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## TOWN OF FORT WILLIAM TENDERS FOR DEBENTURES

Sealed tenders will be received by the Corporation of the Town of Fort William, addressed to the undersigned and marked "Tenders for Debentures," up to noon on

Monday, November 22nd, 1897,

for the purchase of debentures to the amount of \$13,000, issued for installing a system of electric light in said town. The said debentures are payable in twenty years, and bear interest at the rate of 4½% payable half-yearly.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

E. S. RUTLEDGE,  
Town Clerk.

Fort William, Nov. 6th, 1897.



## TENDERS FOR ANNUAL SUPPLIES

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Sewer Pipe.	Cedar Paving Posts.
Brass and Bronze Castings.	Horse Feed, etc.
Brass Work for Services.	Cast Iron Pipe.
Coal and Wood.	Lubricating Oils, etc.
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A marked cheque, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, Toronto, for 5 per cent. of the amount tendered for up to \$1,000, and 2½ per cent. of the amount over that sum, must accompany each and every tender, otherwise it will be ruled out as informal.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted

JOHN SHAW (Mayor),  
Chairman Board of Control.

Toronto, Nov. 9th, 1897.

## CONTRACTS OPEN.

ELORA, ONT.—A new residence will be built by William Stafford.

GIBSON, N.B.—Emery Sewell is laying the foundation of a new residence.

BELLEVILLE, ONT.—A by-law has been carried to raise \$13,000 by debentures.

NORTH BAY, ONT.—We understand that a new power house will be built here.

ROSSLAND, B.C.—The city council will issue debentures to the extent of \$15,000.

BATH, ONT. It is probable that a Methodist church will be built here next year.

ARNPRIOR, ONT. It is stated that the C.P.R. will build a new depot next spring.

PORT DOVER, ONT.—It is probable that the G.T.R. will build a new station at this place.

WOLFVILLE, N. S.—Mr. Calhoun is making preparations for the erection of a new flour mill.

ODESSA, ONT.—The Roman Catholic congregation are considering the erection of a new church.

THAMESVILLE, ONT.—Dr. Fraser will probably erect a building on property recently acquired.

CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—A new post-office, public hall and an electric light plant is required here.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—The C. P. R. has announced its intention to erect a new

station here and to provide other terminal facilities.

STRATFORD, ONT.—The city council has decided to advertise for tenders for a street railway franchise.

EAST TORONTO, ONT.—The School Board have decided to purchase seats and desks for the new school.

WEYMOUTH, N. S.—Fred. B. Sweeney is about to commence the erection of a 2½-story building, 49 x 60 feet.

MIDLAND, ONT.—The G. T. R. is expected to commence work about January 1st on a new elevator to be built here.

LISTOWEL, ONT.—Work will shortly be commenced on the new power station, which will be located on Bismark street.

WELLINGTON, ONT.—It is probable that a flour mill will be erected here.—William Jenkins will build a residence shortly.

FRASERVILLE, QUE.—E. A. Hoare, C. E., will probably prepare plans for a proposed waterworks and drainage system for the town.

SPRINGHILL, N. S.—The provincial assistant engineer last week made an inspection of the proposed source of water supply for the town.

MURRAY BAY, QUE. H. Staveley, architect, of Quebec, has prepared plans for a large villa to be built here by Mr. Bonner, to cost \$7,000.

KINGSTON, ONT.—The committee interested in the erection of a summer hotel have decided on a site therefor, and plans will be prepared at once.

SARNIA, ONT.—The Grand Trunk Railway Company will shortly commence the erection of a round house and necessary shops, to cost \$55,000.

CLARENCEVILLE, QUE.—The management of the East Richilieu & Valley Railway Company recently made an inspection of the proposed route.

HULL, QUE.—The city council has authorized the purchase of 1,000 feet of fire hose.—The proposal to purchase a fire engine is opposed by Chief Genest.

HALIFAX, N. S.—Principal Pollock, of the Pine Hill Presbyterian College, has announced the intention to erect a fire-proof library building, at a cost of \$14,000.

DARTMOUTH, N. S.—The town is considering the question of purchasing the electric light plant. It is probable that at an early date improvements thereto will be carried out.

AMHERSTBURG, ONT.—J. H. C. Leggatt, town clerk, has invited tenders for a sewer on Richmond street, the plans for which were prepared by Joseph DeGurse, C.E., of Windsor.

PETROLEA, ONT.—J. E. Perkins, Chairman Board of Works, will receive tenders up to the 15th inst. for the repair and improvement of the Blind Line drain. Plans at the office of the town clerk, this town.

COLLINGWOOD, ONT.—The erection of

a grain elevator will shortly be commenced. The work will be undertaken by a private company, and the town will grant a bonus of \$25,000.

**PEMBROKE, ONT.**—The town council has resolved to submit a by-law to the ratepayers to raise the sum of \$16,000 for the construction of a sewerage system, plans for which have been prepared by J. L. Morris, C.E.

**HINTONBURG, ONT.**—At the first meeting of the village council the offer of an Ottawa syndicate to construct a water-works system was considered. A sewerage system was also discussed, but no definite action was taken.

**FREDERICTON, N. B.**—Donald Fraser & Sons are said to be considering the establishment of a pulp mill here.—A large saw mill now located at Ashland, Maine, will be removed to this city. A site has been selected on the Simonds property, below Upham's mill.

**SHAWENEGAN, QUE.**—David Russell, of Montreal, John Joyce, of Boston, and others, will apply to the provincial legislature for the incorporation of the Shawenegan Water & Power Company, to develop water powers on the St. Maurice and Shawenegan rivers.

**WINDSOR, ONT.**—Mr. McBride, of Waterloo, has prepared plans for a new curling rink to be built here, and tenders will be invited at once. Two brick residences, to cost \$3,500 each, will be built on Victoria avenue for Dr. Prentice, of Chicago.

**CORNWALL, ONT.** A local company have purchased the Munroe mill property, and will remodel the building and put in improved machinery. The ratepayers will be asked to grant a bonus of \$5,000 to a company which proposes building a foundry south of the canal.

**SIMCOE, ONT.**—William Spence, clerk of the township of Grey, gives notice that application will be made to the Ontario legislature for an act amending the by-law to provide an outlet for, and otherwise for the improvement and extension of government drain No. 2, and for borrowing the sum of \$16,210 for the work.

**SMITH'S FALLS, ONT.**—Application will be made at the next session of the Ontario legislature for the incorporation of the Smith's Falls, Rideau & Southern Electric Railway Company, with power to operate electric railways within the counties of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville, also to construct telegraph and telephone systems.

**SHERBROOKE, QUE.**—The Sun Life Insurance Co. has purchased property, corner Factory and Market street, and intend building a large block.—The ratepayers will be asked to vote on a by law to borrow \$125,000 for the purchase of the waterworks, \$6,000 for permanent improvements, \$15,000 for a new bridge, and \$4,000 for re-payment of loan.

**CHATHAM, ONT.**—The Chatham City & Suburban Railway Company are seeking amendments to their charter to enable them to extend their line north-west of the city, through the township of Dover, to Mitchell's Bay, Wallaceburg and Petrolia, also to build a railway from Rondeau to Charing Cross, and thence to Tilbury. F. A. W. Ireland is solicitor for the company.

**CRANBROOK, B. C.**—A company is seeking incorporation to construct a railway from a point near this village, along the Kootenay river to Canal Flat, thence to Canoe river, Findlay river, Frances Lake and Yukon. Gemmill & May, of Ottawa, are solicitors for the company.—The Cranbrook Water Company, capital \$30,000, and the Cranbrook Power & Light Co., capital \$100,000, have been incorporated.

**VICTORIA, B. C.**—Martin & Langley, solicitors, of this city, give notice that they have deposited with the Minister of

Public Works, Ottawa, plans of the proposed works to be constructed by the Victoria Chemical Company.—The Hudson Bay Company will build a new steamer this winter for service on the Sturgeon river. Mr. R. H. Hall states that the company will also make extensive alterations to the steamer Caledonia and increase their wharf accommodation at Wrangel.

**QUEBEC, QUE.**—A deputation of the Atlantic & Lake Superior Railway Co. waited on Mr. Duffy last week for the purpose of deciding on a site on which to erect the workshops of the company.—David Ouellet, architect, is calling for tenders for alterations and additions to the church of St. Edward de Frampton.—The Bank of Quebec will erect a branch building, corner L'Eglise and St. Joseph streets, St. Roch. The building will be 39x51 feet, three stories, and built of Deschambault stone.—Harry Staveley, architect, has prepared plans for a cottage to be built for the Edson Fitch Co. at Etchemin.

**PETERBORO', ONT.**—A large manufacturer of axes and saws will probably locate on the Dickson property. At a meeting of the county council held last week, the matter of placing additional piers and booms in the river Otonabee, at the Wallace Point bridge, was referred to the January session of the council. Mr. Belcher, C.E., submitted plans for the proposed new Mud Lake bridge. The structure will be a floating one. About 700 feet of the present bridge will be utilized, which will leave about 3,000 feet to be reconstructed. There will be a swing bridge at the southern end, and 3 anchor piers with a base of 50 feet square. The approximate cost is placed at \$10,000. The matter was referred to the Road and Bridge Committee.

**LONDON, ONT.**—Moore & Henry, architects, have prepared plans for increased accommodation at the General Hospital. The proposed alterations will cost about \$80,000.—Frank Brodison will erect a brick veneer residence on Princes avenue, between William and Adelaide streets.—A. O. Graydon, city engineer, invites tenders until Monday, the 15th inst., for additions and alterations to stables at police station. Tenders are also invited until today (Thursday) for a 10-inch tile sewer on William street.—The G. T. R. will shortly commence the erection of an oil warehouse, to cost \$2,000.—At a recent meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's church, a committee was appointed to report on the advisability of enlarging the building.

**WINNIPEG, MAN.**—The New Oxley Rancho Company has been granted permission by the Governor-in-Council to divert water from the Kootenay river to irrigate 1,855 acres of land. The proposed works in connection therewith are to be completed before the 1st of September, 1898.—The Central Canada Loan Company, the Manitoba Trust Company, and the Imperial Life Insurance Company will join in the erection of a five storey brick building on the north-east corner of Notre Dame avenue and Main street. The architect is Mr. George W. Gouinlock, of Toronto, and the cost is estimated at \$50,000.—The Board of Trade have passed a resolution in favor of the city building and owning its waterworks system.

**HAMILTON, ONT.**—Stewart McPhie, architect, has been granted a building permit for a residence on Wentworth street south, for H. T. Eadger, to cost \$2,500.—A. R. Kerr, merchant, has leased the store on King street west formerly occupied by John Moodie, and will expend about \$5,000 on alterations.—The by-law granting the Electrical Power & Manufacturing Company the right to supply light, heat and power has been passed by the

city council.—A deputation of insurance men had a conference on Tuesday last with the Fire and Water Committee regarding improved fire protection. It was pointed out that the water pressure was inadequate, and the construction of a stand-pipe was suggested. Other improvements will be made later on.

**MONTREAL, QUE.**—The St. Henri council have decided to erect a new fire station in St. Henri ward, and a committee has been appointed to select a site; estimated cost \$5,000.—The Westmount town council will proceed at once with the construction of the proposed water-works system. The length of the pipe will be about 4,000 feet, and the cost of putting in the service \$8,000.—Lords Mountstephen and Royal, founders of the Royal Victoria Hospital, are about to erect an extensive addition, as provided for in the original plans. Work will be commenced at an early date, and it is hoped to have the structure completed in the fall of 1898. The cost is placed at \$100,000.—It is improbable that the Dominion county railway will be in a position to permit of the extension of the Intercolonial railway to Montreal for some time yet.—The Board of Health have examined the site for the proposed morgue and have reported that the School of Medicine on Pine avenue could be purchased, but that \$7,000 would be required for improvements. It has been decided to advertise for a suitable site for a morgue.—The municipality of Outremont are considering the question of a drainage system. It is estimated that the proposed works will cost about \$50,000, and the council are not in a position at the present time to undertake the work.—Some of the aldermen will ask in council that the sum of \$50,000 granted by the Legislature for a new fire hall be voted at once. The building will likely be erected at the corner of Jacques Cartier square and Notre Dame street.—The Northern Waterworks & Power Company, of Montreal, will ask for incorporation, with a capital of \$50,000.—The Windsor Hotel Company have decided to improve the building, at a cost of \$40,000.

**OTTAWA, ONT.**—Mr. Stewart, director of the Meteorological Observatory at Toronto, was in the city last week in connection with the proposed removal of the electrical apparatus in the Observatory to another point. Mr. Stewart will report as to the most suitable site.—The Ottawa Journal states that the C.P.R. will build a new depot on the west side of the canal, also a bridge across the canal at the Deep Cut.—The directors of the Home for Friendless Women will likely make an extension to their building at an early date. Mrs. Falconer is president.—Ald. R. Tobin has purchased property on College avenue, between Somerset and Osgoode streets, on which he will erect a double brick residence.—E. L. Horwood, architect, is receiving tenders this week for earth filling and grading on Elgin street for the St. Luke's General Hospital.—Mr. J. S. Beemer has had plans prepared for the Nepean Point bridge, towards which the Government has promised the sum of \$150,000. The bridge will be 1,500 feet in length, exclusive of approaches. It is expected that tenders for construction will be invited in the course of a few days.—The Central Fair directors will ask the Ontario Legislature for permission to borrow \$70,000 for improvements, to include a new main building, to cost \$20,000; machinery hall, \$3,000; grand stand and track, \$3,000; refreshment building, \$1,500, and several minor structures. Plans for these buildings have already been prepared.—Robert Taylor has been granted a building permit for two semi-detached houses on Somerset street, between Cartier and McDonald streets.—The Minister of Railways and Canals has stated that the contract for locomotives

for the Intercolonial railway service has not yet been let. A new set of drawings are being prepared, and Canadian manufacturers will shortly be invited to tender. —The Department of Public Works is preparing plans for the drill shed to be built at Kingston, tenders for which will shortly be asked. —The plans of the main drainage scheme have been forwarded to the provincial board of health for approval. —It is expected that the School Board will shortly build an addition to the Elgin street school and a new building in the southern part of the city. —The Unitarian congregation are considering the purchase of the First Congregational church, in which case the congregation of the latter will establish a church in the vicinity of Cooper and Banks streets.

TORONTO, ONT.—It is understood that the Grand Trunk Railway Co. will build a large summer hotel on Lake Joseph, Muskoka. —The council have decided to advertise for tenders for a supply of electric power up to 60,000 horse power. —To provide permanent school accommodation, the School Board have requested a grant of \$82,500. This would include an addition of four rooms to Winchester school, cost \$9,000; six rooms to Gladstone avenue school, cost \$10,000; new buildings at Kew Beach and on Pape avenue; four rooms to Shirley street school, cost \$10,000, and additional rooms at Dufferin, Ryerson, Clinton, Grace, Givens and Brock avenue schools. —Mr. George W. Gounilock, architect, has prepared plans for a large five storey building to be built in Winnipeg by the Central Canada Loan Company and the Imperial Life Insurance Company. —The Technical School Board are taking active steps to secure a new building. Two courses are open to the board, either to have the present building enlarged or to erect a new school. The Senate of Toronto University has made a proposition to the board to remodel the present building and add a new wing to the north, but that this proposition will be accepted is not certain. D. B. Dick, architect for the University, has prepared plans providing for the building of a wing, as well as for the complete remodelling of the present structure in its internal arrangements, including heating and ventilation. —Building permits have been granted as follows: Chas. Wenman, alterations, 890 Bathurst street, cost \$1,000; F. H. Herbert, architect, residence on Blocc street, west of Avenue road, cost \$5,000, and stone and brick villa on east side of St. George street, south of Lowther avenue, cost \$10,000; J. C. Watson, 66 Close avenue, two storey and attic brick dwelling, west side Beatty avenue, near Queen street, cost \$3,000; J. H. Eckardt, one-story brick building, rear 78 Esplanade, cost \$900; Frank Logan, alterations and additions, 194 Bathurst street, cost \$1,200. —The C. P. R. authorities are being urged to commence the construction of the two bridges to carry the tracks over the Queen street subway. —Mr. F. H. Herbert, architect, has prepared plans and will shortly call for tenders for alterations to an hotel on King street west. —Tenders are being invited for all the minor trades in connection with a detached residence on St. George street. Mr. F. H. Herbert is the architect. —In his fortnightly report presented to the Board of Works on Monday last, the City Engineer recommended the construction of a concrete sidewalk on Queen's Park crescent, east side, from College to Grosvenor streets, cost \$760; a 24-foot asphalt pavement on Elgin avenue, between Avenue road and Bedford road, cost \$6,170; a brick pavement on McCaul street, Queen to College.

Beauchamp & Deslauriers, sash and door manufacturers, St. Henri de Montreal, have assigned.

### FIRES.

The residence of George Tullock, on the Coal Harbor road, Halifax, N.S., was destroyed by fire last week. —The residence of John Rogers at Bradford, Ont., was burned last week. Loss \$6,000; some insurance. —The Sydney cheese factory, situated in Sydney township, near Belleville, Ont., was burned recently; loss \$2,000, covered by insurance. D. W. VanDyke's fruit evaporating works at Grimsby, Ont., were consumed by fire on the 3rd inst.; loss \$6,800. A saw mill at Maple Lake, north of Haliburton, Ont., owned by William Fader, was burned last week. Loss \$1,500; no insurance. —The hardware establishment of Campbell Bros., on Main street, Winnipeg, was gutted by fire a few days ago. Loss \$6,000; fully insured. —John Adair's dwelling house at Blenheim, Ont., has been burned.

### CONTRACTS AWARDED.

VICTORIA, B.C.—The contract for an addition to the Dominion Hotel has been let to Snyder & Adams.

HAMPTON, N. B.—W. T. Bell has received the contract for painting several stations for the I.C.R. Railway.

FREDERICTON, N.B.—Reid Blair has secured the contract for an addition to St. Mary's school-house; price \$634.

ELMA, ONT.—The tender of Boban & Nicholson has been accepted by the Elma township council for the completion of the Hanna drain; price \$4,889.

KINGSTON, ONT.—In a recent issue of the *CONTRACT RECORD* it was stated that the Oddfellows Relief Association and J. A. Meldrum were the successful tenderers for city debentures. We learn that the final award was made to G. A. Stimson & Co., Toronto, instead of J. A. Meldrum.

TORONTO, ONT.—The Mica Boiler Covering Co., Limited, of Toronto, were recently given the contract to cover the

smoke flues between the boilers and economizers in the plant of the Waterbury Manufacturing Co., at Waterbury, Conn., with the result, it is said, of a saving of 5.75 per cent. in consumption of coal.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—The James Smart Mfg. Co., Limited, have placed a large "Kelsey" warm air generator in St. Peter's church here. They have also placed a large "Kelsey" in the residence of Justice Robertson, Hamilton, and are putting in three in a block of stores and music hall, corner Bank and Somerset streets, Ottawa, two of the largest size in a large opera house at Yarmouth, N.S., and two in the Episcopal church at same place.

QUEBEC, QUE.—Labelle & Payette have obtained the contract for the construction of a large addition to the Chateau Frontenac. —Building permits have been granted as follows: Repairs of a house on St. Jean street for B. Leonard. Repairs on Chateauguay street for Mr. N. L'Heureux; contractor, M. Groux. Large building for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company on des Carriers street, seven stories, 100x80 feet, stone and brick; probable cost, \$150,000. House on Latourelle street, two stories, flat roof, 19x40 feet, wood lined in brick, for Paul Breton.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Robt. Falbord, architect, has accepted tenders as follows for two houses, wood lined in brick, for G. Picard. Masonry, B. Devot, carpentry, V. St. Andre. Building permits have been granted as follows: Two houses on Liverpool street, Point St. Charles, for M. W. Baul—contractors, masonry, Joseph Daniel, carpentry, M. Dionne. One house on Chambord street, wood lined in brick, for Theo. Blanchet. One house on Fullum street, wood lined in brick, for Louis St. Martin—contractors, masonry, M. Chaille, carpentry, M. Demers. Two houses on Rivard street for Leonide

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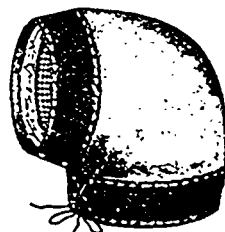
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Demers.—Jos. Sawyer, architect, has let contracts as below for a house on Ernest street for Dame A. Duperrault: Masonry Durocher & Bros.; carpentry, G. Baril.—Alex. C. Hutchison, architect, has accepted tenders as follows for a foundry on Juror street for Warden King & Son: Masonry, M. Doran; carpentry, Jas. Shearer; bricklaying, O. Deguise.—Wm. Tremblay has let the masonry contract of two houses on Gain street, for L. Gariepy, to A. Belanger. The carpenter work is not yet let.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The following offers were received by the city council for \$25,000 of debentures: Merchants Bank, \$25,481; Geo. A. Stimson & Co., \$25,905; Ontario Mutual Life, \$25,582; Traders Bank, \$25,562.50; Bank of Hamilton, \$25,767.50; Hanson Bros., \$25,640; J. D. Drummond, \$25,660; O'Hara & Co., \$25,915; Lazier & Lazier, \$25,562.50; J. A. Meldrum, \$25,957; Hamilton Provident & Loan Co., \$25,590; Wyatt & Co., \$25,803; Western Loan & Savings Company, \$25,000; A. E. Jarvis, \$25,720. The tender of J. A. Meldrum, of Toronto, has been accepted.

#### BIDS.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Tenders were received as follows for an aerial truck: John Martin, Son & Co., Montreal, \$4,100; M. Ritchie, Hamilton, \$3,240; Waterous Co, Brantford, \$2,750; Ronald Engine Co, Brussels, \$1,950. No award has as yet been made.

#### BUSINESS NOTES.

Noble & Barber, electrical contractors, Montreal, have commenced business.

Etienne Boucher and Joseph Osias Boucher, plumbers, Sherbrooke, Que., have formed a partnership.

The Shallow Lake Woodwork Manufacturing Company has been incorporated at Shallow Lake, Ont., with a capital of \$5,000, to manufacture, lumber, shingles and woodenware.

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#### MARKET CONDITIONS.

Owing to increased cost of raw materials, manufacturers of wire nails have advanced the price by from 5 to 10 cents per keg. The minimum price at the mills is now \$1.80, the base price \$1.85, and small lots \$1.90.

The cement market is very strong. The arrivals at Montreal last week were 2,435 barrels English and 7,521 Belgian, as against 2,204 English and no Belgian for the previous week, making a total to date of 36,439 English and 122,090 Belgian. The weather has interfered with business, but as stocks on hand are light, dealers are holding firm to prices.

The receipts of firebricks for the past week were 198,325, making a total to date of 1,550,762. The demand is good and prices are unchanged at \$16.00 \$21 per 1,000 as to brand.

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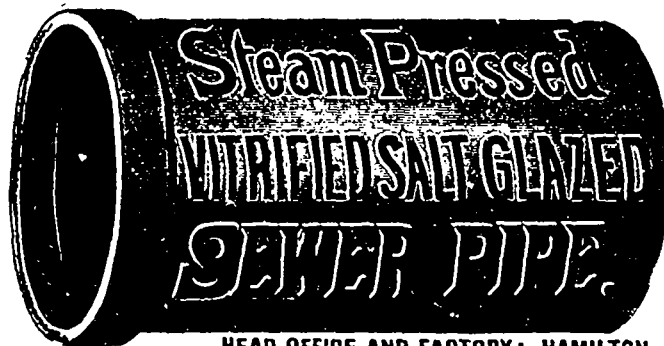
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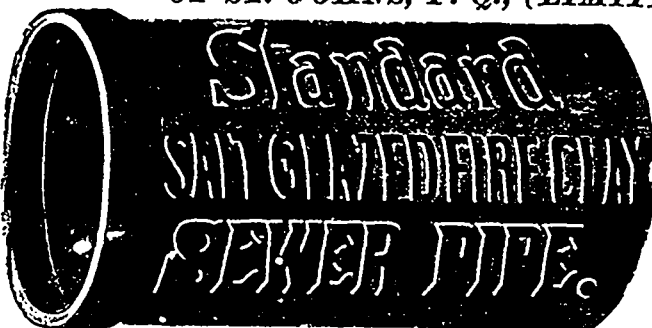


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## GERMAN PAVEMENTS.

The municipal authorities in Germany regulate building in the severest fashion. The new streets require the best kind of paving, and it is not put down to be torn up again in a few months to lay a forgotten gas or sewer pipe, but before the contract is let for paving the officials make sure that they have taken care of everything that needs to go underground for generations, says a writer in the Chicago Record. In Chicago, in Washington, and other American cities, a street is paved upon petition, or when the money is appropriated. The next year a new gas-pipe must be laid along that way, the pavement is torn up for a mile or two, and it is generally eight or ten months, or a year, perhaps, before the commissioner of public works succeeds in persuading the gas company to replace it. The next spring the water commissioners decide that a larger pipe should be laid in that street, and the pavement is torn up again. The year following another gas company is formed, and the pavement is torn up in order to enable it to furnish competition with the old one. The next year the first gas company discovers that its facilities are not adequate, and rips up the pavement again. Every reader will recognize his own experience, and realize that within a period of ten years an amount equal to the original cost of the pavement is wasted in repairs and in replacing for the purposes named, without considering the inconvenience and annoyances suffered by the people who live in the street.

In Germany they do things differently. Before a pavement is laid, the experts—and they are experts with university degrees framed and hanging in their offices, not ward politicians—who have charge of underground engineering, put their heads together and consider what pipes and connections are likely to be needed along that particular street during the next three or four centuries. Then when these are supplied the pavement is laid, and it is not laid upon a thin crust of broken stone,

but upon a foundation that will last forever. I saw some workmen trying to cut away a section of pavement in Berlin to make room for the foundation of a new monument. With crowbars, pickaxes, chisels and drills they had gone down about twelve or fourteen inches into the pavement, and were just able to jam a crowbar into the stuff so that it would support itself. This pavement cost money when it was originally laid, but was put down to stay, and \$100,000 expended in that manner at the start will last longer than \$1,000,000 worth of the pavements that are laid in American cities.

## LEGAL DECISIONS AFFECTING MUNICIPALITIES.

**GRAVEL VS. CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF LAVAL.**—This was a case tried in the Supreme Court at Montreal. The plaintiff claimed \$103.50 as the price of work done in connection with a water course known as the Ruisseau de la Piniere, which has its source in the parish of St. Martin, and crosses the parish of St. Vincent de Paul, in the county of Laval. The work was done on the order of the agricultural inspector of one of the parishes. The defendant pleaded that the work in question was not county work; that defendant had not ordered it, and it was not done under defendant's supervision. The court held that the water course in question crosses two parishes of the same county, and the work necessary to put it in proper condition was defined by an officer named by defendant, and his report homologated by defendant. Work necessary to execute the orders of its officer is county work, the cost of which should be borne by defendant, saving its recourse against those who are bound to contribute their share of the cost. Municipal work ordered by process verbal should be executed in the mode indicated by the process verbal itself. In the present case it was ordered that the work to be done on the water course should be executed by the owners of lots which drained thereinto, each being charged in proportion to the frontage of his property. All the lots from which the water was drained into the water course were named as well as the share of each in the work. The giving out of the work was not ordered by the process verbal, and in doing so the inspector acted without right and without authority, and exceeded his jurisdiction in having it done contrary to the process

verbal of the special superintendent. Under the circumstances the defendant was not bound to the payment of the sum claimed by the present action. The plea was maintained and the action was dismissed.

## A DRAINAGE CASE.

An important drainage case was heard before Thomas Hodgins, Q. C., Toronto, Master-in-Ordinary at Osgoode Hall. The style of the case is Township of Augusta vs. Township of Oxford, and is in the nature of an appeal from the report of J. J. Collins, C. E., engineer for the township of Oxford, regarding the South Branch of the Rideau drainage scheme. The particulars briefly stated are as follows:—The township council of Augusta, on petition of a number of ratepayers in their township, have originated a scheme for buying out the rights of the mill owners at Oxford Mills, these mill owners having agreed to take down their dams for a certain amount of money. The township of Oxford have sent on an engineer who has made the necessary surveys and assessed the various parties interested. The township of Augusta has appealed against this assessment and against the whole scheme.

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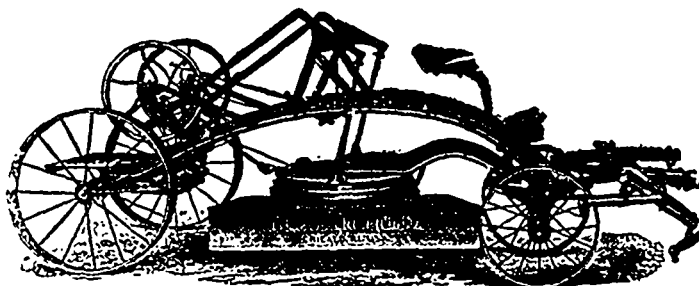
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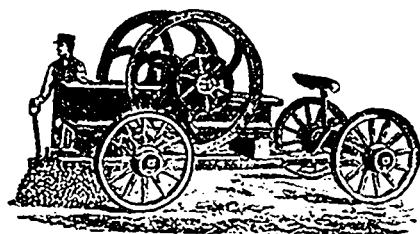
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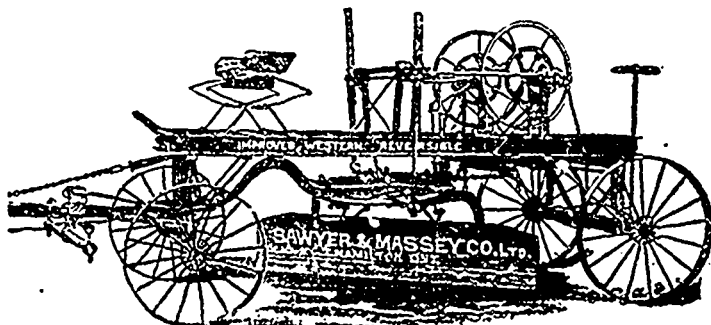
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