant.—The Owen Sound Saw and Planing Mills will add new machinery.—Messrs. Hay, of the North American Bent Chair Co., purpose erecting a main building 500×45 feet, three storey high, with wings 144×45 feet, and a large one-storey bending room, all of brick.

MONTREAL, QUE.—At a meeting of the parishoners of St. James parish on St. Denis street, R. Bellemane, F. X. St. Charles, and others, were appointed a committee to devise means of carrying out the required improvements to the church .-Saxe & Archbald, architects, Imperial building, have prepared plans for a large apariment house to be erected by M. S. Foley at the corner of St. Catherine and Meicalfe streets. A wide passage finished in marble will extend from St. Catherine street to Dominion square. Eight stores will occupy the ground floor. The build ing will be of brick and stone and steel frame construction.—James Smith, architect, has prepared plans for a red sandstone building to be erected by Mrs. A. Mackay, at the corner of Sherbrooke and Durocher streets. Operations will be commenced almost immediately.—The Harbour Commissioners want tenders by the 7th inst. for the supply of castings, iron spikes, bolts, oils, paints, and other stores.-Mr. Janin, acting superintendent of waterworks, has reported regarding the utilization of electric power at the level pumping station. He states that a scheme could be evolved for altering the motor from steam to electricity, and will make a further report on the matter.-Plans have been completed by the Road Department for a subway under the C. P. R. tracks at the head of St. Denis street. If carried out the work will cost \$60,000. A large insurance company is said to have in view the erection of an up-to-date building on the Barron Block property, adjoining the London and Lancashire building. Mr. H. L. Putman, real estate building. Mr. H. L. Putman, agent, is negotiating the deal.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The Mica Manufacturing Company intend enlarging their factory on Sussex street.—The West End Methodist Church authorities contemplate the purchase of a lot adjoining their present property, with a view to enlarging their church.—The Gall Schneider Oil Company, represented in this city by T. K. Foster, intend erecting large works here, including the construction of oil tanks.—The plans for the bridge over the canal at Maria street have been approved by the Minister of Public Works, and tenders are about to be called.—It is said that J. R. Booth has decided upon the erection of two large car shops in addition to those now in course of construction. The buildings will be 300 x 150 feet, and the machinery will be operated by elec-

tricity. The fan system of nearing will used.—The Ottawa Electric Company have just commenced a large addition to their power house, which will necessitate the removal of about 5,000 cubic yards of rock. A new flume 20 feet wide will also be built.—The city council has granted the request of the Central Canada Fair Association for a grant of \$30,000 for erecting new buildings.-The Separate School trustees have decided upon building a three storey brick school, containing twelve class rooms. It will be 72 x 52 feet, fitted with modern conveniences, including fire escapes. Plans will be completed this week.- P. Hogan, of the Ottawa Electric Railway Company, is about to build a residence on McLaren street. The City Engineer will shortly report to the Board of Works whether a subway or overhead bridge is preferable at the Parry Sound crossing on Bank street. The Waterworks Committee has prepared its estimates for the year. Main tenance and repairs represent an expendi ture of \$35,113, made up as follows. Pump house supplies and machinery, \$4,000, street service pipe charges, \$10,000, pipe castings and extensions, \$12,000, contingencies, \$9,113 G. M. Bayly, architect, wants tenders by 4th instant for the erection of a residence on James street for George Potham. - A meeting of scientists was held here last week to consider the question of establishing a marine biological station. Parliament has already voted \$7,000 for the purpose.—Tenders are wanted by the city clerk by March 2nd for alterations to the city hall. Plans at office of M. C. Edey, architect. - Fourteen tenders have been received by the Metro-politan Electric Company for the crib work of heir proposed works at Britannia. A report on same will be made by the company's engineer, Jno. Aylen. -- James Gibson intends erecting a dwelling house on Daly avenue, plans for which have been prepared by E. L. Horwood, archi-tect. - Kenneth McDonald purposes erecting an agricultural building, brick and three storeys.

TURONTO, ONT .- An amalgamation has been effected between the W. A. Johnson Electric Company and the Toronio Electric Motor Company, under the name of the United Electric Com-pany. Mr. W. A. Johnson will be presi-dent. The new company is making arrangements to extend the manufactur-ing plant.—Mr. Alexander Manning is about to build a block of buildings at the corner of Queen and Terauley streets.— Mr. J. McMillan, steward of the jail, has asked the council for a new 70 h.p. boiler for heating the building .- Messrs Stapleton Caldecott, Robert Kilgour, J. J. Cassidy and others, waited upon a committee of the Ontario Cabinet recently in connection with the proposed Missanable railway, which is to extend from Missanable to Long Portage, on James Bay, a distance of 200 miles. The deputation asked for a of 200 miles. The deputation asked for a grant of \$3,200 per mile.—The City Engineer has recommended construction of the following local improvements: Ma-cadam roadways—McKenzie crescent, Dovercourt road to Beaconsfield avenue, cost \$2,531, Margueretta street, Dundas to Bloor streets, cost \$8,411. Brick pavement on concrete-Spadina avenue, from Adelaide to Queen, cost \$10,824; College street, from Spadina avenue to Bathurst street, cost \$22,434; Garden ave., Roncesvalles to Sorauren ave. Cedar block pavement-Nassau street, from Lippincott to Bathurst, cost \$531. Asphalt pave-ment—Front street, from York to Bay Cement concrete walks—St. George st., east side, College street to Hoskin ave., cost \$1.482; Church street, west side, Queen to Shuter, cost \$703.—
In a supplementary report, the city engineer recommends the laying of new 12 inch water mains on the bed of the Don river at Queen street and Eastern avenue.

The cost is placed at \$2.062. - The question of a site for the new fire hall in the west end is under consideration by Fire and Light Committee.-A building permit has been granted to John Macdonald for a rough-cast dwelling on Oak street, cost \$1,000.—The Grand Trunk Railway Company purpose laying a second track on the middle divison between St. David's and Hamilton. It is also the intention to lay about 250 miles of new rails on the same division.—E. J. Lennox, architect, has prepared a report showing the approximate cost of completing the municipal building. The estimates are as follows . Permanent fittings -civic offices, \$23,133, court rooms, \$8,-000, council apariments, \$2,908; mantels, \$4,800; blinds, \$2,500; fire hose, \$575; city treasurers cash vault, \$2,000; fron gates for court yard entrance, \$400; metallic vault fittings, \$9,354, iron staircases in city clerk's vault, \$485, tower clock and clock system, \$10,000, water mains and pumps for proper fire protection of building, \$10,575, connecting ventilating flues, \$6,200, terrace to entrances, lamp posts, steps, and curbing, \$11,500, brick work and carring, \$3,500, completion of third floor, \$12,490, completing and seating the assembly hall, \$17.780; carpets, \$5,000; police department, \$6,817. Portable fittings—civic offices, \$6,800; court rooms, \$2,500; judges' room, \$1,288; witness rooms, \$250; council apartments, \$5,025; committee rooms, \$700; fire hose, \$1,300; police department, \$3,233.

—In this issue Mr. George W. Gouinlock, architect, invites tenders for the erection of a building on King street for the National Trust Company of Ontario, to be five storeys, 64×135 feet, with brown stone front, mosaic floors, marble dadoes, electric elevators, etc., estimated cost, \$60,000.—The vestry of St. Clement's church, North Toronto, have adopted plans of a new Sanday school which it is proposed to erect, at a cost of \$1,800.— Mr. F. H. Herbert, architect, invites tenders in this issue for the erection of three detached residences on Madison avenue. Extensive alterations will be made to Bingham's drug store, 100 Yonge street, by the Cawthra Estate. Mr. F. H. Herbert, architect, has charge of the work. Mr. Herbert is also preparing plans for two detached residences to be erected on the north side of Lowther avenue, cor. of Huron, to cost \$7,000 each, tenders for which will be asked shortly.

#### FIRES.

Seguin's Hotel at Fortune, Que.; loss \$3,000, insurance \$2,000.—William Law & Co.'s wharf property and freight sheds at Yarmouth, N. S.; loss, \$10,000, no insurance. — The Green block at Port Rowan Ont., owned by Mrs. S. P. Maybee.—Residences of E. Mason and Mr. Miners, at Tilsonburg Ont. Both houses were owned by Dr. Sinclair, and were uninsured.—The machine shops of the Dobbie & Stuart foundry, Thorold, Ont; loss on buildings and machinery, \$10,000.—Presbyterian church at Minnedosa, Man., totally destroyed.—Flax mill at Harriston, Ont., operated by the Harriston Flax Mill Company.—Residence at Simcoe, Ont., owned by E. B. Varrey.

#### CONTRACTS AWARDED.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—The town council has let the contract for constructing granolithic sidewalks to Booth & Dolan.

TORONTO, ONT.—Mr. F. H. Herbert, architect, has awarded contracts for the remodelling of store at 123 5 Yonge street for the Cawthra estate as follows. Brickwork, Ed. Gearing; carpenter work, R. G. Kirby; painting, F. E. Phillips, galvanized iron, A. B. Ormsby & Co.; roofing, Hutson & Son. Plumbing and heating not let.

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BY M. J. BUTLER.

Silica Portland cement, as manufactured in Canada, is a mixture in equal parts by weight of a high grade Portland cement and clean dry silica sand, ground together to an extreme degree of fineness, in mills specially designed for the purpose.

It consists of a horizontal steel cylinder 18 feet in length by 4 feet in diameter, lined with specially hard cast iron plates, which slowly wear away. The mill revolves at the rate of 27 revolutions per minute, and is filled half full with flint pebbles. The sand assists the pebbles in the grinding action, being itself, at the same time, reduced to a very fine state. The cement is reduced to an impalpable powder, and is thoroughly intermixed with the ground sand, in fact, each minute particle of silica is enveloped with a flour of cement. Silica Portland has all the good qualities usually found in the best Portland cement, and the question naturally arises, why is it? How is it possible the more nearly we approach the ultimate molecule, the more nearly we render it possible for the elements present in the cement to unite together and crystalize into the silicates which form cement.

A barrel of Portland cement, when ground to the finest degree commercially, practically has quite 50 per cent. of the material too coarse to admit of crystallization. The unground particles are for all practical purposes inert matter sand if you please; the active cementing material is the impalpable flour. Now, in the case of silica Portland, the whole of the cement is ground to this impalpable flour-like condition, and therefore in a position to do work, the silica is reduced to a minute degree of fineness also, but not to the same extent as the cement; each speck

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The Portland cement used has the chemical composition and properties shown below.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

(Chemical Analysis.)	
Lime	62.0
Silica	22.0
Alumina and iron	12.0

Magnesia, sulphuric acid, etc 4.0
(Fineness.)
Residue on No 100 sieve, 10,000 holes to the square inch 8% Residue on No. 200 sieve, 40,000 holes to the square inch
(Tensile strength, lbs. per sq. in.)
Neat cement mortar—

(Soundness, absence of free lime unhydrated.) Very great care is taken to ensure a Portland cement that is absolutely sound, i.e., free from unhydrated calcium oxide.

The resulting silica Portland cement has the chemical composition and properties shown

#### SILICA PORTLAND CEMBRY. (Chemical Analysis.)

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Alumina and iron	
Magnesia, sulphuric acid, etc	2.0
(Finance)	

#### Residue on No. 100 sieve, 10,000 holes to the square inch.....

## (Tensile strength, lbs. per sq. in.)

I day in air, 6 in water I day in air, 27 in water	350 450
3 parts standard sand to 1 part cement-	
1 day in air, 27 in water	200

(Soundness; absence of free lime unhydrated.) As silica in itself is wholly inert, the resulting mixture of sound Portland and pure silica must likewise yield a sound cement. The small percentage of lime is a further assurance against the possibility of a blowey cement.

Portland cement and clean dry sand are weighed into the tube mill in equal quantities by a continuous uniform feed adjusting device, and in order to make clear the process of grinding it will be necessary to give a brief description of the tube mill.

\* Paper read before the Engineering Society of the School of Practical Science, Toronto.

to add 50 per cent. of inert material to a barrel of cement, and by the mere act of grinding them together to secure practically the same cementitious value as before the addition? An effort will be made to explain the seeming anomaly. As com-

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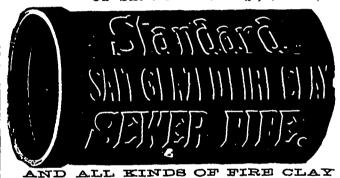
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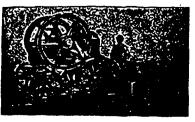
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#### SILICA PORTLAND CEMENT.

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or particle of silica is enveloped, wrapped up, in a layer of flour-like cement, and offers.a.clean sharp surface for the cement to adhere to. All very finely ground cements show strong adhesive properties, hence we see the useful function the silica performs. It takes the place of, primarily, the unground clinker, and secondarily, is an excellent filling material, wholly inert under the usual conditions to which cement mortar is exposed, and in itself is stronger than the unground particle of clinker it has displaced. Owing to the exceedingly fine conditions of the material, when tested neat it does not give as high a tensile strength as the more coarsely ground Portland cement, yet when made up into mortar with three parts of sand it actually equals in strength a like proportioned mixture of the Portland.

It is a peculiar fact that mortars made from very finely ground cement do not show quite as strong a resistance to abrasion, although they excel in adhesive properties. Hence the concrete for pavements and such like work preferably should be made of silica Portland and the top wearing surface of the coarser Portland cement.

There are certain uses which silica cements are peculiarly well adapted to. Speaking generally, all cases where the low percentage of lime is an important factor. In lining digesters for the manufacture of sulphite wood pulp, it has been found of the very highest value, also in sewers where free ammonia or acids are likely to attack the mortar, and in all such

In pointing fine stone work, the color and permanent properties are peculiarly valuable.

Silica Portland cement has already largely entered the market and proven itself a valuable cement. The following partial list will show to what extent and the nature of the work where it has stood the test of experience: The Laurentide Pulp Co., Grand Mere, Que., 21,000 barrels in concrete masonry, floors, brickworlt, etc.; Montreal Street Railway Company, in concrete and floors, etc., 2,500 barrels; Canada Paper Company, Windsor Mills, 1,000 barrels; W. W. Ogilvie, Montreal, 1,000 barrels; Holland-Emery Lumber Company,:Byng Inlet, for gang saw foundations, 750 barrels; Riordan Paper Mills, 1,000 barrels; Dalhousie street station, C.P.R., Montreal, masonry, floors, etc., 2,200 barrels, Longue Point Asylum, Montreal, 880 barrels; Ottawa pavements, 3,500 barrels; Cornwall pavements, 600 barrels; Waterloo pavements, 900 barrels.

It has also been used in sidewalks and pavements in Ontario towns to the extent of some 10,000 barrels. Among other users are the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific, Central Ontario and Bay of Quinte railways, and the Public Works Department, Ottawa. In all over 75,000 barrels of Silica Pertland cement have been used in Canada, although the manufacture was not undertaken until the season of 1897. Arrangements are being

made to double the output for the ensuing season.

It has been said by rivals that this cement gives facilities for adulteration not. equalled by other cements, and objections have been made by some that they had plenty of sand without buying it in the form of cement. Of course, all such objections are met at the outset with every new material. When Portland cement was first produced, it had to undergo an equally hostile criticism, and this naturally brings us to consider the testing of cement, a subject on which there has been a great deal written.

The following scheme conforms to the best thought and experience in the engineering world:

TESTING: HOT BATH TEST .- Fajas apparatus is so simple and so well known that it is unnecessary to describe it, but let me draw attention to a point sometimes overlooked. The sample when trowelled on the glass should be well worked up, the air and excess of moisture worked out, and the sample be covered with a wet cloth, otherwise drying cracks may show up across the thickest part of the slab. This drying crack is sometimes mistaken for an expansion crack and the cement condemned. Too much importance is sometimes attached to the fact that the sample cleaves the glass. If, as is usual, smooth glass is used, the slightest jar will loosen the slab. If it preserves its shape and does not curl up, or show fine hair cracks at the edges, there is no danger to be apprehended from free lime; in fact, from the low percentage of lime present a blowey Silica Portland cement is almost an impossibility.

SPECIFIC GRAVITY, WEIGHT PER BUSHEL, OR OTHER DENSITY TEST .-Silica Portland cement weighs a little less than Portland cement. It is so very finely ground that for equal measures, owing to greater bulkiness, it must weigh less. In any case, the old test of weight per bushel should be abandoned as being unscientific and misleading, offering, as it does, a premium on coarse grinding.

SPECIFIC GRAVITY .- The specific gravity test is a delicate laboratory test, and is one requiring a high degree of care and skill; as usually constructed by volumetric displacement, confined air, a minute error in reading, a slight change in the temperature of the liquid used, or irregularity in measuring apparatus or weighing, may give widely varying

results. The object of the test is h determine the density of the cement, i.e. the sufficiency of the burning, in other words the soundness, hence the hot but test practically suffices, and is much mon easily made.

TENSILE STRENGTH.—Neat tests, is usually made, show Silica Portland to b slightly weaker than Portland cemer This is probably due to the fine grinding Mortar tests, however, are the best of at and show the real working qualities d any cement; and it is as a mortar make that silica Portland proves its good qualities

Having satisfactorily determined is safe qualities of the cement, having shon it to be sound and strong, both in ner and mortar tests, all of which should be condition precedent to beginning the work, it sometimes happens that still it concrete or masonry shows poor won Well, what are we to do then? Conden the cement? No, suspect the sand, e amine the gravel or broken stone, the water, the temperature of the air, it methods of mixing and measuring the aggregates, depositing in place, ramma etc. After all, the cement is only one the factors in the problem; for a comple solution we should investigate the who of them.

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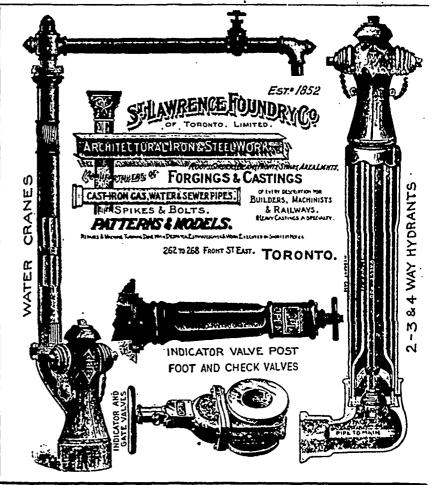
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