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DANIEL LAMB:

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Tenders for the construction of a Dam and Flume on the River Moira, on the property owned by the Belleville Gas Company, in the Township of Thurlow, adjoining the City of Belleville, according to plans to be seen at my office, Bridge Street, Belleville, will be received up to noon of SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH.

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H. S. MOORE, Secretary Public School Board.

N. wich, Ont., March 11th, 1895.

PROPOSALS

NATER WORKS

Sealed Proposals will be received by the undersigned until 30 clock r.m. on Monday, the 15th day of April, prox, for the construction of a Water System for the Town of Westville, Nova Scotia, including:

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Plans and detailed specifications may be seen at the town office in Westville, N. S.

Proposals will be received for the whole work or any part thereof, or for the supply of any or all materials. The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals. eject any or an page GEO. E. MUNRO, Mayor.

Westville, N. S., 12th March, 1895.

BUSINESS NOTES.

Samuel Hunter, of the firm of Hunter Bros., builders, Vancouver, B. C., is dead.

Auclair & Trudel, painters, Quebec, Que., have dissolved.

Moise Rodrique and John Henry have been registered proprietors of Rodrique & Henry, plumbers, St. Henri, Que.

F. Decary and Francis Beaudoin have formed a partnership in Montreal as plasterers, under the style of F. Decary & Fils.

H. Williams and C. B. Jameson, who comprised the firm of H. Williams & Co., roofers, Toronto, have dissolved partnership.

CONTRACTS OPEN.

FAIRVILLE, N. B .-- W. F. Barnhill will erect a new residence.

PETROLEA, ONT .- A new central school will be erected this summer.

GALT, ONT .- Hugh Cant proposes to erect a \$13,000 dwelling this spring.

STONEY POINT, ONT. - Rev. Father St. Cyr is preparing to build a new parsonage.

BLENHEIM, ONT.—The Presbyterian congregation will erect a new church, to cost \$7,000.

PRINCE ALBERT, N. W. T.—The Hudson's Bay Company will rebuild their flouring mill flouring mill.

ST. THOMAS, ONT. The council is considering the question of putting in an electric fire alarm system.

St. JOHN, N. B.—A new school building will be erected on Erin street, for which plans have been prepared.

FORT WILLIAM, ONT.-E. J. Rochon is making arrangements to proceed with the erection of his proposed hotel.

MASSIE, ONT .- Tenders are invited by J. N. Perdue, Secretary, until the 26th inst., for the erection of a brick church here.

BARRIE, ONT.-W. H. Croker, architect, of this town is preparing plans for enlarging the Dominion hotel at Bracebridge.

DERWENI, ONI.-G. Barton, of this place, will receive tenders until the 29th inst. for the rebuilding of Gladstone Baptist church.

NELSON, B. C. - Several lots have been purchased within the past few weeks by business men who intend erecting buildings thereon.

VICTORIA, B. C.—F. M. Rattenbury, architect, has prepared plans for a club house for the Victoria Canoe Club. Tenders will be invited at once.

OTTAWA EAST, ONT .- A by-law to raise funds for a new town hall has been carried by the ratepayers, and work will be commenced without delay.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—It is reported that the Clarendon hotel is to be converted into a combined theatre and hotel, and plans are now being prepared.

WESTVILLE, N. S. - Tenders are invited by the corporation until the 10th of April for the purchase of \$60,000 of waterworks debentures. Address Alex. W. Bean, Town Clerk.

DESERONTO, ONI.-Godfrey Colp is preparing to erect a three story block on St. George street. - Messrs. Oliver intend rebuilding their block, corner Main and George streets.

OWEN SOUND, ONT. John McDonald, Garryoven, P. O., will receive tenders until the 1st of April for repairing and kalsomining certain rooms in the court house in this town.

BROCKVILLE, ONT. -At a recent meeting of the Amateur Athletic Association

it was decided to proceed at once with the erection of a club house. About \$2,000 is already on hand for the purpose.

DIGBY, N. S.—A. V. Wade, Town Clerk, invites tenders until the 26th inst. for the purchase of \$35,000 of debentures, issued for the purpose of providing a system of waterworks for the town.

HALIFAX, N. S. - The I rovincial Legislature has passed the item in the estimates of \$50,000 for the Museum and Art Design building, and \$10,000 for the new Deaf and Dumb Institute building.

AMHERST, N. S.—Tenders are invited by W. F. Donkin, Town Clerk, until the 25th inst. for the purchase of \$25,000 of debentures, \$10,000 for water, \$3,000 for school and \$2,000 for fire purposes.

PORT HOPE, ONT.—The Building Committee appointed to obtain competitive plans for rebuilding Trinity College school consists of Prof. Jones, J. R. Cartwright, Mr. Worrell, and the Head Master of the school.

WINDSOR, ONT.—Mr. McLean, architect, is preparing plans for a pressed brick residence, two stories, basement and attic, for Di. Soper, to cost \$18,000 also for John Curry's new office building, which will be \$5 × 100 feet in size and will cost \$50,000.

QUEBEC, QUE.—The corporation invites tenders, addressed to W. D. Baillairgé, Asst. City Inspector, until Wednesday, the 27th inst., for the annual supplies required for the fiscal year commencing May 1st next. The supplies include nails, stone paving and kerbing, grey broken stone, stone for retaining walls, deals, scantlings, gulley wells and catch basins.

CANNING, N. S.—Tenders for the construction of a line of dyke extending from Kingsport along the Habitant river for a distance of two miles are invited until the 30th inst. The work is to be completed before the 10th of September next. Plans may be seen on application to W. R. Butler, C. E., Windsor or to F. W. Borden, of this place, to whom tenders are to be sent.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Building operations in this city for the present year promise to be somewhat brisk, and real estate dealers report the sale of several properties on which new buildings will be erected. Among the dealers who report sales of property for building purposes are J. J. Banfield, B. B. Johnston & Co., T. Matthews, C. S. Douglas & Co. and Powis & Whitehead.

PERTH, ONT.—The Town Council are now considering and getting out plans for the purpose of establishing an arc and incandescent system of electric lighting, and are also discussing the advisability of establishing a system of vaterworks in connection therewith. The Council are in some doubt as to whether it would be more profitable to establish waterworks as a municipal work, or to lease the franchise to a company for a number of years.

PORTAGE LA PPAIRIE, MAN.—The Town Council have decided on a scheme to turn the water of the Assimboine river into the slough which is close to the town and thus create a water course three and a half miles long and 800 yards wide, to be used for boating, etc., and also to improve the sanitation of the town. A new bridge across to the island is also embraced in the project, the cost of which will be \$30,000. A dam will be built across one end of the sluice.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The Ottawa Porcelain and Carbon Company are preparing to erect their proposed building, which will cost about \$20,000.—The Fire and Light Committee have decided to ask the City Council to issue debentures amounting to \$45,000 for the purpose of providing improved fire protection, including two new stations, chemical engines, etc.— Competitive plans for the erection of a new school building in this city are invited by the Public School Board until noon on Tuesday, April 2nd. Particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Wm. Rea. Improvements will be made to the Home for the Aged, for which plans are now being prepared.

LONDON, ONT.—Geo. Craddock, architect, invites tenders until the 25th inst. for the erection of additions and alterations to P. S. Perrin & Co.'s warehouse on Dundas street.—The City Council will ask the Legislature for power to issue debentures to replace the wooden bridges on the Port Stanley railroad with iron structures.—Tenders are mixed by Moore & Henry, architects, until to-morrow (Friday) at noon for the erection of a general operating room at the City Hospital.—The Building Committee of the Queen's avenue Methodist church has accepted the plans of Mr. Edmund Burke, architect, of Toronto, for the reconstruction of their church building. The building will be 81 x 182 feet, with a main tower 136 feet high, and a second tower 80 feet high. The seating capacity will be 1,650. The Sunday school room will be semicircular, 67 feet in depth. The cost will be about \$65,000.

Hamilton, Ont—At a meeting of the Gaol and Court House Committee held last week, it was decided to recommend the Council to erect a gaol building. The cost will probably be about \$50,000.—The Board of Education have again taken up the question of erecting a new Collegiate Institute, and at a recent meeting a motion was carried that steps be taken at once to raise the necessary funds for the purpose. The Board will probably sell some of its property to obtain the amount required.—The question of establishing an electric light plant, to be controlled by the city will be considered at the next meeting of the Board of Works.—The sum of \$7,000 will be required for a permanent pavement on Market Square, and the Finance Committee will probably be asked to provide the funds.—Building permits have been granted as follows. James Dufton, two two-story brick dwellings on Murray street, cost \$2,500; C. Clohecy, brick dwelling on Grant avenue, cost \$4,000; James Nehain, brick cottage on Young street, cost \$1,000.

MONTREAL, QUE.-Preparations are being made to commence construction on the continuation of the Baie des Chaleurs railway.—Several changes are to be made in the plans of the new office building of the Montreal street railway at the corner of Craig street and Place d'Armes Hill. Mr. Bruce Price, of New York, and Mr. Hammond, of Cleveland, are the joint architects. The interior of the structure will be entirely remodelled. There will be an almost complete new steel structure inside and the building will be made as fireproof as possible. The stairways and fireproof as possible. The stairways and the position of the lift will be altered. Work will be commenced as soon as the weather permits.—The Catholic School Commissioners will proceed at once with the erection of a girl's school in the parish of St. Louis.—The Council of the municipality of St. Laurent have granted a thirty years franchise to the Montreal Park and Island Railway Co. for the operation of an electric railway and lighting system. - Edward Maxwell, architect, has prepared plans for a new block to be erected by J. R. Tooke, at the corner of Peel and St. Catharine streets. The building will be three stories and basement, 51 × 103 feet in size and 55 feet high, built of dressed sandstone of a light buff color. The first two floors will be fitted up for offices. Work will be commenced about the 1st of May.

TORONTO, ONT.—The Property Committee are advertising for offers for a site on which to erect the proposed central fire hall, within the area bounded by Yonge, Queen, Simcoe and King streets.—It is

the intention of the proprietors of the Academy of Music, situated on King street, to make extensive alterations to the building during the coming summer. The roof will be raised, a new gallery put in, and the interior rearranged and decorated. The entrance will also be enlarged and improved.-At a conference between members of the Parks and Gardens Committee of the City Council and directors of the Industrial Exhibition Association held last week, the latter submitted a list of required improvements and alterations to Exhibition buildings which include the enlargement of the main building, a new stove building, enlargement of machinery hall, a new building for a bicycle exhibit, an enlarged fire hall, a better building for the police force, a new ambulance building and patrol waggon, enlargement of ing and patrol waggon, enlargement of the ladies parlors, four sheep pens and four hog pens, each 100x52 ft., the total cost of the eight pens being fixed at \$15,200, repainting and making tight the roof of the main building, painting the roof of the annex, repairing the roofs of the machinery, natural history, stove, implement and carriage buildings, and putting in a four inch water main to supply the four big engines in machinery half. It is estimated that the total cost of carrie-It is estimated that the total cost of carrying out the improvements will be \$100,000. A joint committee was appointed to visit the Exhibition buildings and report.—The recommendations of the Committee on Works for brick pavements on Henry, Ross and D'Arcy streets have been passed by the Executive Committee.-The borings now being made to ascertain the nature of the bed through which the proposed tunnel across the bay must pass, have so far been most satisfactory to the have so far been most satisfactory to the City Engineer; from the information already gathered, it is probable that the cost of the proposed tunnel may be reduced by \$100,000 or \$150,000.—Mr. G. W. Gouinlock, architect, is preparing the necessary working drawings for the new office building to be erected by the Independent Order of Foresters on the north pendent Order of Foresters on the north west corner of Bay and Richmond streets. The building will be T shaped 40×140 feet, with an addition at the rear 67×65 feet and will be eight storeys in height, built of brown stone, pressed brick and terra cotta, and will contain the head offices and court rooms of the order, besides a large number of commercial offices. There will be two electric passenger elevators, and iron and slate staircase. The building will be fireproof and is estimated to cost \$175,000.—At a recent meeting of the Collegiate Institute Board it was decided to obtain estimates of the cost of certain proposed additions and improvements to the Jarvis street school. —R. Ogilvie, architect, 10 King street east, is inviting tenders for all works except carpentry for a solid brick house in Parkdale.—The City Council has passed the Property Committee's report recommending improvements to Yonge street wharf, also the Park Committee's recommendation for improving Queen's Park, in front of the Parliament buildings. The by-law to provide funds for waterworks extensions and for a civic lighting plant will be submitted to a vote of the ratepayers early in April.—Building permus have been granted as follows: S. F. McKinnon, re-building McKinnon building, Melinda st., cost \$45,000; Alex. Mitchell, 13 Grange ave., det. 2 storey bk. dwelling, s. e. cor. Roncesvalle and Harvard avenues, cost \$4,300; Henderson Estate, alterations and additions to stores, 173-5 Yonge st., cost \$4,000; R. H. Gray, repairs to stores, 8-10 Queen st. w., cost, \$4,000; John Wanless, repairs to store, 168 Yonge st., cost \$3,000.

The Canadian Locomotive & Engine Co., of Kingston, Ont., have secured the right to manufacture a patent gas engine for Canada.

FIRES.

The Presbyterian church at Windsor, Ont., was entirely destroyed by fire on Saturd by last. Loss, \$20,000; insurance, \$12,000.—The residence of Duncan Mc-Farlane, at Woodbridge, Ont., has been burned; insured.—A frame dwelling at Gravenhurst, Ont., owned by Mrs. Anderson, was destroyed by fire on the 13th inst. Loss, \$2,000; insurance, \$1,000.—The Heaps furniture factory at Vancouver, B. C., owned by the Edmunds and Webster estate. was totally destroyed by fire recently. The loss is estimated at \$20,000, with a small insurance. — The frame shoddy factory of Aloyes Bauer & Co. at Waterloo, Ont., was burned last week, together with all the machinery. Loss, \$2,500; no insurance. Mr. Bauer will probably rebuild, and make the new factory all brick and fireproof.—The postoffice and a general store at Hilton, Ont., office and a general store at Hilton, Ont., was destroyed by fire recently. The building was owned by A. A. Becker. Small insurance.—Sylvester Bros.' machine and agricultural works at Lindsay, Ont., were damaged by fire on the 14th inst. to the extent of several thousand dollars. The loss is fully covered by insurance.—A house at Newcastle, N. B., owned by Dr. Fish, was burned last week. surance.—A house at Newcastie, N. B., owned by Dr. Fish, was burned last week. Insurance, \$2,350.—The Globe Hotel at Yarmouth, N. S., owned by Wm. Jones, was destroyed by fire on the 18th inst. Insurance, \$4,000.—The steamer Spokane, belonging to the Columbia and Kootenay Navigation Co., of Kaslo, B. C., was burned a few days ago. The steamer was valued at \$15,000.—Fire at Barriewas burned a few days ago. The steamer was valued at \$15,000.—Fire at Barriefield, Ont., on the 19th inst., destroyed the boatbuilding establishment and residence of A. Rickey and the dwelling of Mrs. Grange. The loss is placed at \$10,000, partially covered by insurance.—The iron block at Beaverton, Ont., owned by A. Hamilton, the dwelling house of Duncan McRae, and a building owned by John Cameron, have been destroyed by fire.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

WROXETER, ONT.—Alex. Munro has let the contract for a new residence to Thos. Ranshaw.

Ashfield, On1.--Wm. Gardner, of this place, has received the contract for building the new stone school house at Paramount, at the price of \$985.

TORONTO, ONT .- The Fire and Light Committee will recommend to Council the acceptance of the tender of the Fire Extinguisher Co., of Chicago, for a Champion water tower, at the price of \$6,800, delivered in Toronto.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—B. Mooney & Sons have been awarded the contract for the erection of the new Patterson building on Princess street. It will be a three story brick building for residential purposes, with two stores on the ground floor.

OTTAWA, ONT.-Sixteen tenders were received by the Finance Committee for the purchase of \$301,800 of debentures, the successful tenderers being as follows: Wm. Mackey, Ottawa, \$150,000 at \$102\frac{1}{2}; Canadian Bank of Commerce, \$100,000 at \$101.74. The remaining \$51,000 was also offered to the Canadian Bank of Commerce at the same price, and has been accepted by the bank.—A contract has been awarded by the Department of Railways and Canals to the Canada Bridge and Iron Company, of Montreal, for a steel bridge over the Rideau canal at Dufferin, about twenty miles from Ottawa. The contract price is about

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The following tenders were received by the Board of Works for the repaving of Main street from the C. P. R. to Portage avenue: Ferguson & Cathro, Toronto, asphalt, \$2.69 per cubic yard, \$117,015, stone curbing, \$8,440, total, \$125,455; cedar blocks, including curbing, \$54,125; Kelly Bros. & Co., Winnipeg, cédar blocks, 84c per cubic yard, \$36,540; curbing, \$7,768, taking up and telaying street railway tracks, etc., \$2,920, total \$47,228, brick, \$2.22 per cubic yard, \$96,570, curbing \$7,768, taking up track, etc., \$2,920, total \$107,258, granite blocks, laid on sand or gravel \$2.12 per cubic yard, \$92,220, curbing \$7,768, taking up track, etc., \$2,920, total \$102,908; Warren-Scharf Paving Company, New York, asphalt, \$2.75 per cubic yard, or \$128,145 for the whole quantity including curbing; Doidge & Co., Winnipeg, cedar blocks, \$36,396.40, with pine curb \$44.027.00, with granite curb \$43.683, with Selkirk stone curb \$41,633.40, with with Selkirk stone curb \$41,633.40, with Stonewall Stone curb. The Board has accepted the tender of Doidge & Co., subject to the approval of the Council.

WEATHER VANES.

The invention of the vane, or weathercock, must have been of very early date. Marcus Vitruvius Pollio, a noted Roman architect and engineer, who was born about 80 B. C., in his works calls a vane a triton, probably from having in his time the form of a triton. The usual form on towers, castles, and secular buildings was that of a banner; but on ecclesiastical buildings it generally was a representation of the male of the barnyard fowl. According to Dufresne, commonly called Ducange, the French historian, who lived from 1610 to 1688, the cock was originally devised as an emblem of clerical vigilance, or what it ought to be. There have been other forms of vane. The one over St. Peter's, Cornhill, is in the shape of a key; that over St. Mildred's Church is a gilt ship under full sail. The grasshopper of the Royal Exchange is the vane that formerly surmounted the former Exchange. The dragon on the spire of Bow Church, Cheapside, is another celebrated vane. One of Mother Shipton's prophecies was, that when the dragon of Bow Church and the grasshopper of the Royal Exchange should meet the streets of London would be deluged with blood. In what way they should meet the old dame did not explain; but it is known that at one time these two vanes were side by side in the yard of a stonemason in Oldstreet-road, yet there was no shedding of blood. The weather vanes of the present time are too well known to require any description. The reason that the arrow end of the vane always points in the direction the wind blows, and the feather end never does, is because the arrow end is much shorter. The feather end being much longer offers more resistance to the wind, and when it turns until in the current it remains set in position until the next change of current.

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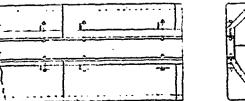
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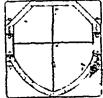
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Rooms on first floor, 12 × 14 feet, should have 8-inch pipe with 8 × 12 register.

Rooms on first floor, 12 × 18 feet, should have 9-inch pipe with 9×12 register.

Rooms on first floor, 16 x 20 feet, should have 10-inch pipe with 10 × 14 register.

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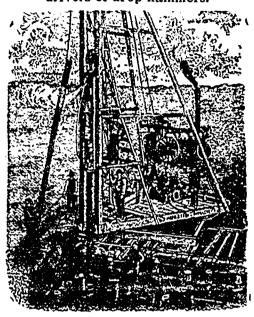
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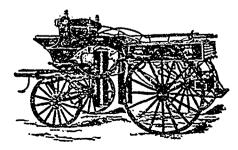
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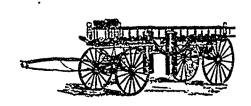
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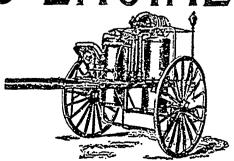
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LEAD IN WATER.

At the last meeting of the Yorkshire medical officers of health at Huddersfield, papers were read on the subject of lead in potable water. The first paper was read by Dr. Evans (Bradford), who pointed out the chemical action of water upon lead service pipes, and said that if lead were dropped into carefully-distilled water and left for a time, at the bottom would be found a white precipitate, which, on examination, was found to consist of oxide of lead and hydrate of lead, generally known as oxy-hydrate of lead. The solution of this in the water was a subsequent process. This oxi-hydrate of lead, he believed, was due to the action of the oxygen in the water upon the lead pipe that might be exposed to its niluence. But, it might be asked, "Where did the oxygen come from?" because the water was not decomposed. He had come to the conclusion that the oxygen was produced by being actually dissolved in the water itself, while it might also be due to the presence of oxidizing agents in the water itself, however carefully distilled. Dr. Whitelegge (Wast Riding County Council), who followed, said he had been watching for the last two or three years, experimentally and otherwise, the action of a number of water supplies upon lead, and the results differed in some cases from those that they were entitled to expect from the accounts of early experimenters. In many of the experiments made erosion had been completely lost sight of. He agreed that the water they had most trouble with was the acid or moorland waters, and many peaty pools were the most active of all. The action, however, was by no means limited to acid or soft waters. The power of some waters could be removed by the addition of chalk, and of others, by the addition of carbonate of soda, but these two would not act in all cases, and they had to be careful about dogmatizing on the matter This question of erosion deserved more attention because there was no doubt that if water was left standing all night in a lead service pine, there was lead present in poisonous and dangerous quantities in the morning, so that the first flow of water ought to be always allowed to run to waste. He had come to the conclusion that there were many more public water supplies in the West Riding which acted upon lead than was at present suspected. and as medical officers of health they ought not to assume that the water under their charge did not act upon lead, but see by experiments whether there was not lead in solution. He had, he said, mentioned two methods of preventing water acting upon lead; but there was a third, and that was by the treatment of filtration, though to his mind there was a tendency to assume that filtration could

do too much In conclusion, he urged more co-operation amongst medical officers of health in regard to this important question. Dr. Hunter (Pudsey), who spoke as one who had gone through a lead epidemic, pointed out that the lead deposits through drinking contaminated water were so slow as to cause an endless variety of symptoms. This accounted for mistakes in diagnosis which resulted in cases of plumbism often not being recognised as such. Blindness, weakness of the procreative organs, abortion, brain disorders, liver complaints, and many other complaints of a fatal nature he had known to arise from the presence of lead in water, and at one time in Pudsey he had known the first flow of water in a morning contain as much as from half to a whole grain per gallon, and then plumbism was at its height. Dr. Swann (Batley), in his paper, pointed out that in the case of the lead poisoning in Louis Philippe's family at Claremont, the water was found to contain seven-tenths of a grain per gallon, and thirty-four per cent. of those who drank this water were affected. If this were the case, it was a matter which the public would have to face before long, whether they would go on taking water containing one-hundredth of a grain for years with impunity. He instanced a number of cases of illness which he attributed to the lead in the water, and which disappeared when iron piping was substituted for the lead piping.

LEGAL DECISIONS AFFECTING MUNICIPALITIES.

SCHMIDT V. TOWN OF BERLIN.—Judgment on motion by plaintiffs to set aside findings of jury and judgment of Street, J., dismissing action for damages for injuries sustained by female plaintiff owing to the fall of the ceiling in a building in a public park in the Town of Berlin, in which she took refuge from the rain, being present in the park as a spectator of games held by musical societies, who had the leave of the defendants to use the park. The trial Judge held that there could be no hability unless knewledge were shown Motion dismissed with costs.

CONFEDERATION LIFE ASSOCIATION CITY OF TORONTO. - Judgment by Justices Hagarty, Maclennan and Street, Toronto, on appeal by plaintiffs from judgment of Ferguson, J. (24 O. R., 643), dismissing action brought to have it declared that the assessment of the plaintiffs by the defendants in 1892 upon interest arising from investment of reserve fund, which interest was added to that fund and re-invested as part of it, was illegal, and for re-payment of taxes paid under protest upon the footing of such ascessment. The County Judge of York, on appeal from the Court of Revision, had decided that the plaintiffs were liable to be assessed under sec. 34 and sec. 2, sub-sec. 10 of 55 Vic., ch. 48. Ferguson, J., held that the plaintiffs were not bound to apply the income in keeping the fund at its proper level, but might make the necessary increase with any money whatever, and the County Judge had full jurisdiction, and the subject matter of the action was res judicata. The court agreed with the judgment of the trial Judge and dismissed the appeal with costs.

McVicar v. Town of Port Arthur. - Judgment of Justices Armour and Falconbridge, in the Court of Queen's Bench at Toronto, on appeal by plaintiff from judgment of Robertson, J., at trial at Port Arthur, dismissing action, which was brought to recover \$1,254, the price of certain land of plaintiff taken for the purposes of a public park in the town of Port Arthur. The action was brought against the municipal corporation of the town, who denied their liability, contending that a Board of Park Management, constituted under R. S. O., ch. 190, were liable, if there was any liability, and that the defendants had not raised money by the sale of debentures for the purpose of paying for the land. The court held that the plaintiff oad no remedy against the board, for it had performed its whole duty, had purchased her land, taken the title to defendants, and given plaintiff an order upon defendants for the purchase money; but had a remedy against defendants, notwithstanding that they had not sold their park fund debentures, and plaintiff was not concerned with the method to be adopted by defendants in procuring money to pay for the land. Appeal allowed, and order-made directing issue of a peremptory mandamus, returnable the first day of the next Easter sittings, commanding defendants to raise the money necessary for payment of purchase money and interest from date of order given by board, and directing amendment of statement of claim, so as to ask for such mandamus. Defendants to pay costs of litigation.

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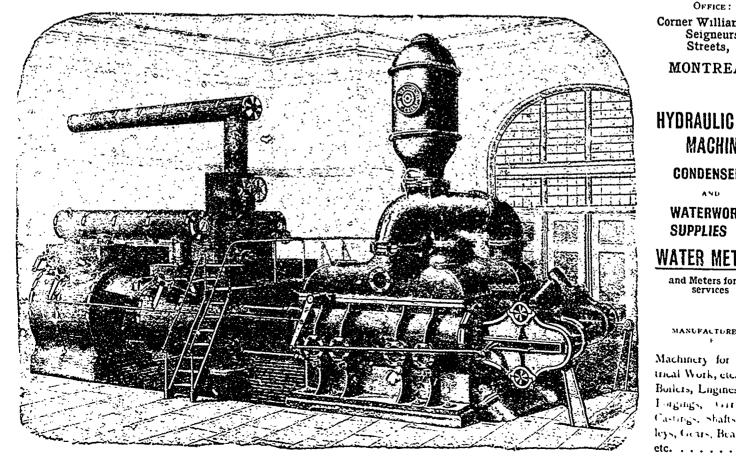
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	Foundation Blocks, per c. ft.	50	50	or blued, per 100 lbs 50 3d to 5d cold cut, not polished	50
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	River John, N. S., brown Freestone, per cu. ft., f.o.b.	25		FINE BLUED NAILS. 3d, per 100 lbs x 50	1 50
	Ballochmyle	80 90	65 75	2d, # 1 200	2 00
	Granite (Stanstead) Ashlar, 6		1 05	CASING AND BUX, FLOORING, SHOOK AND T	овассо вох
	in. to 12 in., rise 9 in., per ft. Moat Freestone Thomson's Gatelawbridge, cu	0	70 80	12d to 30d, per 100 lbs 50	şo
	Credit Valley Rubble, per car	8 00	75 8o	10d, " " 60 8d and 9d, " " 75 6d and ad " "	60 75
	of 15 tons, at quarry Credit Valley Brown Cours-	• • •		4d to 5d, " " 1 10	1 10 20
	ing, up to 10 inch, per sup- yard, at quarry Credit Valley Brown Dimen-	I 75		34, 150	1 50
	sion, per cu. ft. at quarry Credit Valley Grey Coursing,	60		FINISHING NAILS. 3 inch, per 100 lbs 85	85
	per superficial yard	1 50 2 00	2 15	2½ to 2½ "" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	1 00
	Credit Valley Grey Dimension, per cubic foot	6c	75	1½ to 1½ " " " 35	1 35 1 75
	Clark's N. B. Brown Stone, per cubic foot, f.o.b	1 15	1 00	2 4 4 4 2 25	2 25
	Brown Free Stone, Wood- point, Sackville, N.B., per			SLATING NAILS. 5d, per 100 lbs	85
	MadocRubble, delivered, per	1 15	1 00	4d, " ": 85 3d, " " 125	85 1 25
	Madoc dimension floating, f.		14 00 14 50	2d, " " 175	150
	o. b. Toronto, per cubic ft. Ohio Freestone, No. 1 Blue Promiscuous. f.o.b	30 32 60		common barrel nails.	z 50
	No. 1 Blue Dimension No. 1 Buff Promiscuous	65 80		½ " " "	75 2 25
	No. r Buff Dimension	85		CLINCH NAILS.	
	The above prices means freight and duty paid.			inch, per roolbs. 85	85 1 00
	2 in.sawed flagging persq.ft	11 1334		2 and 21/4 " " " 1 15 11/2 and 11/4 " " 1 35	1 15 1 35
	37 " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	1634 22		1 2 00	2 00 2 50
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	Duty to be added to these prices.	,		3 inch, per 100 lbs. 1 35	1 35 1 50
	Quebec and Vermont rough granite for building pur-			2 and 2½ " " 1 65 1½ and 1¾ " " 1 85	1 65 1 85
	poses, per c.ft. f.o.b. quarry For ornamental work, cu. ft.	33 150 35 20		1½ " " " 2 50 1 " " " 3 00	3 co 3 20
	Granite paving blocks, 8 in. to 12 in. x6 in. x41/2 in., per M	50 00		STEEL WIRE NAILS.	3 00
	Granite curbing stone, 6 in.x 20 in., per lineal foot	70		Steel Wire Nails, 75, 10 and 5 % disprinted list.	scount from
	SLAT. Rocting (¥ square).	E.		Iron Pipe:	
	red	18 00 9 00	20 00 . 10 00	Iron pipe, % inch, per foot 6c.	
	untading green	8 5 0	6 ၁၀	11 11 3/4 11 11 7 14 11 3/4 . 14 83/2 14 11 3/4 11 14 £2	
٠	Terra Cotta Tile, per sq Ornamental Black Slate Roof-	7 50 25 00	7 50	0 0 1 0 0 . 17 0 0 1 1 1 1 . 24	
	ing	8 00		11 11 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	•
	PAINTS. (Is			Black wrought iron pipe, 67%% off above p Galvanized 40%	nces.
	White lead, Can., per 100 lbs.	650 750	600 625 750 800	Cast and soil " 57% " Lead Pipe:	
1	Red lead, Eng " venetian, per 100 lbs	400 500 160 175	160 175	Lead pipe, per lb 7c.	
	" vermillion" Indian, Eng	10 12 90 100	10 13 30 1 00	Discount, Toronto and the West, 30 %	off in small
1	Yellow ochre	5 10 15 20	4 6 15 20	lots; 30 and 10 % off in ton lots; points east 35 and 10 % off.	or Toronto,
	Green, chrome	7 12 20 25	7 12 20 20	Galvanized Iron:	
ı	Black lamp	15 25 15 20	12 25 12 18	Adam's—Mar's Best and Queen's Head:	
•	Dil, linseed, raw, & Imp. gal.	54 59 57 63	63 65 66 68	26 guage, 4½ 5 28 5 5½	•
1	" refined, ". Putty	78 85 234 235	75 75	Gordon Crown—	
į	Paris white, Eng., dry	75 1 00 90 1 25	60 75 90 1 10	28 . "	
-	Litharge, Eng	4 5	61/2 8	Note.—Cheaper grades about 1/2 per lb. le	:58
1	Ümber, "	834 12	12 15	Steel Beams, per 100 lbs 275	2 50
(OEMENT, LI Cement, Portland, per bbl	25 300	330	" channels, " 2 85 " angles, " 2 50	2 60 2 30
	Cement, Portland, per bbl 2 " German " " London " " Newcastle "	3 25 2 50 2 75	2 15 2 8 ₅ 2 45 2 9 ₀	" tees, " 2 80	2 65 2 35
	" Newcastle "	2 50	2 05 0	Sheared steel bridge plate 2 25	2 35