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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 1907,

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fails to execute the contract and bond when
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F. J. ROBINSON,
Deputy Commissioner
Of Public Works.

Pepartment of Public Works, Regina, Dec. 31st, 1906.

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TENDERS FOR

OFFICE BUILDING

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Office Building" will be received up to 5, p.m. on the 1sr DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1907, for the erection of a General Office Building at North Bay, Ont.
Plans and specifications may be seen at the offices of the Commission, 25 Toronto Street, Toronto, and at the office of the Chief, Engineer, North Bay.

A certified cheque for \$2,500 must/accompany each tender.

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The successful tenderer must enter promptly into a contract and furnish security for the amount of \$10,000.00 for due completion of amount of \$10,080.00 for the companion of amount of successful tenderers will be returned to them.

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H. W. PEARSON,

H. W. PEARSON, Secretary-Treasurer.

Toronto, Dec., 21st, 1906.

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WEDNESDAY, THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1907.

DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1907,

for the construction of an extension of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, including clearing of right-of-way, bridging, grading, ballasting, and tracklaying complete and ready for operation, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the Chief Ruginer of the Commission, such extension being from a point on the T. & N. O. Railway, no mite mutth of New Liskeard, northerly a junction with the Grand Trunk Pacific (Transcontinental) Railway, a distance of forty (40) miles, more or less.

Plans and specifications of the work may be seen at the office of the Chief Rugineer of the Commission at North Bay.

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Dated at Toronto this seventh day of January, 1907.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1907.

fications and forms of tender may be obtaine office of H. N. Ruttan, City Engineer, Winni

at the office of H. N. National, poer, Man.

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tractor to enter into a written contract with approv sureties if called upon to do so. The city reserves the right to reject any or tenders or to accept any bid which appears advanta eous to the City of Winnipeg.

C. J. BROWN, City Clerk.

City Clerk's Office, Winnipeg, December 8, 1906.

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Transient advertisement for Tenders, &c., must reach the publication office by TEN O'CLOCK, A.M. ON TUESDAY, but our tion office by TEN patrons will confer a favor by forwarding advertisements earlier whenever possible.

CONTRACTS OPEN.

NEW TORONTO, ONT. -A. Munro will erect a residence on Pearson avenue to cost \$3 100.

SYDNEY, C. B .- The municipality have decided to erect a new juil at a cost of \$15,000.

VERNON, B. C .- I. O. O. F. have purchased property on which they will erect a new hall.

STRATHCONA, ALTA. - A new High school is to be erected here at a cost of \$50,000.

WAPELLA, SASK .- The by-law to complete the hall, at a cost of \$4,000, has been carried.

SUMMERSIDE, N. B .- Architects are preparing plans for the rebuilding of St. Mary's church.

WEYBURN, SASK. - The town council are considering the purchase of a drilling machine.

COULEE, B.C.-The Diamond Vale

Coal Company will erect several buildings immediately.

WINDSOR MILLS, QUE. — The Canadian Pacific Railway Company will enlarge their station here.

OKOTOKS, ALTA.-The Imeham Lumber Company are about to erect a two-storey brick veneer saw mill here.

WALLACEBURG, ONT. — The Fraser Canning Company are considering the location of their factory in this

ST. ANDREWS, N. B .- It is probable that the Canadian Pacific Railway make additions to the Algonquin Hotel.

MONTMORENCY FALLS, QUE .-The proprietors of the Kent House have decided to add a new wing to their building.

LINDSAY, ONT .- J. D. Mention, of Springfield, Ohio, is considering the establishment of a match-making machinery factory in this town.

TORONTO JUNCTION, ONT. The town council will seek legislation to issue debentures for \$80,000, estimated cost of paving Dundas street.

ESTEVAN, SASK. - Work shortly be commenced on the erection of a warehouse here, for the Calgary Brewing Company, Calgary, Alta

VANCOUVER, B. C.—A. Williams will erect a residence on Burnaby street, cost \$8,500.—A new wing is to be added to the Hotel Vancouver at a cost of \$200,-

ST. THOMAS, ONT. Thomas Packing Company have applied for a charter on receipt of which they will commence the erection of necessary bu ldings.

CARTIERVILLE, QUE .- Tenders will be received up to February 1st, by C. Brandeis, C.E., Guardian Building, Montreal, for construction of waterworks system here.

SEAFORTH, ONT. - The Fire, Water and Light Committee are preputing a report on the best method, cost, etc., of making the proposed extensions to the water works system.

SARNIA, ONT.—C. McPhee will erect a rink bulding, 200 x 100 feet — The congregation of St. Johns church will erect a new building with a seating capacity of 500 persons.

SOURIS, MAN .- A deputation from is town have interviewed the Provincial Government in reference to the con-struction of a bridge over the Souris River, to cost \$12,000.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The Hamilton Street Railway will erect large car barns corner of Wilson street and Sanford avenue.—Additions are to be made shortly to the Royal and Waldorf Hotels.

FORT WILLIAM, ONT. - The Water and Light Commissioners have rejected all tenders received for construction of Loch Lomond water tunnel, and will carry the work out by day

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN. J. F. Walker has purchased a large site on which to erect an office building.— The Mantoba Government have included in their estimates \$50,000 for erection of buildings in connection with the reformatory here.

KINGSTON, ONT .- H. P. Smith, architect, this city, is preparing plans for a new stone church to be erected at Toledo, Ont, for the Roman Catholics, also for a group of gasolene yacht houses for the Kingston Yacht Club, this

WINDSOR, ONT .- Plans have been completed for the erection of a branch factory here for the International Gun

Co.-It is reported that promoters from Harvey, Ill., are negotiating with I Curry for purchase 12,000 acres of land with a view to establishing a large steel plant here.

SACKVILLE, N. B .- D. Pottinger, General Manager, Intercolonial Railway, Moncton, N. B., will receive tenders up to February 4th, for erection of a station building here in this town. Plans with station master and chief engineer, Inter-colonial Railway, Moncton, N. B.

MONTREAL, QUE .- Mr. C. Brandeis, C.E., this city, is taking tenders up to February 1st, for construction of waterworks system at Cartierville, Que.

STREETSVILLE, ONT. - The electric light by-law, recently voted on, was carried by a large majority, and J. S. Fielding, C. E., Toronto, has been instructed by the Town Council to prepare plans and take tenders for the construction of a concrete dam, erection power house, and supply and installat on of the necessary equipment.

HALIFAX, N. S.—D. Pottinger, General Manager Intercolonial Railway, Moncton, N.B., will receive tenders up to January 31st, for erection of a freight car repair shop and planing mill in this city. Plans with Chief Engineer, Moncton, N. B., Terminal Agent, this city, and Secretary, Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, Ont.

CORNWALL, ONT .- Tenders will be received up to February 11th, by H. E. Hodgins, Clerk, Township of Osnabruck, Osnabruck Centre, Ont., for construction of reinforced concrete piers. doing necessary grading, etc., for bridges to be built in Township of Osnabruck. Plans at above address and office of Magwood & Walker, Civil Engineers,

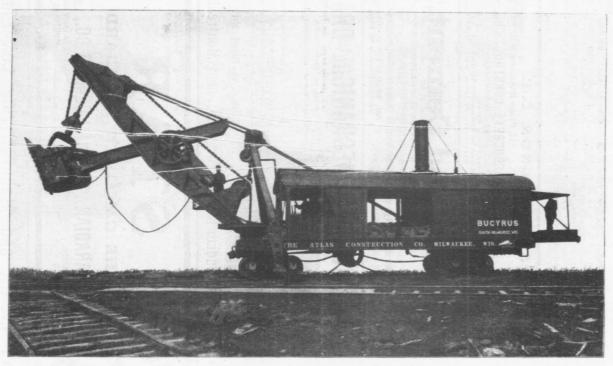
WINNIPEG, MAN .- T. Eaton Co. will shortly begin the erection of a six-storey bu lding 160x 108 ft.—Tenders will be received up to January 31st, by Chairman, Board of Control, for supply of 655 Enamel Street Name Plates. Specifica-Dominion Express Company will shortly commence the erection of a two-storey building on Main street.

MONCTON, N. B.—Tenders will be received by D. Pottinger, General Manager, Intercolonial Railway, as follows: Up to January 31st, for construction of freight car repair shop and planting the Helding N. S. Dissection struction of freight car repair shop and planing m ll at Halifax, N.S. Plans with Terminal Agent, Halfax, Secretary Department of Railways and Canals Ottawa, Ont., and Chief Engineer, this city; Up to February 4th, for construction of station building at Sackville, N.B. Plans with Station Master, Sackville, and Chief Engineer, this city.

PETERBORO, ONT.-J. J. Turner Sons have purchased the Grand Opera House, and intend to make a number interior improvements thereto. - Tenders will be received up to February 1st, by G.B. Watis, Assistant General Manager, G.B. Watts, Assistant General manager, Canadian General Ele tric Company, Toronto, and J. E. B. I her, C. E., archi-tect, this city, for erection of an addition to Canadian General Electric Company's works here. Plans at offices of the above named persons.

BRANDON, MAN. — The Cty Council will seek legislation to issue the following debentures: \$35,000 for steel bridge; \$45,000 for fire hall and appliances; \$15,000 for cemetery; \$45,000 for wa'erworks system. The inter-national Gas Heating & Lighting Co. are endeavoring to secure a franchise to operate a gas plant in this city.-J. D. Coulton, of Winnipeg, has leased the Caledonian rink. He proposes to put in a hardwood floor on a foundation of cement. Estimated cost of improvements, \$12,000.

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QUEBEC, QUE.—C. Brandeis, C.E., Montreal, will report on the best method of electric light for prisons throughout the province of Quebec.—Tenders will be received up to January 30th, by F. Gelinas, Secretary, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, Ont., for erection of a store building at Dominion Arsenal, here. Plans at above address and office of P. B. Beland, Clerk of Works, Post Office, this city.

OTTAWA, ONT.—A deputation from the town of Goderich recently waited on the Minister of Public Works in reference to proposed improvements to breakwater at Goderich.—The congregation of the First Baptist Church is considering plans for additions to their Sunday school building to cost from \$12,000 to \$25,000.—Plans for erection of a store building at the Dominion Arsenal, Quebec, Que, may be seen at office of F. Gelinas, Secretary, Department of Public Works, who is receiving tenders up to January 30th, for the carrying out of the work. Plans may also be seen at P. B. Beland's office, Post Office, Quebec.

TORONTO, ONT.—Debentures will be issued by the Council township of York for \$25,500 for enlarging school buildings.—The Metallic Roofing Co have leased property adjoining their present premises and will erect buildings thereon.—The following local improvements will shortly be carried out: Asphalt pavements, Dearborn avenue, Broadview avenue to Bowden street, cost \$7,224; Lennox street, Bathurst to Borden streets, cost \$3,559; Deleware avenue, Shanley to Hallam streets, cost \$7,094; Mutual street, Gerrard to Cailton streets, cost \$3,701; Clinton street, Bloor street to Batton avenue, cost \$5,437; brick pavement, Foster place, El zabeth street to east end, cos \$1,151; Macadam roadway, Queen's Park Crescent (east branch), College to to Bloor streets, cost \$5,993; Cement concette sidewalks, Bathurst street, Arthur to College streets, cost \$2,144; Dearborn avenue, Broadview to Bowden avenues, cost \$1,254; Yarmouth road, Christie to Shaw streets, cost \$1,208.—The Board of Police Commissioners have recommended the erection of a new station on the Island, cost \$2,500; a stable at Agnes street station, cost \$5,000,00, and

new patrol signal service, cost \$25,000.—A macadam roadway is to be laid on Winchester street.—A public bath house is to be erected on Stephanie Place by the city, to cost \$40,000 and debentures for this amount will be issued.—The E. W. Gillette Company intend making additions to their premises.—The following items are included in the City Engineer's recommendations for this year: New bridge, Riverdale, cost \$1,800; new public conveniences, cost \$15,000; new city yard at foot of Princess street, cost \$23,800; improvement to sidewalks and pavement at King street subway, cost \$16,200, six million gallon engine and connections, high level station, cost \$60,000; new meters, cost \$100,000; twenty-inch main, Bathurst street to Roncesvalles avenue, with connections

via Shaw, Arthur, Argyle, Gladstone, Dufferin, Brock, and Queen, cost \$87,180.50.—The Board of Education are considering the following proposals: Erection of school buildings on Manning avenue, neighborhood of Agnes and Teraulay streets and additions to Howard school.—E. J. Lennox, architect, will receive tenders up to 25th January for raizing old buildings at 7 and 9 Richmond street east and doing excavating necessary for erection of warehouse.—The Fire, Water and Light committee has recommended the purchase of the following plant: 900 feet hose, cost \$11,500; hose wagon, cost \$650; 6 fire alarm boxes, cost \$750; six fire alarm boxes, cost \$750; six fire alarm boxes for the exhibition, cost \$100; alterations in No. 2 aerial truck, cost \$2,000.

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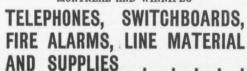
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CONTRACTS AWARDED.

NORTH BAY, ONT.—Erection of Normal School Building: Fred Whitham, Brantford, contractor. Tender \$54,290.

VANCOUVER, B. C. — Supply of valves for the city of Vancouver: Robertson-Godson & Co., successful tenderers.

STRATFORD, ONT.—Erection of Normal School Building: Fred Whitham, Brantford, contractor. Tender \$52,050.

HAMILTON, ONT. — Erection of Normal School Building: Fred Whitham, Brantford, contractor. Tender \$52,050.

PETERBORO, ONT.—Erection of Normal School Building: Fred Whit-ham, Brantford, contractor. Tender

TRURO, N. S. - Improvements to

onst-office building: Spencer Bros. & Turner, this town, successful tenderers,

EDMONTON, ALTA.-Supply of sewer pipe for city of Edmonton: McCombe Sewer Pipe Co., McCombe, Ill, successful tenderers at \$72,299.

MONT CARMEL, QUE .- Contract MONT CARMEL, VOE.—Contract for interior finishing in plaster in Roman Catholic Church, awarded to Jos. Gosse-lin, Levis, Que. Plans by Ouellet & Levesque, architects, Quebec, Que.

FIRES.

Warehouse of the Canada Machine Co., Point Edward, Ont., totally de-stroyed.— Chisholm block, Edmonton, Alta, loss \$25,000.—Sawmill of Cum-mings & Sons, Coaticook, Que., totally

destroyed .- R.J. Hurt's elevator, Boissedestroyed.—R.J. Hurt's elevator, bossevain, Man, totally destroyed.—Factory of Cudahy Co., Toronto, totally destroyed.—C. E. Butler's furniture store, Qu' Appelle, Sask, totally destroyed.—Crump & Porrier's premises and adjoining buildings, Halifax, N.S., loss \$10,000.—Bank of Montreal Building, Monton, N.B., considerably damaged.





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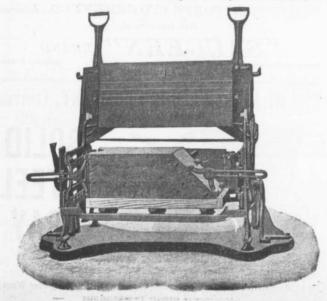


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MR. C. B. SMITH, C.E.

In this issue we publish a portrait of Mr. C. B. Smith, C.E., who was recently elected President of the Engineers' Club of Toronto.

That Mr. Smith ranks among the foremost of Canadian civil engineers is proven by the many important and responsible positions which he Graduating from McGill holds. University in 1884, he devoted some years to railroad engineering with various companies, and later became Assistant-Professor of Civil Engineering in the University where he had received his training. He was for some years resident engineer for the Canadian-Niagara Power Company in connection with the building of their extensive power development works at Niagara Falls, and consulting engineer to the International Railway Company, which positions he resigned in 1904 to engage in a consulting practise. He was then appointed Chairman of the Temiskaming and Northern



MR. C. B. SMITH, President of the Engineers' Club of Toronto

Ontario Railway Commission, which position he recently resigned, and later on in the same year accepted a position on the Hydro-Electric Commission as Chief Engineer. City of Winnipeg then engaged him as Chief Engineer of the Power Department of that city, and just recently he was retained by the City of Toronto to report on the eastern entrances of the different railways to the city.

THE USE OF SMALL PUMPING PLANTS IN CONNECTION WITH SEWERAGE SYSTEMS.

A number of brief papers and addresses on the use of small pumping plants in connection with sewerage systems were presented at the meeting of the Sanitary Section of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers on the evening of January 9. Mr. I. F. Farnham described a small sewerage plant at Newton Upper Falls. The plant is a temporary one, designed for use pending

the construction of a gravity outfall sewer. The plant was put in operation in 1903 and serves 30 houses with a population of about 160, and a machine shop with a population of some 600. There are two 31/2-in. submerged centrifugal pumps driven by two 6-H.P. gasolene engines. Either engine can operate either or both pumps, and both engines can, if desired, be connected to one pump. The maximum litt is 30.7 The contract capacity was 150 gals. per min. and the test capacity was 210 gals. The plant is located near the water-works pumping station and is attended by a fireman in the latter. An indicator in the water-works pumping station shows when the small reservoir connected with the sewage station has filled. When the indicator works, the fireman goes to the sewage station and starts the pumps, which shut down automatically. The cost of this plant, including the pumping station, force main, etc., was \$6,-700, and the yearly cost of operahas averaged between \$400 and \$500. On the whole, the plant is very satisfactory. The most serious trouble has been due to human rather than machanical defects. No emergency overflow is possible, and once or twice the pumping station has been flooded. No screens were provided when the pumps were started, but trouble with clogging by cotton-waste led to the installation of basket screens.

Mr. F. A. Barbour, M. Am. Soc. C.E., of Boston, read a paper in which he described a number of sewage pumping plants which he had designed. He stated by way of preface that labor was the chief poblem in connection with these pumps. In order to minimize the attendance on the pumps, automatic features are introduced where feasible, for which and other reasons the pumps are frequently divided into small units. After describing the Saratoga installation, Mr. Barbour took up in succession the plants at Hudson, Mass, Fredericton, N.B., Atlantic City, N.J., and elsewhere. Two small, electricallydriven centrifugal pumps at Hudson, with a normal combined capacity of 500 gals. per min. against 35 ft. head, were installed at a cost of \$3,600 for pumps, motors, and piping. At Fredericion a plant of the same capacity, but operating under a lower head, is being put in, to pump the sewage when the river rises above the out-fall. The cost of this plant will be about \$3,000, including a considerable percentage of import duty. At Atlantic City a number of electrically-driven pumps will be located beneath the sidewalk, with no structures above the surface.-Engi-

Mr. W. F. Fye, C. E., of Montreal, Que., has left for Mexico to take charge of the engineering work for the Canada Electric Syndicate, Limited.

Snow cleaning in Ottawa, Can., which was formerly carried on as a local improvement is now charged to the general expense fund. The snow is plowed from the walks with two-horse wooden snow plows, is thrown further into the roadway with "walkaway" plows, and finally is compacted with heavy wooden rollers. In the spring of 1905, according to the report of City Engineer N. J. Ker, on some roadways there was an accumulation of snow and ice 4 feet. thick, while the sidewalks were comparatively clean.

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Concrete is coming to be recognized as a material possessing many of the qualities sought for by the hydraulic engineer, and conduits, dams, flumes, etc., that were at one time made of wood, are found to be strong and permanent, water-tight and weather-proof when properly constructed of concrete.

Mr. E. D. Tillson, the well known miller of Tillsonburg, Ont., was one of the first merchants in Western Ontario to recognize its advantages, and about the year 1892 built a crib dam filled with concrete, and about the same time the writer in-

vestigated its merits.

A good deal of literature on the subject was available at that time from European sources, but most of the work treated of had been done on public works on a large scale, and in climates essentially different from our Canadian climate.

The main question in doubt with European engineers was the effect of sea water on concrete, and for Canadians the great question was

the effect of frost.

The Canada Atlantic was probably the first Canadian railroad to use concrete for bridge piers, and the late Mr. Thomas. Munroe, C.E., Government Engineer on the Soulanges Canal, thought enough of it to use it for many hundreds of feet of heavy retaining walls in that work.

A trip made by the writer to to Montreal and other cities disclosed the fact that some engineers were timid about using it for exposed work. They greatly feared the effect of expansion and contraction during setting or after completion, and hesitated on taking chances in the work being properly done. They preferred paying from \$10 to \$15 per cubic yard for stone work, rather than risk concrete work at \$5 to \$8. The writer thought what was good enough for retaining walls in the Soulanges Canal, for breakwater at Plymouth and Folk-tone in England, in Cherbourg, Toulon, etc., in France, not to mention what has been done in Germany and the United States, was good enough for Canadians, and differed with those who said that when "one had solid stone masonry one knew what he had," believing that there were as many different grades of stone as there were of timber, and that some of them pitted, scaled, and decayed rapidly. The situation appeared to be, (1) That expensive The situation masonry itself required some expense for repairs; (2) that concrete cost one-half of what first-class masonry could be done for, and no more than the cheapest grade of masonry would cost; (3) that tim-

ber was a constant source of expense for upkeep; (4) the chances of getting poor masonry or timber and of getting poor concrete were about even; (5) that good concrete once secured was superior to anything else.

No modern breakwater that the writer knew of had stood long without developing cracks and curves. Very many masonry walls showed similar defects, and surely a crack in a concrete wall would be no worse to put up with than in a stone wall.

Hard stone that would stand the weather was expensive to dress; stone easy to dress was often a weak stone. The localities having good building stone and those having gravel or trap rock suitable for concrete were as one to a thousand.

With these conclusions the writer felt justified in using concrete for many bridge piers, breakwaters, etc., for work in all parts of Western Ontario, and as a contracting engineer at that time put up bonds in some instances to guarantee the work for a term of years. He has yet to hear of any of the work entailing one dollar for repairs after completion.

Loss was incurred in some instances by contractors in being unable to secure good grades of European cement promptly, and being compelled to resort to an untried brand that happened to be in stock in Montreal, but now that the whole country is well supplied from home factories there is less liability to trouble from this source.

The investigations in France of Melan Empherger and Consideri brought in the use of reinforced

concrete.

The efficacy of this system was tound by actual trial, but one characteristic of steel and concrete, namely, their co-efficient of expansion from temperature changes, being so nearly uniform, .0000636 for steel, .0000795 for concrete for each degree Fahr. is one important point in favor of their use in combination.

The development of home manufacture has reduced the price of concrete in Ontario from \$2.40 to \$2.60 per barrel to \$1.50 to \$1.80.

The advance of concrete is along two lines, (1) replacing masonry, brick or timber for heavy masses, without any reliance upon metal reinforcement, and (2) replacing materials for comparatively light construction for which metal reinforcement is required.

Its use is sure to extend, and with good results upon the financial condition of the country, since such work should be permanent and the whole country is saved the enor-

mous expense of upkeep that was required when more perishable materials were used. In all cases of reinforced concrete, however, where loads are carried upon beams, slabs, columns, etc., the amount of metal required to secure a proper degree of strength is more than any novice would credit, and for the sake of the good name of reinforced concrete it is to be hoped that incompetents will keep their hands and minds of all such work.

There is one sad case of an Ontario farmer who had heard so much about concrete work that he decided to put in an approach to his barn consisting of a 14 It. span, and whilst removing the false work the whole thing came down on him and crushed his life out. The unfortunate man had not put in sufficient reinforcement or had removed the false work before the concrete had dried out and hardened.

Cases have occurred in the United States of failures of reinforced concrete construction and Canada will fare likewise unless care be taken that the essentials to success be maintained, and in this work, as in anything else, "eternal vigilance is the price of success.' The writer, in all specifications for concrete work, uses a clause empowering the clerk of the works to secure the dismissal of any employee who shows an inclination to skimp the work or vary from the rules and proportions called for.-Engineering Journal.

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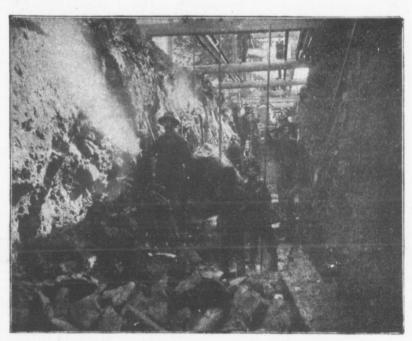
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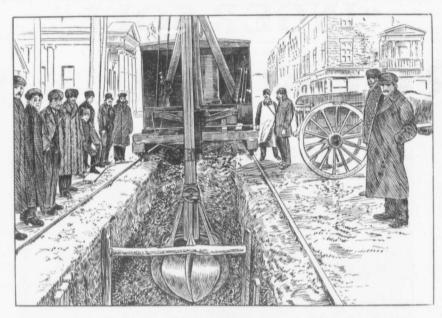
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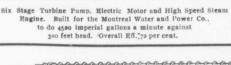
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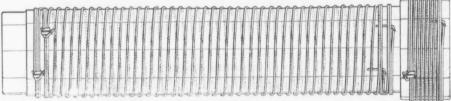
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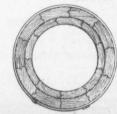


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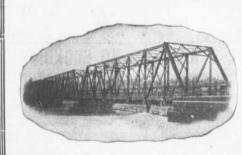
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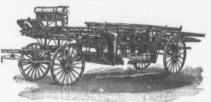
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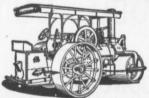
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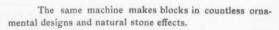
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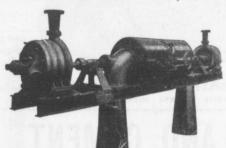
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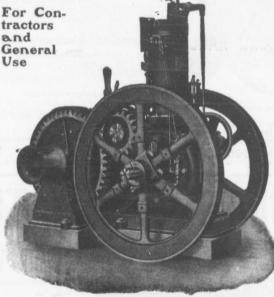
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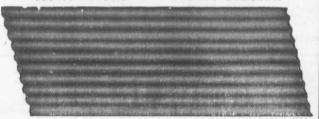
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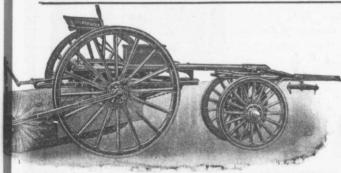
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