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To Stone Crushers

Offers will be received by the undersigned up to MAY 21ST for crushing about 300 cords of hard stones, in the pit, at a price per cord.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
WM. FAIRLEY, Village Clerk,
Norwich, Ont.

WANTED

Correspondence with a graduate in Architecture with a view to junior partnership in a growing town. Address full particulars as to experience, etc., to Box 38, CONTRACT RECORD.

TENDERS

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to MAY 21ST for Cement Sidewalks at 50 much per square foot. Specifications on application to
F. S. SCOTT,
Clerk Village Brussels.

TENDERS

For the construction of Cement Sidewalks and a Sewer in the Municipality of the Village of Blyth will be received by the undersigned up to 22ND INST., from whom also all necessary information relating to plans and specifications may be obtained.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
T. W. SCOTT, Clerk,
Blyth, Ont.

TENDERS

Will be received by the undersigned up to 4 o'clock, p. m., of MONDAY, MAY 28TH, 1900, for the construction of a Vivified Bri. l Pavement, on Concrete Bed, on King street from the post-office to William street, in the city of Chatham, Ont., according to plans and specifications, conditions, etc., on file in the engineer's office in the said city.
The Council reserves the right to reject any or all tenders.

W. G. MERRITT,
Clerk of Chatham.

WANTED

Correspondence with Town Engineers or Surveyors object, co-operation in design and construction of Sewerage and Waterworks Systems. Address, "SPECIALIST," CONTRACT RECORD.

Tenders Wanted

The Council of the County of Oxford invite tenders for a New Brick Building to be erected on the Court House Square in Woodstock. And also for the complete installation of a New Plant for Heating all the County Buildings by the "Webster System of Steam Heating."
Sealed tenders, addressed to the County Clerk, will be received up to noon on

TUESDAY, THE 29th INST.

Plans and specifications may be seen and all information obtained from the Architect, Mr. Alex White, No. 45 Wellington Street, Woodstock.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JAMES WHITE,
County Clerk.

Woodstock, Ont., May 8, 1900.

Smith's Falls WATER WORKS AND SEWERAGE WORKS

Sealed tenders will be received by the Town Clerk, endorsed "Tenders for Waterworks and Sewers, until 5 p.m. on

TUESDAY, MAY 22ND, 1900,

for the construction of about 13,000 lineal feet of Tile Sewers, and about 2,730 lineal feet of Water Mains, nearly all in rock trenches.

Plans and specifications to be seen at the office of the Town Clerk, Smith's Falls, Ont., or at the office of the Chief Engineer, Toronto.

No tender necessarily accepted.
This notice will appear on May 9th and May 16th only.

B. E. SPARHAM,
Town Clerk,
Smith's Falls, Ont.

WILLIS CHIPMAN,
Chief Engineer,
103 Bay Street, Toronto, Ont.
May 9th, 1900.

TENDERS

Will be received up to FRIDAY, MAY 25TH, 1900, for the construction of the following works:

- About 700 square feet of granolithic walk on the north side of Kent street, with granolithic kerb.
- 1480 lineal feet of 9 inch tile sewer, with 6 inch cellar drain and 45 side drains, on Lindsay and Melbourne streets.

Plans and specifications may be seen and forms of tender obtained at the town clerk's office, also at the office of the engineer, W. T. Ashbridge, C. E., Temple Building, Toronto.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

ALEX. JACKSON,
Chairman Board of Works.



Notice to Contractors

TENDERS FOR BRICK AND CEMENT

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, May 23rd, 1900,

for the annual supply of Brick and Cement required by the Department of Works and Water Works during the year ending May 31st, 1901.

Contents of envelopes containing tenders must be plainly marked on the outside.

Specifications may be seen and forms of tender obtained at the office of the City Engineer, Toronto.

A deposit on the firm of a marked cheque, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, for the sum of 2 1/2 per cent on the value of the work tendered for, must accompany each tender, otherwise they will not be entertained.

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

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
E. A. MACDONALD (Mayor),
Chairman Board of Control,
City Hall, Toronto, May 24th, 1900

NOTICE TO BRIDGE BUILDERS

Sealed tenders, marked "Tender for Kempsville Bridge," for the Superstructure of a

STEEL SWING BRIDGE

over the south branch of the Rideau River, in the Village of Kempsville, Ont., will be received by the undersigned, until the arrival of the last mail on SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND, 1900.

Plans, specifications, etc., may be seen and all other information obtained at the office of the undersigned, in Carleton Place, Ont., and at the drug store of Angus Buchanan, Chairman of Bridge Committee, Kempsville, Ont.

Also sealed tenders, marked "Tender for Piers, Kempsville Bridge," for the building of a Concrete Pylon Pier and Two Abutments, for the above bridge, will be received at the same time, apply same places for information.

The lowest or any tender, in either case, not necessarily accepted.

E. T. WILKIE, C.E.,
Carleton Place, Ont.
Engineer for Village of Kempsville, Ont.

PROPOSALS FOR WATERWORKS

TOWN OF MEDICINE HAT

Sealed proposals, addressed to W. N. Adsit, Town Clerk, Medicine Hat, N.W.T., will be received up to 8 o'clock p.m., on

1st JUNE NEXT,

for the construction of a System of Waterworks, and for furnishing materials and supplies therefor.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the Town Clerk's office, Medicine Hat, and at the office of H. N. Kahan, Consulting Engineer, City Hall, Winnipeg, Manitoba, from whom specifications and forms of tender may be obtained.

Each tender is to be accompanied by a cash deposit or marked cheque for the sum of 5 per cent of the amount of the tender.

The town reserves the right to reject any or all tenders.

W. N. ADSIT, Town Clerk,
Medicine Hat, N.W.T.

CONTRACTS OPEN.

ALVINSTON, ONT.—Drake's basket factory will be rebuilt.

PICTOU, N.S.—Arrangements have been made for a water supply.

BEDFORD, QUE.—A residence will be built by W. J. Cockerline.

GEORGEVILLE, QUE.—Charles Hutchins intends building a cheese factory.

PEMBROKE, ONT.—It is said that J. W. Munro may build a saw mill here.

BALDWIN, ONT.—The ratepayers have decided to build a new school house.

KINGSVILLE, ONT.—The glass company will shortly erect packing rooms.

WHEATLEY, ONT.—William Heatherington will likely build a new residence.

EDMUNDSTON, N.B.—James Hay intends erecting a saw mill near this place.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN.—The Central Electric Co. will remodel their plant.

WESTMOUNT, QUE.—The Grey Nuns have given a site for a new Catholic church.

CAMPBELLFORD, ONT.—It has been decided to build a Roman Catholic church here, of stone.

MITCHELL, ONT.—The town proposes laying cement sidewalks this year to the value of \$8,500.

GRAND MERE, QUE.—The Laurentide Pulp Co. are building the burned portions of their works.

STARHMORE, ONT.—The township of Roxborough will construct a number of drains this summer.

OSHAWA, ONT.—J. F. Grierson invites proposals up to June 4th for purchase of \$55,000 of debentures.

KINCARDINE, ONT.—The Government will be asked to make harbor improvements here to cost \$9,000.

BRACONDALE, ONT.—Miller & Son are preparing for an addition of 25,000 feet of glass to their greenhouses.

THAMESFORD, ONT.—Plans are being prepared for a brick parsonage in connection with the Episcopal church.

GRANENHURST, ONT.—The by-law to borrow \$10,000 to build town hall and improve streets was carried last week.

ROSSLAND, B. C.—The by-law to raise \$25,000 for a fire hall and library was ratified by the ratepayers last week.

ST. ANDREWS, N. B.—B. F. DeWolfe invites tenders up to 21st inst. for laying a sewer on the Alms House premises.

RAT PORTAGE, ONT.—E. F. Head, architect, wants tenders by 19th inst. for erection of brick veneered residence.

DUNNVILLE, ONT.—The town is offering for sale \$10,000 of sinking fund debentures. J. W. Holmes is town clerk.

WILKESPORT, ONT.—O. Bishop, clerk township of Sombra, invites tenders up to June 2nd for the construction of drains.

HUNTSVILLE, ONT.—W. Proudfoot has taken tenders on a brick veneered residence for Lewis Keown, at Cain's Corners.

FORT WILLIAM, ONT.—The Ogilvie Milling Co. announce their intention of proceeding with the erection of new mill here.

LISTOWEL, ONT.—The Listowel Furniture Co. are about to ask tenders for erection of factory. Dr. Rutherford is a director.

MONCTON, N. B.—Tenders for building subway at Amherst, N. S., are invited by the Intercolonial Railway up to Friday, 18th inst.

SYDNEY, C. B.—The ratepayers have authorized the council to borrow \$200,000 for street improvements, sewerage system, fire service, etc.

LETHBRIDGE, N. W. T.—Henderson & Downer are excavating for their brick

block, which will be two storeys with plate glass front.

CHAPLEAU, ONT.—J. McN. Austin wants bids by 22nd inst. for erection of Methodist parsonage, 25x35 feet. Plans at Mercury office.

MAISSONEUVE, QUE.—A proposition has been submitted to the council to build a large summer hotel here, for which plans have been prepared.

COURTLAND, ONT.—John Burnett, clerk township of Middleton, wants tenders by June 2nd for building wooden bridge over Big Otter creek.

LEAMINGTON, ONT.—Edgar Jeffrey will erect a residence, for which some of the contracts have been let.—A brick block will be built by William Irwin.

KINGSTON, ONT.—Arthur Ellis, architect, has reported on the question of adding an additional storey to the medical building of Queen's University.

CRUMLIN, ONT.—Edward Parker, this place, invites bids up to 21st inst. for erection of wind mill and pump for school section No. 2, North Dorchester.

BRANTFORD, ONT.—Voting on the by-law to raise \$12,000 for hospital improvements and \$25,000 for flood prevention works will take place on June 6th.

BERLIN, ONT.—It is said that Colonel Holmes, M. P., will recommend the Militia Department at Ottawa to erect an armory here, 40x60 ft., two storeys and basement.

HALIFAX, N. S.—The council will purchase 2,000 ft. of fire hose.—Plans are in course of preparation for the new dry goods warehouse to be built by Kenny & Co.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Last week the ratepayers carried a by-law to raise \$80,000 for school purposes, and defeated a by-law to borrow \$12,000 for new cemetery.

PERTH, ONT.—A three storey brick block will be built this summer by M. Drennan, to be 37x54 ft., of red pressed brick. Plans by M. C. Ryan, Smith's Falls.

ST. MARY'S, ONT.—A syndicate has been formed to open up extensive stone quarries in this vicinity. A branch line of railway to the quarries has been surveyed.

ST. CATHARINES, ONT.—Mr. Allan has submitted to the school board plans for heating St. Paul's ward school.—A movement is on foot to erect a new isolation hospital.

NEWCASTLE, N. B.—The town council has decided to purchase a stone crusher and engine to crush stones for the streets.—The school trustees purpose issuing bonds for \$6,000.

SANDYCOE, ONT.—There is a movement on foot here to open a summer resort, and to induce the Metropolitan Railway Co. to extend their road to this place and Craigvale.

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT.—W. H. Hearst, secretary building committee, invites tenders up to 25th inst. for erection of stone schoolroom, 50 x 50 feet, in connection with Methodist church.

DORCHESTER STATION, ONT.—Bids are invited by W. B. Lane, clerk township of North Dorchester, up to 28th inst., for repair of Norsworthy drain. Plans at office of F. W. Farncombe, C. E., London.

FREDERICTON, N. B.—Tenders are invited up to Tuesday, 22nd inst., for the erection of brick and stone building for University of New Brunswick. Plans by G. E. Fairweather, architect, St. John.

CHATHAM, N. B.—At recent meeting of town council the board of works were empowered to engage an engineer to take levels in connection with proposed waterworks system. W. S. Loggie is mayor.

PARRY SOUND, ONT.—The town engineer has presented a report on the cost

of proposed water works extension.—Inland & Bundy have invited tenders for erection of printing office for the North Star.

HIBBERT, ONT.—The township council of Hibbert has instructed F. W. Farncombe, C. E., of London, to make a survey and estimate of cost of proposed drainage work in that township. Particulars from James Jordan, clerk.

KINNEAR'S MILLS, QUE.—Tenders are asked for construction of telephone line from Thetford Mines to this place, a distance of twelve miles. Particulars from W. Warcup, secretary-treasurer Kinnear's Mills Telephone Co.

PENETANGUISHENE, ONT.—The First Brook Box Co. expect to commence the building of their factory here at an early date.—Mr. Shanahan has asked the council for a loan of \$5,000 to assist him in extending his carriage factory.

LONDON, ONT.—H. C. McBride, architect, is this week taking tenders on erection of double brick residence.—Ormsby Graydon, city engineer, asks tenders up to 5 p. m. to-day (Wednesday) for construction of tile sewer on Dundas street.

STRATFORD, ONT.—The plans of the factory to be erected by George McLagan show a brick and stone structure, three stories, 53x302 ft., with concrete floors, fireproof doors, elevators, large tower, and auxiliary water supply for sprinkler system.

WHITBY, ONT.—A committee of the county council met last week to select plans for proposed House of Refuge. Two of these met with favor, the cost of carrying them out being about \$12,000. A decision will likely be reached on the 28th inst.

WINDSOR, ONT.—United States capitalists have submitted a proposition to the municipalities to build an electric railway from Windsor to Ruthven and from Kingsville to Leamington. Some of the municipalities have already granted franchises.

GRAND FORKS, B. C.—The ratepayers will shortly vote on a by-law to borrow \$50,000 for the following purposes. To extend water and electric light system, to erect an isolation hospital and fire hall, to purchase fire appliances, and to improve the streets.

COLLINGWOOD, ONT.—R. E. Speakman, C. E., of Toronto, has prepared plans for a sewerage system for this town.—It is announced that the Dominion supplementary estimates will contain an appropriation of \$200,000 for harbor improvements here.

LOUISBURG, C. B.—Tenders are wanted by the Louisburg Electric Water & Power Co. for trenching and laying of 4,000 feet of 8 inch and 9,000 feet of 6 inch water pipe. Plans at office of Dr. O'Neil, Louisburg, or M. G. Henniger, engineer, Sydney.

HINTONAURG, ONT.—Council has decided to submit a by-law to raise \$25,000 by debentures for waterworks extension.—The ratepayers will be asked to provide \$3,500 for the purchase of hose and hose reels, the erection of a fire station, and installation of a fire alarm system.

PORT COLBORNE, ONT.—M. J. Hogan and A. R. Macdonell, contractors for the harbor works, are placing large orders for plant and material.—H. Carscallen was in town recently in connection with the blast furnace project. The date for voting on the by-law has not yet been fixed.

ALMONTE, ONT.—F. W. Ashe, manager of the Union Bank, is said to have purchased a block of land at Green Point on which to build a cottage.—The provincial road instructor in an address here last week advocated the construction of artificial stone walks and the employment of a stone crusher.

PORT ARTHUR, ONT.—Chicago capitalists, including D. S. Wegg and G. H. Pope, have been incorporated as the Anglo-American Power Co., with capital of \$5,000,000. The company purpose acquiring the Jenson water powers on the Kamistiquia river near this place, and developing electric power.

RENFREW, ONT.—Thomas Low is endeavoring to float a company to develop the water power of the Bonnechere river for industrial and other purposes.—The chairman of the streets committee has been instructed to invite tenders for construction of proposed street improvements, from plans by engineer McCubbin.

TRURO, N. S.—Plans submitted by Lee & Coffin, civil engineers, have been accepted for a sewerage system for the town, to cost about \$100,000. The rate-payers have authorized the expenditure of \$26,600 for the first section, and the work will be proceeded with by day labor, under the superintendence of Professor Lee.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The C. P. R. are having plans prepared for the proposed Louise bridge, although it is not yet known whether work will be commenced this year or not.—Stewart Mulvey, secretary school board, invites tenders up to 21st inst. for completion of the Machray school. Plans by H. S. Griffith.—Building permits have this year been issued to the value of \$331,000.—The Manitoba Government is inviting tenders for construction of steam ferry boat for use on the Saskatchewan river at Battleford.

QUEBEC, QUE.—A movement is on foot to have the graving dock made wider than at first proposed.—The Jacques Cartier Water Power Co. have purchased the property on corner of St. John and D'Anteuil streets, and will have plans prepared at once for a three storey granite and stone building to be used as offices and distributing station.—The president of the Board of Harbor Commissioners has returned from England and France, where he made inspections of harbor improvements with a view to adopting modern construction in connection with the proposed work here.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Work is expected to be started shortly on the National Cycle and Automobile Company's factory, the plans for which have been amended so as to reduce the cost.—The Board of Education will ask the city council to lay cement walks in front of the schools on Hunter and Stinson streets and Victoria and West avenues.—The council has given notice of its intention to construct a large number of cement sidewalks.—The harbor and beach committee has in contemplation the laying of 1,700 feet of cement walks on the beach along the lake shore, at a cost of about \$4,000.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Hutchison & Wood, architects, will superintend the new building to be erected for the Canadian Pacific Telegraph Company. The plans show an eight storey structure.—The Merchants' Bank of Halifax will not build new premises this year, as was intended a short time ago.—The city wants tenders by 17th inst. for supply of granite and artificial paving blocks.—The Canada Atlantic Railway Co. have made application to the city for a site for an elevator and warehouse, estimated to cost about \$500,000.—The Parks and Ferries Committee of the city council, have decided to invite plans for a new incline railway.—New York capitalists are said to have decided to erect a new hotel in this city, on an extensive scale.—The Roman Catholic school board has granted \$8,000 for repairs to St. Ann's school, and has decided to erect a \$35,000 school for boys in St. Eusebe parish.—The extension of Bonsecours market again came up for consideration at last meeting of market committee. Several plans were submitted, the cost of executing some of them being nearly

\$500,000. No definite action was taken.—A new fire station is to be built in Hochelaga ward.—The Health Committee will invite tenders for an ambulance.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The C. P. R. expect to have their plans for new station completed in a few days.—Numerous petitions have been received by the board of works for cement sidewalks.—Plans have been prepared for rebuilding the Union depot.—Work on the extension to the Montreal bank will likely be commenced this week.—Tenders closed yesterday for supply of cement for the Soulanges and Trent canals.—The Export Lumber Co. will shortly commence there construction of their dry kiln.—The plans of E. E. Perreault, architect, have been accepted for an addition to St. Joseph's separate school. Tenders for same will be received up to June 5th.—Simpson Fleming has commenced the erection of a tenement house on Wellington street, to cost \$3,500.—The E. B. Eddy Co. will immediately rebuild their works.—It is understood that the House of Mercy on Richmond road will be rebuilt.—Colonel Tilton and Colonel Hodgins have asked the Minister of Militia that permanent buildings be erected at the Rockcliffe Ranges.—L. Simpson, promoter of the cotton mill enterprise, states that plans for the mill have been completed.—The question of purchasing an additional fire engine is being discussed by the city authorities.—A scheme is said to be on foot among the manufacturing interests to erect a large power house at the Chaudiere for the production of electric power.—The city engineering department is preparing plans for the extension of the main sewer to Janeville.—The Ottawa Saw Works Co. will erect a brick structure, two storeys, 95 x 97 feet, to replace their burned factory.—It is probable that one large school will be built instead of the two destroyed by fire.

TORONTO, ONT.—A. R. Clarke, of A. R. Clarke & Co., leather and glove manufacturers, has purchased a site on Eastern avenue, just west of Caroline avenue, and will erect thereon a factory to cost \$35,000.—Plans of Methodist schoolroom to be built at Sault Ste. Marie are on view at the office of Henry Simpson, architect, this city. Tenders close 25th inst.—J. F. Brown, architect, invites tenders up to 23rd inst. for erection of brick block at Buik's Falls.—F. H. Herbert, architect, has just taken tenders on the erection of two detached stone and brick residences on west side of Walmer road.—W. G. Mitchell, of Clairmonte, has purchased property on the north side of St. Clair avenue, Deer Park, and will erect a brick residence thereon.—The city invites tenders up to 21st inst. for construction of tile pipe sewer on Columbus avenue.—Dr. John Ferguson, on behalf of the Western hospital, has asked for a site on Lippincott street for a training school for nurses.—The city engineer has under consideration the drainage of that section of the city west of Indian road lying between Queen street and Bloor street. It will be necessary to construct 13,382 ft. of sewers, and it is recommended that one mile of the work be done this year at a cost of about \$10,000. As the sewers cannot enter Humber Bay it will likely be necessary to install a pumping plant.—The Committee on Works has been instructed to report as to the advisability of constructing an overhead bridge or subway at the Lansdowne avenue crossing.—Beaumont Jarvis, architect, has submitted his report on the St. Lawrence market improvements, in which he recommends the rebuilding of the piers and walls, at an additional cost of \$73,000.—The city is inviting tenders for supply of cement.—Building permits have been granted as follows: William Davies Co., brick store, north east corner of College street and Ossington avenue, cost \$3,600; Alex. Manning, addition to warehouse, south side Col-

borne street, near Church, cost \$3,000; E. G. Woodley, two pair semi-detached brick dwellings, Davenport road, opposite Hazelton avenue, cost \$6,400; G. E. Henderson, brick dwelling, south side of Elm avenue, near Huntley street, cost \$7,000; Henry O'Hara, additions and alterations to dwelling, Dunbar road, near Elm avenue, cost \$1,7000; John Wanless, brick store at 366 Yonge street, cost \$5,600.

FIRES.

Saw mill and butter factory of the Quebec Seminary at St. Joachim, Que. They will be rebuilt at once.—The Peckham saw mill at Vandecar, Ont., totally destroyed.—Hunt's saw mill at River View, Ont; no insurance.—Dry kiln of the Royal City Mills Co., at Vancouver B.C.; loss \$100,00.—Saw mill and sash and door factory of John McLaurin at Vankleek Hill, Ont.—Hotel Strathcona at Shannigan Lake, B. C., loss \$20,000.—Brick school at Hampstead, Ont.; loss \$2,100.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

ALMONTE, ONT.—Town debentures: J. M. Munro, successful tenderer.

KINGSTON, ONT.—Simmons Bros. have secured the contract for heating apparatus for judges' chambers in court house.

DIGBY, N.S.—Methodist parsonage.—Augustus Turnbull, contractor.—\$1,600 of debentures: J. C. McIntosh, purchaser, at 101½.

YARMOUTH, N. S.—The tender for the steam pumping plant for the town has been awarded to Geo. W. Johnston, of this place, for the sum of \$6,967.

OTTAWA, ONT.—Machine shop for E. B. Eddy Co.; Holbrook & Sutherland, contractors. Building will be 180 x 50 ft., two storeys, brick, with tar and gravel roof.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Residence on Huicheson street, Montreal annex, for Mr. Foteaux; A. Dubreuil, architect; A. Foteaux, contractor; brick and stone, cost \$4,000.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Tenders were opened last week for laying of sewer pipes. The successful tenderers and the prices are as follows.—Reche & McKnight—Clyde street, 68 cents a foot; Herkimer street, 78 cents; Rebecca street, 65 cents; Hughson, Stuart to Barton, 59 cents; Locke street, 53 cents; Caroline street, 88 cents; Birge, 70 cents; Hughson, King to Jackson, 58 cents; Hughson, Gore to Rebecca, 65 cents; Jackson street, 60 cents; Ferrie street, 58 cents. J. J. Armstrong—Herkimer street, \$1.10 a foot; Rebecca, 42 cents; Hughson, Stuart to Barton, 37 cents; Locke street, 38 cents; Murray street, 35 cents; Caroline street, \$1.50; Birge street, 85 cents; Hughson, King to Jackson, 43 cents; Hughson, Gore to Rebecca, 40 cents; Jackson street, 70 cents; Ferrie street, 34 cents; Main street, 39 cents. D. Newlands—Clyde street, 95 cents a foot; Herkimer street, 98 cents; Rebecca street 45 cents; Hughson, Stuart to Barton, 34 cents; Locke street, 46 cents; Murray street,

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PAINTING STEAM PIPES AND RADIATORS.

J. S. Lyn, Ontario, writes to the Painters' Magazine that he was employed by a certain party of his town to paint some steam coils a light buff. He painted them while cold with a mixture of white lead, chrome yellow, oil and turpentine. The steam was turned on at once after the application of the paint, and he has been informed by his patron that the paint was no good, because it peeled off. He asks if his treatment was right.

ANSWER.—Your treatment of the pipes was not the proper one to follow. In the first place, your pigments were not of the right selection, because white lead and chrome yellow will invariably turn brown on heated steam pipes, and in the second place, an oily paint will blister under these conditions and at the same time darken the color still more. It requires zinc white as a base for such paint, with a coloring matter, that is not easily effected by great heat. For a light buff, we should use raw Italian sienna for coloring matter, and if this should make too dark a buff, add some zinc yellow (permanent yellow). The zinc white should be of best quality, preferably ground in dammar varnish, or if ground in linseed oil, it should be washed with turpentine to extract the surplus oil. The colors should be ground fine in oil or japan, it does not matter which, because it requires but little for a light buff tint. The white and colors should then be thinned to a creamy consistency and to this mixture a good pale baking varnish added in sufficient quantity to make a glossy paint. If such paint is applied when the pipes are fairly cool and the steam turned on when the paint is about to set, no apprehension need be felt as to the result, because the paint will bake onto the pipes, neither blistering, peeling, cracking nor chipping. But even here the steam should not be turned on in full force until the paint is dry or hard to the touch. For other tints than light buff, we would suggest such colors as ultramarine blue, drop black, burnt sienna, red oxide or tuscan red, indian red, yellow ochre, chrome red, madder lake, as they may come into use, but beware of chrome yellow, chrome green, prussian blue, etc.

THE NAIL ITEM IN MAKING ESTIMATES.

In estimating the cost of work it is necessary that the approximate amount of nails required to complete the work should be known. Since the introduction of the wire nail the number of nails required to do a given piece of work is not the same as when the barbarous "cut-nail" was in vogue, therefore the rules given for the latter will not apply to the former, says the Carpenter and Builder. The table given herewith is nearly correct, and is based on experience. For 1,000 laths it takes 5½ pounds wire lath nails; 1,000 shingles, 5 inches to weather, 5 pounds shingle nails; 1,000 feet 6-inch sidings, 18 pounds 2½-inch wire nails. 1,000 feet common boarding, 20 pounds

2¼-inch wire nails; 1,000 feet rough boarding, 22 pounds 3-inch wire nails; 1,000 feet square-edge 1-inch flooring, 36 pounds 3-inch wire nails; 1,000 feet square-edge 2-inch flooring, 40 pounds 4-inch wire-nails; 1,000 feet matched flooring, blind-nailed, 31 pounds 3-inch wire-nails; 1,000 feet furring, 1" x 3", 42 pounds 3-inch wire nails; 1,000 feet furring 1" x 2", 60 pounds 3-inch wire-nails; 1,000 feet pine finish, 26 pounds 2½-inch wire-nails; 1,000 feet hardwood finish, 20 pounds 2¼-inch wire-nails; 1,000 feet studding in walls, 10 pounds 3-inch wire-nails; 1,000 feet rafters, clear-beams, 8 pounds 3-inch wire-nails; 1,000 feet common fencing, 12 pounds 3-inch wire-nails; 1,000 feet pantry fittings, shelves, hooks, strips, and similar work, about 5 pounds 2-inch wire-nails. These figures are very nearly correct, sufficiently to so answer the purpose of the estimator. Of course, if the sizes of the nails are changed—larger or smaller—the figure must be changed to suit.

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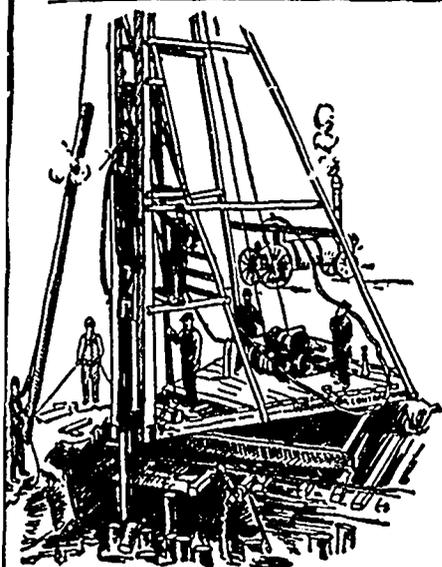
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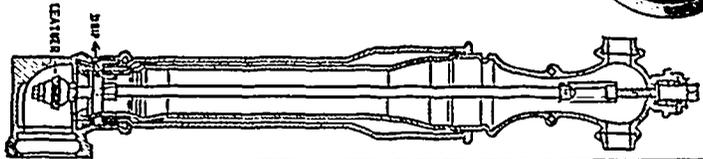
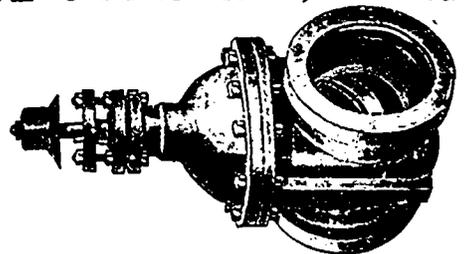
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2. The provisions of this Act shall be applicable to the construction or reconstruction of any drainage work mentioned in the preceding section thereof.

3. The council of the municipality initiating the construction or reconstruction of any drainage work as above described shall be the applicant for aid to the Lieutenant-Governor of the province of Ontario in any case where assistance is sought.

4. The application shall be by way of petition and shall set forth engineer's report on the proposed work after adoption by the council initiating the work, the assessments upon the lands interested therein or affected thereby, and the cash value of the lands so assessed in parcels as described by the engineer in making his assessment, and such petition shall be verified by the the statutory declaration of the engineer employed by such municipality to make the report, and a field plan of the proposed work shall be furnished with the petition.

5. Should the said report and field plan show that the proposed work was being undertaken for any of the following purposes : (a) To improve that portion of the trunk channel for the outlet for the drainage work ; (b) to furnish capacity over intervening high lands to a natural or other outlet ; (c) to render more effective the operating of a drainage work by embanking, pumping or other mechanical means; then in every such case the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may cause an examination of the drainage work referred to in petition and field plan to be made by engineer of Public Works Department, whose duty it shall be to report fully upon the contemplated work and all matters connected therewith, and upon his report the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may assume and pay such proportion of the cost of the undertaking as may seem just and reasonable in the public interest and as may be approved by the Legislative Assembly.

6. This Act may be known as Provincial Drainage Aid Act.

LEGAL DECISIONS AFFECTING MUNICIPALITIES.

His Honor Judge Hardy has handed out judgment in the case of Cornell vs. Township of Brantford, dismissing the action against the township. The case is of considerable importance to the municipal authorities. It was contended on behalf of the plaintiff that all roads in the township should be kept free from snow during the winter. In the present case the road leading from Brantford to Lynden was drifted full of snow two to eight feet deep for about fifty rods, early in the winter of 1898. Instead of trying to dig this drift out, the council opened up a driveway to the east side of the road. Just after the new year, the plaintiff, in turning off the sideroad to the centre, broke his horse's leg. The action was for \$200, the value of the horse. The Judge holds that the council used proper judgment in opening up a road around the drift instead of

attempting to dig it out. This decision will apply to all country roads.

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Mr. Angus Smith, of Ridgetown, Ont., has been appointed city engineer of the city of Stratford, Ont., at a salary of \$800.

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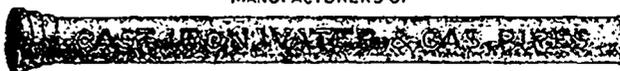
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