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Information from any part of the Dominion regarding contracts open to tender will be gratefully received.

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At its Convention held in Toronto, Nov. 20 and 21, 1889, the Ontario Association of Architects. signified its approval of the CANADIAN CONTRACT RECORD, and pledged its members to use this journal as their medium of communication with contractors with respect to advertisements for Tenders.

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THE CANADIAN CONTRACT RECORD, of which this is the mitial number, is designed to occupy an unique position among Canadian journals. By means of a complete system of correspondence, extending to every city, town and incorporated village in the Dominion, we have placed ourselves in the position to supply the hundreds of contractors and manufacturers and dealers in construction materials throughout Canada who are subscribers to the CANADIAN ARCHITECT AND BUILDER, as well as those who may hereafter become such, with advance information regarding all important contracts open to tender.

The Ontario Association of Architects at its recent Convention by public resolution adopted the CANADIAN CONTRACT RECORD as its medium of communication with contractors, the members agreeing to place all their advertisements for tenders in these

pages. This decision on the part of an Association which controls the expenditure of many millions of dollars annually, imparts a value to this publication which should render it indispensable to contractors and supply men. On the other hand, the fact that the names of a large number of the leading contractors throughout the Dominion are already on our subscription books, with the certainty that the publication of the RECORD must result in placing there hundreds more, makes the columns of this journal the most desirable as well as the cheapest medium for obtaining tenders for the supply of either labor or construction materials.

For the information and guidance of contractors in tendering, we shall publish the names of persons to whom contracts of importance have been awarded, and when obtainable, the amounts of their tenders.

Manufacturers and dealers in building materials who are regular advertisers in the CANADIAN ARCHITECT AND BUILDER will have their names and addresses inserted regularly in the classified list appearing on another page.

As very few if any contracts of importance, are likely to be put up to tender during the next two months, we shall not commence the regular publication of the CANADIAN CONTRACT RECORD until about 1st February. Meanwhile, we extend an invitation to those not already subscribers to the CANADIAN ARCHITECT AND BUILDER, to become such in order that they may share in the advantages resulting from the publication of this Supplement.

WE ask the reader not to accept this number of the RECORD as a fair sample of future issues. Building operations have almost closed for the present year, consequently we have to report but few contracts open to tender. With the commencement of our regular weekly issue in February, we hope to present our readers with a much greater amount of information.

THE Hamilton Builders Exchange has for some time been to all intents and purposes defunct, no meeting having been held for many months. We are pleased to know, however, that an effort is being made by a few of the leading contractors of the city to infuse new life into the organization. Judging by the small attendance at a meeting called with that object a week ago, the task will be accomplished with some difficulty. Nothing short of a strike of workmen is apparently sufficient to arouse the interest of the majority of contractors in any organization designed for their benefit. We trust those who have the interests of the organization at heart will throw sufficient energy and enthusiasm into the work of resuscitation to overseome all discouragements and obstacles in the way of that object.

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## CONTRACTS OPEN.

VICTORIA HARBOR, ONT. A new hotel is to be erected here.

NANAIMO, B. C. Plans have been prepared for an \$8,000 brick hotel. FREDERICTON, N. B. -D. W. Hogg & Co., are about to erect a new factory.

St. Louis of Mile End, Quilly A system of water supply and drainage is to be adopted.

SHERBROOKE, QUL. - Messrs, G. H. Nichols & Co, will build additions to their smelting works.

WINNIPEG, MAN, The Dominion Government is to be urged to erect immigrant sheds at once,

BUCKINGHAM, QUE. - The Government is being urged to erect a new customs and post office building here.

LONDON, ONT, Steps are being taken by the St. George's Society for the erection of a St. George's Hall here.

WINNIPEG, MAN E. F. Hutchings, who'esale saddler, talks of erecting a solid four-story brick block in the spring.

ORILLIA: It is proposed to erect a new post office here as soon as the question of a suitable site has been settled.

HUNTSVILLE, ONT. Mr. Croker of Orillia, is preparing plans for a stone block of stores, for Mr. H. S. May, hardware merchant.

WEST TORONTO JUNCTION, .- The Council want tenders for the creenon of a fire hall. Address chairman fire, gas and police committee,

WINDSOR, ONE. A new station for the C. P. R. is to be erected here. It will be built of random rubble stone, and have a tower 76 feet high.

VANCOUVER, B. C. -Ex Mayor, Hendry and Mr. Beecher, both of New Westminster, will each erect handsome residences during the coming season.

KINGSTON, ONL .- The curlers of this city intend building a skating and curling rink, to cost \$20,000, "The Methodists will build a new mission church on Pine street.

Hull, P. Q. -520,000 has been promised by the Quebec Government towards the erection of a new city hall and court house. This amount, with the \$15,000 voted by the city, will be sufficient to erect a suitable building.

Sr. John, N. B. - The St. John Dock and Harbor Improvement Company with a capital of \$1,000,000, are applying for incorporation. The company propose to construct one of more dry docks, together with wharves and warehouses.

PORT ARTHUR, ON r.-It is said to be the intention of a syndicate to erect a paper mill in this locality immediately.—A syndicate has purchased the Kakabeka Falls and land adjoining for electric light and manufacturing A large number of dwellings and business buildings are to be creeted in the spring.

QUEBEC .-- The City Council has purchased the site of the old Jesuit barracks from the Government for the erection thereon of a new City Hall. is estimated that the building will cost \$200,000, and plans are to be immediately advertised for, three prizes being offered for best plans of \$1,500. \$1,000 and \$500 respectively.

GALT, ONT.—The Municipal Council are prepared to receive applications from constructors of water works up to December 26, 1889, for the supply of an adequate quantity of water for domestic and fire purposes would also entertain bids for waterworks on the franchise system. Adam Cranston, Chairman Waterworks Committee.

TORONTO. ON r .-- The following building permits have been issued from the office of the City Commissioner during the last week. M. & H. Steele, two pairs 2 story and attic brick fronted dwellings, east side Ontario St., north of Queen St., cost 55,000; F. Simpson pr. det. 2 story and attic bk, fronted dwellings, 41 and 33 Centre St., cost 52,000, J. A. Carlaw, one story bk, add. rear 56 Bay St., cost \$1,500, Wm. Scott, 2 story and attic bk, dwelling, McDonald Ave., cost \$3,000.—The Young Women's Christian bay, wireholded a frontiere of of fort or Flim story. Association have purchased a frontage of 94 feet on Elin street, and intend to erect thereon immediately a building suitable for all their requirements.

MONTREAL, QUE -- The formation of a company to construct an elevated cable railway system is talked of.—Application is made for the incorporation of a company with a capital stock of half a million dollars, to erect a large theatre with hotel attached on the corner of St. James and Windsor Streets. -A majority of the property owners on St. James St. from the Grand Trunk depot to the western city muits have pertuoned for the widening of the thoroughfare,—A movement is on foot with the object of constructing a dock at a cost of \$3,000,000, in the neighborhood of Holechaga.

#### CONTRACTS AWARDED.

BAIE ST. PACE, P. Q. Mr. W. Borthwich of Ottawa has been awarded the contract for a Government wharf here.

INGLESOLL, ON 1.--The proposal of the Moffatt, Hodgkins & Clarke Co., to put in a system of waterworks has been accepted.

MONTREM., QUE. - The contract for the construction of a steel bridge on the Intercolonial at Fraserville, while hill cost from \$25,000 to \$30,000, has been awarded to Mr. I. F. Miller, of Montreal.

BARRIE, ONL, Messrs. Bryan Bros. of Collingwood, have received the contract for the rebuilding of the Rink of Toronto Block. Another story is to be added to the building. Mr. Thos, Kennedy is the architect.

VICTORIA, B. C .- Messes, Redon & Hartnagle, proprietors of the Detact Hotel, report that work will soon be commenced upon their new hotel. It will be seven stories in height and have a frontage of 70 feet on View street. and will extend 120 feet on Broad street, and all its appointments will be thoroughly first-class.

#### USEFUL HINTS.

WATERPROOF WHITEWASH, - A waterproof whitewash is in ifse in Germany. The powder from three parts silicious rock (quartz), three parts broken marble and sandstone, two parts of burned porcelain clay, and two parts freshly slaked lime, still warm, are mixed together. This ferms a silicate if often wetted, and becomes after awhile almost like stone. It is applied quite thickly to a wall or other surface and allowed to dry one day. The next day it is covered frequently with water, which makes it waterproof.

RIMOVING PAINT FROM PAINTED SCREACES.-Four pounds of Irish moss, three pounds of methylated spirit, and three pounds of fuller's earth are mixed with 30 pounds of water, the whole boiled, and a solution of 16 pounds of caustic soda and 16 pounds of caustic potash dissolved in 28 pounds of water added, after which the product is stirred until it is cold and has solichfied to a brownish gelatinous mass. The proportions of the ingredients may be varied. The compound is used by applying it to the painted surface with a brush, allowing it to remain thus for twenty minutes to an hour, and then washing it off together with the paint that has been disintegrated by its action,

OVERTHROWING A CHIMNEY By an ingenious method a chimney acofeet high by ten neet square on the Gasnold mills property. New Bedford. Mass,, was recently thrown down. It was undermined by knocking out the bricks on two sides and shored up by planks, placed in the apertures These planks were liberally strewed with far and kerosene. When the time arrived for felling the chimney, the planks were set on fire. As they be came sufficiently burned to coose to support the channel the mass settled out of the perpendicular, and then cracked and fell with a crash to the ground. The bricks at top were scattered over quite an area, but masses of brick for a length of two feet or more to the height of sixty or seventy feet clung together and did not break up.

A series of experiments recently made to ascertain what material was best for concrete pavement of cellars, demonstrated that hygenic cement. potland centent, Roman centent, p'aster of paris and plain lime mortai. Plain mortar made of a part quick lime to a stood in the order named parts sand, offered practically no obstruction to the passage of subsoil gases while the hygenic cement, and portland cement were practically impervious. Asphalt is the most perfect obstacle to the passage of such gases A piece of hygenic cement which was taken up and broken after it had been laid in an exposed position 4 years, smelled strongly of the earbol c acid and other antiseptic matters with which it had been charged.

The most effectual plan of keeping upper stories under slated roofs cod in summer, says the London Building Acres, is to lay felt on boarding and then batten the latter for the slates, by which a circulation of air is estal lished under the slates, and the felt is more likely to last than when it is placed close to the slates. If there is no ceiling one can be placed at a trifling expense by suspending slabs of fibrous plaster from the rafters of tie-beams if there are any. A circulation of air should be kept up in this space by apertures made in the outer walls, or, better still, by a tube carried up above the ridge upon which an exhaust or "air-pump-ventilator" be fixed, by which means the heated air can be drawn off. Many private houses have rooms in the roof quite unendurable for sleeping or living is during the summer months; the heat of the lower rooms ascends, especially when gas is used, into the attics, added to which are the sun's rays on the roof, making these stories only useful for storage purposes,

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SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Hot Water Heating Apparatus, Brampton, Ont., will be received until Wednesday, 18th December next, for the construction of a Hot Water Heating Apparatus at the Brampton, Ont., Post Office Building.

Plans and specifications can be seen and form of tender and all necessary information obtained at this Department and at the Clerk of Works Office, Brampton, Ont., after Wednesday, 4th December next.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed form supplied, and signed with their actual signatures

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque made payable to the order of the Honor able the Minister of Public Works, equal to the Forecast, of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department will not be bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order, A. GOBEIL

Seretary.

Department of Public Works, Ottawa, 3th Nov., 1389



## **Notice to Contractors**

TENDERS will be received by registered post, ad dressed to the Chairman of the Committee on Works, up to 12 o clock noon of the 3rd day of December, 1839, for the construction of the following works, Mr.:

SEWERS—Markham street, Bloor street to London street; St. Lawrence street, King street to Endern avenue; Bloor street, Dufferin street to Dindas street. Plans can be seen and forms of tender obtained on and after the 26th inst, at the City Engineer's office.

A deposit in the form of a marked cheque, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for the sum of 5 per cent on the value of the work tendered for under 51,000 and 24 per cent, over that amount, must accompany each and every tender, otherwise it will not be enter tained.

All tenders must bear the kona fide signatures of the contractor and his sureties (see specification), or they will be ruled out as informal.

The committee do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

WM. CARLYLE, Chairman Committee on Works.

Committee Room, Toronto, Nav. 19, 1959

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An accepted bank cheque payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, equal to five for cent. of amount of tender, must accompany each tender. This cheque will be forfeited if the party decline the contract, or fail to complete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender. The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order.

A GOBEH., Secretary.

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