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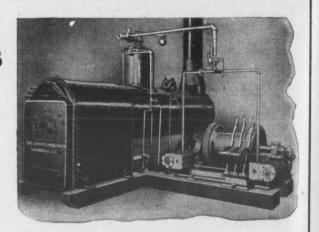
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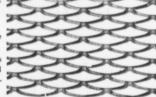
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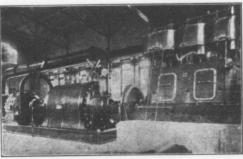
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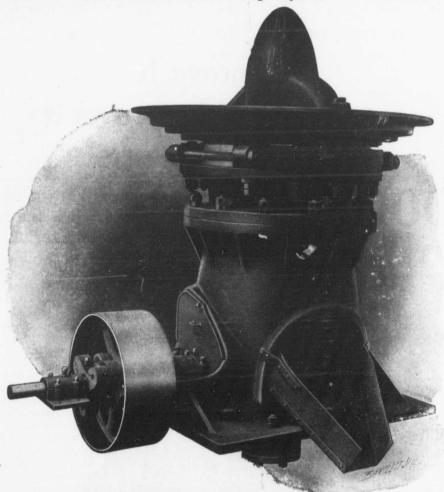
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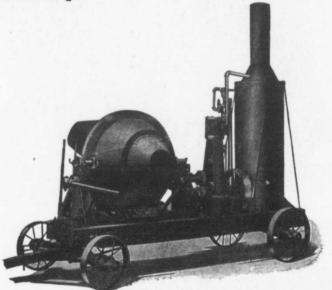
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How to Make School Buildings Safer.

The recent holocaust at Collin wood, a suburb of Cleveland, has caused the Board of Education of Youngstown, Ohio, to call upon a fireproofing engineer of prominence to formulate a plan for rendering safe the school buildings in that city. As a result of this action William H. Ham, vicepresident of the National Association of Cement Users for the Section on Laws, Ordinances and Insurance, has prepared a preliminary report on the fireproofiing of school biuldings, in which he points out wherein lies the greatest danger in buildings now in use, and makes recommendations as to the most economical method of rendering these structures safe. He states that his recommendations apply to the average school building in any town in the country as strongly as to the schools in Youngstown. We quote from his report as follows:

In view of the calamity that has overtaken Cleveland, there can be no question of the wisdom of the Youngstown Board of Education in taking whatever steps are necessary to make the school buildings that are now in use safe, and to establish definitely a policy hereafter to construct no school buildings which are not absolutely fireproof. How to accomplish these results without increasing the burdens of the taxpayers unduly, is the question of the moment, and to this end the writer makes the following general recommendations:

All school buildings which are not known to be thoroughly fireproof should be examined by the School Committee, the Superintendent of Schools and the chief of the fire department of the city.

Steps should be taken to prevent rapid spread of fire, especially from the corridors to the main rooms. This can be accomplished in all old buildings quickly by the installation of a fireproof partition between the corridors and main rooms, with steel doors having wire glass transoms, or with no transoms.

If possible every school building should have an exit at the opposite end of the building from the stairways. This exit should be protected from fire by brick walls extending at least 6 feet from the building, no other opening into the space being allowed. Fire escapes should be made of steel or cast iron. The doors to these fire escapes should be unlocked every morning and opened. A fire drill should be instituted, using the fire escapes, and practice should be constant throughout the school year. In order that the children may not be frightened at the sound of alarm of fire, the practice should be carried out with regular fire alarm each week at no specified time.

Where the School Commitee is limited for funds with which to build a fireproof school building, it should be impressed upon the architects that the interior of the building is the most important of all features, and that any saving that is to be made should be made in the looks of the exterior and not in the construction of the interior of the building. It often occurs that for the sake of beautifying the city an elaborate exterior is designed. This is, of course, ideal,

but where the maximum amount of space must be built for the minimum amount of money, a plain, almost severe, exterior with thoroughly fireproof floors and partitions, should be the prevailing idea of construction.

If the rooms are not too large thoroughly fireproof building with reinforced concrete floors and columns, and a neat, brick exterior, can be constructed for approximately 10 per cent. increase in first cost over the construction of a brick and wood building. Insurance will soon bring down the cost of the investment to a point where the city cannot afford to build otherwise than fireproof. In this type of a school building, children could be actually kept at work at their desks while the furniture in one part of the building was burning - there would be nothing else to burn in the building.

Concrete Basement Floors.

Basement floors in dwelling houses as a rule require only a moderate degree of strength, although in cases where pressure from behind has to be resisted, greater strength is required than would otherwise be necessary. The sub-foundation should be welldrained, sometimes requiring the use of tile for carrying off the water. The rules given for constructing concrete sidewalks apply equally well to basement floors. The thickness of the concrete foundation is usually from 3 to 5 inches, according to strength desired, and for average work a 1:3:5 mixture is sufficiently rich. Expansion joints are frequently omitted, since the temperature variation is less than in the case of outside work, but since this omission not infrequently gives rise to unsightly cracks, their use is recommended in all cases. It will usually be sufficient to divide a room of moderate size into equal sections, separated by 1-2 inch sand joints. The floor should be given a slight slope toward the centre or one corner, with provision at the lowest point for carrying off any water that may accumulate.

Estimating the Cost of Concrete Work

One is frequently called on to estimate the cost of various kinds of concrete work, or at least is asked how much a certain job will cost; either for the cement alone or for the entire job, including all material and labor.

For one to figure with satisfactory results on a job of carpenter work he needs to have some dates or information as to the quality of the material to be used and the dimensions of the stuff required.

For instance, if a farmer wants a floor in a barn, he must ask a carpenter for an estimate of the cost of a wooden floor, but before the carpenter could figure intelligently, he would need to know something of the purpose for which the floor was to be used and the load it was likely to be required to bear.

So it is in figuring on a concrete floor or wall, one must know something of the conditions. It is evident that a barn floor which is to support heavy loads will require different figures from those needed for a hen house, or dwelling house cellar floor.

Again, the cost of material, other than cement varies greatly in different localities. Sand and gravel may cost a few cents per load and need to be hauled but a few rods, or owing to either its first cost or the distance it must be hauled, it may be quite a large item in the expense. It is desirable that the concrete worker be able to make at least a reasonably close estimate on the cost of any given piece of concrete work. He should at least be prepared to figure out about how much cement will be required.

There are several good reasons why this ability is desirable. As a matter of professional pride one should desire not merely to understand how to do his work well but also be able to give accurate figures concerning it.

Concrete construction being a comparatively new industry, and having yet to compete with wood and stone to some extent, it is liable to suffer from prejudice, caused by its workers estimating jobs too low or to high.

If the cost is underestimated, either the contractor must lose or the work must be slighted or the owner must pay more than he expected to.

On the other hand, if the cost is figured too high, the owner is apt to decide on some other method of construction and so lose money by paying as much or even more than the concrete work would have cost and yet getting results quite inferior to those which would have been secured by its use.

However enthusiastic one may be on this subject of concrete construction, it is but fair and wise to remember that there are some cases where concrete is not the proper material to use, not that it is not suitable in itself, for there seems to be no place in a building from the foundation to the roof where it may not take the place of wood, but there are cases where some other material may be used for less cost and yet give nearly or quite as good results. In this section we have, in one part, an abundance of good limestone, but not much good sand or gravel, in the other part there are beds of first class sand and gravel and plenty of cobblestones, but absolutely no good building stone.

So while a farmer in this latter section could secure the same results much more cheaply by the use of concrete, since he has much of the needed material close at hand, it would not be wise for the man with good building stone on his own land to haul sand or gravel several miles to use in a concrete wall for a foundation, though of course he would want concrete floors in some or all of his buildings. The man who must haul his material some distance anyway, may take his choice and may well choose concrete.

It is not easy to compare, in a general way, the cost of concrete construction and other kinds of construction since in some sections lumber and labor are much more costly than others.

The buildings at the United States soldiers' home in Washington, D.C., are almost entirely of concrete. They were originally intended to be built of other materials as stone, brick or wood and the cost figured on this basis, but when they were completed of concrete the final cost was somewhat less than that estimated for the other materials.

The expense for labor when using concrete, need not be as great as for some other methods of construction since much of the work can be performed by common, unskilled labor under a competent overseer.

One need not figure on the entire cost of the lumber used for the forms as much of this can be used again for some other purpose, unless it is all cut up into short lengths.

Again, the cost of erecting the forms may vary greatly on different jobs. I remember one job where some one kept track of this item and it figured up about 50 cents per cubic yard of wall. This was where carpenters were paid \$3 per day. The walls were 18 and 20 inches thick, from 12 to 15 feet high and from 50 to 100 feet long. It was necessary to do considerable bracing and also to build runways for wheeling the concrete. While this job had some unusual conditions, there were about as many things to help toward a low cost for labor as there were to make this a large item, so this price, 50 cents per cubic yard, can be taken as a safe guide for the cost of erecting forms for plain foundation walls, though in some cases it might be too much; and for a high wall having pilasters, too small.

If some forms of patented plank holders were used, the cost of building forms might be lessened, but as these few plank would need to be handled over many times, there should be some allowance made somewhere for labor. Of course, if but a few plank were used there would not be any large expense for lumber, to be figured on. The expense of mixing and handling the concrete is another item, subject to considerable variations, but it is always a factor to be reckoned on, for walls it generally bears a certain relation to that of erecting the forms, since for high, thin walls both these items would be more than for the same quantity of concrete in lower and thicker walls. Some authorities estimate this item at three cents per cubic would age. Th

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This gives us five cents per cubic foot as the cost of the labor for such work as walls, cisterns, foundations, steps, etc. Let us see what the material is likely to cost. The following figures and estimates are gathered partly from experience and partly from the estimates made by others as a result of their own experience, these later being largely borne out also by personal experience. After even a little experience one will not expect to have as many cubic feet of concrete as the combined bulk of the different ingredients. The finer materials simply fill the voids between the coarser ones so the amount of concrete will in no case be much greater than that of the coarser aggregates, and in some cases even less. In a mixture of, say, one part of cement and four or five parts of sand, or one part of cement, three of sand and nine of aggregates, the resulting concrete will be a little less in both than the sand or aggregates, owing to the fact that the materials can be, and are packed into a smaller bulk after being wet than they make when measured dry and loose.

We will figure that sand or other material to be mixed with the cement will cost four cents per cubic foot, delivered where wanted. As cement can be bought for \$1.60 per barrel in most localities, we will figure on this basis:

One cubic foot of cement costs 40 cents, as there are nearly four cubic feet in a barrel, or one cubic foot in a bag. So we have the following figures for material: Cement 1, sand 1, costs 44 cents. This will make one and one-half cubic feet of concrete and costs 30 cents per cubic foot. Cement 1, sand 3, costs 52 cents. This will make three cubic feet of concrete and costs 17 cents per cubic foot. Cement 1, sand 5, costs 60 cents. This will make four and one-half cubic feet of concrete and costs 13 cents per cubic foot. Cement 1, sand 2, aggregate 3, costs 60 cents. This will make three and three-fourths cubic feet of concrete and costs 16 cents per cubic foot. Cement 1, sand 3, aggregates 9, costs 88 cents. This will make eight and three-fourths cubic feet of concrete and costs ten cents per cubic foot. Cement 1, sand 5, aggregates 9, costs 96 cents. This will make nine and one-half cubic feet of concrete and costs ten cents per cubic foot.

Some one has figured out that concrete mixed 1, 2, 3 will require one and one-half barrels of cement to the cubic yard and nine-tenths barrels if mixed 1, 3, 7 1-2. So for ordinary foundation walls we may safely figure on one barrel of cement for each cubic vard of wall. As to the prices obtained for work we have in mind a figure of \$1.85 per lineal fot for cellar walls for houses. This, of course, would mean seven to eight feet high, twelve to eighteen inches thick, would include everything and require a first class job, competing with the best work in stone and cost nearly as much where stone is abundant. To these figures we must add the cost of the needed labor of mixing and handling, also that of erecting the forms if this is a considerable item.

In actual work the following figures hold good for stable floors: One barrel of cement lays 50 to 60 square feet. For floors, walks and similar work the surface covered by a barrel of cement depends on the thickness of the work as well as on the proportions used.

Figuring mason's wages at \$4 per day, common labor at \$2, cement at \$2 per barrel, I find that stable floors may be put in for 12 cents per square foot. This includes everything, after the large stones, to make the foundation and provide drainage, are in place.

Sidewalks will cost about the same figure for material and labor, perhaps a little more, as there are more forms to build. For the sidewalks one barrel of cement will make from 30 to 60 square feet. Mixing the bottom course 1:1:6 and the top course 3:5, you may get 50 square feet of 4 inch walk, or 30 feet of 6 inch, from a barrel. For the labor you may figure at \$1.20 to \$1.80 per square foot per man, per day, depending of course on the thickness of the walk and the other conditions to be met.

The cost of concrete blocks may be figured out as follows: With a 1 to 4 mixture you will get nearly 15 cubic

feet of concrete from a barrel of cement. This material costs \$2.25, making 15 cents per cubic foot for the concrete.

A block 8 x 8 x 16 contains a little more or less than one-third cubic foot, according to the size of the air space. So figure five cents for the material. The labor cost will depend on the man and the machine, but should be about two-thirds that of the material. We figure that blocks may be made and laid up in a wall at 25 cents per cubic foot at a good profit. Common brick costs more than this.

Fence Posts.—To estimate the cost of making cement fence posts we must find the number of cubic inches in each post. As the concrete may be mixed 1:21/2:3 or 4 to 5 parts of aggregates be used, we will figure on 1:21/2:4. With these proportions one barrel of cement yields 20 cubic feet of concrete when it is packed into the moulds. So dividing 20 x 1728 by the cubic inches in the post gives the number of posts made from one barrel of cement. To the cost of the cement must be added the cost of the sand and gravel, also that of the reinforcement and labor. The reinforcement may cost from two to six cents. The labor will be about five cents for each post. The moulds will be still another item to be figured on. The total cost of the posts varies from 16 cents for one 5 x 3 at the large end, to 28 cents for one six inches square at the bottom and half the size at the top.—The National Builder.

To Renew a Worn Rasp.

After being used some time the teeth of the ordinary rasp are apt to have the tips broken off so that the whole rasp is uneven and incapable of doing good work. A rasp in this condition may be made as good as new, or perhaps even better, by slightly grinding all the teeth a very little. Hold the rasp against a fine grindstone moving from you and watch carefully that the grinding process is not carried too far. In this way every tooth becomes a fine sharp chisel and will do fine even work.

Approximate Cost of Mill Buildings.

While the cost of buildings for manufacturing purposes must of necessity vary with their design and locality, certain fundamental relations exist between different types, which, if known, are of great assistance in the planning of new plants. To a very great extent these relations, although generally determinable by calculation, are intentionally or otherwise the professional and trade secrets respectively of the architect and the contractor. True, it may be, that conditions frequently give but little lattitude for choice in design or construction, but just as truly the owner seldom finds available information which aside from the ideas of his individual arheitect will enable him to judge independently of relative costs.

A generous contribution to the general dearth of public knowledge on this subject has been made by Charles T. Main, well known as a mill engineer and architect of wide experience. In his paper on the "Approximate Cost of Mill Buildings," his discussion refers solely to ordinary mill construction, with brick walls and heavy timbered floors and roof. In this paper he showed as one of his conclusions that in a building of this type the minimum cost per square foot is practically reached with a four storey structure. The relation is somewhat affected by the length of the building, as well as by its width and height. A three storey building is slightly more expensive, while a one storey building is obviously the most costly. From the data presented by Mr. Main, in a number of diagrams, the accompanying individual set of curves has been prepared to show the relative cost per square foot of gross floor space for different widths. From this it is at once apparent that the difference between the costs for three, four and five storey buildings is so slight as to exert but a secondary influence in determining the height of a building. In fact, the height may be determined by other factors, principal among which will naturally be the available ground area and the ground rent or fixed charges thereon.

The cost of elevation of material is sometimes regarded as a factor requiring consideration. But calculation will at once show the infinitesimal power expenditure for this purpose required even in the largest plant. Suppose the weight to be lifted in the course of a year through a distance of 15 feet to be 100,000 tons, the work done will be equivalent to 3,000,000,000 ft.lb. If this work were performed continuously during 300 working days of 10 hours each, the work per minute would be

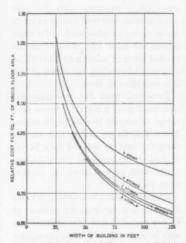


Diagram Showing the Influence of Width and Height on the Cost of a Building 300 Feet Long, of Ordinary Mill Construction.

1667 ft.lb., which is equal to only 0.05 h.p. On a basis cost of \$30 annually per horse-power, this would represent the insignificant sum of \$1.50 actually expended for this purpose during the entire year. The real cost of elevation is manifestly in the equipment and its maintenance. It is evident that the equipment provided for a two storey building will serve additional storeys with but slight increase in the cost of construction. Of course, where under the modern conditions of transportation by traveling cranes the multi-storeyed building is not permissible without excessive waste in height, the nominal single storey construction must prevail. But this, as in the case of the gallery type of machine shop, may be in effect a two storey shop throughout about two-thirds of its width.

Roughly speaking, if the cost per square foot of floor in such a building is 1, it will be about 1.25 in a similar design of one storey only, and from 0.8 to 0.9 in a three storey building approaching it in structural design.

The saw tooth or monitor systems of lighting have considerable effect upon the cost of a single storey or gallery type building as compared with one of several storeys where side lighting must be depended upon. Generally speaking, for adequate lighting from the sides the height of the storeys must increase with the width of the building. The windows should run up as near the ceiling as possible. Distribution of light will be greatly improved by the use of ribbed glass, or, better still, by prismatic glass, but the latter is decidedly objectionable if subjected to the direct rays of the sun. Windows running down to the floor have but little effect upon the general lighting where lines of machines run close to the walls and cut off the light which might otherwise be diffused.

While window area may be less expensive than wall surface, it necessarily increases the cost of heating. An ordinary window is generally classed as having about four times the transmitting power of a 16 inch wall. In other words, on this basis it would require, roughly speaking, about four times the heat for a building entirely of glass as compared with one having solid 16 inch walls. Of course, the heat penetrating effect of the sun in the case of the transparent glass would greatly modify this relation.

After all is said and done, the manufacturer requires, above all, the building best suited for the manufacture of his particular product. Its construction may or may not conform to the most economical type, but if it is such as to insure the production of the maximum profit it is certainly warranted.

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The existing harbor at Algoma, Wis., is in the mouth of Wolf (or Ahnapee) river, connected with Lake Michigan by a channel protected in the usual manner by wooden piers. With the increasing draft of vessels the old harbor has become useless, cannot be deepened economically by reason of the bed of the river being rock, and if deepened would be unduly effected by wave action.

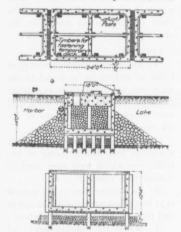
A small outer harbor is to be secured by the construction of about 928 lin. ft. of pile or plank crib pier and about 500 lin. ft. of breakwater made of reinforced concrete caissons. About 650 ft. of old pier will be removed and the harbor will be dredged to a depth of 16 feet below datum. The cost of the work, including repairs to the north pier, will be about \$144.000.

The principal feature of the work from the standpoint of engineering interest is the breakwater, which will consist of reinforced concrete caissons, resting on pile foundations, filled with meagre concrete and rip-rap stone, protected on both sides by riprap and capped with a superstructure of solid concrete, as shown on the accompanying diagrams. The foundation piles are to be supplied by the government; they will be driven to a minimum depth of 30 feet below datum or until a suitable resistance is developed, and then cut off below water, so as to secure a horizontal bearing for the bottom of the caissons at a depth of 11 ft. 4 in. below datum. After the pile tops have been cut off, the space between the piles and up to within 9 in. of the pile tops will be filled with small stone, care being taken that no stone shall project above the piles so as to prevent a caisson from coming to full bearing upon all its foundation piles. Before sinking the caissons, the tops of the piles will be brought to within 1.4 in. of the proper grade by recutting the piles or by the use of shims.

A cast iron bearing plate, with upper and lower surface suitably roughened to sink into the pile below and the plank above when under presure,

will then be placed on top of each pile. This bearing plate will at the same time tend to equalize the bearing upon the piles and to increase friction between the piles and the caissons above. The caissons will then be sunk and adjusted in their proper positions.

Each caisson will be 24 feet long, 15 feet wide and 12 feet 4 inches high, rectangular in horizontal and vertical sections, with a transverse wall across its middle. The outside walls will be 12 inches thick, the transverse wall 10 thick. The walls and bottom of each caisson will be suitably reinforced with steel bars as indicated on the drawings. It is proposed to build these caissons on shore at a site where they can be conveniently launched to



CAISSONS FOR ALGOMA BREAKWATER

be towed out to the site of the break-water. The bottom of each caisson will be laid on a timber floor 4 inches thick, through which 8 inch wire spikes have been driven to secure a firm bond between the concrete and the wood. Bolts will be embedded in the caisson concrete for convenience in handling them and short pieces of iron pipe will be embedded in the walls for the admission of water to facilitate sinking, but all bolts and pipes projecting beyond the exposed face of the concrete will be cut off flush eventually.

The caissons are to be moulded in forms made with special care to secure smooth surfaces and, so far as possible, waterproof concrete. The concrete will be a 1:2:4 mixture of

Portland cement, sand and broken stone.

A temporary timber decking will be used during the launching and towing of the caissons, and, when necessary, there will be a temporary waterproofing of their exterior surfaces by an inexpensive method.

The permanent filling for the caissons will be riprap stone surmounted by a 4 foot layer of meagre concrete. Before the riprap filling is placed, timber posts long enough to extend up to the level of the top of the riprap will be placed in each caisson as indicated on the drawing. The surface of the riprap filling will be covered with a layer of burlap on which will be deposited the concrete filling. Where the concrete filling is not covered by the superstructure a 3 1-2 inch course below the level of the finished surface will consist of a special finishing concrete made with small stones. A circular manhole 2 feet in diameter with a reinforced concrete cover will be moulded in the concrete filling of each compartment of each caison. The space between the ends of adjacent caissons will be filled with small stones to a height of 1 foot below the top of the caissons.

The concrete superstructure will be built of 1:3:5 concrete laid in 25 foot sections with joints between adjacent caissons. The upper surface of the superstructure will be 4 feet above datum at the centre. Alternate isolated sections of superstructure will be moulded first, each section having suitable anchor bolts in each end to secure a firm bond with the intermediate sections to be laid later. A single thickness of tarred paper will extend entirely through each joint in the superstructure, thus forming distinct vertical joints between adjacent sections.

The improvements at Algoma Harbor have been designed and will be executed under the direction of Major W. V. Judson, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., in charge of river and harbor improvements on the western shore of Lake Michigan, with offices at Milwaukee, Wis. To protect the interest of the United States, Major Judson patented the floatable reinforced concrete caisson in 1901.

Present Day Requirements in Town and Country*

The subject, as you will see from your program, is "Present-Day Road Requirements in Town and Country." What are those requirements? They may, I think, be classed under six different heads:

- (1) The surface must give good foothold for horses.
- (2) It must be as noiseless as possible.
- (3) It must be free from dust in summer, and free from mud in winter.
- (4) It must be of such a surface as will prevent side-slip with either motor cars or cycles.
- (5) The surface must stand the traffic of the district.
- (6) Lastly, the road must be cheap as regards first cost or maintenance, or both.

The order of importance of those requirements is somewhat difficult to give. For instance, the man who drives a horse thinks good foothold is of the greatest importance, and many people who do not drive horses will agree with him. Residents who live abutting on our main highways consider absence of noise, and freedom from dust and mud, as being of the greatest importance. Cyclists and motorists take no interest in a road being noiseless, as they ride on rubber tires, but they do demand roads free from dust and mud, and consider a surface which does not encourage side slip as being to them a "sine qua non."

No. 5, that the road must stand the traffic of the district without undue expenditure in repairs, is one which the road engineer makes it his business to try and carry out. The last requirement, No. 6, is one on which we can obtain a unanimous yote: the road must be cheap.

The "man in the street," whose opinion we are often told it is quite safe to follow, would, I have no doubt, tell you that it is easy to make a road to fulfil all these requirements. Well, the man who succeeds in that would

not stop there; his next achievement would be to discover perpetual motion or to extract gold in quantities from sea water.

I believe you will agree with me that the problem of making and maintaining the main streets and roads in our cities and counties is not an easy one, and it is rendered every day more difficult in consequence of the disinclination of the powers that be to spend more money on this object; money can be found, and has to be found, in any quantity for education, and there is not department connected with municipal and county work which is not starved and stinted in order to find further funds for this one department.

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- (1) To describe shortly the various kinds of paving to be found in the main streets of our cities and urban districts, with the cost of each, and how far each type fulfils any of the six requirements.
- (2) To refer to the dust nuisance generally, and describe some of the palliatives which have been used to combat that nuisance.
- (3) To suggest what in my opinion is to be the construction of the urban and country highway in the future.
- (4) What the improvement of roads will cost, and how the money will be found to pay for these improvements.
- (1) As regards the various kinds of road paving, etc., for main street and urban roads we have (a) granite sett paving, which is a favorite type with every road engineer on account of its durability. The kind of granite depends on the position, geographically, of the town; Nottingham, in consequence of its inland positin, cannot obtain cheaply either Welsh, Scotch or Guernsey granite, and is dependent on a supply from the Leicestershire quarry owners; the granite from the latter district is mainly hard and somewhat close grained, wears well, but naturally wears somewhat smooth and slippery; Norway granite is more open grained and gives fairly

good foothold, but it is therefore softer than Leicestershire granite. The finest granite for sett paving is Aberdeen granite; it is hard, but it gives as good foothold as granite from Norway.

The setts are usually from 5 inches to 7 inches deep, and are laid on a concrete foundation 6 inches to 8 inch thick; the joints are run in with pitch and tar, and made quite impervious; the cost, including concrete foundation, is about 12s. 6d. per yard super. Its advantages are that there is no paving equal to this for carrying heavy triffic; it is free to a very great extent from dust and mud; there is no side-slip. Its disadvantages are that it is exceedingly noisy, and where traffic is heavy and on steep grades requires sanding daily. I have said it will stand heavy traffic, but there is one kind of traffic which can punish this pavement, and that is the traction engine weighing 18 tons, hauling three loaded trucks, each weighing 12 tons. The steep strips on the driving wheels of the traction engine destroy the appearance of the paving and its durability, and by increasing the space between each sett makes the paving more noisy. All this could be avoided if traction engine owners would use wheels filled in with rims of hardwood, but these are rather more expensive to maintain than the steel rimmed wheels. I would stop this damage by putting a tax of £100 a year on steel shod traction engines, and £20 a year on wooden shod ones.

(b) Wood paying for busy thoroughfares is the most popular pavement; it is the pavement which every ratepayer desires to have in front of his own premises, and, curiously, it is the most expensive. The usual foundation of 6 inches or 8 inches thick of Portland cement concrete, with a finely screened surface to receive the blocks, is absolutely necessary. Almost every kind of wood has been tried, but during the past ten years Australian hardwood has been most largely used; it was greatly boomed by the Australian Government, and practically almost ousted creosoted red deal. There are two principal kinds of this hardwood, jarrah and

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^{*} A paper read before the Royal Sanitary Institute by Mr. A. Brown, City Eng neer, Nottingham.

karri; the wood is very hard and very heavy, its specific gravity being higher than water, but it is rather brittle; the edges break away and cause the joints to appear wide, although the blocks are closely paved. It is, although so close-grained and hard, a most extraordinary wood for expansion and contraction; its greatest drawback, however, is its slipperiness; to say that it requires sanding daily is putting the matter very mildly; some roads paved with hardwood in Nottingham, in certain conditions of weather, have been sanded five or six times daily. The blocks are dipped in pitch and tar, and paved quite close, and a space left at the kerbs filled in with some clay to take up the expansion. The cost of jarrah paving is from 14s. to 16s. per square yard, depending upon the price of the timber, which fluctuates a good deal.

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Those who have to maintain city roads believe that creosoted red deal will, and in fact it has, come into favor again. Its cost is less than hardwood; it costs less in sanding; and if the timber is good, sound stuff, and well creosoted, it will wear nearly as long as hardwood. The cresote preserves the life of the timber and is an antiseptic. No better instance of creosoted red deal paving could be given than the piece in front of the Nottingham Guildhall, which has been laid for twenty-two years, has not cost £5 in repairs, and is perfectly sound and not by any means at present worn out. No kind of uncreosoted wood could possibly show a result like this. The cost of creosoted wood paving is about 13s. per square yard.

Wood paving in dry weather gives the most perfect foothold of any road except ordinary dry macadam; and, on the other hand, in some conditions of weather it is a veritable skating rink when covered with a greasy slime peculiar to wood paving. When in this condition the sprinkling of sand only increases the trouble, and there is only one cure—a thorough washing, which, of course, has to take place at night. In very dry weather the dust from wood paving, although not large in amount, is particularly irritating; but that is caused by the pulverized horse droppings, which are more apparent on wood than any other kind of pavement. In dry weather the whole area of the wood paving must on no account be watered, unless you require a skating rink; the channels only should be watered with a cart, with the spreader arranged for this purpose. A wood-paved road fulfils requirement No. 1 as to foothold, and condition No. 4 as regards side slip only in dry weather; it fulfils condition No. 2 as regards freedom from noise; it fulfils condition No. 3 as regards dust and mud to a very great extent; as regards requirements Nos. 5 and 6 it is costly to maintain and is by no means cheap.

(c) The third type of road is the ordinary, what is termed dry, macadam road. This can only be used for urban roads. The absolute necessity of a good foundation for a macadam road is as great as in the two types already mentioned, but in the case of the macadam road it is usually of hard ballast, well rolled. The granite should be of the hardest and toughest description, and from 2 to 2 1-4 inch gauge for roads of importance. Macadam's rule was that the stone should not be larger than you could put in your mouth. I would not care, myself, to trust to the accuracy of this gauge, and prefer a metal one. The stones should be rolled and rolled until they are dove tailed together as in a mosaic pavement, and no binding material should be used until this has been effected. It should always be remembered that the less binding material you use in consolidating your road the less dust and mud you will have afterwards. Road scrapings should on no account be used for binding; they have been mud and will speedily return to their original condition. Fine granite only should be used for this purpose.

This road is the ideal one for foothold, for noiselessness, and for absence of side slip. It will not carry heavy traffic, but it is cheap as regards first cost, a good road, including foundation, being made for from 2s. 6d. to 2s. 9d. per yard; but this class of road is the one which has given rise to all the troubles since the advent of the motor car, as regards dust more particularly. Where the

traffic is heavy, the process of taking off the mud and laying on the granite is almost continuous; where the ordinary traffic is light, and the motor traffic is heavy, the dust is a fearful nuisance.

(d) A paving which is just now in its early experimental stages in this country is one called Durax paving. This paving is laid on a foundation of hard ballast, or, as it is expected to take the place of the ordinary dry macadam roadway, it is suggested it should be laid on top of the existing macadam roads, when the levels will allow of this being done. The material is granite, about 3 1-2 The peculiarity of the inch cube. method of paving is that the cubes are not laid in straight courses at right angles to the central axis of the road. but in courses having a segment with a cord about 5 feet or 6 feet; thus, if the road is 30 feet wide there are five or six of these segments in the width of the road. The stones or cubes are laid as close together as possible, and are well rammed with a light rammer. The syndicate having charge of Durax paving suggest that the joints should be filled with sand, but I prefer to fill them in with pitch and tar, as in the case of ordinary sett paving. The noiselessness of this paving is certainly most extraordinary; it is quite inconsistent with one's ordinary ideas of a paved road. There is no doubt that the segmental shape of the courses conduces to noiselessness in a marked degree. The road gives good foothold, is free from dust and mud, there is no side slip, and it will stand fairly heavy urban traffic, but the cost is somewhat heavy (about 5s. 6d. per yard, exclusive of any foundation). Taking a road at 10 yards wide, this price would equal £4,840 per mile run.

The syndicate believe that this road will supersede macadam roads in the country, and solve the dust and mud problem: there are nearly 27,500 miles of main roads in the country. What will our friends who still like to drive horses say to this length of paved roads? It was a very horsey man who understands horses, but not h's, who said: "It was not the pace that killed, but the 'ammer, 'ammer, 'ammer on

the 'ard 'igh road.'' This class of paving may, after trial, be found to be useful on busy urban roads, where ordinary macadam is objected to on account of the dust, but its first cost will prevent its universay adoption on all main country roads.

(e) The last type of road is tarmacadam. There is nothing new in tar-macadam; it has been laid in this city for fifty years. The first piece of tarred paving in this country was laid on the London road about the year 1845.

The material most favored for use in making tar-macadam is ironstone slag, but I am certain that good results can be obtained by using certain kinds of granite. The advantage of using slag is that it is dry, and if the trucks in which it is delivered are sheeted down the material need only be slightly warmed before being treated.

I have often been asked for my prescription, which when given has sometimes been used by the patient with peculiar results. It was not the fault of the prescriber or of the patient, but the fault of the drugs used. There is nothing on earth which differs so greatly as the liquid called tar; good and poor qualities of tar are quite common, and chemical analysis, so far, does not always help you, and besides, the analysis of tar is rather an expensive matter, and unless you have every load analyzed you are not certain, and this analysis would add 50 per cent. to the cost of your material. Tar varies in quality at different gas works, hence the futility of giving prescriptions of "so much tar to so much pitch," which in another town, buying tar from another gas works, would cause failure. But the same thing applies to tar from any works; it differs at the same gas works at different seasons of the year. The tar from one gas works is quite different to the tar from another works in the same town. A different method in carbonizing the coal, using a lower grade of coal, and very often a change in the management, alters entirely the nature of the tar and renders it unsuitable for tar-macadam purposes.

(to be concluded in next issue)

Modern Fire Registere.s

In an article upon the above subject in our issue of March 11th we stated that fire was a most effective means of discriminating between good and bad protective appliances, or something to that effect. So far so good. Further, however, we stated that wired glass in the Wells-Fargo Building, San Francisco, was a complete failure in the great conflagration in that city. Referring to this particular paragraph, Messrs. A. B. Ormsby, Limited, Toronto, contractors and manufacturers of fireproof metal window frames, doors, etc., write us as follows:

"This evidently is an error, as the following will show you. After the San Francisco conflagration Mr. C. J. Grindlach, general manager of the Mississippi Wire Glass Company, New York city, visited that city to gather complete information regarding the performance of wired glass, and in many instances obtained photographs for reproduction. He made an examination of the Wells-Fargo Building in company with Architect Mr. Myers, of the firm of Myers & Ward. Kohl Building, San Francisco, In the reconstruction of the Wells-Fargo Building, this firm was commissioned to plan it, and in this reconstruction they provided for the installation of wired glass in all places where it could possibly be used to advantage. This, in our opinion, would tend to indicate that they were well satisfied with the manner in which the wired glass performed. We cannot do better than quote you from a letter received by Mr. E. S. Hand, of the Mississippi Wire Glass Company, which is dated from San Francisco, May 18, 1906:

"I wrote you some days ago in regard to wire glass used in construction of the Shreve Building here, etc. Since then I have looked over the Wells-Fargo Building. That company used wired glass on the basement storey of this building. The glass covers some four feet above the level of the sidewalk. The building was gutted by the fire, the glass was shattered, but I did not see an instance where it had fallen out except where knocked out by some solid substance.

It held together all right. I think our building commission has made it unnecessary for you to look further for testimonials as to the desirable qualities of this production.

(Signed) GILBERT J. BOOT, M.E."

The Safe Deposit & Trust Company of Baltimore, under date of April 23, 1904, write the Mississippi Wire Glass Company in part as follows:

"Replying to your favor of the 22nd inst., regarding the experience of our building during the recent fire in this city, I would say that our company has every reason to congratulate itself upon the splendid performance of the several fire protecting features introduced into the construction of the building.

"One feature of our construction proved particularly efficient. This was the large wired glass skylight 30 x 40 in size, and covering the entire centre of the large banking room. Immediately below this is a skylight of stained glass, and although this wired glass bore the brunt of the tremendous heat from without as well as the shock due to a section of falling wall from the adjoining five storey building of the Baltimore 'Sun,' it remained in place, protecting absolutely the stained glass skylight below. We deem this performance so remarkable that we have placed an order for wired glass in our iron frames for all our outside windows.

(Signed) J. J. NELLIGAN,

3rd Vice-president."

As to the galvanized iron frames, the manufacturers state that in over twenty years' experience they have never known heat to cause warping. This satisfactory result is due partly to the construction of a hollow air space in the interior of the frames, which act as a non-conductor of heat.

Messrs. A. B. Ormsby, Limited, state that perhaps no stronger argument could be brought in favor of wired glass windows than the fact that the underwriters accept them as the next best thing to a solid brick wall, reducing insurance rates from ten to fifty per cent. where they are used.

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The Scarboro Telephone Company will erect a central station here.

Brucefield, Ont.

D. Aikenhead, Secretary, Building Committee, will receive tenders up to April 18th for erection of a brick church in this village according to plans at office of W. Scott, Brucefield.

Brandon, Man.

Dr. C. W. Clark, of Winnipeg, Director of the International Lighting & Heating Company, states that an early start will be made upon the construction of the city gas plant. Three substantial brick buildings will be erected.

Birch Hills, Sask.

A Government creamery will be erected here this season.

Calgary, Alta.

Andrew Carnegie has offered \$50,000 for the erection of a public library in this city.

Cochrane, Alta.

Charles Grayson, Secretary-Treasurer, is taking tenders for \$5,000 twentyyear Protestant school district debentures.

Chilliwack, B. C.

The Chilliwack Creamery Association are discussing the erection of a cold storage plant to cost \$2,000.

Chatham, Ont.

The city council are asking Government assistance in the erection of a bridge over the Thames river, and the site for the proposed structure is this week being inspected by Government engineers.

Cote des Neiges West, Que.

F. C. Laberge, Engineer, wants tenders up to April 8th for construction of waterworks, according to specifications at engineer's office, 71 St. James street, Monreal.

Coquitlam, B. C

It is stated that tenders will shortly be called by the Government for the erection of a new asylum building to cost \$60,000.

Digby, N.S.

Tenders are invited by Fred. Gelinas, Secretary, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, up to April 22nd for construction of a spur pier. Plans and specifications at offices of C. E. W. Dodwell, Resident Engineer, Halifax, and E.G. Millidge, Resident Engineer, Antigonish, on application to the local postmaster and at the Department.

Edmonton, Alta.

At a recent meeting of the city council it was finally decided to invest \$140,000 in the extension of the present power plant and \$40,500 for the Decarie incinerator. Only one unit will be installed this year.

Eganville, Ont.

G. Michel, architect, Pembroke, wants tenders up to April 11th for all trades in the erection of a residence here. Plans at architect's office.

Fort William, Ont.

H. Russell Halton, architect, is taking tenders this week for the erection of the St. Joseph's boarding school; plans to be seen at architect's office.

Tenders are invited up to April 6th by R. E. Mason, architect, for the erection of an eight roomed public school in the Wiley addition. Plans and specifications may be seen on application.

Tenders will be received by R. E. Mason, architect, up to April 11th for a four-roomed addition and alterations to public school, Ward 1.

The Private Bills Committee have authorized the city to guarantee bonds for \$45,000 for the erection of a hospital.

The Iron Range Railroad & Development Company are seeking incorporation for the purpose of building a telephone system. J. F. Swinburne, this city, is interested.

Guelph, Ont.

City Engineer McArthur has closed the Eramosa bridge for all but foot traffic and the City Council will have to erect a new structure at once.

Plans have been received for an addition to the armories and tenders will be called for at once; estimated cost \$40,000.

Goderich, Ont.

The oganization of the Ontario West Shore Electric Railway Company is now complete. Plans of the route to Kincardine have been completed, and a special meeting of the share-holders will be held in Toronto on April 7th to give the directors power to enter into contracts with contractors for the construction of this portion of the railway and also to give the directors time to issue bonds or debentures of the company to the extent of \$15,000 per mile of the track. It is expected the work of construction will commence before May 1st. H. J. A. McEwan, of Goderich, is Secretary.

Grand Forks, B. C.

A roundhouse of 15 stalls to cost \$70,000, a passenger station and office building to cost \$49,000 and yard improvements to cost \$40,000 are the improvements planned for this town by the C.P.R. H. B. Walkem, Vancouver, B.C., is resident engineer.

Hanover, Ont.

On April 21st the ratepayers will vote on a measure to raise \$4,500 for improvements to the waterworks.

Hamilton, Ont.

Plans will shortly be submitted for the new edifice to be built by the congregation of St. James Presbyterian church at an estimated cost of \$10,000.

The recently incorporated Maple Leaf Amusement Company have secured the Driving Park grounds and will open up a regular summer park, replete with the latest attractions, this season. The directors include S. L. Robertson, of Niagara Falls, J. G. Gauld, James Dickson and C. V. Langs.

A company is being formed to build a brewery in this city at a cost of \$250,000 and H. Bollinger, Fulton Bldg., Pittsburg, has been instructed to prepare plans.

The city will purchase a trenching machine, to cost \$4,000, for building the sewer in the annex.

The Board of Education will ask the city council to issue debentures to raise \$250,000 for school buildings and extensions.

Ilderton, Ont.

Tenders will be received up to April 10th for the erection of the St. George's rectory; plans and specifications on application to B. Little.

Kingston, Ont.

The Board of Education will expend \$4,000 in fire protection for the schools.

Ladysmith, B. C.

The town council have decided to engage an engineer to furnish estimates upon the cost of constructing a sewerage system.

Lachine, Que.

It is definitely stated that the Imperial Locomotive Works, Limited, will commence operations this spring. Col. L. Edye, of the Trust & Loan Company of Canada, is authority for the statement that \$2,250,000 will be expended on the plant alone.

Lacombe, Alta.

N. E. Carruthers, Secretary-Treasurer, will receive tenders up to April 8th for the construction of buildings at the Agricultural Grounds. Specifications at office of G. W. Hotson, this

Lethbridge, Alta.

The city council have passed estimates for the expenditure of over \$100,000 on the streets and sidewalks. Other projects for this season include the erection of a fire hall to cost \$25,-000 and a market to cost \$3,000.

C. B. Bowman, Secretary, will receive tenders up to April 15th for \$90,000 six per cent. 30-year school district debentures.

Lloydminster, Sask.

A new Roman Catholic church is to be erected here. Rev. R. A. Bernier, of Vegreville, is interested.

Listowel, Ont.

W. Climie, Chairman of Finance, will receive tenders up to April 6th for \$15,000 five per cent 30-year town debentures.

London, Ont.

A. O. Graydon, City Engineer, is issuing special instructions to contractors for the masonry, brickwork and plastering for the isolation hospital; particulars on application.

A new Methodist church will likely be erected at Pottersburg. Rev. E. B. Lanceley, of Dundas street centre church, is interested.

A sum of \$6,000 has been passed in the estimates for increased facilities for the post office. The projected improvements include the installation of an elevator.

The Ontario Bridge & Pipe Company, of Yale, Mich., will establish a branch tactory here.

Manotick, Ont.

Edward Kidd w erect a new cheese factory near this town.

Minnedosa, Man.

It is stated that \$20,000 will be expended this season in the erection of new schools.

Mallorytown, Ont.

A rural telephone company has been organized and will install a central office here and build to McIntosh Mills, Caintown, Jamestown and Lyn. F. H. Mallory is secretary.

Midland, Ont.

The C.P.R. are reported to be planning extensive works at Flat Point. A conservative estimate is that four million dollars will be spent in the next five years. A four million bushel elevator will be built and a large amount of dredging carried out.

Medicine Hat, Alta.

W. T. Williams has just taken tenders for excavation and foundations for an addition to the Cosmopolitan

The ratepayers have approved bylaws to raise\$40,000 for the extension of the gas system and \$10,000 for the erection of a market building.

Montreal, Que.

Incorporation is being sought by L'Hospital de la Charite who will expend \$200,000 upon the acquisition of property. The petitioners include Mayor Payette, P. R. Du Tremblay, Dr. Fleury and Dr. Lalonde.

Tenders will be received by John R. Barlow, City Surveyor, up to April 2nd for construction of a sewer in Cartier square, St. Henri ward, according to specifications at City Surveyor's office, City Hall.

The Dominion Park which was burnt down last fall will be reconstructed at a cost of \$150,000. The scenic railway, which will be constructed as an electric road, will cost about \$40,000.

It is reported that an English syndicate, headed by Lord Templeton, have purchased the charter of the Bridge and Terminal Company and that a company is being formed to construct a tunnel under the St. Lawrence to Longueuil.

L. O. David, City Clerk, wants tenders up to April 16th for a complete fire alarm equipment for the new fire alarm telegraph department headquarters, Berthelet street; specifica-tions at Superintendent's office, City Hall.

Owen Sound, Ont.

T. E. Vanstone will shortly rebuild his store recently destroyed by fire.

Forster & Clark want tenders up to April 3rd for erection of dwelling. Plans and specifications on applicaOsnabruck Township, Ont.

H. E. Hodgins, township clerk, will receive tenders up to April 11th for purchase of River aux Raisin drainage Full particulars on debentures. application.

Ottawa, Ont.

The Board of Control have recommended the expenditure of \$11,000 for the erection of a permanent art building at the exhibition grounds.

Application will be made for a charter by a company who propose to construct an electric belt line from this city running through Carleton, Russell, Dundas, Brockville and Prescott, making a complete belt line of some two hundred miles. Mayor Cossitt, of Brockville, is stated to be interested.

William Rea, Secretary-Treasurer, Public School Board, will receive tenders up to April 8th for erection of an addition to Elgin street school according to plans at office of W. B. Garvock, superintendent of buildings.

E. F. Jarvis, Secretary, Department of Militia and Defence, will receive tenders up to April 14th for plumbing, material and labor required at the Plans and Petawawa camp grounds. specifications at offices of Director of Engineer Services, this city; Commanding Officer, Western Ontario Command, Toronto, and Commanding Officer, Quebec Command, Montreal.

Tenders are invited by Cecil Bethune, Secretary Treasurer, up to April 25th for heating and ventilating the Collegiate Institure. Plans and specifications may be seen at office of Horwood & Taylor, 102 Bank street.

Port Arthur, Ont.

Philip Labbe will erect a large business block this summer at the corner of Pearl and Court streets.

The erection of a big summer hotel in this city is mooted and it is rumored that plans are already under way for a commodious structure of 150 rooms.

Peterborough, Ont.

The Private Bills Committee have confirmed a bonus of \$30,000 to the William Hamilton Manufacturing Com-

Palmerston, Ont.

A canvas of the town is being made with a view to organizing a rural telephone company.

Prince Albert, Sask.

The city council have received a report from C. H. Mitchell, C. E., Toronto, upon the proposed development of power on the Saskatchewan river and it is practically certain that the project will be carried through. The cost of developing 10,000 horse power would be \$350,000.

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Portage la Prairie, Man.

The Central Electric Company, Limited, propose to expend between \$25,000 and \$40,000 for constructing a new building and other improvements. Particulars may be obtained of John O'Brien, Manager.

Parry Sound, Ont.

The C.N.R. will install a telephone system along their line from this town to Key Harbor.

Picton, Ont.

The town council are asking the county council to grant \$14,000 out of \$31,000 for the completion of the Collegiate Institute.

Paris, Ont.

On April 7th the ratepayers will vote on a bylaw to raise \$40,000 by debentures for the erection of a new public school.

Quebec, Que.

Tenders are invited by J. Gallagher, Waterworks Engineer, up to April 13th for annual supplies of iron and brass castings, forge work, lead pipe and pig lead, cement, brick and drain pipes.

Rapid City, Man.

George McWilliams, Secretary-Treasurer, wants tenders up to May 1st for purchase of \$2,700 five per cent. 20-year school district debentures.

Regina, Sask.

The Western School Supply Company, of this city, and the Geo. M. Hendry Company, Limited, will erect a joint warehouse.

By the recent sale of city debentures, \$100,000 now becomes available for the erection of the new municipal hospital, and the health and relief committee are asking the council to call for plans for the new building so as to get construction under way this summer.

St. John, N. B.

Alderman Baxter, of the west side committee, states that the original plan concerning the berths on the northern side of the wharf will be adhered to and two berths built, one 620 feet in length and the other 400 feet.

Stoney Plain, Alta.

Foley, Walsh & Stewart, the G. T. P. contractors, will erect a large supply base and storage warehouse

St. Thomas, Ont.

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\$5,000 will be expended this season at the gas works upon the extension of mains and electric lines. An am-

monia plant will likely be installed at a cost of \$2,000.

The Independent Oddfellows of this city are contemplating the erection of

St. Boniface, Man.

Northwood, Nofike & Chickers, of Winnipeg, Man., have completed plans for the proposed plant to be erected in this city for the Manitoba Linseed Oil Mills Company, of Winnipeg, at a cost of \$75,000. It is reported that bids for this work will be called for at an early date.

Stratford, Ont.

Plans are to be asked for the erection of a twelve-roomed two-storey public school in this city.

Saskatoon, Sask.

The Imperial Bank are considering a location in this town for the erection of a bank.

Sydney, C.B.

The Standard Car Company, Durham, Pa., capitalized at \$1,500,000, are negotiating with the city council with a view to establishing a Canadian branch here; estimated cost of plant \$400,000. J. R. Shirley, of Charlottetown, P.E.I., is president.

It is stated that representatives of an Ontario brewing company have bonded a site for a local factory and that construction will be commenced in the early summer.

Sydney, N. S.

It is stated that the Illinois Car-Wheel Works are thinking of establishing a Canadian branch factory here.

Teeswater, Ont.

W. E. Benning, architect, of Listowel, has submitted estimates for proposed renovation of Knox church; estimated cost \$9,000.

Tillsonburg, Ont.

The Borden Condensed Milk Company are reported to be making preparations for the construction of a large plant here.

Toronto, Ont.

A. W. Reeder, electrical contractor, has purchased property on Saunders avenue, where he will erect a factory for making electric fixtures.

A. W. Holmes, architect, will receive tenders up to April 6th for additions to the separate school on Manning avenue. Plans and specifications at architect's office, 10 Bloor street east.

The Home Bank have purchased property corner Queen and Victoria streets which they will remodel for a branch building. Willis Chipman, C.E., 103 Bay St., is superintending an extension to the city waterworks at Portage La Prairie, Man., and tenders are being called in this issue for pumping machinery, water pipes, pipelaying, etc.

The Victoria Industrial School Board are applying for a grant to cover the cost of installing a sewerage system; estimated expenditure, \$2,500.

A. E. Watson, 37 Bank of Commerce Building, will receive tenders up to April 4th for alterations and additions to Windermere avenue public school, Swansea, Ont.

'The trustees of Westmoreland avenue Methodist church will purchase a lot at the north-west corner of Westmoreland avenue and Hallam street, where they will erect a new church building.

The preliminary plans and sketches of the new General Hospital have been approved by the Building Committee and a model has been ordered.

Bowman & Connor, consulting engineers, 36 Toronto street, are engaged on plans for a reinforced concrete bridge for Durham, Ont.; also for a 136-foot steel highway bridge with concrete foundation for Mount Forest.

Recent building permits include: Chris. Heehn, 2-storey brick store and dwelling, College street, \$3,000; W. W. Hiltz, 1 pair semi-detached 21/2storey brick dwellings, Hogarth avenue, \$5,000; C. D. Scott. 21/2-storey brick dwelling and stable, Admiral road, \$9,000; Joe Spencer, 1-storey brick store and dwelling, Queen street, \$2,000; Dominion Government, 2storey brick addition to Post Office, on Lombard street, \$20,000; E. C. Tuckett, 2 detached 2-storey brick dwellings, Sinclair avenue, \$4,400; Wm. A. Hill, 2-storey and attic brick dwelling, Palmerston Boulevard, \$5-500; W. W. Hiltz, 1 pair semi-detached 2-storey roughcast dwellings, Carlaw avenue, \$3,000; R. W. Harrison, I pair semi-detached 2-etorey brick dwellings, Dupont street, \$2,600; Jas. Lochrie, 2-storey brick store and dwelling, corner Bloor and Emerson avenue, \$3,000; H. B. Reesor, 1 pair semi-detached 2-storey and attic brick dwellings, Walker avenue \$6,500; A. W. Reeder, 2-storey galvanized iron workshop, Saunders avenue, \$2,500; R. E. Chad, I pair semidetached 2-storey and attic frame dwellings, Woodbine avenue, \$2,900; Thompson, 2-storey brick dwelling, Dufferin street, \$2,500; D. Todd, 1 pair seml-detached 2-storey brick dwellings, corner Spencer and Springhurst avenues, \$5,000; Steinburger Hendry Co., alterations to office, Temperance street, \$3,500; R.

E. 2-storey brick veneer dwelling, Woodbine avenue, \$2,000; F. Sullivan, 1 pair semi-detached 2-storey and attic brick dwellings, Brunswick avenue, \$6,500; Baker Long, 1 pair semi-detached 2-storey and attic brick dwellings, Manning avenue, \$5,000; Hugh McMath, 3 attached 1-storey brick stores, Queen street west, \$2,000; C. B. Niles, 2-storey brick dwelling, Yonge street, \$3,500; R. C. Vaughan, I pair semi-detached 2-storey and attic brick dwellings, Madison avenue, \$6,000; H. H Dunfield, 2-storey and attic brick dwelling, Lynwood avenue, \$5,000; H. Silverthorne, I pair semi-detached 2-storey and attic brick dwellings, Margueretta street, \$5,000; G. Brady & Son, 2storey detached brick dwelling, Galley avenue, \$3,000; W. H. Marks, 1 pair semi-detached 2-storey brick dwellings, Emerson avenue, \$5,000; J. Carrigan, 2-storey and attic brick dwelling, near Mabel street, on W. Lynd avenue, \$3,500; W. M. Adams, I pair semi-detached 2-storey brick dwellings, Clarene avenue, \$4,-000; W. W. Dunlop, 2-storey brick dwelling, Indian road, \$4,000; Hawkins & Kyle, 2 pair semi-detached 2storey brick dwellings, Galley avenue, \$6,000; James Harrison, 2-storey brick dwelling, St. Clair avenue, \$3,000; Canada Military Institute, 2-storey brick library, University avenue, \$8,000.

Vernon, B. C.

E. S. Bate, Secretary, Jubilee Hospital Board, wants tenders up to April 15th for the erection of new hospital building. Specifications at secretary's office, this town.

Victoria, B. C.

A new wireless station will be erected here by the United Wireless Telegraph Company. C. B. Cooper, of Seattle, is general superintendent of construction for the Pacific coast.

Virden, Man.

James F. C. Menlove, Secretary-Treasurer, municipality of Wallace, desires tenders by May 10th for building a steel bridge over the Pipestone creek; plans at his office and at the Department of Public Works, Winnipeg.

Vancouver, B. C.

Engineer F. A. Coombe, of Montreal, has left for this city to prepare a report for Ross & Holgate on the water, steam and power plant.

Fred Gelinas, Secretary, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, will receive tenders up to April 25th for construction of heating system for the post office. Plans and specifications may be seen on application to W.

Henderson, Superintending Architect, Victoria, and Charles Tossell, Clerk of Works, this city.

The board of school trustees have asked the Finance Committee to submit a bylaw for the raising of approximately \$120,000 for the erection of new schools and additions.

Tenders are about to be taken by the Government for the erection of a new Normal school to cost \$100,000.

Welland, Ont.

It is reported that the Maple Leaf Milling Company are contemplating the erection of a mill in this vicinity.

B. J. McCormick, of the Welland Realty Company, is stated to be negociating with a prominent English firm with a view to their establishment of a branch factory in this locality.

Wetaskiwin, Alta.

A bylaw has been carried to raise \$18,000 for gas boring.

Woodstock, Ont.

On the expiration of the present lease the building now occupied by Fullerton & Graves, clothiers, will be remodeled for a branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

West Toronto, Ont.

The bill recently passed for the incorporation of this city provided for the erection of a public school at a cost of \$25,000 and for the borrowing of \$100,000 for paving Dundas street.

A new edifice to cost \$15,000 will shortly be erected at the corner of Humberside and Willoughby avenues by the Royce avenue Baptists.

Winnipeg, Man.

M. Peterson, Secretary, Board of Control, will receive tenders up to April 7th for supply of 15,000 to 25,000 barrels of cement. Specifications at office of city engineer.

J. H. Leech, barrister, acting for an estate, has called tenders for erection of ten modern cottages at Norwood to cost \$19,000.

Rugh & Riddell, architects, are stated to have plans for a 4-storey apartment block to cost \$150,000, another apartment block to cost \$40,000 and store buildings in the north end to cost \$190,000.

D. W. Bellhouse, architect, has completed plans for a business block, to be erected for McNab & Company, toot of Lombard street; also for an apartment block corner Kennedy and Qu'appelle.

Plans are being prepared by H. Rugh, architect, for an apartment block on Osborne street for Dr. Devine, to cost \$50,000.

A. Oldfield, architect, is preparing plans for eight houses to be erected this season by W. Moxam.

C. P. Walker, of the Walker theatre, states that the erection of the proposed hotel will likely start in the fall, simultaneously with the building of the opera house facade. The total estimated cost is \$140,000.

Separate tenders are being taken by Victor Horwood, architect, for the following:—2-storey warehouse, mill construction; fireproof reinforced concrete factory; reinforced concrete underground tank; heating apparatus, pumping machinery and narrow guage rail tracks.

J. Fisher, representative of the British Consolidated Mills, of London, Eng., recently left with a report favorable to the erection of forty-two grain elevators at various western points.

The city will raise \$5,000 by debentures for the purpose of buying motors for the lighting system of the exhibition grounds.

An eight inch water main will be put in from Main street to Nassau street at a cost of \$7,000.

H. N. Ruttan, City Engineer, is figuring on the cost of installing an automatic softening plant at each well.

A bylaw will likely be submitted to the ratepayers at an early date authorizing the expenditure of \$225,000 for new buildings for the General Hospital.

A permit has been issued for the construction of a building for married men's quarters at Fort Osborne barracks; estimated cost \$40,000.

M. Peterson, Secretary, Board of Control, will receive tenders up to April 21st for construction of asphalt pavement on Main street and Higgins avenue. Specifications may be seen at office of city engineer.

While nothing definite has yet been decided in regard to the joint traffic and railway bridge over the Red river, F. B. Morse, General Manager, G. T. P., in a recent interview stated that in all probability the structure will be erected as described.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

Brockville, Ont.

The Economical Gas Apparatus Construction Company, Toronto, have been awarded the contract for installing a set of four purifier boxes for the gas works here, at \$9,520.

Brandon, Man.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Works, tenders were opened for the construction of the proposed First street bridge. The contract was awarded to City Engineer Shillinglaw \$55 stru to \$ Berl B eng awa the facti

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Dund Th roofin ceilin Sund of H for a reinforced concrete structure at \$48,250. Other bids ranged from \$55,000 to \$75,000 for a concrete structure and for steel from \$45,000 to \$65,000.

Berlin, Ont.

Bowman & Connor, consulting engineers, Toronto and Berlin, have awarded the following contracts in the erection of a reinforced concrete factory for the Kaufman Rubber Company: twisted steel, Jones & Laughlin, Pittsburg, Pa.; cement, 3,000 barrels, National Portland Cement Company, Durham, Ont; heating, Dominion Heating and Ventilating Company, Hespeler, Ont.

Brantford, Ont.

John E. Riddell, of Hamilton, has been awarded the contract for the roofing and copper cornice work of the Bank of Hamilton building, this city.

The Warren Bituminious Paving Company have been awarded a contract for 12,000 square yards bitulithic pavement and storm sewers; total estimated cost \$50,000.

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The successful tenderer for the roofing, galvanized iron and metal ceiling work for the Knox Church Sunday school was John E. Riddell, of Hamilton.

Grand Forks, Newfoundland.

It is reported that the Walsh Holyoke Steam Boiler Works, of Holyoke, Mass., have secured the contract to furnish and install a steel penstock with its branches for the electric power station of the Newfoundland Development Company at Grand Falls; estimated cost \$210,000.

Melfort, Sask.

D. A. MacDonald, of this town, has obtained the contract for building a large machinery warehouse for S. J. Green.

Montreal, Que.

Tenders for supplies have been awarded by the Roads Committee. The cement contract was divided between the firms of Ramsey & Langridge, W. McNally & Company, A Bremner, and the Stinson-Reeb Builders' Supply Company. The prices vary from 55 to 63 cents per 100 pounds. The contract for the supply of bricks went to John Keegan at \$11 per 1,000 for square and \$13 for bevel bricks.

J. T. Marchand & Company secured the lumber contract at prices varying from \$29.50 per 1,000 for white pine to \$79.50 for yellow pine.

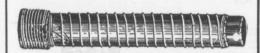
The tile pipes went to W. McNally & Company, at prices varying according to the size.

The contract for cast iron gullies was divided between E. Patenaude, H. Garth & Co., Laurie Engine Co., and P. Amesse, all for 2 3-4 cents.

The Barber Asphalt Paving Company were awarded the contract for artificial asphalt paving at prices from \$2.51 for a six-inch foundation to \$3.36 for a twelve-inch concrete foundation. The same firm were given a contract for laying the five-inch blockstone pavement on a six-inch foundation of concrete at \$2.19, at \$2.25 for a nine-inch concrete foundation and at \$3.12 on twelve-inch concrete foundation.

The Sicily Asphalt Company were given the contract for laying blockstone on sand at \$1.06 a square yard. The Sicily Asphalt Company also obtained the contract for laying the four-inch scoria blocks on a six-inch concrete foundation at \$2.07 and at \$3.05 on a The same twelve-inch foundation. company were granted the contract for laying the five-inch blockstone pavement on a six-inch concrete foundation at \$2.11, on a nine-inch concrete foundation at \$2.61 and on a twelveinch concreté foundation at \$3.11. To the Sicily Company also went another contract for laying the four-inch scoria blocks on a six-inch foundation at \$2.06, on a nine-inch foundation at \$2.51 and on a twelve-inch foundation at \$3.01.

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The undersigned invites offers for debentures of \$50,000, bearing date July 1st, 1907, with interest at 4 per cent, per annum. Said debentures are guaranteed by the Province of Manitoba. Offers to be net payable at Virden or Elkhorn and to be filed not later than 1910 DAY DAY DAY DAY.

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County of Wellington

Bridge Tenders

Tenders will be received by the County Clerk, James Beattie, Esq., Fergus, Ont., until APRIL 18TH NEXT for the construction of the Mount Forest Bridge.

or the construction of the Mount Forest Bridge.

1. Steel Superstructure and Concrete Floor.

2. Concrete Abutments, about 600 cubic yards.

For all information apply to the Engineers.

BOWMAN & CONNOR,

5 Toronto Street, Toronto.

TENDERS

will be received until noon on MONDAY, APRIL 6711, for Additions to a Separate School building on Manning Avenue. Each tender must be accompanied by a marked cheque equal to ten per cent. of its amount, payable to the order of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Separate School Board, which cheque will be forfeited if the parties tendering fail to carry out the contract when called upon to do so. Tenders to be addressed to J. Cadaret, Esq., Chairman Sites and Building Committee of Separate School Board, ab Duke Street. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the architect, A. W. Holmes, to Bloor Street E. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

TENDERS

Town of Palmerston, Ont.

WATER WORKS

Sealed tenders will be received by the Town Clerk until 8 p m. TUESDAY, APRIL THE 14TH, 1908, for the following CONTRACTS:—

CONTRACT A

Subdivision (1). Labour, etc., for constructing water works system.
Subdivision (2). Cast iron water pipe valves and hydrants.

CONTRACT B

The supply and erection of a steel Stand Pipe. Plans and specifications may be seen and forms of tener obtained at the office of the Town Clerk, Palmerston, rat the office or the Consulting Engineers.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Messrs. Galt & Smith, Consulting Engineers, 23 Jordan St., Toronto.

CHESLEY WATER WORKS

Tenders will be received until April 13th for Gas Engine and Producer, Oil Engine, Power Pump, also for excavating and pipe laying.

BOWMAN & CONNOR, Consulting Engineers, Court House, Berlin, Ont.

Street Railway

The Council of the City of Calgary is open to receive offers for the installation, construction, equipment and operation of a Street Railway in said City for a limited period of franchise.

Companies making applications for same will please state time required under franchise and other particulars. For particulars apply to the undersigned.

H. E. GILLIS, City Clerk,

Dated at Calgary, March 13th, 1908.

Debentures For Sale

VILLAGE OF ELMIRA

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 7 o'clockp.m. on the 6th DAY O'B APRIL, 1998, for the purchase of \$7,500.4½ per cent. Debentures. Payable in twelve years, re loan to "Elmira Interior Woodwork Company, Limited, and \$5,000.00.4½ per cent. Deben-tures payable in thirty years re. Waterworks. Particulars from the undersigned.

No tender necessarily accepted.

JOHN H. RUPPEL, Clerk.

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WALLAGE

TENDERS

Scaled Tenders addressed to the undersigned and marked "Tenders for Steel Bridge" will be received up til noon on the 1071 DAY OF MAY 1968 for the building of a Steel Bridge with Stone Masonry Abutments, together with necessary Excavations, etc., to be erected at Section 4 Tp to Rge 2q W. over the Pipestone Creek, for the Rural Municipality of Wallace.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Secretary Treasurer in the Town of Virden, or Demanda accepted cheque of an amount equal to five per cent, of the tender must accompany the tender.

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C. O. DAVIDSON, Secretary-Treasurer, City of Prince Albert, Sask.

ROYAL MUNICIPALITY OF WALLACE

TENDERS

Sealed tenders, addressed to the undersigned and marked "Tenders for Telephone Lines," will be received up to NOON OF 1071 DAY OF MAY 1008, for the building of such telephone lines and the installation of such telephone swill be required in the telephone system in the Rural Municipality of Wallace. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Municipal Secretary in the Town of Virden or at graphs, Parliament Buildings, Winnipeg.

An accepted cheque of an amount equal to five per cent. of the tender must accompany same.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. (Signed)

(Signed) JAMES F. C. MENLOVE.

CITY OF PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

Notice to Contractors

ders addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer will be

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15th, 1908

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For further Information apply to the Chief Engineer,
103 Bay Street, Toronto, Ont.

EDWARD BROWN, Esq., Ser retary-Treasurer, Mayor, Portage la Prairie, Man.

WILLIS CHIPMAN, C.E., Chief Engineer, 103 Bay Street, Toronto, Ont.



Sealed Tenders addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Toronto Island Breakwater Extension," will be received at this office until FRIDAY. APRIL 24, 1908. inclusively, for the construction of an APRIL 24, 1908. inclusively, for the construction of an article of the control of

An accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00), must accompany each tender. The cheque will be forfeited if the person tendering decline the contract or fail to com-plete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the west or any tender.

FRED. GELINAS

Department of Public Works,

Ottawa, March 11, 1908.
Newspapers will not be paid for this advertisement it ney insert it without authority from the Department. 14

To Sewer Pipe Manufacturers

Sealed tenders, addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to noon, MONDAY, APRIL THE acru NEXT, for the supply of 21,000 lineal feet of 24-inch Sewer Pipe. Specifications may be obtained from Davis & Johnston, Engineers, Berlin, Ontario.

J. J. HACKNEY, Manager Guelph Water Works.

Tenders Wanted

Sealed tenders (marked "Tenders for Town Hall) in whole and part will be received by the Town Clerk, Meaford, up to and including APRIL 15TH, for the several trades required in the erection and completion of a Town Hall. Plans and specifications may be seen at the Clerk's Office, Meaford, also at the Architects' Office, Toronto. No tender necessarily accepted.

Finecessarily accepted.

ELLIS & CONNERY, Architects,
Manning Chambers, Toronto.
GEO. ALBERY, Town Clerk,
Meaford, Ont.

To Heating Contractors Tenders

Scaled tenders will be received until APRIL 25TH, 1908. at noon, for the works required in Heating and Ventilating the Collegiat. Institute at Ottawa.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of Horwood. Taylor, Architects, 100 Bank Street, 100 Bank

CECIL BETHUNE, Secretary-Treasurer.
Ottawa Collegiate Institute Board.

NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of Vancouver, British Columbia, up to noon of SATURDAY, APRIL 44H, 1008, for the manufacture and erection of the Superstructures of the new Bridges over False Creek at Westminster avenue and Granville street. Estimated weight of structural steel, about

2,800 tons. Plans and specifications will be on file at the City Engineer's office, Vancouver, on and after SATURDAY, MARCH 14. Copies of all the papers may be secured from Waddell and Harrington, Consulting Engineers, Kansas City, Mo., upon the receipt of a deposit of twenty-five dollars, which will be refunded upon return of the plans and other papers in good order.

NOTICE

The date for receiving bids at the office of the City Clerk of Vancouver, B.C., for the manufacture and crection of the superstructures of new bridges over False Creek, at Westminster avenue and Granville street has been extended to noon of FRIDAY, MAY 187, 1938.

TENDERS FOR CAST IRON PIPE AND **SPECIALS**

Sealed tenders will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Prince Albert until 8 P.M. ON THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH 1928 for the following:

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No tender necessarily accepted.

o tender neces. R. S. COOK, Mayor,

F. A. CREIGHTON. C. O. DAVIDSON, City Clerk.

Tenders Wanted

Sealed tenders (marked "Tenders for Factory") in whole or part will be received by the undersigned up to and including SATURDAY, APRIL 17TH, for the several trades required in the erection and completion of a factory, on Queen Street West, Toronto. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Architects. specifications may be seen in No tender necessarily accepted.
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ELLIS & CONNERY, Architects,
Manning Chambers, Toronto

Town of Listowel

DEBENTURES FOR SALE

Scaled tenders addressed to the undersigned will be received up till noon of MONDAY, APRIL 6711, for the purchase of Debentures of the Town of Listowel for \$1,500.0 authorized by Chap. 86, R.S.O., 1850, "An Act to consolidate the debt of the Town of Listowel," repayable in thirty years in equal annual payments of principal and interest, bearing interest at five per cent.

W. CLIMIE, Chairman of Finance, Listowel, Ont.

Tenders for DRILLING WELL

Tenders addressed to the undersigned marked "Tender for Drilling Well," will be received up to APRIL 157H at 0 p.m. for drilling an 8 inch Test Well for the Clinton Waterworks system, also for a second well in same vicinity if required.

State price by the toot and lump sum and also whether tenderer guarantees to find water or not.

r guarantees to find water or not.
D. L. MACPHERSON, Town Clerk.
Clinton, Ont.

Fire Alarm Telegraph

Tenders

Scaled Tenders addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed, tender for new fire alarm system, will be received at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, up to NOON ON THUSDAY THE 1671 APRIL NEXT, for a complete new Fire Alarm Equipment and installation of same, necessary for the new Fire Alarm Telegraph Department headquarters, Berthelet street.

Specifications and any information concerning the above installation can be obtained at the office of the Superintendent of the Fire Alarm Telegraph, City Hall.

A certified cheque of \$5,000, shall be deposited with the City Treasurer payable to his order. Each tenderer shall receive a certificate of such deposit, and this certificate shall accompany the tenders delivered to the City Clerk.

The tenders will be opened by the City Clerk in the presence of the interested parties at the first meeting of the Fire and Light Committee following the reception of the City Clerk in the presence of the interested parties at the first meeting of the Fire and Light Committee following the reception of the City Clerk in the presence of the interested parties at the first meeting of the Fire and Light Committee following the reception of the City Clerk in the presence of the interested parties at the first meeting of the City Clerk in the presence of the interested parties at the first meeting of the City Clerk in the presence of the interested parties at the first meeting of the Committee does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender submitted.

L. O. DAVID.

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L. O. DAVID,
City Clerk.

City Clerk's Office, City Hall, Montreal March 27th 1908.

NOTICE

Drainage Contract

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 13 o'clock noon of MONDAY THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE. A.D. 1908, for the construction of the Grantley Creek Drain in the northwest part of the Township of Osnabruck and northeast part of the Township of Osnabruck and northeast part of the Township of CP.R.) Engineer's estimate of total work, \$14,106,77. Parties tendering will please state whether dredge or team work is intended. An accepted cheque for one tenth the amount of tender will be required as a deposit. Tenders for culverts in the Township of Osnabruck will be accepted at the same time and subject to the same time a

CITY OF BRANTFORD

Tenders for Sewer Pipe and Paving Brick

Sealed tenders addressed to Samuel Suddaby, Chairman of the Board of Works, in care of the City Clerk, Brantlord, Ont., will be received up to 12 O'CLOCK NOON ON THURSDAY, APRIL 28RD, 1908, for the supply of Swew Pipe and Paving Brick required by the City of Brantlord tor 1908. Instructions to bidders and to the control of the City of Brantlord to 1908. Instructions to the city Engineer of the American Company of the City Engineer of the American Company of the City Engineer for the amount called for in form of tender.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

T. HARRY 10NES.

T. HARRY JONES, City Engineer.

City Hall, Brantford, Ont., March 31st, 1908. 16

Bids.

Montreal, Que.

The Water Committee recently opened tenders for the supply of the 12,000,000 gallon pump and will shortly award the contract. Noticeable features were the number and variety of the tenders, and the prominence the new turbines occupy with all the large makers of pumps. Five different prices were quoted by the John McDougall Company, the Mon-treal agents for the Worthington pump. To supply a duplicate of the pump put into service last summer the price submitted was \$71,597; for a Holly pump, \$22,979; for a Snow pump, \$63,858; for a Worthington turbine, driven by a vertical engine, \$29,465; another Worthington turbine, driven by a different type of engine, \$38,360. Drummond, Mc-Call & Co., representing Mather & Platt, Birmingham, England, offered a turbine driven by a Bellis engine for \$36,400; the Canadian Buffalo Forge Company offered a turbine for \$37,-247; John Inglis & Co., of Toronto, offered their triple expansion pump for \$72,300, and the same pump of a different type for \$66,700; the Allis-Chalmers Bullock Company tendered on a Robb-condensing engine and Worthington turbine at \$37,235; the Montreal Light, Heat & Power Company offered a steam driven turbine at \$64,400, and an electric turbine pump at \$34,000. Alfred Collyer, representing Watson, Stilman & Co., of Philadelphia, offered one of their turbines at \$34,700; and Peacock Bros., re-presenting Hawthorn, Davey, of Leeds, England, offered a pump for £10,850, and another at £10,775; the Dolier Engineering Company, of Philadelphia, offered a de Laval steam pump at \$29,700; and Glenfield, Kennedy, of Kilmarnock, Scotland, offered a pump at \$59,200.

The Housser-Armstrong Lumber Company, Limited, Willow Range, Man., have disposed of their business to J. H. Stewart.

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Iron smokestacks have been replaced by concrete in a novel manner at the plant of the Canadian Portland Cement Company, at Marlbank, Ontario. At this plant four stacks, each 60 feet high and 14 feet in diameter, the stack as the concrete, which was lined inside with one thickness of fire brick, recently showed signs of corrosion in the plates. Instead of replac-

ing with iron or steel, it was decided to coat the outside of each stack with a four inch layer of concrete. For this purpose a plate iron cylinder, 56 inches in diameter and 48 inches high, was used as a form ,and moved up deposited within it, had set. Circumferential reinforcement of No. 7 wire was placed every vertical six inches

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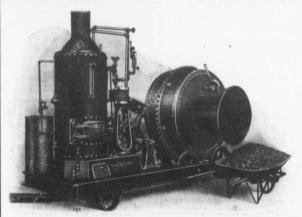
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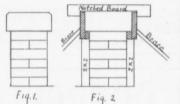
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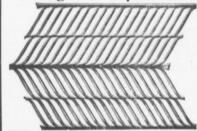
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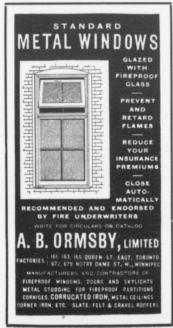
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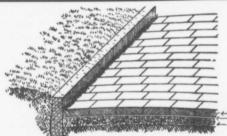
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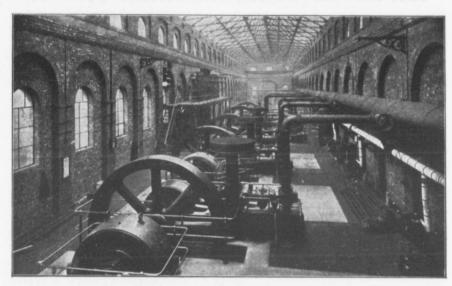
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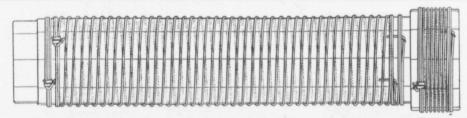
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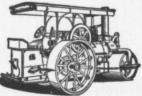
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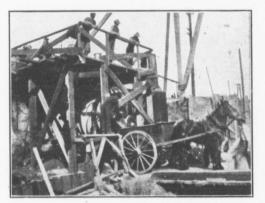
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