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## CONTRACTS OPEN

Blytheswoon, Ont.-B. Roadhouse is preparing to build a brick dwelling in the spring.

Quebec, Que-It is stated that new churches are to be erected at Hedleyville and at the Palais.
Port El.gin, Ont.-A deputation has requested the government to improve the harbor at this place.

Grand Manan, N. B.-- Burnham \& Morrill, Portland, Me., will erect a lobster factory here, $100 \times 20$ feet.
Whlkerville, Ont.-Hmam Walker $\&$ Sons are negotiating for a site on which to erect a five-storey hotel.

NEWMARKET, ONT.-The installation of an electric light plant has been decided upon by the town council. Estimated cost, $\$ 8, \infty$.
Findron, Ont.-The congregation of the Church of England has purchased village lots for the purpose of building a brick church.
Havelock, Onr. - The proposed Methodist church will be solid brick, estimated to cost from $\$ 3,000$ to $\$ 4,000$. Contract not yet let.

Elora, Ont.-The Cockroft, Talbot \& Harvie Carpet Co. propose operating : carpet factory here. The capital of the company is \$99,000.

Galt, Ont.-Tbe market committee have been instructed oo procure plans for enlarging the market building. The cost will be about $\$ 5,000$.
Fredericton, N. B. - A bill has been introduced in the I'rovincial legishature providing for the construction of a system of sewerage for the town.
Amherstburg, Ont.-Application has been made to the government for a charter for the construction of an electric railway from Amherstburg to Harrow.

Dundas, Ont.-Mr. Bertram has given nutice in Council that he will introduce a by-law to provide for the erection of a new fire ha!! at the next meeting.
Windsor, Ont.-The Water Commissioners are considering $?$ scheme of constructing two wells for waterworks purposes, each $50 \times 20$ feet and 18 feet deep.

Woovstock, Ont.-The congregation of Knox church have decided to erect a new edifice. The site has been purchased and plans will be prepared at once. The cost will be about $\$ 35,000$.

Aylailer, Onr. - The Aylmer Canning Co. propose crecting a brick addition to therr factory in Hamilton and a frame addition to their buldings in this town. Estumated cost $\$ 3,500$. Contract not yet let.

Barrie, Ont.-The Joint Stock Company have adopted the plans of Messrs. Kennedy, McVittee \& Co., for the new agricultural building, to be used as a hockey and curling rink in winter; size $207 \times 70$ fect. The Public School Board
have adopted the plans of the same architects for the additions to the model school here. The above archutectural firm are also receiving tenders for three dwellings for E. leviginy and for the improvements to John Coffec s hotel.
MOSGROVE, ONT.-L. W. Harmer. township clerk, will ieceive tenders until Friday, the zoth inst., for the ercction of : town hall. Plans maty be seen at the office of M. E. Edes, archutect, $\operatorname{II}$ Sparks street, Ottawa.
Fairvilate, N. B.-The question of furnishing a water supply for the town is under constideration. A proposal has been made in secane the necessary sup. ply from the system at St. John by means of water mains.
Kingston, Onr.--I. O. Bulger, City Enginetr, will recelve tenders on behalf of the city unit the roth inst. for the following supplies : 200,000 feet B. M. of 2 and $1 / 2 \mathrm{in}$. plank: 40,000 feet lineal of $5 x$ 4 cedar sleepers ; hardware, etc.
Toronto Junction, Ont. - The Board of Health have decided 10 co. operate with the municipalities of Weston, North Toronto. East Toronto and the Towrship of tork in the erection and maintenance of an isolation hospital.
St. Catharines, Ont.-Tenders are invited by Jehnson Clench until Fitaty, the 13 thinst, for an addition to the encnetal and marrne hospital, also for the healing and plumbing regured. Specifications may be seen at the office of W m . B. Allen, architect.
Grand Vabley, Oner-The Railway Committee of the Ontario parhament have authorized the Grand V' llev Rawnay Co. to change its proposed route from Berlin to Brantfond, to extent to the village of Copetown, passing through the townships of Beverley and Ancaster.

Gueiph, Ont. M. Wdell his purchased a building lut and proposes eical ing a new residence. -The chemical laboratory, "hich was burne. 1 last "ech, will be rebuilt at once, und witi be mode one storey bigher. Part of the old walls will be uthlized in reconstruction.

Brockvilies, Oni. - The Public Schnol Board is negotiating fur the pui chase of Victoria Park for a school stte. -The Young Men's Christian Assochation will erect an $\$ \$, 000$ building this summer. -A gyninasium costing $\$ 3,0$ w will be built to the Collegiate Institute bulding.

Stratford, ONi. A project for the constriction of a stam or electric railway from Embro to Siratford, a distance of seventeen miles, is being considered by the Board of Trade-The County Council have resolved in purchase 53 acres of the Idington farm for a House of Refuge site.
Halifax, N. S.--Plans for the new building to be erected by Mr. J. E. Roy have not yet been prepared. - Tenders are invited by J. C. Dumaresq, architect, until Monday, the 23 rd inst., for the erection of a new wing to the sclinol for the blind and for making alterations to present buildings.
WOODSTOCK, N. B.-The town is asking authority from the lesislature to raise $\$ 10,000$ by a vote of the ratepayers for the extension of the water works system. - The chairman of the water works committee has been authorized io get tenders for the building of a wooden or steel bridge across the creck.
Vancouver, B.C.-Dyking operations are being carried out in the Fraser rive? vallev. The Provincial government have guaranteed interest on $\$ 254,000$. The advisability of a grant from the Dominion and Provincial governments for a survey of the Fraser river, with a view to mm preve the channel and prevent floods by dredging, is also being discussed, and will be brought before parliament.

Chatham, Ont. - The Chatham City S Suburban Ralway Co. are sceking incorporation to construct an clectric railway through the city to a point near the Raleigh and Harwich town line at Lake Eric, with a branch throush the township of Dover to the town of I'tiolea. -The question of the citj's water supply is still under constderation. At a recent meeting of the Council Mir. Jewell, of Clicago, explaned his filter system, which be offered to place at about $\$ 8,000$ for a 1,000,000 gallon plant.

LONDON, OnT:-The City Engineer will receive tenders until the talh inst. for the supply of 500 cords of stone. - The rity council will apply to the Ontario Legislature for permission to borrow $\$ 205.000$ lor the construction of the proposed sewerage system. - Work will shortly be commenced on a new business block on the Higgins property on Dundas strect. The block will consist of four large stores, and will be three storeys in height. The building will have a pressed brick front, with cut stone trimmings. The cost will be $\$ 12,000$ in $\$ 15,000$. MicBride \& Farncombe, archisects.-Burke $\mathbb{A}$ Horwod, architects, Poronto, invite tenders unal the 14ib inst. for the erection of a Bapust church in Soull Londen. Tenders recerved at the office of H. C. McBrite, architect. - The School Board is considering the question of additional school accommodation. A special cominitice has reported in favor of the erertion of thuty-two new romms. - Plans are being prepared for addtions to the car stables of the Street Ralway Companv.

Outawa, Ont.-Baldin: permits hase iecently been issued as follows. D. Cuthbertson, for E. W. Cliark, four siores brack vencered terrate on Second avenue, to cost $\$ 3,(000$; D. Cuthbertson, for Mr. Plamb, double brick veneered house on Fourlh avenue. to cost $\bar{I}, 800$; E. 11 . Holiby, frame dwelling on Jane street, \$yoo, il: A. Bradshan, france dwelling un Iifih wenue, Suxa, I). O'Girads, fame duelling on Cambrialse stieet, 51,000 . Mr. O. B. Sheppatd was recently in this aty it connection with the proposal to crect an opera house here. The site proposed is at the corner of Rank ind Somer set streets. The Ottawa Amatuer Ath letic Club are considering a iroject to build a $\$ 16,000$ wing to the Flgin sticet end of the present bulding. The basement will be devoted to a bowhing alley, the second storey in the secretaly :nd director's rooms, and the third storey will give a stage, to be added to the present fymnasium, with large boning rooms athil bathroom.-Tie Board of Directors of the Piotestant hospital have finally adopted the plans prepared by Mr. Calderon, architect, for the proposed alterations. The cost of the work is not to exceed $\$ 4,5000$ - Nixon's confectionely establishmient on Sparks street is to be enliarged and improved. - The School Buard has reconmended the purchase of a site in St. Genrge's ward for a new school building.

Hamilton, ONT.-The Weneworth Cvcling Club, which is applying for incorporation, propose to erect a club house at an early date. - In connection with the scheme to divert the east end sewer, the city engineer intends to propose a system of interception. - The police commissioners are discussing the proposal of introducing the call-box system. The cost is placed at $\$ 5,000$. - The market comnuttee have decided to erect a shelter at once, plans therefor to be submitted on the soth of April. It will be 300 feet long and will cost $\$ 6,00$.-The J. C. Brill Co., car builders, of Philadelphia, are said to be considering the location of a branch factory in this city. - The Hamilton Radial Railway Co. and Lake Shore Electric Railway Co. have applied to the Nelson Township Council for right of way over a portion of the Beach. The first mentioned

Company proposes to build from Hamilion to Burlington this year. The Iake Shore Company has a charter to buld a line from Hamiton to Oakville. -- The R. C. I . C. have decided to rebuild the club house, at a cost of $\$ 3,000$. A Toronto company is considering the erection of a factory near the smelting works for the manulacture of minesal wool. It is rumored that the llamition Radial Railway Company proposes to buy the old post-office building on James street north and convert it into in station.-G. F. Sunpson is promoting an enterprise to supply electrecity for l:ghtong and power purposes. -Forty-one tenders have been received for the constructoon of the Collegiate Institute and Normal School. A meeting will be held in a few days io award contracts.
Winniples, Man.--It is said to be the intention of the government to grant $\$ 200,000$ towards the improve.nents of the St. Andrews rapids, near this city.-The Boand of Trade opposes grantıng exclusive rights to the Hudson Bay Canal \& Navigation Co. It is believed the Dominion government should undertake the construction of the proposed water way from the southern boundary of the province to Hudson Bay. - The Committee on Works has recommended the construction of the following pavements: Assiniboine avenue, from Main street to Kennedy street, cost $\$ 12,660$; York avenue, from Smith street 10 Kennedy street, cost $\$ 5,347$; St. Mary avenue, from Man street to Donald street, cost $\$ 4,1 \infty)$ : (itaham avenue, from Main sirect to Donald street, cost $\$ 4,109$; Ellice avenue, from Notre Dame avenue to Donald street, cost $\$ 2,377$; Market street, from Mann street to lertha street, cost $\$ 4,030$; Kennedy street, from Assiniboine avenue to IBroadway, cost $\$ 5,482$; Donald street, from Assimboine avenue to Portage avenue, cost \$14.710.-The Provinclal fovernment has been requested to take into constderation the extension of the Stonewall branch of the Canadian Pacific taiway fo a distance of 15 miles. - The aty council ate considering the proposs to grant \$ju, uw fot permanent improvements to the Evhition grounds.-Local capitalists are considermg a proposition to erect a latre opera house with a seating capacity of 1,200 persons. Among the promoters are Messrs. John Gialt, Robert Kerrand A. M. Nanion.-Geo. Browne, archutect. ts prepacing plans for a stone and brick residence for W. H. Culver, two storeys, with attic and basement and all modern convenience. Mr. Browne also has plans in course of preparation for a residence for Wm. Blackwood.

Montrenl, QuE - Although it is believed that bulding operations in this city will not be brisk this season, considerable work will be carried out. The new C. J. R. station will be commenced shortly, and the foundations built this year. The Street Ralway Company contemplate making extensions to their car sheds, pnwer-house, etc., besides laying considerable additional track. Watson \& Foster's mammoth wall paper factory will also be built, the plans for which have been prepared by Mr. A. C. Hutchison. The building will be 325 feet $\times 106$ feet, whit an addituonal watehouse measuring about tu8 feet square. The main building will consist of a bascment, with one floor above, while the extra warchouse will be threc stotics high. The old Standard building, in which the Ville Maric Bank is located, will receive two additional stories this year, bringing it up as high as the companys new structure alongside. Mr. A. F. Dunlop, architect, has the work in hand. There will be a hydraulic steam elevator, while the plumbing will be entirely renewed. It ts stated that the company estimates the cost of alterations at $\$ 25,000$. - The Lachine Rapids Hydraulic $\&$ Land Co. will receive proposals until the 25 th inst., for genera-
tors, etc., necessaty fot the transmission of about 16,000 horse power. W. Me Lea Walbank, manaring-director, 214 St. Jamesstreet. The Ilarbor Commissioners invite tenders until the 1 th inst. for the supply of castings, iron, spikes, boles, oil and other stores iequired for the nevt twelve months, also for supplying 5,000 tons of steani coal. Alexander liobertson, secretary. - The Commissioner, have decided to request the Dominion government to advance a sum not eveceding $\$ 2,000,000$ to be applied for the redempuon of certion debentures and for the construction of necessary works in the harbor.-A. C. Hutchison, architect, is preparing plans for a pressed brick residence for H. Watson. Same architect is also calling fortenders for a stote and d velling for Mr. S. White. - A. T. Taylor, architect, is preparme plans for the pro posed additions to the Jeffrey late hospital in Quebec. - A building permit has been granted to the Sisters of the l'rovidence, for the erection of a presbytery on Dufresne street, two stolies, in stone, to cost $\$ 4,00$.

Toron ro, Oni. - The following sums have been placed in the sovermment esti mates for the Province of Ontatio for public works. To provide new chanael for flond water and repar lock at Magnetawan village, $\$ 5,00$; Peninsula Creek, 10 dredpe channel, 52,500 : Gull and Burnt river works, to rebuild dams at oulets of Kenesis, (irace and liear lakes, and to extend Hawk lake slide, $\$ 5,000$; Scugog river, to improve channel beiow Lindsay lock, $\$ 3,000$; Madawaska river, to construct swing bridge at Combermere, $\$ 1,100$; Nation neer, reconstruction of bridge over Namon river, near Castleman, $\$ 2, \infty 0$; for mprovement, Mississippi river at Ferguson's Falls, $\$ 1,500$; constructing dredge for completion by the Dominion governmert of wark of dredgins: and deepening channel of Nation river, $\$ 4,000$; Castor river improvement, $\$ 5,000$; River Aun Rasin, decpening and removing rock obstructions from channel, $\$ 2,000$ - Mr. J. J. W'throw, president of the Industral Exhibition Association, is urging upon the city council the necessity for increasing the accommodation in the main building at the exhibition grounds. It has been suggested that the building might be enlarged by extending soush. wards the full length of the building, at a probable cost of $\$ 20,000$. The machinery hall requires improvements, to cost $\$ 6,00$. An iniproved building for heating apparatus is also required.-The Parks Committee have decided to expend $\$ 1,700$ on paintung and decorating the Horticultural Pavilion. The interior work will be done this year. - Mr. F. E. Fellows, C.E., will receive tenders unll the 17 th inst., for the construction of a grand stand and other structures in the new armoury, for the Canadian horse show.-l'ropercy in Parkdale is reported to be meeting with consider able demand, and plans are in course of preparation for several new houses.-Mr. Keating, city ensincer, has stated that the feneral platns and specifications for widening the Queen street subway have been appoved of by both the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Rail. way Companies, the only matter yet in question being the superstructure. The Board of Works has recommended that in accordance with the recommendation of the City Engineer, a by-haw be submitted to the people to raise $\$ 75,000$ for constructing a new steel conduit across the bay. -- The Caledonian Society and:St. Andrews Society are considering the erection of a memorial hall to be built in honor of the lite Robert Burns.-Building permits have been granted as follows: Wm. White, pr. s.d. two-storey and altic bk. dwellings, s. c. cor. Lopald and D..iling ave., cost $\$ 4,500$, also pr. s. d. two-storey and attic bk. dwellings, $105-7$ Springhurst ave., cost $\$ 4,500$; J. Ferris Smith, pr. s.ci.

Iwo storey and iltte bk. dwellmes, tat King st $\cdots$, cost $\$ 4,500$; Rev. Peter Addison, iwo-storey and attic bl. divelling, 28 Markham st., north of Harbord st., cost $\$$ ?,100; llutchns © Burns, pr. twostorcy and attic dwellags on Crawford st., -ost $\$ 5,000$.

## FIRES.

The residence of John T . Campletl, at Eagle, Uni., has been destrosed by fire - The Mcilaster Manmfacturing Co.'s establishment at Orangeville, Ont., was entally consumed by fire on the 7 th inst. The buildmg, which is owned by Mr. Siephenson, is valued it $\$ 5,000$, on which there is in insurance of $\$ 2,500-\mathrm{Al}$ Fordwich, Ont., on the dith inst., J. C. Bell's hardware store and Itr. Spence's drug store were burned. L.oss, $\$ 3,0 \infty$, parnally covered by insurance. - The frut house of William Wade at Brighton, Ont., has been buned. Loss on buld ing, $\$ 1,000$.- Daniel McCaskell's restdence at Beamsville, Ont, has been burned. The Presbycerian mission church at Pottershung, Ont., was destroyed by fire on the 9 th inst. -The Cole block and the Willians block at Castleton, Ont., were burned on Monday last. The loss on buildings will reach $\$ 10,000$, partially covered by insurance.- Buckle $\mathbb{S}$ Sons' lace factory at Pors Hope, Ont., was completely dectroyed by fire on Tuesday last. Loss, $\$ 6,000$; msurance on buildins, $\$ 800$.- The residence of Joseph Long at Melbourne, Ont., has been burned. L.oss. \$2,000.

## CONTRACTS AWARDED.

Sarnid, Onr.- - The town council have disposed of $\$ 5,000$ of debentures in George A. Stimson $\&$ Co., of Toronto.
Monctos, Ont.-Davis \& Ezerman, of Mitchell, have obtained the contract for the erection of the Ilethodist parsonage here.

Clinton, Unt.-Cooper Bros., of this town, have been a warded the contraci for at two-storey brick resodence for $G$. Jenkins, of East Wawanosh.
Kingeton, Ont.-The Smead-1)owd system of heating has been recommended for the new school building. The cost oi the system placed at $\$ 1,800$.

Brockville, ONi. - The Gardiner Tool Works have let a contract for the erection of an addition to their brack factory, 42 by 60 feet, three storeys high.

Mon rreal., QUE.-W. A. Fleming has been awarded the contract by the Ottawa fire department for $1,0 \infty$ feet of new Era rubber brand of fire hose, and also by the Lachine fire department for 500 feet of Trial brand of the Fabric fire hose.
Colchester South, Ont.-S. C. Zimmerman has the contract for Andrew Elliott's new residence. The buildintr will be $18 \times 26$ feet and two storeys high.

Hertrand \& Lule bave been awarded the contrict for a brick building to be used its an implement warehouse by the Massey llartis Co.
Uulabic, Qub. - The contact for the construction of the wen church at St . Malache, County of Dorchester, has been given to Mr. Elzeat, Metivier, contiactor, ol St. Dam:en de Buckland. It will cost $\$ 15,500$--Ed. Guigras has been given the contract for a two-storey brick house, 30 $\times$. 30 feet, for J. Marauda, to cost $\$ 1,200$.

Wabkerion, Ont.-TThe Stratord Bradge Co. secured the contrict for buidding the superstructure of the steel brdge at Tara, at the tender of $\$ 1,285$. Cicorge Baker, of Allenford, secured the - tone work for abutinents, at $\$ 5.0$ per cubic yard, to include all excavation and coffer dam, so be buile with quarry stone, all to be completed July $15 \mathrm{th}, 1896$.

Guitiph, Ont.- The lloard of Directors of the cieneral Hospital have accepted tenders for the new wing as follows: stone and brickwork, Thos. Irving ; carpenter work, R. Mahoney © Son; plastering, lloidge $\&$ Son, Toromto; painting, Moffalt lsros:; rooing, Rennie $\&$ Son, Torontn: unsimulung, J. R. Jackson \& co. The plumbing and heating tendeis ale not yet awarded. Cost, $\$ 12, \infty 0$.
Ortawa, Ont. --H. McColl has secured the contract for placing elevators in Cluff's new hotel and in the new building now beins erected by Orme \& Son. The clevators are being bult by Kerr \& Morwan, of Montreal. - The Oltawa Gas Company has let the contract for a new gashoider tank to Felix McCulloch. It will be built of brick, laid in Portland cement. The total cost, including structure to contain the tank, will be about $\$ 50,000$.

## BUSINESS NOTES.

A. V. MicDonala, contractor, Vancouver, is teported to have left the country.

Linnard \& Corbin, contractors, Vancouver, B. C., are opening a branch office at Kossland.
F. Uuclos, plumber. Montreal, is reported to have ass'gned. Liabilities about $\$ 10,000$.
W. R. Wetmore, plamber and steamfitter, Yamouth, N. S., has made an assignment. Liabilities, $\$ 3,300$.

Jerome Lecompte, Fils \& Cie, plambers, Montreal, have dissolved, and a new partnership has been formed, composed of Jerome Lecompte, Gaspard Lecompte, and E. I.ccompre; style unchanged.

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## mistakes in the building TRADE.

A paper was read before the members of the Glasgow Building Trades' Exchange at the last monthly meeting by Mr. Alexander Mur, of Messrs. Alexander Muir \& Sons, builders, on "Mistakes in the Building Trade." The author divelt briefly on the imposings srandeur of the buildings of the anctents as compared with those of the present day. He instanced the Grand Colonnade of Palmyra with its 1,500 columns, the fragments of which now served to house a few Arab peasants. He laid the blame of our pettier structures on the fever heat at which we now hived. Uur buldings, like everything else, were rushed. In the far back days buildings were planned and erected calmly and without hurry, and consequently gained in dignity. Even within the present century very much more time was allowed to builders than at present, and then builders seemed to take more enjoyment out of life, to labcur less and to gain greater profits. In these days very many proprietors were resolved on getting a magnificent structure at a ridiculously small price. They started the economizing process by employing an inferior architect; and architect and measurers too frequently combined to persuade the economist that his notions could be carried out for the sum he proposed to expend. In the end he discovered that the cost was greatly in excess of his anticipation. This method of doing things told against the contractor, as, in order to keep the proprietor as long as possible in ignorance of the ulumate cost, he was only granted instalments in proportion to the schedule price. Consequently he was kept lying out of considerable sums. At the end of the contract, too, there was always the greatest difficulty in getting payment of the inevitable extras from the disgusted proprietor. In connection with these extras, Mr. Muir protested against the practice of architects or measurers altering the contractors' prices without consulting them, and of submitting these to a clerk of works to be checked. They ought to be gone over with the contractor himself and adjusted. He maintained that in all contracts the selecting of an efficient inspector was very essential. Mr. Muir dwelt on the old custom of contracrors measuring the woik for themselves, which, he stated, was of course impossible in their city. This practice, he said, was still carried on in Australia, and apparently beneficially to not a few contractors. He advocated the stlict adherence, where practicable, to the adopted modes of measurement and clear details in schedules as tendirig to preven: miscakes and misunderstandings, and spoke stronbly agdinst measurers endearouring to ket
cheaper estimates by misleading descriptions in schedules. Mr. Muir vigorously deprecated the over-anxiety of contractors to secure, if possible, every contract that was issued, for the mere sake of leaving monuments to their memory. He held that no contractor should take a contract unless at a reasonable profit. The present keenness of competition was not conductive to good work. Every man should have time to eat, drink and enjoy the fruits of his labour. In conclusion, adverting to municipal structures, Mr. Muir regretted that in the design of the new art gallery, erected by Glasgow tunds, the gentlemen responsible should not have seen their way to employ Glasgow salent, of which, he contended, there was abundance; and that in connection with the Jamaica Bridge, for the sake of a few thousands, the original broad scheme should have been abandoned.

BRICK-DUST MORTAP AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR HYDRAULIC CEMENT.
The use of brick-dust mortar as a substitute for hydraulic cement, where the latter cannot be obtained, is now recommended; experiments made with mixtures of brick-dust and quicklime showing that blocks of one-half in. in thickness, after immersion in water for four months, bore, without crushing, crumbling, or splitting, a pressure of 2,500 pounds per square inch. It is considered too that the addition of even as small a proportion as one-tenth as much brick-dust as sand to ordinary mortars, is preventitive of the disintegration so often characterizing mortars used in the masonry of public works. The use of brick-dust mixed with lime and sand is said to be generally and successfully practiced in the Spanish dominions, and is stated to be in all respects superior to the best Rosendale hydraulic cement in the construction of culverts,
drains tanks, or cistems and even roofs, whether for setting flat tiles or for making the usual tropical flat roof. The proportions used there in the manufncture are, approximately me of brick-dust, one of lime, and two of sand, mixed together dry and tempered with water in the usual way. -Athur Lee in Stone.

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## ASPHALT PAVEMENTS.

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Dear Sir,-It is popularly supposed that asphalt pavements are more slippery than any other kinds of pavement, but careful observations, extending over a long period, show that such is not the case. In 1885 systematic observations were made in ten different cittes, extending over a period of 192 dilys, in which over 800,000 horses were observed, and it was shown that on an average a horse travelled 583 miles before falling on as. phalt and only 413 miles before falling on stone, or in other words, that for the same distance travelled, there wete 41 per cent. more accidents on stone than on asphali. The gritty surface of the

1800 , and uno years before a piece of Trinidad asphalt of about equal area and the same grade had been haid on another portion of Madison ave. The two pavements were subjected to identically the same conditions and afforded a good opportunity for testing their relative merits on the score of slipperiness. Careful observations were therefore made on an extended scale, lasting through a period of five weeks or 30 days (Sundays excepted), from January 19th to February 21st. The number of passing velicles was carefully counted on the Trinidad pavement at the intersection of 27th street and on the Sichlian or bituminous time. stone pavement at the intersection of 39 h street. The number of horses falling within a distance of 200 feet on either side of each observation point was also recorded, and the accidents were classified into complete falls, falls on knees and falls on baunches. The observers were changed from one pavement to another at the end of two weeks and their reports were all verified by afffdavits. The following results were obtained:-

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Trinidad asphalt pavements, due to the combination ot sand and bitumen, is incapable of taking the polish which makes the stone paverren!s soslippery. Thestone surface yields no security to the horse; it is only by catching has shoe in the joints that he is enabled to retain his fooung; if his shoe slips beyond the second joint it is almost impossible to recover himself, and it is due to this cause that more horses fall in the long run on stone than on asphalt.
The asphait pavement also dries quickly after a rain, and thus escapes in a measure the damp, greasy condition which renders wood so slippery. The pavements of French rock asphalt or bituminous limestone have not been extended of late years in Paris or London, as already stated, because they are so very slippery that they are dangerous. They were definitely rejected after full trial in Washington for this same reason, while the Trinidad pavement has obtained a development of 125 miles in that city. The bituminous linestone pavements of Washington as well as those laid on Fifth avenue in New York and in other localities, have been taken up and replaced by pavements of Trinidad asphall. During the years of 1890 and 1891 the pavement of rock asphalt or bituminous limestone was again introduced in New York, only to be again abandoned on account of its slipperiness. None of it has been laid since $\mathbf{8 8 9 1}$. A piece of it was laid on a portion of Madison are. in New York in

In other words there were more than sixty times as many accidents on the Sicilian pavement as on the Trinidad, and of the accidents on the Sicilian pavement more than half were complete talls. Nothing further is required to show the vast difference between the rock asphalt pavenents as laid in England and elsewhere ard the Trinidiad asphalt pavements as laid in Toronto.

Yours truly,
W. G. Mackendrick.

New Material for Street Paying. -An iron brick for street paving has been invented by William H. Nevins, of Rock Istiand, Ill. The iron brick is the size of ordinary paving brick, and is hollow, with open ends. In the upper or surface edge are a series of perforations, through which sand is swept after the pavement is laid, until it is filled. The sand is meant to add strength to the brick and deaden sound, while the holes admit water to drain off and serve as a vent so that no damage can result to the iron by the action of frost. The cubes are even and regula, and are cast strong enough to prevent breaking under the heaviest load; a street laid with them would be ideally level and the spacing would afford a foothold for horses. Mr. Nevins says that these bricks can be cast from stove plate iron at any foundry, which would be an advantage to any town in which they were used, affording employment in their manufacture to the home manufacturers.

## MAINTENANCE OF A SEPARATE

 SYSTEM OF SEWERS.*is 'T. Marky Jones, A. M. Can. Soc. C.F., Brantiord.
The Brantfo:d sewerage system was designed by Willis Chipman, Civil and Sanitay Enginecr, Toronto, in 1889, and constructed in 1890, 1891 and 1892, Mr. Chipman being the Cheif Engineer, and the writer Resident Engineer.
During the past three years, the system has been in charge of the writet as City Engincer, and all work in connection with the extension and maintenance of the sys tem has been performed by the city by day labour.
The following summary will give an idea of the extent of the system:


The general character of the soil is sand and gravel, with clay and cuicksand in a few sections.
fi.ush-tanks.
Of the 92 flush-tanks in use, 9 are the Van Vranken and the remainder a compound of the Field and Van Vranken, consisting of the Field syphon and the Van Vranken tilting tank. The best results we have obtained from the Van Vranken.

Monthly inspections are necessary in order that they may be kept properily wo:king, it being generally found that on each visit two or three require some slight attention, such as regulating the water or giving air. We found that during the year some three or four need repairing, the chief difficulty arising from the rusting and catching of the tilting tank.
Each tank holds about 200 gallons of water and is set to discharge once a day. flushing.
The flush-tanks are generally found suf. ficient to keep the 9 inch sewers clear, although it is occasionally found advisable to turn the water in the flush-tanks on to the full extent.
It has been found necessary to pass the plunger through only two of the 9 inch sewers during the past three years, each of these sewers liaving been flushed once in this manner.
There are two of the 12 inch sewers which require flushing about once in every three months. In one of these the sewage backs upowing to a fungus growth becoming attached to the pipes. The other 12 inch sewer-known as the Clarence street sewer-was constructed under great difficulties, being laid for a distance of 2,300 feet in running sand, and at an average depth of 12 feet below the ground and $;$ ft. below the water level, and running parallel to and about 15 feet distant from a line of railway.

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Discount, $30 \%$ off in small lots.
Gcluanized Iron:
Adan's-Mar's Best and Queeris Head: 16 to 24 guage, perib..... 4/3c. 4/4c. $28{ }^{26}$
161024 guage, per lb..... 4K 4K
26 guage.
26 guage,
28
Note.-Cheaper grades about $3 / \mathrm{cc}_{4}^{4}$ per Ib, les Sitructural Iros:
Steel Beams, per 100 lbs.....


