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## CONTRACTS OPEN.

Maxville, Ont. - The residents are agitating for the erection of a High School building.

OrILLIA, ONT,-The utilization of the water power at Washago is under consideration.
Paris, Ont.-The town have under consideration the purchase of an electric light plant.
Fredericton, N. B.-J. N. Tabor is arranging to erect a grist mull on Westmoreland street.

Sumamerside, P. E. I.-The construction of a system of waterworks and sewerage is being agitated.

Carp, Ont.-Dr. Church has purchased a site and proposes building a residence in the spring.
Arnfrior, Ont. - lt is stated that an Ottawa firm propose installing another electric plant in this town.
Almonte, Ont. - The Rosamond Woollen Company are about to establish a power plant to operate their mills.

Belleville, ONT.-An agitation is on foot to construct a line of railway to connect this city with the C. P. R. at Tweed.
Chatham, CNT.-Mr. N. W. Ford, proprictor of the Chatham Bancer, proposes erecting next sping a large new building, the basement of which will be used as a press room, the ground floor as
a business office and job room, the second floor as a lodge room, and the thud floor for editorial rooms.

Deseronto, Ont.-Mr. Dalton, reeve, is preparing to build a residence $29 \times 30$ feet, with kitchen, on his property on Mill street.
Cowansville, Que - The Town Council have under consideration the question of constfucting a waterworks system.

Winnipeg, Man.-The City Council have adopted the proposition to establish electric light and gas works, to be controlled by the city.
ThOROLD, ONT.-A system of watervorks for the town will probably be constructed, the matter being now under consideration by the Council.
JOLIETTE, QUE.-The town has given a bonus of $\$ 40,000$ to the Great Northern railway, $\$ 20,000$ beng for a branch between Johette and Ste. Jovite.

Rossland, B. C.-At the next session of the local leyislature a company will seek incorporation to construct waterworks for Rossland and Trail.
Bridgeiburg, Ont.-A by-law will be submitted to the ratepayers at the January electuons to grant a waterworks aud etectric light franchise to D . A. Costé.

Fenelon Falls, Ont.-It is stated that $J W$ Howry \& Sons are hoving plans prepared for their new mill, which will probably be located ar Petetboro.

Sault Ste. Maril, Ont. - Additional accommodation is requised at the Sault Ste. Marie huspital, and the Ontario government will be asked to grant financial aid.

Huntingdon, Que.-A franchise for electric ligiting has been gianted to a company in which Mr. Tache is interested. Steps will be taten at once to umshiti the plant.

BERLIN, ONT.-At a special mecting of the Town Council a bonus of $\$ 5,000$ was offered to Mr. Hibner towards rebuilding his furniture factory recently burned.
RENFREW, ONT.-B. Dillon, architect, of this town, will receive tenders untll the It th of December for erecting a stone church at Yakenham for the Presbyterian congregation.
Leamington, Ont. - The question of improving the venulation of the High School building is under consideration and a committe has been appointed to take action in the mater.
Eganville, Ont.-The Fourth Chute bridge near this village has been condemned, and Mr. J. L. Morris, C. E., recominends the building of an trun bridge in place thereof, at a cost of $\$ 1,500$.

Lindsay, ON1.-At the last meeting of the Town Council a resolution was passed urging upon the Minister of Railways and Canals the necessity of making a grant for the improvement of the Scugog.

Niagara Falles, Ont.-Mr. Black, manager of the street ralway, recently returned from New York, where he interviewed the shareholders of the road regarding its conversion into an electric railway.

Port Arthur, Unt.-Two schemes have been mooted, one to build a railway south of the C. P. R. through the Kainy river county, and the other to construct locks and canals from Port Arthur to Winnipeg.
Peterboro', Ont. - The question of constructing permanent pavements is now being considered by the Town Council. The estimated cost of the work is $\$ 90,0 \infty$ per mile. It is probable that vitified brick will be used.

St. Marys, Ont.-A by-law will be submitted to the ratepayers for the purpose of raising the sum of $\$ 35,000$ for con-
structung a system of waterworks for the town. Surveys have been made by Messrs, Moore and Newman.

Revelstoke, B. C.-.The Columbia \& Kootenay Railway and Navigation Co. will construct a rallway between some point on its present line between Nelson and Robson on the south, and Revelstoke on the north, together with branches.

Sayward, B. C.-Application will be made to parliament for the incorporation of a company to construct a railway from this town, extending through Trail and Midway, to a point on Okanagan lake, in the districts of West Kootenay and East Yale.

Victoria, IB. C.-Hunter \& Duff, solictors, will apply to parliament for incorporation of a company to construct ranlways from Revelstoke northwards to a point near the junction of Canoe river, with branch lines, bidges, wharves and all other necessary works.

Nelson, B. C.-Bodwell \& Irving, solicitors, of this city, are applying to the legislature for an extension of time for the commencement of the works contemplated by the Kootenay Power Company, and for authority to construct tramways from Nelson to any point within a radius of twenty-five mulcs, and to generate and transmit electrictit.

Windsor, Ont.-Mr. R. Pence Dupuy, of New Orleans, was recently in the city seeking a location on which a sugar plantation could be established. - The directors of the Y. M. C. A. have received a proposition foom the Grand Trunk Railway Co. regarding a site for their proposed buildins. No definite action in the matter has as yet been taken.

Vancouver, B. C.-A resolution has been passed by the City Council instructing the City Engineer to prepare a plan and eshanate of cust fot cunver:ang the market hall into a councal chamber and civic offices.-P'roposals will shortly be made to the City Council for constructing a smelter and refinery in this city, for whach a bullus of $\$ 150,000$ will be asked.

UIIAWA, UNI. - The Lepartment of Ralways and Canals will let contracts for eight small bridges along the Trent Valles: canal.-Another drainage proposition has been made to the City Council. It is proposed to expend the sum of $\$ 50,000$ for the construction of a new trunk sewer to drain Dalhousie ward.-The Grey Nuns have offered to take over the contagious hospital and remodel the buildings.

London, Ont.-A local company is being organized for the purpose of buildmg a new skatug rum.-A large departmental store is to be established in this city A rompany of outside capitalists have taken over the four stores recently erected on Dundas street by Mr. Higgins, and it is intended, besides connecing the stores, to make a main entrance and extend the buildings.-Moore \& Henry, architects, are calling for tenders for a double brick residence for W. Ward.

Quebec, Que.- Building permits have becn granted as follows: Reparations of a house for M. Deschambault, $25 \times 30$ feet, three stories, brick front; contractor, Moise Cautin ; cost $\$ 3,500$. Reparations of a house on St. George Hill, for M. H. Dorion.-Tenders for lighting the city with 320 arc lights, equal to 2,00 candle power, are invited until Wednesday, the 20th of December, ar.d are to be addressed to W. D. Ballairge, Assistant City Inspector. A deposit of $\$ 4,000$ is required with each tender.
Portage la Pratrie, Man.-The Town Council have taken up the slough improvement matter, and a by-law will be submitted to the ratepayers to rause $\$ 40,000$ for the purpose of damning the Asinnboine, flooding the slough and bridging it to the island, and developing water power. Engineer Webber, in his
report, estimates as follows. Dam across the Assiniboine river, $\$ 22,000$, canal trom Assiniboine to slough, $\$ 4,800$, small bridge over the canal at Ogletree's, $\$ 300$; lower dam near outlet of the slough, $\$ 3,000$; excavation of dykes, $\$ 500$; bridge across the new bay to the island, $\$ 5,000$.

ST. John, N. B.-Tenders are invited by C. H. Peters for the erection of a large warehouse, 170 feet long, on Rodriey wharf. Mr. Peters has also secured a stie for a large warehouse to be erected in the spring at the head of the same wharf.-Steps are being taken to organize another electric lighting company in this city.-In view of the collapse of the harbor improvements, it is probable that the council will build a solid wharf on the plans prepared by Mr. Hurd Peters, C. $E$, and that the work will be let by contract. - An application has been received from the coninussioners of the fiee public library requesting the city to erect a new library building, at a cost of $\$ 15,000$.
Hamilton, Ont. -Wm. \& Walier Stewart, architects, have prepared drawings for the following : Office building for the Westinghouse Air Brake Co.; alterations to F . Turner's residence, Qucen street south; mausoleum for the Hamilton cemetery.-In connection with the sewage interception works the City Engineer thinks that by tapping the Ferguson avenue sewer at the corner of Kelly and Cithcart streets wath a 15 inch pipe, the dry weather flow could be conveyed to the east end sewer, at the cornes of Cannon street and Victoria avenue, thus reducing ihe nuisance at the outlet of the Ferguson avenue sewer.-A London sentlemin has been negotiating for the purchase of the stores on the south side of King street, between the Canadian Bank of Commerce and the Bank of British North Amerant, the object beink to secure the property as a site for a large hotel, to cost $\$ 50,000$. Improvements are now being made to the Hanilton and Dundas railway, in connection with which'a new steel bridge will be crected beyond Ainslie Wood: - Building permiss have been issued a: follows: E. \& C. Truscolt, two storey brick divelling on East avenue north, cost \$1,000; Coleman Lumber Co., two-storey brick dwelling, corner York aud Caroline streets, cost $\$ 1,400$.
Toronto, Ont. - A committee of the York County Council visted York Mills for the purpose of examining the wooden bridge ihere. The County Engineer has recommended that it be replaced by a stone struature 220 feet in length by 18 feet wide. - The City Commissioner has recommended the extension of the city wharf at the foot of Yonge strect a distance of so feet. The cost is estimated at \$5,000.-Improvements are to be made to the Rossin house, including the construction of a large and handsome rotunda, the thing of the first and second flats, the introduction of clectric light, new elevators, a new office, and a new gand staircase. The cost of the improicments will be about $\$ 75,000$, and plans are now in course of preparation. The hotel is owned by Dr. Wim. Chewett.-Mr. W. J. Gage states that the main building of the Hospital for Consumptives at Gravenhurst is nearing completion, but it is proposed to erect some twelve cottages, each having accommodation for fiom four to six patients. - The Metropolitan Street Railway will probably be extended to Lake Simcoe, in which case an additional power house will be erected at Newmarket or Aurora. - The City Engineer has recommended the construction of the following: Sidewalks-six-foot concrete on the north side of Bloor, from Yonge to Jarvis; 4 foot wooden, Mutual street, east side, from Gerrard to Carlton street; 6 foot wooden, around Holy Trinity church, Trinity square ; 6 foot wooden, Charles street, south side, from Jarvis to Church; 6 foot
wooden, Cerrard sticet, north side, Yonse to Mission arenue. Favements-24 fuot asphalt, Brunswick avenue, fromi Clster to Bloor strect : 24 foot brick, Elm Grove avenue, from King street to Queen street. -W. \& J. Hunter will crect two stores on Danforth road, East Toinnto.

Montreal, Que.-A company has been organized here, with a capital of $\$ 150,000$, to manufacture moto-cycles.-It is stated that the Dominion government will purchase the Baic des Chaleurs rallway and extend the line to Gaspe Basin. It is also stated that the Intercolonial railway will be extended. - It is probable that a re-arrangement of the customs and excise offices in this city will be made.Fournier \& Benoit, architects, are preparing plans for one house, three stories, pressed brick front, to be erected on the corner of Mount Royal avenne and Rivard street, for L. P. Dupre. Tenders will be invited shortly.-Gamelon \& Huot, architects, are preparing plans for two houses on Quiblier street, Westmount, for the Estate Masson.-J. D. Davis has had plans prepared for alterations to his premises, corner Craig street and Teniperance square. The contract will be let next week. - The City Council have passed a resolution to request the Dominion goveinment to rebuild Mc (iee's bridge across the Lachine canal at Seigneurs street, to accommodate the heavy traffic of that locality.-A report has been prepared by the various committees which shows that over two and a quarter million dollars are required for sewers and povements in this city. Mr. St. George, City Surveyor, gives a detaled statement of the cost of permanent works, amony which are the following: Renewing and repairing pavements, $\$ 149,458$; renewing and repairing permanent stdewalks, $\$ 28,545$; proposed new pavements, $\$ 515,000$; new street gullies, $\$ 144,000$. Sewers-intercepting Sherbrooke street and relieving St. James street sewer, \$253,190; main sewer, $N$. and E. district and St. Denis waid, called de Levis main, $\$ 332,100$; storm overflow for intercepting and Coteau Barron main sewer, $\$ 24,330$; outlet extension sewers at Customs house and McGill street, into the current of the river, $\$ 88,540$; Mnuntain street bridge, ( $\$ 107,000$ ), half paid by the G.T.R.Co. and half by the city, $\$ 53,500$. For paving repairs the sum of $\$ 149,458$ is required, $\$ 112,000$ of which is for a block pavement on Craig street. The approximate cost of paving required for 1897 is: Victoria square, asphalt, $\$ 30,000$; Notre Dame street, brick and asphalt, $\$ 1$ I 4,000 ; St. Denis street, brick and asphalt, $\$ 98,00$; St. James street, brick and asphalt, $\$ 82,000$; Cherrier street, brick, $\$ 31,000$; Fortification lane, stone blocks, $\$ 35,000$; Ottawa street, stone blocks, $\$ 75,000$; Centre street, brick, $\$ 50,000$, making a total of $\$ 515,000$. The Water Committee asks for the necessary funds for the following improvements: Repairing low levell reservoir, $\$ 87,000$; repairing high level reservoir, $\$ 2, \infty 0$; new pump, bollers, buildings and connections at the high level pumping station, $\$ 44,500$; alterations to water wheels. $\$ 4, \infty \infty$; connecting the 30 inch main from No. 1 turbine to the two 24 inch main in the tunnel at the wheel house, $\$ 1,200$; connecting the 30 inch main of No. I engine to the 30 inch main of No. I turbine, $\$ 1,600$; connecting No. 2 engine to the 30 inch main of No. I engine, $\$ 1,700$, alecring valves (pipe trark; $\$ 6,500$; repairing valves, $\$ .3,500$; to lay mains in Maria Anne street, \$210; mains on Bonsecours strect, $\$ 2,200$; mains in Plymouth Grove, 5683 ; mains in St. Urban street, $\$ 4,000$; mains in Seaton street, $\$ 1,600$; mains in Sydenham sireet, $\$ 825$; mains in Lasalle street, $\$ 330$; mains 'in 'Mount-'Royal avenue, $\$ 1,700$; mains in Chambord street, $\$ 1,375$; mains in Mount Royal and Chambord, $\$ 275$; unforseen pipe laying,
$\$ 30,000$, new service pipes, $\$ 2$ sions, it relay pipes on Nulie Dame sucel, $\$$ 'u, 000, repaiting pasment on Nulle Dame streel \$3,400; mans on Lacroix street, $\$ 825$; complete main on Prance strect, $\$ 650$; complete main on Ann street, $\$ 850$; lay main on St. Patrick street, $\$ 4,400$; lower man in Seigneur street, neal Dorchester street, \$300; telephone service, $\$ 500$; new metres, \$1,500; laying mains in Delisle and Canning streets, $\$ 1,500$; laying mains in Maisonneuve and Lagauchetiere strects, $\$ 16,400$; laying mains in Visitation, Craig to Logan, $\$ 11,600$; laying mains in Nazareth, Willam to Common, $\$ 4,050$; laying mains in Hotel de Ville avenue, Craig to Sherbrooke, $\$ 15,000$; placing 104 new hydrants, $\$ 20,300$. - Buildang permits have been granted as follows: One house, two stories, Bonaventure depot yard, $91 \times 51$ feet. brick, for the Grand Trunk Railway Co.-masonry, Amos Cowen; carpenter and joiner's work, by day libor; two houses, four tenements, $24 \times 40$ fect, stone and brick front, on Manufacture street, for Francols Barret-contractor, Jos. Marcotte.

## FIRES.

A residence at Amherst, N. S., owned by Mayor Smuh, was destroyed by fire on the 15 th inst.-Three stables at the exhibition grounds, Toronto, weie burned on Tuesday last, at a loss of $\$ 8,000$. The residence and barns of Thomas K. Scovil, at Portland, Ont., were burned last week. The loss is $\$ 6,000$, partially covered by insurance.

## CONTRACTS AWARDED.

St. John, N. B. --Robert Maxwell has been awarded the contract for a new biscuit factory for R. D. Boss.

Winnifeg, Man.-The C. P. R. have just let large contracts for ties to Geo. Strevel and Buchanan \& Keith.

St. Louis DU Mile End, Que.-The Citizens Light \& Power Co. have been awarded the contract for lughting the streets for the next thitteen years.
New Westminster, B. C. - The contract for constructing an automatic can factory, $250 \times 90$ feet in size, has been let to D. Bain. The sides and roof will be of corrugated iron.
St. Catharines, Ont. - Newman Bros., of this city, have secured the contract for erecting a building for the Niagara Falls Metal Works Co.-The McEachren Heating \& Ventilating Co., of Galt, have the contract for heating apparatus for the Demill Ladies College.
London, Ont.-Messrs. Moore \& Henry, architects, have awarded to the Metallis Roofing Co., Toronto, the contract for fireproof inctallic doors for the new Y. M.C.A. building in this city. Tenders for the purchase of $\$ 180,000$ of city debentures were recently invited.

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## BUSINESS NOTES.

Maille and M. Beauchamp, masons and toofers, of Monlueal, have lormed a new partnership.

Edwin B. Corely, planiber, of Sherbrooke, Que., :s amounced to be in financtal ditficulties, with habilities of $\$ 2,000$.

The assignment is reported of J. C. Goddard, contractor, and John Plewes, plumber, both of 'loronto.

## MASONRY IN COLD WEATHER.

In this age of rush, when people are no longer satusfied with the operation of methods and conditions which have formerly been accepted as satisfactory in almost all industral departments, many indeed of these methods being founded on natural laws from which any devation was supposed to be disastrous, but which nevertheless have been compelled to succumb to the progressive spirit of the age, there is no branch of industry which is more affected by these changes than the buiblink business. When I was a boy, it was a very unusual thing to lay elthet stone or brick in the winter; as everybody seemed satisfied that frost iestroyed the adhesive properties of the mortar, and necessarily impaned the walls. Again it was supposed that it was unsafe to rush a bulding up too fast, and so it was customary when the stone masun or bricklayer bad fot the building story high, to go some place else to work, and give the carpenter a week or two to get the joists on. I need not use any argument to convince any one, that in this department methods and usages are changed. I do not remember in what year Mr. Gillespre's building on Wood stiect was put up. But I believe it was the first on which I saw bricklayers work on through severe freezing weather. This idea was not confined alone to house building, but applied to bridge masonry as well. In August, 1857, Mr. Roebeling commenced the construction of the Sixth street, then St. Clair street, suspension bridge, on which 1 worked as foreman for Mr. Robert Swan, contractor for masonry. Mr. Rocbeling belonsed to the old school of belief, as to natural law in its application to masonry; and as soon (Concluded on Page 4.)

as the frosty weather came in November, he stopped the work, not for a few days or weeks, until the weather might unprove, but tull spring; and this was repeated the next fall, for the bridge did not go as things go now, and while it was commenced in August, 1857, it was not completed till the summer of 1859 . Now, the fact that usages and methods have clanged does not discount the visdom which in the past recognized these inflexible natural laws as affecting masonry, whether stone or brick, as these laws can only be ignored at the expense of the work. There is another evil inseparable from this system of rush, when applied to bridge masonry, or heavy engine or pump foundations, where grout is used, and where under the operation of this system emphasized by a specific requirement that the work must (under a penalty) be completed in a time which will admit of no delay on any account ; and so as soon as a course is laid and grouted the steam derrick is planting the next course, and as soon as this is finished the grouting begins again. And the same process is repeated with the result (possibly) of finishing the work in the specified time, and with the further result of 15 or 20 per cent. of cavities caused by the evaporation of water from the grout; and then the owner and engineer, or architect, as the case may be, condemn the mason, because the work is not water-tight. This bad result of rush is most apparent in dimensioned work, where there is no backing or hearting. In such case as the joints are close the grout must be thin, or it will not go into the joints, and so the joints are filled with this thin grout and covered at once with the next course, and while in ordinary bridge masonry the grout from a second course may to some extent

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reach the cavities in the lower course, in dimensioned work this is impossible, and the result of evaporation of water will probably be 50 per cent. in these joints; and though, of course, the percentage of unfilled joints will vary, yet to a greater or less extent the cavities
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## BRICK FOR PAVEMENTS

The report of the committec appointed by the City Councll of Toronto to visit the American Society of Mutual Improvements at Chicago has been prepared.
From the discussion it was gathered that the sense of the meeting was that the specifications respecting the repair of asphalt pavements should be rigidly drawn; that paving bricks should be tested, and the laying of them on concrete foundation was most favored; that wood pavements are not favored, and the breaking up of or the making of openings in the streets for any purpose other than by civic officials was condemned.

At Chicago the delegation made the acquaintance of a new asphalt, known as the "Assyrian lime rock," from the Wasach Mountains of the State of Utah. This pavenent, which has been laid on Southpark avenue for a distance of one mile, has been in use about two months, and is in excellent condition. A combined curb and gutter of Portland cement concrete is also in use upon this street, the cost, completed and finished, being 75 cents per lincal foot.

An experiment on Michigan avenue was tried some two years ago by paving several blocks with vitrified brick and square white pine blocks. The bricks on concrete with sand filling have worn well, but the blocks are decaying and wearing.

The opinion of the Detroit officials is in favor of cedar on concrete on streets where traffic is not heavy; it is reasonable in cost, easily and cheaply repaired, and practically noiseless, but it is not so easily cleaned as brick or asphalt. Brick pavements are smooth, easily cleaned, adapted alikè to light and heavy traffic, of minimum cost, and although objectionable on account of noise, perhaps are the best all round pavements in use in that city today, although they say a sufficient length of time in which to determine their durability has not elapsed since their introduction, as brick has only been used by them as a paving material since 1890 , the greater part of the pavements having been laid during 1895-6.

City Engineer Keating wentigon an independent tour of inspection to Indianapolis, Columbus, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Buffalo. From the notes.taken by him the following comparative statement of the mileage of asphalt, brick and wooden.pavements is compiled:

|  | Asphalt. Brick. Wood |  |  |
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| Cincinnati |  | 35 |  |
| Columb |  | 80 | - |
| Cleve |  | 32 | $\bigcirc$ |
| Buffalo |  | 5 |  |
| Detroit |  |  | 175 |

At Indianapulis, Cincipnati, and Buf.
falo the bricks are laid on concrete foundation; at Columbus, Ohio, 3 inches of gravel, and at Cleveland a similar depth of sand forms the foundation. Cleveland, owing to the cheap fuurdation, composed of sand thoroughly rolled with a six-ton roller, is able to construct a good brick pavement at an average cost of $\$ 1.08$ per square yard, and in some instances 90 cents has been the cost. From this city comes the report that wooden pavements have been abandoned. The oldest brick pavement in Cleveland has been down seven years, and is in good condition. At Columbus, where a foundation of broken stone is used, the brick pavement is reported, after eleven years' trial, as "in pretty good condition." The further information is offered that the traffic on it is not heavy. The cost of this pavement is reported at $\$ 1.15$ per square yard.
In connection with the test to which paving brick is subjected, it is reported that the percentage of abrasion allowed in those ctities where this test is made varies from 20 to 30 per cent. The average percentage of absorption accepted by Buffalo is three per cent. The cost of brick delivered on the street varies from \$10 to \$14 per thousand, and the period of guarantee for the pavement from three to five years, the latter being the most gencral.

## TIRES.*

It is not only necessary to make good roads; it is aiso neressary that they shall remain good. For this reason all European countries advanced in roadmaking have laws regulating the width of tires used on wagons, carts and vehicles for heavy draught.
In France the width of tires ranges from three to ten inches, usually from four to six. Every market wagon and tonnage wagon is a roller; the forward axle is about fourteen inches shorter than the rear axle, so that the hind wheels run in a line outside the level rolled by the fore wheel.
In Germany, wagons used for drawing earth, brick, stone and similarly heavy loads must have a width of tire at least four inches.
In Austria all wagons built to carry a load of more than two and one-quarter tons must have tires at least four and one-third inches in width. In lower Austria a rim of four and one half inches is required for wagons drawn by two horses.
In the State of Michigan persons using wide tires receive a rebate of one-fourth their road-tax. The States of New York, California, Ohio, Indiana, Keniucky, Vermont, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Connecticut have laws pertaining to the width of tires.
Experience goes to show that broad tires are very much to be preferred for drawing loads through fields and on farm roads, as they sink less deeply into the soft earth and. employ less draught to move them. On rough, rutted roads: the

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advantage is slightly in favor of the narrow tre in point of draught, but when wide tires are used by all there will be no rutted roads. One farmer using tires as narrow as four inches says that in the spring time he has only to drive up and down his lane a few times to change it into a smooth, level driveway. Those who will observe the occasional wide track made on our country roads will understand this result.
Towns and cities are no less affected by narrow tires than are rural districts, and it is little short of absurd that property owners should go to the expense of laying expensive pavements while those most benefited by them contanue to destroy them with narrow tires. Coal carts, drays, tonnage and express wagons on narrow tires should soon become a thing of the past. The city of Ottawa has receently adopted a wide tire by-law, and this example it is to be boped will soon be followed by others.
To understand the evil effects of narrow tires one has only to observe an empty, springless wagon joling along the highway, or a loaded wagon ploughing its way through the crust of a gravel road in fall or spring. At all times narrow tires on wagons of heavy draught are the greatest destroyers of roadways. To get the most benefit from the statute labor and other road expenditure in the province, to lessen the cost of roadmaking and maintenance, narrow tires must be discarded by those engaged in heavy teaming on our roads.

Broad tires, on the contrary, are in a way a benefit rather than a detriment to 1oads. Their broad surfaces perform the work of rollers in keeping a smonith and compact roadway free from ruts. Wide tires more than any other means that can be adopted, distribute ivear over the surface of the road. Narrow ures do the work of a pick on a roadway, while broad tires do the work of a pounder. The one tears up, the other consolidates.

## LEGAL DECISIONS AFFECTING MUNICIPALITIES.

Caron et al. vs. The City of St. Henrl.-In this case the defendant had been condenined by the court below in damages for an accident which occurred in consequence of the breaking of a wire belonging to the city's fire alarm system. The wire in breaking had fallen across the electric light wire immediately below, and became charyed with the current. The husband of the plaintiff, seeing the broken wire laying on the street, had attempted to roll it round a pole. He rolled up one end without suffering any injury, and then proceeded to roll up the other end, but this portion of the wire having become charged with the current from the electric light wire, the result was that he was killed by the shock. The question was as to the negligence or the city, defendant. The court below held that there was sufficient proof of:neglgence in the fact that the ciity had nottce that a break hid occurred in its.system more than twelve hours before the accident, and had not used diligence in discovering where the break occurred; and, further, that it had received notice by teleuhone of the spot where ithe break occurred, aboui an hour before the accident. The Court of Review., main: tained this judgment, the dimages allowed being $\$ 750$ to the mother, and \$7.50:to the minpr child.-

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CONDITION OF THE MARKET.
Toronto: The volume of business in building material remains about the same, with perhaps a falling off in demand for back and stone. Lumber is in more request, and prices have advanced, while indications point to a further rise before the end of the year. Building paper' is moving frecly, cement is quict, and galvanized iron is firm and in light supply. A Chicago paper states that the wire nail trust has collapsed, and goods are being sold at $\$ 1.70$ per keg, which is $\$ \mathrm{I}$ less than the trust's circular price.
Montranal: A little more enquiry for some lines of builders' supplies is reported, and trade is in as good condition. as might be expected at this season of the year. Nails are selling well, also building paper and small hardware. The heavy metal trade is firm. An active business has been done in paints and oils, but cement is weaker and orders limited. The arrivals last week were 2,950 English and 6,922 Belgian, making a total to date of 85,452 and 76,443 respectively. Firebricks are steady.


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