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The time for receiving tenders for THREE BRICK HOUSES on Ross Street, Toronto, has been extended to 12 o'clock, noon, on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 1899.

GORDON & HELLIWELL, Architects,
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TENDERS

Will be received at the office of the undersigned up to five o'clock on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, for the various Trades in connection with the Erection of a LARGE BUILDING in the City of Toronto.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Tenders for Pavement

Tenders will be received, by registered post only, addressed to the Chairman of the Board of Control, City Hall, Toronto, up to noon on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 1899, for the following work:

CEDAR BLOCK PAVEMENT

on Spadina Avenue, from Adelaide to Queen Street. Contracts of envelopes containing tenders must be plainly marked on the outside.

Conditions and specifications may be seen and forms of tender obtained at the office of the City Engineer.

A deposit, in the form of a marked cheque, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for the sum of 2½ per cent. on the value of the work tendered for, must accompany each and every tender, otherwise they will not be entertained.

Tenders must bear the bona fide signatures of the contractor and his sureties, or they will be ruled out as informal.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JOHN SHAW (Mayor),
Chairman Board of Control.

City Hall, Toronto, Oct. 26th, 1899.

TENDERS WANTED

Tenders will be received until the 7th INST. for
BRICK DWELLING to be erected in the east end of
this City.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
The plans and specifications may be seen at the
office of

R. J. EDWARDS & WAGNER, Architects,
18 Toronto Street, Toronto.

CONTRACTS OPEN.

CAMDEN EAST, ONT.—A new public
school will be built here.

BERLIN, ONT.—A. & C. Boehmer will
enlarge their box factory.

SARNIA, ONT.—The town is about to
issue debentures for \$10,000.

KEMPTVILLE, ONT.—A Buchanan in-
tends to erect a brick house.

SUNDERLAND, ONT.—Frank Reynolds
purposes erecting a brick barn.

KIRKTON, ONT.—A movement is on
foot to erect a \$12,000 flour mill.

ARDEN, ONT.—A site has been pur-
chased for proposed English church.

NEW GERMANY, ONT.—A new house
will be built by Mrs. Joseph Bruder.

SYDENHAM, ONT.—The parsonage of
the English church is to be remodelled.

HUMBERSTONE, ONT.—It is the inten-
tion of Mr. Manby to build a residence.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN, ONT.—The Hor-
nerites are preparing to build a church.

WINDSOR MILLS, QUE.—Waterworks
and electric light systems for this town are
needed.

EVERTON, ONT.—The congregation of
the Disciples church will build a new
parsonage.

MELITA, MAN.—T. Bullock & Sons
will enlarge their grain elevator and flour
warehouse.

DEREHAM CENTRE, ONT.—Geo. Min-
shall purposes building a new house next
summer.

BRANDON, MAN.—The Brandon Brew-
ery Co. will make a large addition to
their factory.

MANITOUE, MAN.—W. Ross, implement
dealer, is about to erect a brick warehouse
25 x 56 feet.

FORT WILLIAM, ONT.—Excavating has
commenced for the proposed Ogilvie mill
and elevator.

THAMESVILLE, ONT.—The work of
erecting a Presbyterian church has been
commenced.

BAY BEACH, ONT.—It is reported that
the foundation is soon to be commenced
for a new hotel.

HARTLAND, N. B.—Tenders for con-
struction of bridge are asked by the secre-
tary, S. S. Miller.

ESQUIMAULT, B. C.—Tenders have
been invited for construction of boat slip
at H. M. naval yard.

WATFORD, ONT.—It is said that J.

Lawrence & Sons, of Sarnia, intend to
erect a saw mill here.

TILBURY, ONT.—The council will
shortly issue debentures for construction of
granolithic walls.

CONDEN, ONT.—The Methodist con-
gregation purpose building a church next
spring, to cost \$6,000.

STOUFFVILLE, ONT.—The sum of \$65,-
000 has been subscribed towards a pork
packing establishment.

THREE RIVERS, QUE.—The St. Maur-
ice passenger bridge at this place was
destroyed by fire last week.

LITTLE CURRENT, ONT.—Mr. Tinkis
will probably install an acetylene gas
plant in the Mansion House.

MALDEN, ONT.—A movement is on
foot to erect an R. C. church in the
eastern part of the township.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B.—The St. Croix
Shoe Factory Co. will build an addition to
their works, two storeys, 56 x 32 feet.

BEALMONT, N.W.T.—The Beaumont
Mills Co. has been formed here, capital
\$4,000, to operate grist and saw mills.

PETROLIA, ONT.—The by-law to grant
a franchise to the Carmen Deep Well Gas
Co. has been approved by the ratepayers.

SMITH'S FALLS, ONT.—W. R. Ross,
architect, is having plans prepared for
alterations and additions to his residence.

BRANTFORD, ONT.—The township
council held a meeting last week with re-
ference to proposed flood protection works.

WELLAND, ONT.—W. G. Somerville
has just commenced the erection of a new
building, 55 x 68 feet, with concrete base-
ment.

FONTHILL, ONT.—T. L. Nichols, of
Welland, will prepare plans for new
dwelling to be built on the Lyndburner
site.

KAMLOOPS, B.C.—Plans for waterworks
system, prepared by Willis Chipman, C.
E., of Toronto, have been submitted to
council.

EEBEE PLAIN, QUE.—The Stanstead
Granite Quarries Co. have commenced
the erection of their sheds, which will be
300 x 60 feet.

LINDSAY, ONT.—Robert Bryans has
purchased the residence known as Holly
Lodge and will make extensive improve-
ments thereto.

GUELPH, ONT.—The government en-
gineer has recommended that a new
boiler be placed in the Ontario Agricul-
tural College.

SEVERN BRIDGE, ONT.—Buckham
Bro. have purchased a timber limit in
the vicinity of Whitney, and purpose
building a saw mill.

NORLAND, ONT.—It is reported that a
Lindsay firm has purchased the site at
Elliot's Falls and purposes erecting a
water power saw mill.

CAMPBELLTON, N.B.—Tenders have
just been taken for construction of fish

battery at Flatlands. Particulars from Alex. Mowat, this place.

BRIDGETOWN, N. S.—B. Havey has purchased the McCormick store, which he will remodel.

ST. DOMINIQUE DE JONQUIÈRE, QUE.—The Jonquiere Pulp Company has been incorporated, capital \$40,000, to manufacture pulp, paper, etc.

NANAIMO, B.C.—Berry & Thurston have made a proposition to the council to erect a large boot and shoe factory in return for a bonus of \$3,000.

SYDNEY, C.B.—The foundation for the machine shop of the Dominion Iron & Steel Co. is almost completed. The building will be 500 feet long.

ORANGEVILLE, ONT.—W. L. Walsh, solicitor for the township of East Garafraxa, invites bids up to November 15th for purchase of \$5,000 of debentures.

HINTONBURG, ONT.—The engineer of the township of Nepean has prepared plans for a drain for the property of Thos. Shillington and adjoining land-owners.

HULL, QUE.—Last week the ratepayers defeated the by-law to grant the Pontiac & Pacific Junction Railway Co. a bonus of \$30,000 to establish its workshops here.

BUCKINGHAM, QUE.—The ratepayers have decided to accept the \$5,000 government grant towards the erection of a post-office, but the site has not yet been selected.

ARNPRIOR, ONT.—The Board of Trade has passed a resolution calling upon the council to take steps towards the construction of waterworks and sewerage systems.

WESTMOUNT, QUE.—The by law authorizing the council to raise a loan of \$250,000 for roads and general improvements was carried by the ratepayers last week.

CALGARY, N.W.T.—Willis Chipman, C.E., of Toronto, has been engaged by the council to prepare plans and specifications for a waterworks system for this town.

GODFRICH, ONT.—The Water and Light Committee of the council recently asked for power to purchase two 100 light transformers and belts for engine and dynamo.

TORONTO JUNCTION, ONT.—The Methodist congregation at Davenport, of which Rev. H. S. Matthews is the pastor, are considering the erection of a new church.

TIVERTON, ONT.—The plans of R. W. Fawcett, architect, of Sarnia, have been accepted for Presbyterian church to be built here; building will be stone and brick, seating capacity 500.

NEWMARKET, ONT.—D. Roche & Co. intend to install 75 additional incandescent lights in their factory.—The Metropolitan Railway Co. purpose building a brick shed here in the spring.

GRAND MERE, QUE.—The Provincial Board of Health has notified the municipality that before waterworks and sewerage systems can be constructed, the plans must be submitted to the Board.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.—C. B. Chappell, architect, of this place, has prepared plans of a new church building for the Central Christian church. Tenders for the work will be advertised shortly.

PERTH, ONT.—Allan Grant, C. P. P agent here, has purchased the house and lot on Drummond street, opposite St. James church, and purposes making considerable improvements thereto.

ROSSLAND, B.C.—The city council has decided to defer action regarding the sewerage system until next spring, and in the meantime a by-law to provide funds will be submitted to the ratepayers.

QUEBEC, QUE.—James Woods, on behalf of the Harbor Commissioners,

invites offers up to Monday, November 20th, for purchase of the whole or any part of \$200,000 first preference bonds.

NEWCASTLE, N. B.—The council is inviting tenders for the installation of an electric light plant, in accordance with plans submitted by Mr. Duncan, engineer. The plant will likely be operated by water power.

DANVILLE, QUE.—On Monday last the ratepayers of the township of Shipton voted on a by-law to grant a bonus of \$10,000 to A. J. Morrill, of Nicolet Falls, to establish a pulp mill; result not learned.

VANCOUVER, B.C.—The taxpayers of North Vancouver have sanctioned loans of \$70,000 and \$12,000, the former for consolidating the debt of the municipality and the latter to construct a ferry between North Vancouver and this city.

LONGUEUIL, QUE.—The Slater Shoe Co., of Montreal, will probably erect a factory here.—Tenders for erection of school house and dependencies are invited by A. Dupras, secretary treasurer of the municipality, up to November 4th.

MORRIS, MAN. The Morris, Portage & Midland Railway Co. has been organized, to build a railway from Morris to Portage la Prairie and Neepawa. A preliminary survey will likely be made at an early date. Howell & Mathers are solicitors for the company.

PORT COLBORNE, ONT.—A Hamilton syndicate, including H. Carscallen, Q.C., J. C. Myles and P. E. W. Boyd, have made a proposition to the council to erect a blast furnace here of 200 tons capacity, and to cost \$300,000. They ask for a bonus of \$25,000 and free site.

YARMOUTH, N. S.—The council has decided to engage an expert to report as to the best means of obtaining power for waterworks and lighting purposes.—Mrs. M. P. Cook and Mrs. T. W. Stoneman have purchased the Victoria block and will erect a new building on the site thereof.—Mr. Dodwell, C. E., resident engineer of the Public Works Department, has reported as to the necessary protection works at the mouth of the Chebogue river, and improvements in the channel connecting Eel Lake with Salt Lake.

EDMONTON, N. W. T.—The council is offering a free site and exemption from taxation for the erection of a modern foundry and machine shop.—As the council is considering the construction of a waterworks system, an estimate of the probable cost has been furnished by A. J. Harrison, C.E.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.—It is expected that the new Federal Government building will be commenced at an early date. There is also a probability that a building will be erected next year for a city hall, library and fire hall, while it is not improbable that the Duncan-McColl building may be rebuilt.

CHATHAM, ONT.—The council will hold a special meeting to consider the paving of Colborne street.—The county council will raise \$12,000 by debentures to defray its portion of the cost of building a steel bridge, with stone abutments, at the present site of the Moravian bridge, the total cost of which is to be \$24,000.

BRACEBRIDGE, ONT.—C. H. Mitchell, C.E., of Niagara Falls, has made a report to council concerning the proposal to increase the power for electric lighting purposes. The proposed improvements will give an increase of about 600 horse power, and will cost about \$20,000. The power house will be built at the foot of the falls.

GRAND FORKS, B.C.—Harry Gager proposes establishing a smelter here, and is endeavoring to arrange with J. P. Graves for a site adjacent to the Granby smelter.—It is said that \$30,000 will be expended within the next three months in improving the waterworks and electric

light systems. A new pumping station and a steel tank will be built. B. C. Riblet has been retained as consulting engineer.

VICTORIA, B. C.—Thos. Hooper, architect, has prepared plans for a warehouse and store to be erected on Yates street, for Thos. Earle, M.P., three storeys and basement, 110 x 30 feet, brick and stone. Same architect has completed plans for a large three-storey hotel to be erected by Mr. Earle at Clayoquot.

LEVIS, QUE.—The council is about to construct systems of waterworks, drainage and electric light, and invites competitive plans for same. These plans are to be received by January 1st, 1900, the first prize to be \$1,000 and the second \$500. Particulars may be obtained from Flavien Roy, secretary-treasurer of the municipality.

LONDON, ONT.—The council intends to construct tile sewers on the following streets: Colborne street, King to York; York street, Colborne to Burwell; St. James street, Hellmuth avenue to Richmond street; and on portions of Waterloo street and Helmuth avenue.—A building permit has been granted to Mis. A. J. Duncan for a two-storey brick veneer dwelling on College avenue, cost \$1,700.

WINDSOR, ONT.—The special committee appointed to consider the purchase of a site for a hospital for contagious diseases will recommend that the matter be deferred for one year, and that in the meantime an effort be made to have other municipalities join with Windsor in erecting a large hospital.—Rev. Dr. Flannery will receive tenders up to November 5th for erection of parochial residence for St. Alphonsus church.

LISTWEL, ONT.—W. E. Binning, architect, wants tenders by November 6th for construction of fireproof vault in town hall. Same architect has prepared plans for Presbyterian church to be erected next season in the village of Kemble, twelve miles north of Owen Sound; tower and basement, walls of red brick and cut stone, electro-glazed windows, acetylene gas lighting. Tenders will be invited shortly.

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.—T. G. Nichols, architect, has completed plans and invited tenders for an addition to the Y.M.C.A. building.—The town council is considering the proposal of the Niagara Central Railway Co. for the extension of the road and its conversion into an electric line.—A few days ago a party of capitalists and engineers, including F. C. Denniston, civil engineer, of Montreal, and H. C. Symmes, of Toronto, visited the scene of the proposed developments in Queen Victoria Park. It was stated that a staff of surveyors would begin work at once to stake out the route of the proposed canal.

KINGSTON, ONT.—It is said that the Kingston Locomotive & Engine Co. will make a \$50,000 addition to their buildings and plant.—The council has authorized the city clerk to communicate with the county council with a view to securing the construction of a subway beneath the Grand Trunk tracks at Montreal street.—H. P. Smith, architect, is preparing plans for alterations and improvements to Rev. Father Spratt's church on Wolfe Island. A tower and an addition will be built, the work to cost about \$8,000.—W. J. Moore, real estate broker, has received intelligence from American capitalists that they will shortly visit the city with a view to purchasing one of the hotels and remodelling it into a first-class hostelry.—The question of building a new gymnasium was discussed by Queen's Alma Mater Society at a meeting held last week. The building will cost \$6,7000.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Perrault & Lesage, architects, have just taken tenders on three cut stone front houses on Marie Anne street for Louis Beaudry. The

excavation, drainage and masonry contract has been given to Octave Lemay and the brickwork to P. Brunet.—The Phoenix Bridge & Iron Works Co. are said to be considering the question of establishing a factory at some other point.

—Mr. Lebeau has asked permission from the council to erect an hotel at the eastern abattoir.—David R. Brown, architect, Canada Life building, has prepared plans for an hotel to be built at St. Agathe by the St. Agathe Hotel Co., of which Mayor R. Prefontaine, ex-Mayor R. Wilson Smith and James Crathern are directors. The building will be frame on stone foundation, 200 x 40 feet, and will be planned so as to provide for additions when necessary; heated by steam and lighted by electricity; estimated cost, \$30,000.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—It is the intention of G. W. Murray, whose planing mill was burned recently, to erect a brick and stone building next year.—The Committee on Works has recommended that the following works be constructed. Cedar block pavement on Bannatyne avenue, cost \$4,550; macadam pavements on Francis street, cost \$2,170; Gertie street, cost \$4,060; lane south of Broadway, cost \$2,500. Tenders will be called for the construction of macadam pavements, and the block paving will be done by day labor.—Arrangements will be completed next month for the construction of 50 miles of the Edmonton district railway.—It is probable that a by-law to raise \$75,000 for the construction of a subway under the C.P.R. tracks in connection with the proposed hotel will be submitted to the property-owners at the forthcoming municipal elections.

HAMILTON, ONT.—It is the intention of the Canada Life Insurance Co. to have alterations made in the portion of their building recently vacated by the company.—City representatives, in company with engineer Johnston, of the Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, a few days ago visited the bridge over the Grand Trunk Railway north of the canal on the high level road. The city desires some important changes made in the grade, and the government engineer seemed impressed with the idea that the present bridge was insufficient for the demands of traffic.—The Hamilton Bridge Works Co. have taken out a permit for erection of frame addition to works, cost \$1,200.—H. P. Heming gives particulars of proposed hotel to be built in Muskoka. Building will contain 250 rooms, will be three storeys high, with large plate glass windows, steel-clad baths, exposed plumbing, steam heating and electric lighting. The construction will be as nearly fireproof as possible.

OTTAWA, ONT.—James Davison, chairman Board of Works, is taking tenders this week for supply of five wooden snow ploughs.—J. C. Dupont, of Dalhousie street, has purchased property on the north side of that street, and next spring will erect a block of seven stores, with large hall above, cost about \$9,000.—Work will be commenced next spring on a large warehouse for James W. Woods. The building will be five storeys, 100 x 33 feet, brick with sandstone facing, metallic ceilings, fireproof fittings and supports, etc. It is intended to have all the manufacturing done in the new building, for which purpose machinery to the value of \$20,000 will be installed.—The St. Lawrence & Ottawa Railway Co. will apply to the Railway Committee of the Privy Council for permission to build a branch line in the township of Gloucester.—Building permits have been granted as follows. J. T. Moxley, brick veneered house, 69 MacLaren street, cost \$2,800; John Bell, house on Mackay street, cost \$900; Wm. Fligg, brick veneered house on Bell street, cost \$800.—E. F. E. Roy, secretary Department of Public Works, invites tenders up to Friday, November 17th, for the construction of a breakwater

at North Bay, Victoria county, N.S. An accepted cheque for \$3,000 must accompany the tender.

TORONTO, ONT.—Mr. J. A. Culverwell returned recently from New York, where he was successful in financing the Burleigh Falls-Peterboro-Lindsay electrical enterprise. Plans of power house and dam have recently been completed by New York hydraulic engineers.—Gordon & Hellier, architects, invite tenders up to Monday, 4th inst., for erection of three brick houses on Ross street.—Symons & Rae, architects, invite tenders in this issue for erection of a large building.—At Toronto University convocation last week, the question of maintaining the residence was considered. The suggestion was advanced that certain graduates might be willing to provide the \$4,500 necessary to refit the present residence.—The contract for a steam road roller for the city has not yet been awarded.—A. R. Denison, architect, is taking tenders this week for erection of brick residence, corner of Broadview and Withrow avenues.—Mr. T. Laton has purchased 75 feet of land at the north-west corner of Lowther and Madison avenues, and will erect thereon a residence.—Tenders are invited by Bond & Smith, architects, up to 7th inst., for the erection of a factory at Stouffville for the Stouffville Pork Packing Co.—R. J. Edwards & Wagner, architects, 18 Toronto street, are taking tenders up to 7th inst., for erection of brick dwelling in east end of city. The contracts for pair of houses on Howland ave. have not yet been awarded, F. H. Heibert, architect.

FIREST.

Saw mill of D. Purinton, Richmond Corner, N.B., burned last week.—Fulton Bros.' saw mill at Fingal, Ont., totally destroyed; loss \$5,000, no insurance.—Large planing mills near Cassel, Ont., owned by John Kaufman.—Kennedy Bros.' evaporating factory at Leamington, Ont., almost totally destroyed. The building was owned by the Molsons Bank.—Central House at Rat Portage, Ont., damaged to the extent of \$3,000.—Windsor Hotel at Port Dalhousie, Ont.; loss on building, \$6,000; owner, Miss B. Duffin.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

VICTORIA, B.C.—Vernon block. Elford & Smith, contractors, price about \$15,500.

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.—Residence for A. McKae: Waugh & Robertson, contractors.

WATERLOO, ONT.—Sewers on Queen, Princess and Mary streets. Ed. Durniel, contractor, \$420.

ALMONTE, ONT.—New depot: Con-

tract said to have been awarded to J. W. Munro, of Pembroke.

MANITO, MAN.—Piers for iron bridge at La Riviere. Lind & Hasselfield, successful tenderers, \$1,100.

CHATHAM, ONT.—New brewery. Cucksey & Prichard, successful tenderers, price about \$4,000.

ST. MARY'S, ONT.—Electric street lighting: Weir & Weir, successful tenderers for supplying 31 lamps for one year; price, \$43.50 per lamp.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—Willard Kitchen, this city, has been awarded the contract for enlarging the tunnel through Morrissey rock, on the I.C.R., about five miles west of Campbellton.

STRATFORD, ONT.—The contract to supply 627,000 feet of lumber for Whyte Packing Co.'s factory has been awarded to Wm. Gordon, at a figure in the neighborhood of \$12,000.

HAMILTON, ONT.—F. J. Rastrick & Sons, architects, have let to John Mills the contract for the erection of a summer cottage at the Beach for Chas. Lambert. Same architects have let a contract to J. M. Robinson for erection of house and barn on Lottridge street for J. J. Scott.

McMANUS, LOW & McMANUS, who had the contract for the excavating and concreting necessary for the new works of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company at Sydney, C. B., have given up the contract. Their figures were very low, and the clay proved to be regular 'hard pan.' Their time limit for the completion of the work was short and the weather none too favorable. The company will complete the work themselves, and have now in the vicinity of 1,800 men employed on the site.

A member of the city council of London Ont., several days ago intimated that some of the new cement walks were far from being up to the standard. According to an exchange, the council thereupon appointed a select committee who made an actual test on Richmond street south to determine the proportion of cement used. The entire committee was present, and the test was made with the greatest care and exactness. It was found that one barrel of cement, as used by the Silica-Baryc Company, would lay only 44½ square feet. According to one of the aldermen, the reports from the contractors show that in some cases the contractor had made one barrel of cement cover from 50 to 60 feet on the walks north of Dundas street. The results of the test would indicate that in such cases from 20 to 40 per cent. too little cement had been used.

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MARKET CONDITIONS.

The month of October closed with a brisk movement of builders' supplies. The feature of the past week has been an advance at Montreal from 5 to 20 cents per barrel in the price of foreign cement, while Canadian brands have been marked up 30 to 50 cents per barrel. These advances have been made on account of the light supply. It is said that in Montreal the scarcity of cement is checking business to some extent, and that importers are behind with orders, while Canadian manufacturers are turning down orders every day, their output being sold far ahead. The prospects are that a very small stock will be carried over this winter. An advance of from 5 to 10 per cent. has also been made by Toronto jobbers in the price of black iron pipe. In the United States wire and wire nails have been marked higher during the past week. In paints and oils there is a steady movement. There has been an advance of 2 cents per gallon in linseed oil and a drop of 2 cents per gallon in turpentine.

TENDERING—AND AFTER.

Tendering is one of the contractor's bugbears, as it is often a source of fruitless labour and much expense, or it may involve him in difficulties through no fault of his own. Contractors' difficulties are continually cropping up all over the country as unpleasant reminders of the uncertainties often attending contracts. The practice of accepting the lowest tender is yet too prevalent, without regard to its being below a judicious estimate. More con-

tractors, and especially building contractors, are placed in difficulties by this practice than any other class of trade competition. Even when the "lowest or any tender may not be accepted" is inserted in the "conditions", it is not intended to guard the contractor's interest. That the tendering system is fraught with difficulties to all concerned cannot be denied. Public officials, representative boards, etc., are open to be placed in the unenviable position of being accused of squandering public money if the lowest tender is not accepted; yet accepting an unjustifiably low tender is the most certain way of squandering money. Many such representative bodies are guided as to the just estimate of tenders by their official advisers to meet their specifications of work, etc. If the public would understand that contractors are not special public benefactors, to make presents to them of work without due remuneration, there would be less cause of dissatisfaction. The majority of contracts occupy considerable time, generally extending into years, during which the prices of labour and materials from various unexpected causes may be considerably enhanced beyond all expectation. Such occurrences may exhaust all the usual living profits of the contract. The contractor thus assumes the gratuitous function of the assurance of his patrons to the amount of his profits and losses involved in the contract. The patrons are thus freely absolved from the worries and losses which such occurrences usually involve, and yet the contractor receives no consideration for it. An assurance company for assuming the risks and

losses of this character would charge a valuable percentage. To be prepared for the exigencies of his business, if in large commercial and manufacturing centres, the contractor must occupy and keep up storage, wharfage yards, offices, workshops, etc., according to trades he employs. He must likewise employ and keep continuously a staff of assistants, foremen, skilled craftsmen, etc. He must buy material in large quantities. Timber, hardwoods, etc., require careful watching and constant handling to preserve them from decay, warping, splits, shakes, etc. Contractors who undertake special works requiring special appliances, often of an expensive nature, must be equipped accordingly. The running expenses of a contractor of to-day, independently of the materials and labour bills of his contracts, amount to a very considerable sum. A contractor could not otherwise carry out the large contracts which are daily offered for tenders. We do not here make a point of referring to losses arising out of misunderstandings and possible diversity of personal opinion in construing specifications. Notwithstanding the most carefully drawn descriptions of work and the best intentions on both sides, diversity of opinion is liable to crop up at times. This diversity is most liable to occur when the respective representatives of these sides have not the advantage of the personal experience of each other's standards of work, requirements, etc.

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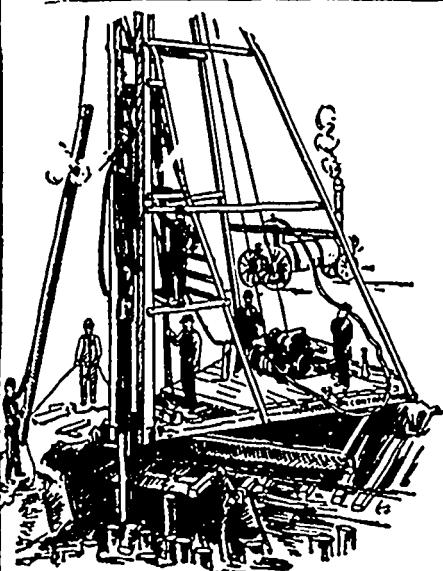
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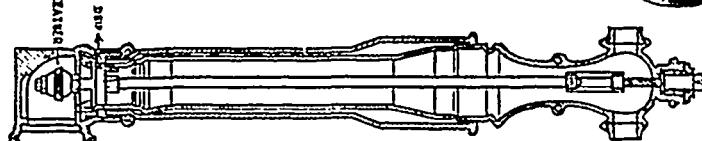
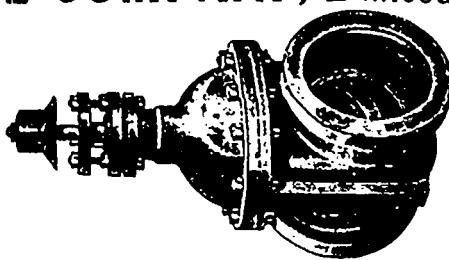
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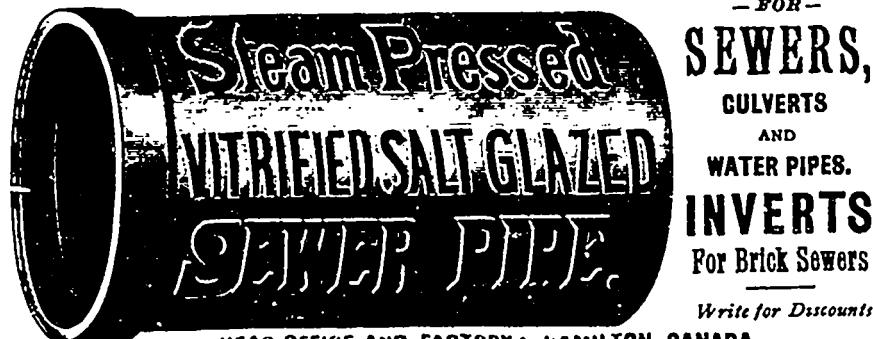
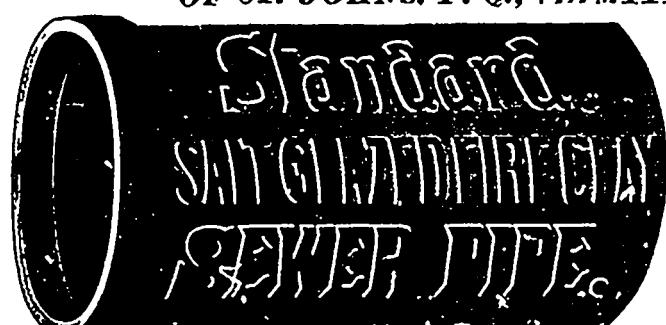
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The stone to be tared is heated in an iron floor—under which are flues from a fire—until all the moisture is driven out. The material in its heated state is then thoroughly mixed with a sufficient quantity of tar. The tar is first boiled in an iron kettle holding fifty imperial gallons, to which is added a bucket-full of pitch. Eight imperial gallons are added to each cubic yard of the courser material, and ten or twelve to the finer kind of stone.

The process of construction is only pursued during the summer months, and all work is suspended on wet days.

Speaking upon the subject of this new species of roadway, an Ottawa alderman said: "It struck me as being just the style of roadway for this country, and its cost is well within the reach of any street of any pretensions in this city. I cannot, of course, speak of its resisting qualities from below—it does not have the same expensive foundation as asphalt—but it is a model roadway on the surface. For any street other than one upon which the traffic is excessive it is better than asphalt, because it is not the same slippery surface in wet weather, and, I think, is not as inclined to be dusty. It is a mistake to think that the tar-macadam will become soft in summer. The tar only supplies, as does asphalt, the cohesive properties to the pavement. There is only five per cent. of tar in this style of pavement, just as there is only five per cent. of asphalt in the so-called asphalt pavement. The tar, as does asphalt, only serves to fill up the interstices and to shed the water."

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Windsor, Ont., may practically have free water before the next twelve or fourteen years have passed over. The water-works system was established in 1874. Since that date more than \$300,000 has been expended upon capital account. This, together with the interest, is being paid off at the rate of \$21,000 per year. The cost of operation and maintenance averages about \$11,000 per annum. This latter, however, is practically provided for by the revenue from hydrant rentals and from water supplied for commercial purposes. The annual payment of \$21,000 continues until 1910, when there will be a reduction of \$2,500. In 1911 another re-

duction of \$5,500 occurs. In 1912 \$9,200 more is clipped off the annual indebtedness, and in 1913 the requirements of the department will be lessened by another \$1,600, so that in the year 1914 the total amount to be raised will amount to a little less than \$2,200. As the cost of operation and maintenance of the plant will not materially increase during that time (at least not to a greater extent than will be provided for by increased consumption for commercial purposes), and as these may fairly be allowed an expenditure of \$50,000 on capital account for renewals, enlargements and extensions, the revenue to be raised by the imposition of a water rate will be well within \$5,000. This will easily be met by a yearly charge not exceeding \$1 on the average householder. If it will not be virtually a free water supply, such a thing can never be met with.

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than \$10,000 a year; Norwich, with a population of 100,000, only \$750; Preston, with 113,000 people, only \$1,500; and Leeds, less than \$5,000 to protect nearly half a million people and its many big factories.

LEGAL DECISIONS AFFECTING MUNICIPALITIES.

Justice Street gave judgment at Toronto recently in the case of McLean against the city of Ottawa, which is of great importance to municipal corporations. The action was tried at Ottawa, and was to recover damages for injuries sustained by plaintiff when walking north on the east side of Bank street, Ottawa. He slipped upon a small ridge of ice and fell. Judge Street held that defendant had not been shown to have exercised any control or made any claim on the strip of land to the east of the street upon which the ice had accumulated, but that, having regard to the derision in Adams vs. city of Toronto, defendant's liability was the same as if the ice had been upon the pavement within its jurisdiction. However, in view of the circumstances of the case and climatic conditions, the defendant could not be said to have been guilty of gross negligence within the terms of R.S.O., chapter 222, section 66, sub-section 2. The action was therefore dismissed with costs.

A new system of laying Trinidad asphalt was employed by Bellhouse, Dillon & Co. in Ottawa. Instead of the asphalt being spread and rolled directly on the concrete bed, City Engineer Galt says a binder or cushion of about half an inch in thickness is first put on top of the concrete. This consists of coarse gravel soaked and dipped in asphaltum. This is spread evenly and rolled lightly, after which the fine lake asphalt is put on to the thickness of two inches, rolled evenly and made firm. The cushion on top of the concrete prevents any possibility of the asphalt getting wavy or uneven, especially in grades.



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