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### **T**ENDERS FOR **D**EBENTURES

The Municipal Council of the City of Nanaimo invite proposals up to MONDAY, 20711 APRIL, 1895, endorsed "Tender for Debentures," for the purchase of

#### \$10,500.00 DEBENTURES

issued under the authority of the Commercial Filling By-Law, 1894. The Council reserves the right to reject the highest or any proposal.

S. GOUGH, City Clerk.

Nanaimo, B. C., 22nd March, 1895.

### TO CONTRACTORS



Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to

### Thursday, May 2nd, 1895

For the following works:

#### CONCRETE SIDEWALK

on Dunlop street, from Mulcaster street to Clapperton street (both sides, excepting in front of the Dominion Building and John Plaxton's store) about 2000 ineal feet of sidewalk 12 feet wide.

#### TELFORD PAVEMENT

on Dunlop and Elizabeth streets, from Mulcaster street to John street, about 1600 lineal feet of roadway 44 feet wide.

#### DRAINAGE

Nine inch tile drain on Worsley street, from Poyntz street to Mulcasterstreet; and from Duckworth street to Berczy street on Louisa street, and on Toronto and Elizabeth streets, from Ross street to Mary street, about 2800 lineal feet.

Specifications and conditions may be seen and forms of tender obtained at the office of the Town Clerk.

A marked check, payable to the order of the Town Treasurer, for the sum of \$200, must accompany every

tender.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
Unskilled local labor as far as possible to be employed.
Separate tenders far each particular work.

HENRY BIRD,

Town Clerk.

### TENDERS FOR SEWER PIPES

Sealed Tenders addressed to the City Engineer, Brantford, will be received till noon, May 181, 1895, for the supply of

#### SEWER PIPES

required by the City of Brantford for the year 1295. Specifications and form of tender will be furnished on application at the office of the City Engineer. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

M. K. HALLORAN, Chairman Sewer Com. T. HARRY JONES, City Engineer.

### **TENDERS**

Sealed tenders, marked "Waterworks," will be re-i el by the undersigned on or before the

1st of May, 1895,

For the construction of

### A SYSTEM OF WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE IN THE TOWN OF SUDBURY, ONT.

Plans, specifications, etc., can be seen and forms of tender hadnt the following places:

Office of Gordon & Rorke, Engineers, Sudbury.

"Montreal Star, Montreal.

"Messrs McPherson, Clark & Jarvis, Bar-

risters, Toronto.

An accepted bank cheque, equal to 5 per cent. of the amount of tender must accompany each tender. This cheque will be forfeited if the party declines to enter into the contract and will be returned in case of non acceptance of tender.

The latest contract and acceptance of tender.

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March 18, 1805.

A. FERRIS, Clerk Town of Sudbury.

### **Notice to Contractors**

#### CANADIAN CONTRACTOR'S HAND-BOOK

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#### BUSINESS NOTES.

Barsalow & Whitehall, plumbers, Brockville, Ont., have assigned to James

F. Archambault, Ste. Cunegonde, Que., is commencing business as a plumber at that place.

The stock of Creamer & Langley, plumbers, Vancouver, B. C., has been purchased by John Boyd & Co.

Mullett & Jackson, hardware merchants and tinsmiths, Seaforth, Ont., have dissolved, J. R. Jackson retiring. The business will be continued under the style of S. Mullett & Co.

#### CONTRACTS OPEN.

WHEATLEY, ONT .- Fred. Fox will erect a new house this spring.

BARRY'S BAY, ONT .- The O. A. and P. S. Railway Co, will rebuild their station here.

J. L. Miller has pur-MONCTON, N. B. chased a site on which to erect a new residence.

GLENCOE, ONT .- The G. T. R. has decided to eject a new passenger station at this place.

BERLIN, ONT.-H. J. Powell, of Stratford, will be the architect of the proposed Opera House block.

BATH, ONT. - Mr. Babcock, of Odessa, will erect a grist and saw mill here provided a bonus of \$500 is granted.

BELLEVILLE, ONT.—The city will ask for tenders for 20,000 feet each of hemlock and pine lumber, also for the supply of nails.

WOODSTOCK, ONL.—The Council are considering the erection of a market building and fire hall, at a cost of \$10,000 to \$12,000.

TRENTON, ONT. A proposition has been made to the Council by R. Weddell, jr., to construct a system of waterworks for the town.

ANTIGONISH, N. S.—Tenders for the purchase of \$3.000 of debentures are invited by the Town Clerk, until Thursday, the 18th inst.

VICTORIA, B. C.—Ald. Bagg will move in Council that the city ask for tenders for supplying ten unles of B. D. waterproof No. 6 copper wire.

MITCHELL, ONT .- Tenders are invited by G. K. Matheson, until the 30th inst. for the Royal Hotel block, including hotel, drug store and rooms.

LONDON, ON1.—Two members of the City Council and the City Engineeer will visit a number of cities to gather information respecting street pavements.

SI. JOHN, N. B.—Proposals are invited by the School Board until the 1st of May for the purchase of \$20,000 of debentures. Address Edward Manning, Secretary.

MIDLAND, ONT.—Tenders for 500 feet of 2\frac{1}{2} inch rubber-lined cotton hose are invited by H. F. Switzer, Town Clerk, until the 20th inst., samples to accompany tender.

ONT .- William Bright, LISTOWELL, Town Clerk, will receive tenders on behalf of the corporation until the 1st of May for lighting the town with electricity; circuit about three miles.

LEAMINGTON, ONT.—M. Lefebore & Co., manufacturers of beet root sugar, are considering the erection of a large factory here, to cost \$350,000, the machinery for which will cost \$125,000.

HULL, QUE.-The School Board has decided to purchase a site and erect a new convent.—It is stated by T. Viau, the

Barrie, April 9th, 1895.

promoter of the proposed electric railway that work will be commenced this spring.

WINDSOR, ONT.—John Sales, barrister, proposes to erect a new residence, at a cost of \$1,800.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has decided to build a large storehouse here with a capacity of 5,000 barrels.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.—The City Council have resolved to petition the Dominion Government to proceed with the erection of a drill shed, plans for which were recently prepared and approved by the Department of Militia.

SARNIA, ONT.—Tenders are invited by J. D. Lowrie, Township Clerk, until noon to-day (Thursday), for the repair and enlargement of the Perche and Pulse drains, in the Township of Sarnia, by dredging. Plans may be seen at the clerk's office.

GANANOQUE, ONT.—The new Bennett block on the corner of King and Stone streets, and Dr. Roger's new residence and offices, on the old Roman Catholic church property, will be under way in a few days. Several cottages on the islands will also be started.

BRANTFORD, ONT.—It has been decided that the new works of the Waterous Engine Co. will be built in Eagle place, between Oneida street and the mill-race. Plans have been prepared which provide for the closing of one or two streets. If the City Council sanctions this, specifications will at once be prepared and tenders asked for.

QUEBEC, QUE. -The directors of the Quebec street railway are asking for authority from the city to substitute the electric storage battery system on its lines, provided the city grants the company permission to run through Dalhousie and St. Andrew streets.—Tenders are invited until Saturday, the 20th inst., addressed to W. R. Russell, C. E., superintendent, for making alterations and improvements to a house on Rainsay street for a railway station for the Q. M. and C. railway. Plans may be seen at the office of H. Stavely, architect.

KINGSTON, ONT.—The necessity of additional school accommodation has been pointed out by the School Board, and a new eight-roomed school is recommended. The Council will be asked to grant the necessary money for its erection.—A deputation from this city, interviewed the Ontario Government last week asking for alterations in the terms of a bonus granted by the Government to the Kingston, Napanee and Western Railway, which runs from Kingston to Tweed and from there northward. The road has been built to Tweed, and the changes requested will apply to the section yet remaining to be built.

WINNIPEG, Man. — The Masonic Temple Association have selected a site for their proposed temple at the corner of Donald and Ellice streets. The directors will proceed at once to obtain plans, and tenders will be asked for construction within the next six weeks. The structure will be two stories with basement, and the cost about \$16,000.—The Manitoba legislature has refused to grant the applica-tion of the City Council for power to operate a tramway to Little Stony Mountain, and another to Birds Hill, and for power to give \$100,000 for assisting in improving the Red river navigation.-Tenders for the erection of a steel super-structure for Osborne street bridge are invited until Thursday, the 23rd of May. Plans may be obtained from the City Engineer and tenders are to to be addressed to J. C. Sproule, Chairman Committee on Works.

HALIFAX, N. S.—The city invites tenders, addressed to the Mayor, until noon on Saturday, the 20th inst., for the supply of hardware, brick and drain pipe, required

during the season; also for grading Young avenue, and painting interior of city hall. Further information may be obtained from the City Engineer, Mr. F. W. Doane.—Tenders are invited by W. L. Brown, City Treasurer, until Menday, the 13th of May, from parties willing to loan to the city the sum of \$157,650, the money to be expended as follows: \$60,000 for sewerage purposes; \$75,000 for permanent pavements; \$5,000 for dry dock, \$10,000 for water extension; \$2,650 for new chemical fire engine, and \$5,000 for the erection of a new engine house. Tenders are also asked until the same date for a loan of \$12,553 to meet liabilities.

MONTREAL, QUE. - The City Council has adopted a resolution asking the Government to proceed with the scheme of a dry dock and basin at Hochelaga. The cost will be \$4,000,000, of which the city will contribute \$1,000,000.—A meeting of the shareholders of the Canada Paper Company was held last week to authorize the issue of the company's bonds, for the purpose of building a dam and other works, to utilize the water power on the St. Francis river on its property at Windsor Mills. The by-law was approved of by the meeting, and it is understood the works, which will involve a considerable expenditure, will at once be proceeded with.—Tenders are invited by L. J. Sergeant, general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, until May 31st for various stores required by the railway for one year from 1st July next.—Robert Findlay, architect, is calling for tenders for a residence at Cote St. Antoine for W. M. Knowles. – Arthur J. Cooke is calling for tenders for two cottages on Wellington street for ex-Ald. Thompson.

HAMILTON, ONT.—A deputation from this city last week interviewed the Dominion Government with reference to the bridge across the Burlington canal. Parliament last session voted \$5,000 for this bridge, and tenders were called for about a month ago, but the contract has not been awarded as some changes in the plans have been asked for.—The by-law to raise the sum of \$36,000 for building a new jail will be voted on by the ratepayers on the 1st of May.—Being unable to get a satisfactory charter from the Ontario Legislature, the projectors of the Hamilton Valley, City, and Waterloo railway have applied to the Dominion Government for a charter for the International Radial Railway Company. The company wants power to build lines to Waterloo, Guelph, International Bridge, St. Mary's, Port Burwell, London, To-ronto, Cooksville and Brampton.—Wm. Stewart & Son, architects, are asking for tenders until Monday, the 22nd inst. for the erection of two dwellings, one on Emerald street and the other on Bold The cost of each will be \$3,500.

OTTAWA, ONT.—Tenders are asked by Robert Davidson, Chairman Waterworks Committee, until the 30th inst. for the supply of oils, lead pipe, brass work, hydrants, valves, castings, cast iron pipe, iron racks and fire alarm supplies required by the Waterworks Department for the current year.-The Board of Works invites tenders until the 1st of May, addressed to Napoleon Champagne, Chairman, for the supply of plank and artificial stone sidewalks required during the year, also for the supply of cedar, plank, hardware, and vitrified fire clay sewer pipes. Specifications may be obtained from the City Engineer.—The Dominion Government has been asked to make a grant of \$3,200 a mile for the first ten miles of the Ontario, Belmont and Northern Railway Co. The road will Northern Railway Co. The road will leave a point on the C. P. R. in Hastings, passing through Peterboro', connecting with the Irondale, Bancroft and Ottawa Railway, and pass through Haliburton to

Baysville, in Muskoka. The first ten miles have been graded and are now ready for ironing.

TORONTO, ONT.—At the last meeting of the Property Committee, H. B. Wood, architect, presented estimates of cost of proposed alterations at Bay and Lombard street fire halls. The alterations to the hall on Bay street, and the erection of an addition to accommodate the water power is placed at \$3,450, while the enlargement of the Lombard street hall is estimated at \$5,500. A special meeting of the Committee will be held this week to take action in the matter.—The Parkdale Athletic Club desire to secure a site from the city for a club building. -- A deputation from Pembroke interviewed the Ontario Government last week to ask for a bonus for a railway from Pembroke to Douglas, a distance of some twenty-five miles. The Government promised to consider the request of the deputation.—The supplementary estimates of the Ontario Legislature were presented to the House last week. For publi buildings the sum of \$36,060 is required, among which are the following: \$10,000 for an experimental building at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph; \$4,600 for improvements in the Parliament buildings, Toronto; \$2,825 for furniture, fire appliances, etc., for Brockville Asylum; \$2,600 for fire protection at Hamilton Asylum; \$2,000 for a new registry office at Minden; \$1,500 nevote for the lock-up at Little Current, Algoma; \$1,200 for the Port Arthur court room; \$4,070 for the School of Mining, Kingston, and \$2,300 for the Dairy School Kingston. For public works \$13,100 is asked, including \$5,000 for the Castor river improvement, the Dominion Government to give \$10,000; \$2,500 for bridging the Otonabee river; \$1,250 for the Portage du Fort bridge across the Ottawa; \$1,100 for a swing tridge at Combermere; \$2,000 for a bridge over the Nation river and \$1,000 revote for dredging in Musk-rat river. The railway aid resolutions contain the following grants: Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound railway, for a distance not to exceed thirty-seven miles, \$3,000 per mile; Tilsonburg, Lake Erie and Pacific railway for sixteen miles; \$2,000 per mile; Penetarguishene and Midland Electric railway, \$4,500; Ontario and Rainy River railway, for a distance not to exceed forty-five miles, \$3,000 per mile; inter-provincial railway and passenger and traffic bridge across the Ottawa river and Nepean Point, \$50,000 provided that a sum of \$600,000 or more be expended in the construction of the said bridge.—The Consumers' Gas Company invite tenders until the 29th inst. for the supply of 30,000 tons of Youghingheny or Westmoreland lump gas coal.— Tenders are invited by Burke & Horwood, architects, 28 Toronto street, until noon on Monday the 22nd inst., for the erection of a new building for the Globe Printing Company on the corner of Yonge and Melinda streets. The building will be three stories high, built of stone and pressed brick, and will extend back only to the lane. The cost will be between \$20,000 and \$25,000.—Building permits have been granted as follows: J. Wilson Gray, architect, repairs and tower to Knox church, cost \$6,000; Gullett & Sons, one story bk. showroom and workshop, 740 Yonge st., cost \$2,000; Mrs. M. Jones, Toronto Junction, repairs and bk. add. to 182-4 Yonge st., cost \$5,500; Jas. Mannell, to rebuild 169 Yonge st., cost \$5,000; J. J. McLaughlin, 2 story bk. factory, 153-55 Sherbourne st., cost \$3,000; Wm. Jones, 93 Major st., pr. s. d. 2 story and attic bk. dwellings, e. side Rosedale rd., nr. north drive.

Wm. A. Stephenson has been registered proprietor of W. A. Stephenson & Co., plumbers, Montreal.

#### FIRES.

A two-story brick store at Caledon East, Ont., owned by Bradley & Clark, and a large warehouse owner by Dr. Allison, were burned on Tuesday last.—
L. W. R. Terry's grist null and the residences of A. T. Dorland and Thos. Montgomery, at Newcomb's Mills, a village about a mile north of Brighton, Ont., were destroyed by fire recently. The loss is partially covered by insurance.—The Roman Catholic church and convent at Fort William, Ont., were totally destroyed by fire on the 10th inst. The loss is placed at \$8,000, two-thirds of which is covered at \$8,000, two-thirds of which is covered by insurance. The sisters of St. Joseph intend rebuilding. Cushing & Co.'s large saw mill at Union Point, near St. John, N. B., was burned to the ground on Wednesday of last week. The loss is about \$50,000, and the insurance \$28,937. The planing mill of Lennoy and Co. The planing mill of Lennox and Co., on Dufferin street, Toronto, was destroyed by fire on Sunday last, causing a loss of \$7,000. The building was owned by Wm. Graydon, and was valued at \$6,000. No

#### CONTRACTS AWARDED.

WINDSOR, ONT.-Cole & Shaw, contractors will construct the Pelissier screet sewer at the price of \$1,084.50.

GANANOQUE, ONT.—The contract for the annual supply of lumber has been awarded to the Rathbun Co., of Deseronto.

OTTAWA EAST, ONT.—The Council has sold \$2,500 of 20 years debentures to Geo. A. Stimson, of Toronto. The price ıs \$1.01.

EXETER, ONT. - Uyer & Howard, of the Exeter planing mills, have been awarded the contract for new houses for R. Pickard and J. A. Stewart.

NORWICH, ONT.-The contract for a system of heating and ventilation, for the new Norwich public schools, has been awarded to the J. F. Pease Furnace Co., of Toronto.

TORONTO, ONT.—F. B. McNamee, of Montreal, has been awarded the contract for dredging Toronto harbor. The work will last two years.—The contract for a new boiler for the electric light plant at Island Park, has been awarded to the John Abell Engine Company, at \$930.

LONDON, ONT.—The Council received six tenders for a 70-foot aerial ladder, as follows:--" Waterous," Brantford, \$3,237.-50; "Ronald," Brussels, \$3,600; Chicago firm, \$2,430; Babcock, \$4,102.50; R. Dennis & Co., "Hayes," \$3,400; Martin "Hayes," \$4,200. The tender of the Chicago firm has been recommended for acceptance.

MONTREAL, QUE.-Dunlop & Heriot have awarded contracts for a residence on Sherbrooke St., for Hugh Graham, as follows:—Mason, J. H. Hutchison; brick, T. W. Peel; carpenter and joiner's work, W. Scott & Sons; roofing, G. W. Reed; plumbing and heating, R. Mitchell & Co.; plastering, John Morrison & Son; painting and glazing, G. S. Kimber; carving, T. Mcore.

OTTAWA, ONT .- The following tenders were received by the Board of Works for the asphalting of Bank and Spark streets: Warren Scharf Co., New York, Trinidad asphalt, \$3.20 per square yard, granite toothing, 60 cents per lineal foot, dressed limestone, 55 cents per lineal foot, granite block paving, \$4.50 per square yard; Sicilian Asphaltum Paving Co., 10ck asphalt Sicilian Asphaltum Paving Co., 10ck asphalt, \$3.54, granite toothing, 54 cents, dressed limestone, 49 cents, granite paving, \$3.73; John E. Askwith, Ottawa, rock asphalt, \$3.70, Trinidad, \$3.50, granite toothing, 50 cents, dressed limestone, 55 cents, granite paving, \$4.80; Farquhar & Co., Toronto, rock asphalt, \$3.00, granite toothing, \$1.10 dressed limestone, \$1.25, granite paving, \$4.35; Canadian G.anite Co., Ottawa, rock asphalt

phalt, \$3.60, granite toothing, 45 cents, phair, \$3.00, grante toothing, 45 cents, dressed limestone, 45 cents, grante paving, \$3.60; Patrick Burns, Ottawa, rock asphalt, \$3.75, Trinidad, \$3.75, Bermudez Lake, \$3.75, grante toothing, 60 cents, dressed limestone, 60 cents, grante paving, \$3.75; Bastien & Valiquette, Montreal, rock asphalt, \$3.88, grante toothing, 40 cents, dressed limestone, 50 cents, grante paving, \$3.60. The tender of the granite paving, \$3.69. The tender of the Canadian Granite Co. has been accepted.

#### THE STRENGTH OF OLD BRICKWORK.

An interesting piece of information respecting the strength of old brickwork is the result of experiments carried out by Mr. A. G. Lyster, the assistant engineer to the Mercy Docks and Harbour Board. The brickwork in question was part of a wall of the Albert warehouses in Liver-pool, and was built about fifty years ago af hand-made bricks, laid in ground mor-tar made with lime from the Halkin Mountain, Flintshire. This lime is in a high degree hydraulic, and makes mortar of exceptionally good quality. Having to demolish the wall, Mr. Lyster conceived the happy thought of leaving a piece of it in the form of a horizontal beam, having a twelve-foot span, and measuring about two feet square in section, seven courses in height of a two-root wall. The ends of the beam were not cut free from the rest of the work. This beam was then loaded with all the weight that could conveniently be piled upon it in iron "kentledge," without appreciable deflection or other sign of weakness resulting. Two courses were then cut off, and the whole weight again put on, but without other result. The beam was further reduced by a course, leaving it four courses, or fifteen inches deep, and the ends were also cut free from the other work, the mortar beds of the twelve-inch bearings being left untouched. A centrally placed load of five tons, fifteen hundredweight was then gradually piled upon it, and was borne for several days without apparent effect upon the brickwork. Finally, the weight was increased to six tons, nine hundredweight, twenty-three pounds, which was sustained for thirty how s, when the beam collapsed during the night, and came down in pieces more like broken timber than anything else. Other tests were made with similarly astonishing results; but the above are sufficient to show what really first rate brickwork in hydraulic lime will stand.—BRITISH CLAY WORKER.

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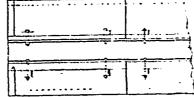
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#### SPECIFICATIONS FOR CEMENT.

Some very useful and commonsense observations on the value of tests for Portland cements are made by Mr Fre derick H. Icwis, member of the Engi neers Cuip of Philadelphia. The ordi nary specification tests are cither impraticable or undesirable, for the simple or son that the architect or con neer, in specifying them, does not know all the circumstances attending the tests he prescribes, and he forgets to cover require ments which are essential. The writer truly says. "There is a disposition in specifications to adopt new requirements, and to push them to extreme rigour without having ascert tine I whether they are really advantageous. For example, same engineers insisted for years on requiring 52,000 lb. ultimate strength in bar iron. Certain mills were able to produce such iron, and the apparent advantage of it led to the adoption of this as a requirement But we now know that 52,000 lb ultimate in most cases meant 0.2 per cent. phosphorus in the iron, and that we should be better off if the high ultimate had not been required." And it was the same 100,000 lb. per square inch was once demanded, but we have not been working back to a steel approaching the qualities of wrought iron with an ultimate strength close to 50,000 lb. Manufacturers, for their own interest, who can produce certain qualities often suggest these things as requirements to the profession. Mr. Lews very cogently urges the question, and gives the following good advice: "Frame requirements to cover an essentially good article, and then add nothing whatever to limit competition or advance the price. It logically follows that specifications drafted on this principle should contain no requirements which are not intended to be enforced, and none for which a satisfactory reason cannot be given." In specifications for steel and cement, several requirements are stated, yet they are silent in regard to the methods to be followed in selecting specimen:, or in testing them. The manufacturer receiving these selects his own conditions, and thus completely nullifies the requirements. A test is not an absolute fact, but a related one; it is the minor premiss of a syllogism of which the mass of recorded tests are major premises. The application of these and similar principles to the tests of Portland cement is fully shown by the author. A series of tables of tests is given, showing the reasonableness of certain requirements in drafting specifications.

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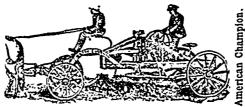
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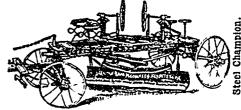
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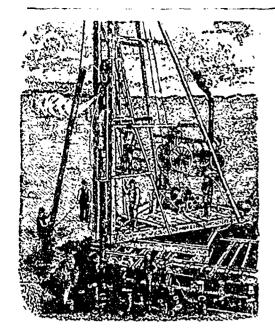


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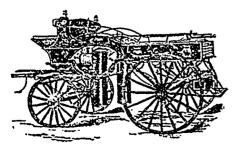
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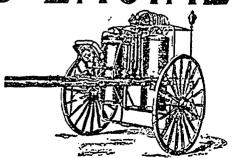
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#### STONE IN STREET CONSTRUCTION.

Stone in various forms and conditions has been used for street and walk building during all ages, but it is not keeping pace at the present with the other material that is seeking favor for such purposes. As a metaling for city streets stone, except granite blocks, must give way, says a writer in Stone, but the employment of crushed stone for foundations and concrete will continue to be in demand, and the more so as its cost is reduced by improved facilities for its production.

There are many uses to which a finely ground stone can be put. As these are at present furnished as the tailings from the crusher or screen, they have too great a percentage of dirt and dust in it to give the desired results in its use, especially in finishing concrete work. If this could be blown or washed out cheaply, it would be of great value.

A valuable use to which stone might be more extensively employed in smaller city and town streets, is in gutter and curb work.

Large stone dressed so as to form a combined gutter and curb makes the most desirable toadway edging yet employed, but naturess of the stone suited for such purpose has caused such forming to be too expensive. The rapid introduction of stone working machinery will ere long accomplish this at a price to greatly extend its use.

Large flat stone or flagging used for gutter bottoms in connection with cedar block paving has the double advantage of adding durability to the paving in this, its weakest point, and further in reducing the area subject to the excessive swelling of blocks in wet and freezing weather. This action is one of the most destructive to the form of wood block pavements.

There is no more pleasing display of a moderate degree of artistic taste than in stone for curoing, steps and posts along the street lines. Engineers and architects might add greatly to the scone industry in this line by a little pains in introducing some or small and unique forms and designs in these matters. This latter is not properly a part of street construction, but it is so closely related thereto that it should be looked after in connection with any such improvement, as much of this work is demanded at such times.

stone for sidewalks being apt to wear smooth and become slippery in wet and freezing weather, should be laid with only sufficient slant to run the water toward the sutter

These may require an occasional sur facing with the bush hammer.

One defect in stone walk laying is either in having the stone of too great surface, or else of insufficient thickness

Limestone flagging as ordinarily laid

on a sand bed, will require about one inch in thickness for each foot of greatest dimension the stone has. This much is necessary to withstand the lifting and settling action incident to freezing and thawing.

Outside of much traveled streets, there is a univeral tendency in winter to have a path cleared of snow along the center of the walk, which on warm days results n the thawing under the center of the stone, while under the ends it remains frozen. As the freezing again takes place, it will be more severe under this exposed center, resulting in an upheaval and consequent splitting of the stone at such point.

Proper drainage and good bedding of broken stone and clean sand, especially the latter, will largely remedy the above difficulty by providing an opportunity for the freezing action in the bedding to exert its expansive force in compacting the loose bed of sand instead of raising the

Another matter of some annoyance in flagging stone, is the tendency of the roots of trees to penetrate beneath them, and by years of growth exert an unequal pressure on some portion of the stone. This can best be prevented by having a very clean, but well drained bedding for the stone, one in which the accumulating water therein will soon find an outlet in a gutter or drain near by.

#### STATE REGULATION OF VENTILA-TION OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

The State of Massachusetts was the pioneer in the legal regulation of the ven tilation of buildings, and the report of the Chief of the District Police, upon whom falls the enforcement of the laws, is always a document of public interest. The report for 1894, which has just appeared, is a volume of some 450 pages, together with numerous lithographic plates.

The report relates largely to the subject of ventilation and heating, the law demanding that "every public building and every schoolhouse be ventilated in such a proper manner that the air shall not become to exhausted as to be injurious to the health of the persons present therein." To the department has been left the re sponsibility of determining the minimum limit of proper ventilation, and they have compelled the supply of at least 30 cubic feet of an per minute per occupant. The effect of the law has certainly been to breatly improve the condition of all public buildings and schoolhouses, and the improvements introduced in those lately erected are most noticeable.

The reports of the various inspectors upon their work in the line of schoolhouse ventilation are pertinently introduced by several pages of general remarks upon the subject, showing conclusively the necessity of improved methods and most emphatically denouncing the toleration of anything but the best when that can be secured, for "filthy air is as disgusting as foul water and no more conducive to health."

The inspectors appear to be a unit in their approval of mechanical means, for "in the ventilation of buildings the natu-

ral methods of ventilation, owing to the varying conditions of temperature and barometric pressure from day to day, cannot be relied upon, as a change in the wind produces a stopping of the air in the flue. It has also been seen that when the weather is sultry and oppressive the atmosphere has not sufficient weight to disperse the air in the flues. Artificial methods or systems are now applied to secure the desired results. \* \* \* In some of the systems which have been applied to the school buildings in the state during the past few years good results have been obtained, and they have helped to solve the problem of heating and ventilation; but with those who have made a careful study of the laws underlying the whole process it is a settled conviction that perfect ventilation cannot be reached without the aid of mechanical means."

The inspectors, in the progress of their work, have found numerous old school buildings in which the air in occupied rooms was contaminated to the extent of 30 to 50 parts of carbonic acid gas in 10,000 parts of air, while in the new buildings they frequently report 6 to 8 parts in the same volume of air, and in some cases have measured an air supply of fully 50 cubic feet per occupant per minute.

### THE EFFECT OF CATCH-BASINS ON SEWER CLEANING EXPENSE.

This subject is discussed by T. Chalkley Hatton, engineer in charge of the Wilmington, Del., sewerage system, in a report issued recently. The streets paved with block stone, asphalt, or brick are 11'59 miles long, while of the remaining 71'41 miles of streets in the city only 26.63 miles have a cobble or broken-stone surface, which naturally results in considerable street detritus finding its way to the sewer inlet during storms. On one system of sewers where the inlets are turned into catch-basins nearly all the street washings were intercepted and the sewer has needed cleaning but once, which was done at a cost of \$67, the catch-basins have been kept clear at a cost of \$66 annually. On another system of sewers, located almost the same as the first as repairds grades, nature of street surface, and relation to tide water, which have been finished but a short time, clean ing was soon required at a cost of \$144, and the sewers were as hadly choked as before one week after the work was done, owing to lack of catch-basins. The first system drains an area of 120 acres, the second drains one of 28 acres.

A Mexican paper states that a new project for the sanitation of the sewers of the city of Mexico, at a cost of about £5,000, calls for the building of some twenty-five windmills in different parts of the city to rotate paddle-wheels in the sewers and quicken the current to I metre per second.

The highest death rate of any town in the civilized world is that of the City of Mexico—40 per 1,000. The city is 7,000 tt. above sea level, but in spite of this fact its defective drainage makes the mortality very great. Mr. Romero, the Mexican Minister at Washington, explains in a recent article that when the water in Lake Texcoco is high it backs up into the sewers until the soil under the houses and in the streets is saturated with sewage.

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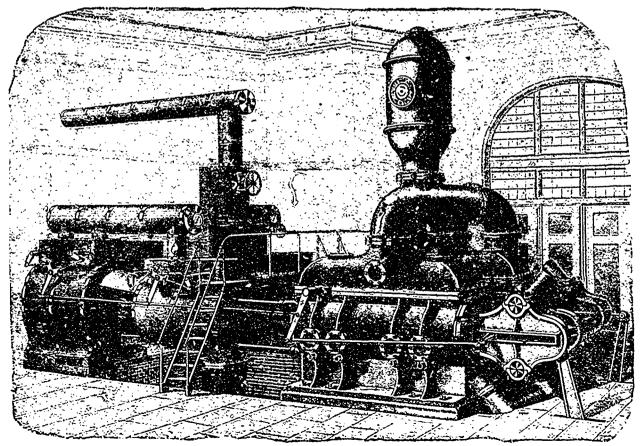
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Machinery for Flee trical Work, etc., etc. Boilers, Ingines Lorgings, Girders, Castings, Shafts, Pulleys, Gears, Bearings,

AGENTS IN CANADA FOR THE

Famous Worthington Pumps

### Prices of Building Materials.

CONDITION OF THE MARKET,

TORONTO: The volume of business is steadily increasing, and activity is anticipated as the season advances. Hardware is moving freely, and a number of car loads of cut nails have gone forward during the past week. At a recent meeting of the Cut Nail Association it was decided to fix the price at \$2.10 per keg, delivered at any point in Canada. This change is having a good effect. Trade in plumbers' supplies is improving, but slowly. Cement and firebricks are quiet and quotations unchanged.

MONTREAL: Shelf hardware is active, and the past week has been satisfactory. The demand for cement is small lots has been good, and it seems probable the supply here will be well exhausted before the first importations come to hand. Firebricks are active, and some large lots have changed hands at \$15 to \$22 per thousand. Discounts on iron pipe and galvanized iron remain unchanged.

LUMBER.										
CAR OR CARGO LOTS.										
	Toron	to.	Montr	ntreal.						
1 1/2 to 2 clear picks. Am ins	\$ . . 32 00@3		\$ 40 ∞@	\$ 45 ∞						
t 1/2 to 2 three uppers, Am ins	5.	57 00 6 00	40 00	45 00						
t to 2, pickings, Amins	. •	20 00	27 00 40 00	30 00 45 00						
3 x 10 and 12 dressing an	ď		18 00	20 00						
1 better		22 00 17 00	1000	19 00						
I x 10 and 12 dressing		22 00 14 00	8 00	18 00						
I x 10 and 12 common Spruce culls	10 00 1	11 00	800	10 00						
1 x 10 and 12 culls	.900 1	3200 3200	35 ∞	9 00 40 00						
r inch clear and picks r inch dressing and better	20 C7 2	22 00	1800	20 00						
t inch siding, mill run	14 00 2	15 00	12 00 10 00	16 00 13 00						
t inch siding, common  t inch siding, ship culls	.11 00 1	2 00	1000	11 00						
t inch siding, mill culls Cull scantling	. 900 1	ა თ ი თ	8 00 , 8 00	900						
til and thicker cutting u	p	900	***	9∞						
plank t inch strips, 4 in to 8 in. mi	.24 00 2	26 ∞	22 00	25 00						
100	.14∞ 1	5 ∞	14 CO	1500						
inch strips, common	.11 00 11.	2 00	10 00	12 00						
inch flooring	.16 00 1	7 00 7 00	12 00 12 00	15 00 15 00						
XXX shingles, sawn, per ni		-		· .						
XX shingles, sawn		50 50	2 60 1 60	2 60 1 70						
Lath		•		1 50 •						
YALD QUO	TATION	s.								
Mill cull boards and scantlin Shipping cull boards, pro	g t	00 00	10 <b>0</b> 0	12 00						
miscuous widths	. 1	3 00		13 00						
Shipping cult boards, stock	CS 1	6 00		16 00						
Hemlock scantling and jois up to 16 ft	.11 00	12 00		10 00						
Hemlock scantling and join	st .12 00	3 ∞	12 00	13 co						
Hemlock scantling and join up to 20 ft	st .1300 1	14 00	13 00	14 00						
Cedar for block paving, pe cord	ı	5 00		5 ∞						
per M	• •	14 00		14 00						
Scantling and joist, up to 16	ft.	14 00		14 00						
11 11 18		15 ∞ 16 co		16 00 16 00						
Scantling and joist, up to 22	ft	17 00		17 00						
11 1 24		19 00		19 CO 21 OO						
" " 2d		22 00		23 00						
" " 30 " " 32	ft	24 ∞ 27 ∞		25 00 27 00						
" " 34	. ft	29 50		29 50						
" " 36 " " 38		31 00 33 00		33 00 31 00						
" 44	ft	34 00		36 co						
Cutting up planks, 11/2 an thicker, dry	ια 25 00 2	28 00	25 00	30 00						
В. 3			•	•						
1 % in flooring, dressed, F M		20.00	28 oo	JI 00						
1% inch flooring, rough, B N	1.18 00	30 00 22 00	18 00	22 00						
1 1 inch flooring, rough, B N 1 1 dressed, F M 1 undressed, b M	1.25 00 2	28 00 19 00	27 ∞ 18 ∞	30 00 19 00						
1% dressed	00 2	20 00	18 00	22 00						
undressed	12 00	15 00 25 00	12 00	15 00 25 00						
Beaded sheeting, dressed Clapboarding, dressed	••	35 co	8 00	35 ∞ 12 ∞						
XXX sawn shingles, per h	<b>N</b>	2 70		3 00						
Sawn lath	2 50	2 60	2 50	2 60						
Cedar Red oak	30 00	2 90 40 00	30 00	2 90 40 00						
White	32 00 /	45 00	35 ∞	55 ∞						
Basswood, No. 1 and 2 Cherry, No. 1 and 2	28 ∞ ∵	30 00	18 00 70 00	20 00 80 00						
White ash, No. 1 and 2 Black ash, No. 1 and 2	.24 00	35 00	30 00	35 ∞						
Black ash, No. 1 and 2	20 ∞	30 ∞	18 ∞	30 ∞						
Dressing stocks		30 00		22 00 40 00						
Three uppers, Am. inspection	ກ	50 ∞		50 ox						

Toronto. Mo	ntreal.	Toronto. M	ontreal.
BRICK—₩ M Common Walling 6 co	6 00	Canadian " 2 0 250 2	8, 200
Good Facing 8 c >	8 50 50 9 00	n Roman " Parian " 450 475 4	2 75 150 4 75
Pressed Brick, Per M:		" Thorold, " 15	150
Red, No. 1, f.o.b. Beamsville 16.0		" Queenston, " t to	1 50 1 50
B-iff		" Hull, " 150	1 50
Brown		Keene's Coarse "Whites" 4 50 4 75	50 475
" Buff 35 00 " Brown 40 00		Fire Bricks, Newcastle, per M 23 00 30 00 15	00 70 60
Sewer 7 50 Hard Building 6 0,		Lime, Per Barrel, Grey 40	
Roof Tiles		Plaster, Calcined, N. B 200	
Ridge Tile 11 60 1st quality, f.o.b. at Port Credit 14 00	18 00	Hair, Plasterers', per bag 80 100	
2nd '' '' '' 12 00 ard '' '' '' 8 00	12 00 15 00	HARDWARE. Cut nails, 5cd & 6cd, per keg 240	2 10
Hard building brick 6 50 Ornamental, per 100 3 00 10 00		Steel H H H 2 50 CUT NAILS, FENCE AND CUT SPIKKS.	2 35
SAND.		40d, hot cut, per 10 · lbs 5 30d, 11 11 11 10	2 13
Per Lond o 11/2 Cubic Yards 1 25	1 25	20d, 16d and 12d, hot cut, per 100 lbs	2 25
Common Rubble, per toise,		10d, hot cut, per 100 lbs 20 8d, 9d, 11 11 25 6d, 7d, 11 11 40	2 30 2 35
delivered	14 00	6d, 7d, " " 40 4d to 5d, " " 60 3d, " " 100	2 50 2 70
delivered	18 00 50		3 10 3 60
Kent Freestone Quarties Moncton, N. B., per C1		4d to 5d cold cut, not polished or blued, per 100 lbs 50	2 63
ft., f.o.b too River John, N.S., brown		3d to 5d cold cut, not polished or blued, per 100 lbs 90	3 ( 0
Freestone, per cu.ft., f.o.b. 95 Ballochmyle 80 90	65 75	FINE BLUED NAILS.	3 60
New York Blue Stone Granite (Stanstead) Ashlar, 6	1 05	3d, per 100 lbs	4 10
in, to 12 in., rise 9111., per ft.  Moat Freestone	70 80	CASING AND BOX, FLOORING, SHOOK AND TOB NAILS.	ACCO BOX
Thomson's Gatelawbridge, cu. ft. Credit Valley Rubble, per car	75 80	12d to 3od, per 100 lbs 50 10d, 'f 'f 60	263 270
of 15 tons, at quarry 8 00 Credit Valley Brown Cours		8d and 9d, "" 75 6d and 7d, "" 90	2 3 5 3 00
ing, up to 10 inch, per sup. yard, at quarry 1 75	3 25	4d to 5d, " " 1 10 3d, " " 1 50	3 20 3 60
Credit Valley Brown Dimen- sion, per cu. ft. at quarry 60	75	PINISHING PAILS.	•
Credit Valley Grey Coursing, per superficial yard 1 50 2 00	2 15	3 inch, per roolbs 85	2 25 3 10
Credit Valley Grey Dimen- sion, per cubic foot 60	75	2 to 2½ " " " " " " " " " " " 35	3 <sup>2</sup> 5 3 45
Clark's N. B. Brown Stone, per cubic foot, f.o.b 1 15	1 00	13/4 1 11 175	3 85 4 35
Brown Free Stone, Wood- point, Sackville, N.B., per		SLATING NAILS.	
cub. ft	1 00	5d, per 100 lbs	2 93 2 95
Madoc dimension floating, f.	00 14 59	3a, 1 25 2d, " " 1 75	3 35 3 85
o. b. Toronto, per cubic it. 30 32 onio freestone, prom the grapton ston	E co.'s	COMMON BARREL NAILS.  1 inch, per 100 lbs 1 50	3 35
No. 1 Buff Promiscuous 70	85	7, 4, 4, 4, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1,	3 66 4 35
No. 1 Buff Dimension 75 No. 1 Blue Promiscuous 55	90 70	CLINCH NAILS.	
No. 1 Blue Dimension 60 Sawed Ashlar, No. 1 Buff,	75	3 inch, per 100 lbs. 85 2½ and 2¼ "" 1 00	2 95 2 10
any thickness, per cub. ft 90 Sawed Ashlar, No. 1 Blue,	1 05	2 and 2½ " " 1 15 1½ and 1¼ " 1 35	3.25 3.45
any thickness, per cub. ft 75 Sawed Flagging, per sq. ft.,	90	124 " " 2 00	4 60
for each inch in thickness. c6½ Above prices cover cost freight and duty pa	o7½ id. For	SHARP AND FLAT PRESSED NAILS.	•
small lots add 5 to 10 cents per cubic foot.  Quebec and Vermont rough	•	3 inch, per 100 lbs. 1 35 2½ and 2½ "" 1 50	3 45 3 °°
granite for building pur- poses, per c.ft. f.o.b. quarry 33 1 50		1½ and 1½ " " 185	3 75 3 95
For ornamental work, cu. ft. 35 20 Granite paving blocks, 8 in. to		1	4.00 5 10
rain.x6in.x4½ in., per M 50 00 Granite curbing stone, 6 in.x		STEEL WIRE NAIIS.	
20 in., per lineal foot 70 SLATE.		Steel Wire Nails, 75, 10 and 5 % disco	ount imm
Roching ( square).	20 00	Iron Pipe: Iron pipe, ½ inch, per foot 6c.	
n purple 9 00 n unfading green 12 00	10 00	" " ½ " "	
Terra Cotta Tile, per sq 8 co	7 50	12 11 11 11 11 11 12 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17	
Ornamental Black Slate Roof- ing	,	11 11 1½ 11 1 . 24 11 11 1½ 11 11 30	
PAINTS. (In oil, \$ lb.		Black wrought fron pipe, 671/2% off above pri	çes.
" zinc, Can., 11 11 6 50 7 50 7	50 600 50 800	Black wrought iron pipe, 67½% off above pri Galvanized 40% " Cast and soil "57% "	
" venetian, per 100 lbs 1 60 1 75 1	5 6 60 175	Lead Pipe: Lead pipe, per lb	
" Indian, Eng 10 12	10 13 20 1 00	Waste pipe, per lb	· ·Nems ni T
Yellow chrome 5 10 Yellow chrome 15 20	3 5 15 20	lots; 30 and 10 % off in ten lots; points east of 35 and 10 % off.	f Toronto,
	7 12 14 20	Galvanized Iron:	:
Blue, ultramarine 15 20	12 25 12 18	Adam's Mur's Best and Queen's Head:	•
" " boiled " 57 63	60 65 68	26 guage, 474 474 28 5 5	
Putty 2½ 2½	75 75 2% 2%	Gordon Crown— 16 to 24 guage, per lb 414 414	
Whiting, dry, per 100 lbs 75 1 00 Paris white, Eng., dry 90 x 25 Lithague Eng.	90 100 64 8	26 guage, 4½ 4½	
Litharge, Eng	6½ 8 12 15 12 15	Note.—Cheaper grades about %c. per lb. les Structural Iron:	5.
OEMENT, LIME, etc.	12 15	Steel Beams, per 100 lbs 2 75 "channels, " 2 85	2.20 2.20
Cement, Portland, per bbl. 2 50 3 00	2 50 65 2 85	" angles, " 2 50	2 30 2 65
11 London " 250 275 2	45 290	' plates, ' 2 55 Sheared steel bridge plate 2 25	2 35 2 35
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