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City Hall, Calgary, September 2, 1907.

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Notice to Contractors

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Sealed tenders, addressed to James Davidson, Chairman of the Board of Works Committee, will be received by registered post only at the office of the City Engineer up to 5 P.M., WEDNESDAY, OCEOBER 16711, 1907, endorsed, "Tender for an Asphalt and Bituminous Paving Plant," for the supply and erection of same on a site to be provided by the Corporation.

Specifications, forms of tender and full particulars may be obtained at the City Engineer's office, City Hall.

The Corporation does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

MEWTON J. KER, City Engineer. Ottawa, September 16, 1907.

CONTRACTS OPEN.

SYDNEY, C. B.—D. J. Macleod has st taken tenders for a school building on George and Milton streets.

TILLSONBURG, ONT.—It is reported that the Brantford Linen Mfg. Co. are transferring their plant to this

WOODSTOCK, ONT .- A building will shortly be erected in this city by the Canadian Pin Co. for the manufacture of

MARMORA, ONT .- The ratepayers have approved a by law for granting a bonus to J. Hayner & Co.'s stave factory.

DUNDAS, ONT.—The Town Council have decided to take tenders for the construction of the McMurry street

OSHAWA, ONT .- It is reported that this town will shortly possess a factory for the manufacture of steel kegs and wire fencing.

BRANTFORD, ONT.—The Canadian Machine Telephone Co. are contemplnting the erection of a factory in this locality.

ARCOLA, SASK .- The ratepayers will vote on September 23rd on a by-law for granting a ten year taxation to the Arcola Milling Co.

DIDSBURY, ALTA.-On September 28th the ratepayers will vote on a by-law to provide \$3,000 by debentures for the erection of a town hall.

OLDS, ALTA.-A by-law to raise \$12,000 for fire protection and public works has been carried. The same by-law was recently defeated.

LONDON, ONT.—Plans have been prepared for a six-storey building to be erected on the Crystal Hall site and tenders will shortly be taken.

BRACEBRIDGE, ONT .- The Council are considering the propositions of a company who want to engage in the manufacture of steel chairs.

MOOSE JAW, SASK .- At a recent meeting of the City Council a by-law for raising \$90,000 for electric light extensions was put through the first reading.

NEWCASTLE, N. B .- The Board of Trade are considering the propositions of J. B. Beverage, of Chatham, for the building of a pulp and paper mill in this

PRINCE ALBERT, SASK.—Votes of the ratepayers will be taken on October 1st on a by-law to raise \$29,000 by debentures for local sewerage improve-

AYLMER, ONT.—The ratepayers have petitioned Council to issue a by-law to raise \$10,000 for additional water supply and to furnish a site for the Canadian Condensed Milk Co.

SOUTH BATTLEFORD, SASK .--The ratepayers have sanctioned a by-law providing \$10,000 for a bonus to a new flour mill and elevator. Construction Construction work will shortly be put in hand.

ISLINGTON, ONT.—At a recent meeting of the Etobicoke Township Council a by-law was passed authorizing the issue debentures amounting to \$18,-000 for purposes including the erection of a school house.

ST. THOMAS, ONT. — J. Lewis
Thomas, C. E., has completed plans for
the new Masonic Hall, to be erected at a
cost of about \$10,000, and tenders for its construction will probably be taken at an early date.

LOUISBURG, C.B.—The Town Council are considering the propositions of the Eastern Fish Co., who want a bonus of \$30,000 in furtherance of schemes for erecting wharves, packing houses and warehouses.

NORTH SYDNEY, C. B.—At a recent meeting of the parishioners of St. Joseph's church a committee was appointed to consider the building of a new stone and brick church to replace the building recently destroyed by fire.

HAMILTON, ONT.—At a recent meeting of the Finance Committee and Perks Board the by-law governing the Hamilton, Waterloo & Guelph Railway was considered and, meeting with no

opposition, was referred to the City Council.

DUNDAS, N.B.—C. H. LaBillois, Chief Commissioner, Department of Public Works, Fredericton, invites tenders up to October 7th for the construction of one metal superstructure span of 173 feet on Cacagne Mouth Bridge. Plans at the Department.

SHERBROOKE, QUE.—The well-known mining engineer, Crittenden Underwood, has been making investigations in this locality on behalf of a big American syndicate with a view to the erection of a big smelting plant early next season.

MEDICINE HAT, ALTA. — Fred Gelinas, Secretary Department of Public Works, Ottawa, is taking tenders this week for the construction of a squadron armoury for this town. Plans with Commanding Officer, R.N-W.M. Police, and at the Department at Ottawa.

MONCTON, N.B.—The proprietors of the Crystal Theatre Picture Show, headed by F. W. Winter, have decided to erect a new opera house at the rear of their building on Albion block. The new playhouse will be of steel construction and have a seating capacity of 2,000.

EDMONTON, ALTA. — Inquiries from several manufacturers have recently been received including one from a prominent Eastern cigar manufacturing firm, and one from K. N. Robbins, of Rochester, who will likely farm on a large scale and use steam machinery for cultivating purposes.

QUEBEC, QUE.—The Waterworks Committee are considering the installation of water and drainage to the Cap Blanc school at a cost of \$3,500. They have decided to extend the water and drainage to the Police Station at Dalhousie street and to purchase a rock drill for excavation purposes.

WINDSOR, N. B.—Tenders wil be received up to September 21st by the Directors of the Windsor Foundry & Machine Co. Ltd., for the property and general effects of the concern, including warehouse, office and factory buildings and a considerable quantity of machinery and tools.

FREDERICTON, N.B. — Tenders are invited by C. H. La Billois, Chief Commissioner, Department of Public Works, for constructing one metal super-structure span of 173 feet in the clear on Cacagne Mouth Bridge, Dundas, Kent County. Specifications at office of the Department.

BOBCAYGEON, ONT.—L. K. Jones, Secretary Department of Railways & Canals, Ottawa, wants tenders up to September 20th for building a concrete dam at this place. Specifications at office of Superintending Engineer, Trent Canal, Peterboro, and at the Department, Ottawa.

SAND POINT, ONT.—Tenders are invited by Fred Geliuas, Secretary, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, up to September 27th, for the construction of a public wharf here. Specifications on application to the local Postmaster, to the Postmaster at Arnprior, and at the Department, Ottawa.

PORT ARTHUR, ONT.—It is reported that negotiations have been effected by the Council for the sale of 3 acres of ground east of the C.P.R. track and south of Current river, to the Kennedy Carbon Light Co., who will locate a factory there for the manufacture of gasoline lamps, heaters, etc.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.—A company headed by H. B. Gillies, of Tacoma, are making negoti titions with the authorities for the erection of an hotel building over the market square. If the city grant this concession the com-

pany will tile the entire floor of the square, and erect new sanitary stables for visiting farmers.

LATCHFORD, ONT.—Tenders will be received by Fred Gelinas, Secretary, Department Public Works, Ottawa, for building a dam across the Montreal river. Plans at office of J. G. Sing, Resident Engineer, Confederation Life Bu Iding, Toronto, at the Department of Public Works, Ottawa, and with the Local Postmaster.

BRANDON, MAN.—With reference to the proposed establishment of a Ruthenian school in this city, it is probable that a new building will have to be erected, as the cost of remodelling the Hughes block has been estimated at \$10,000.—The Salvation Army will likely commence the erection of new head-quarters at an early date.

FORT WILLIAM, ONT.—The C. P. R. have great improvement schemes in hand including a million ton coal dock, freight sheds with a frontage of 6,000 feet and a hage cleaning elevator.—The construction of the Imperial Steel & Wire Nail Co.'s huge factory has just commenced. The dimensions of the main building and of the warehouse will be 500 x 70, and 60 x 200, respectively. Machinery will be installed in the spring.

PETERBORO, ONT.—The Victoria Telephone Company has just been formed and a committee has been appointed to secure estimates for the construction of a line from Burut River to Fenelon Falls.—The following building permits have been issued: Sidney Crowe, Aylmer street, \$1,600; W. R. Adamson, Stewart street, \$3,000; W. Cole, Dublin street, \$1,050.—Tenders are invited by Thomas G. Gillespie up to September 20th for the building of a Baptist church on Park street. Plans at office of Y.M.C.A. Secretaxy.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Recent building permits include:—Rev.A.W. Woods, residence, corner of Home & Buell, \$5,000; C. Jenik, frame apartment block, Grove street, \$4,000.—Plans for the proposed new oridge over the Winnipeg river at Pointe du Bois and also for the Redwood bridge have been approved by Government.—N. Rosenblat has taken out a permit for a \$24,000 brick addition to the Windsor Hotel.—Tenders are invited by E. D. Tuttee, architect, 204 Bannatyne avenue, until September 23rd for alterations and improvements to the Louise bridge Methodist church, Elmwood.

WELLAND, ONT. — Propositions have been made by a manufacturer of brass plumbers' goods, gas and electric fix'ures, the terms of which include the erection of a \$7,000 building and the installation of \$15,000 worth of machinery. An American manufacturing company are also contemplating the location of a plant here and the investment of \$50,000 to \$60,000 in factory building, and it is reported that the Niagara Falls Canning Co. will likely establish a branch in this town.

HULL CITY, QUE.—The Council have decided to issue debentures amounting to \$36,000 to cover the cost of the following improvements: Installation of new services, \$8,750; purchase of engine for thawing out frozen hydrants, \$500; lowering main pipes, \$5,000; new valves \$850; hydrants, \$4,100; renewing pipes of various sizes, \$16,500; extensions of waterworks, \$2,000; stopcocks, \$400; repairs to E. B. Eddy services, \$600; new services, \$570; unforseen expenses, \$470, total, \$50,800.

ST. CATHARINES, ONT.—A bylaw has been passed granting Whitman & Barnes a fixed assessment of \$45,000 in return for an expenditure of \$35,000 in alterations and improvements to the firm's plant and machinery.—At a recent meeting of the City Council the Mayor called attention to the economy of the concrete macadam pavement in use at Windsor and urged his colleagues to consider the question of finding a cheap paving material.

VICTORIA, B.C.—The Upton's farm, a property which has been described as "the finest site on the Pacific Coast" is to be cut up and sold by Oldfield, Kirby & Gardiner, of Winnipeg, who purchased it a short time ago from the Hudson's Bay Co. for \$460,000. A large number of applications for building lots have been received from all parts of the Dominion.—Recent building permits include J. C. Shore, two storey frame dwelling, Grant street, \$2,400; Cady & Doan, frame dwelling, Duchess street, \$2,500.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Saxe & Archibald, architects, are preparing plans for the remodelling of Emmanuel courch on St. Catherine's street which is to be converted into a music hall.—A request is being made to the Government by the Montreal Bar Association for extensions and improvements to the Court House.—The Water Committee have rejected all tenders in connection with the proposed enlargement of the acqueduct. The lowest figure \$664,715, was sent in by Patrick McGovern, of Boston. The City will likely do the work by day labor.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The Murphy-Gamble Co. have purchased the Brunswick hotel property and will erect a new seven-storey building.—A new factory is shortly to be erected by the Library Bureau of Canada whose premises were recently destroyed by fire, on a site formerly occupied by the Canadian General Electric Co.,—L. Z. Gauthier, of Montreal is the architect chosen to design the plans for the New Sacred Heart Church.—Tenders are invited by L. K. Jones, Secretary, Department of Railways and Canals, for the building of a concrete dam at Bobcaygeon, Ont. Plans at office of Superintending Engineer Trent Canal, Peter, and at the Department.—New boiler works will shortly be erected by W. J. Campbell at a cost of \$20,000.—The parishioners of St. Bridgets, church have decided to decorate their church on an extensive scale and are organizing a fair for the raising of the funds.

TORONTO, ONT .- Symons & Rae, architects, have applied for a permit to erect a \$10,000 biscuit factory tario street.-Plans have been submitted to the Board of Education by Supt. Bishop for the erection of the Kent and Howard public shools on Dufferin street and Howard avenue.—Recent building permits include:—Geo. Molley, 2½-sty. brick dwelling, Sheridan Ave., \$2 Alex. Craig, 2-sty. brick dwelling, Emerson Ave., \$2,500; A. Moody, 2-sty. brick dwelling, Dunn Ave., \$2,800; Wm Spadbrown, 2 sty. brick dwelling, Bedford road, \$2,000; Mary Cutts, 2-sty. brick dwelling, Galley Ave., \$2,800; Toronto Laundry Machine Co., addition to fac-tory, corner of Dundas St. & Sorauren Ave., \$3,500; D. Robertson, I pr. semidet. 2-sty. & attic brick dwellings, Guelph Ave., \$5,600; F. J. Cummings, 2-sty. brick dwelling, Broadview Ave., \$2,500; H. M. King, 4 att. 2-sty. brick dwellings, Rolyat Ave., \$8,000; F. H. Moses, 1 pr. semi-det. 2-sty. brick dwellings, Broadview Ave., \$3,000; David Mackie, 2-sty. brick dwelling, Bartlett Ave, \$2,300; Thomas Kelly, I pr. semi-det. 2-sty. roughcast dwellings, brick fronts, Lewis \$2,000; Alice Hughes, 2-sty. roughcast dwelling, brick front, Hamburg Ave. \$1,500 ; T. J. Mulvihill, 2-sty. dwelling, Bloor St., \$1,800; T. Cocker, 2-sty. roughcast dwelling, brick front, 2-sty. roughcast dwelling, brick front, Russett Ave., \$1,500; Laidlaw Watson Shoe Company, brick factory. Atlantic Ave., \$12,000; W. L. Bullen, 6 attached

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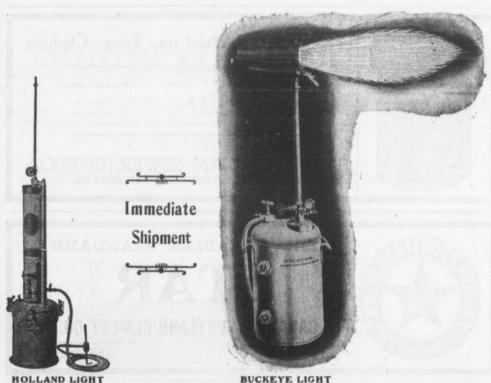
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dwellings, Bloor St., \$12,000.—The 1º lepayers voted in favor of the by-law to raise \$781,171 for improvement and extensions to the waterworks system by a majority of 804. The cutlay will include: Fiffeen million gallon engine at main pumping station, \$250,000; new meters, \$100,000; 20-inch mains northwest section of city, \$93,820; 20-inch and 16-inch mains for the western district, \$90,182; ix million gallon engine at high level station, \$50,000.

VANCOUVER, B.C.—According to City Engineer Clement's estimate a temporary bridge which it is proposed to erect across False creek will cost \$7,000. \$7,000.—Yuen Chong has purchased property on Hastings and Abbot streets upon which he will erect a new three-storey business block to cost \$12,000.—Recent permits include:—H.C.
Thompson, five residences, Ninth avenue, \$12,000; H. J. Purvis, Eight avenue, \$2,000; R. J. Crawford, frame dwelling York street, \$5,500; f. G. Stacy, Eleventh streeth, \$2,000; C. J. Church, frame dwelling, Fifth street, \$3,000; James Eadie, frame dwelling Second street, \$3,500; A. Calori, frame dwelling, Cordova street, \$3,000; George Mura, frame apartment, Alexander street, \$3,500; James Beath, frame dwelling, Eight avenue, \$2,000; A. S. McMeekin, frame dwelling, Seventh street, \$2,500; M. B.

Peck & Co., frame dwelling, Sixth street, \$4,000; Empire Mfg. Co. Limited, frame foundry, Sixth street, \$2,500; John Horner, frame dwelling, Parker street, \$3,000; S. J. Castelman, brick dwelling, First street, \$10,000; M. Healy, frame dwelling, Comooc street, \$5,000; J. Bennet, frame dwelling, Keefer street, 6,000; H. Hoffmeister, frame store, Granville street, \$3,000; J. E. Dadson, frame dwelling, Eighth avenue, \$2,000; C. S. Thompson, frame dwelling, Ninth avenue, 12,000; J. H. McCall, frame dwelling, Eighth avenue, \$8,500; J. G. Ranch, frame dwelling, Oxford street, \$1,800.—C. E. Tweedale, of Richards & Alroyd, is building a fine business block on Bridge streets, between Seventh and Eighth avenues.—The Bridge Committee have recommended a \$1,000,000 by-law to the City Council to cover the cost of the entire bridge propositions. The estimated amounts presented to the Committee were as follows: Granville street, \$5,00,000; Cambie street, \$235,000; Westminster avenue, \$150,000; Cole Harbor, \$55,000. Votes of the ratepayers will probably be taken in January next.—Owing to the increased traffic across the Westminster avenue bridge it is proposed to lay extra tram lines in this locality.—A new industry will soon be in running order at False Creek, the Empire Mfg. Co. having taken out a permit for the building of a foundry.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

MONTREAL, QUE.-J. B. Pauze & Co. have obtained the contract for the new jail at \$790,000.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I. — The contract for the Provincial Infirmary has been awarded to Parkman & Crabbe at \$30,000. Architect, C. B. Chappell.

BRANDON, MAN.—The contract for the new addition to the Brandon Asylum has been awarded to the Brandon Construction Co. at \$12,000.

PETERBORO, ONT. — The St. Joseph's hospital authorities have awarded the contract for extensions to their building to James Bogue.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Wood block paving on Granville street from Fourth to Ninth avenues for B. C. E. R. Co: Ironsides, Rannie & Campbell.

LONDON, ONT.—John Hayman has secured the contract for the additions to the G. T. R. car shops in the east end of the city, approximate cost, \$50,000.

COLBORNE, ONT.—The construction work for the two sanitary plants to be crected here and at East Zorra for the Blandford Cheese and Butter Mfg. Co. has been awarded to West & Bezzley.

CALGARY, ALTA.— J. McDiarmid, of Winnipeg, has secured the contract for the central part of the new C.P.R. station.—W. J. Richards has secured the contract for the erection of the new Mooney



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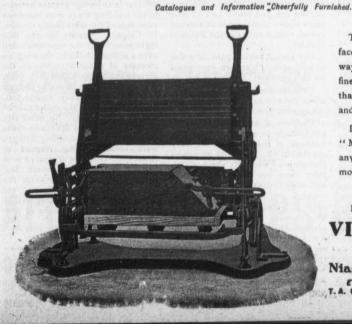
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warehouse, whose tender was about \$15,000.—The work of heating Knox Presbyterian church has been awarded to the "Kelsey System" of the James Smart Mig. Co.

TORONTO, ONT. -- New Boiler, Engine and Condensor House and Chimney Stack 185 feet high on the new works of the Consumers' Gas Co., Eastern avenue; Brickwork, Wickett Bros.; Carpentry, R. G. Kirby; Tar Roofing, Carpentry, R. G. Kirby; Tar Roofing, A. B. Ormsby Co.; Painting, H. W. Johnston; Steel and Iron Werk, Dominion Bridge Co. Approximate cost of work \$75,000. Architect F. H. Herbert, 65 Adelaide street east. -- The following tenders have been awarded by the Board of Education: Howard street addition, carpenter work, William Eaton, \$690; painting, J. Phinnemore, \$22; plastering, Beaver & Co., \$145; galvanized iron and roofing for Howard street and Pape avenue school, A. B. Ormsby, \$216; Pape avenue, plastering, Beaver & Co., \$157; painting, J. Phinnemore, \$20; carpentry, Wm. Eaton, \$630.

FIRES.

St. Joseph's R. C. church, North Sydney, C.B., loss \$22,000.—Woollen factory of M. Methot, Cap St., Ignace, Que., loss \$20,000.—Residence of H. B. Donly, Simcoe, Ont., loss \$5,000.—Farm buildings of J. Erb, Tavistock, loss, including stock, \$3,000.

THEORETICAL FALLACIES IN STRUCTURAL WORK.

The following is an extract from an address delivered by Professor Barr of Glasgow University to the Aberdeen Association of Civil Engineers, and, in view of recent events, should be particularly interesting to all connected with the trade in this country :- "The materials used in a structure may notusually do not-conform to our assumption as to strength and properties of those materials. In many cases the materials, as actually used, are not so strong as we are led to believe by the application of the tests described in certain text-There is no definite value that can be stated as the strength of a particular kind of material without many reservations, and many more reservations that can be conveyed in the ordinary books of To take a particular reference. specimen of steel or iron, and to say that its strength is about 29 tons per square inch may be true; but to state the strength down to the hundredth part of a ton is nonsense. Two pieces cut from the same material may have different strengths. The strength of any material may be affected by exceptional treatment which textbooks may not have taken into account. Those strengths that are quoted in textbooks as the strengths of materials are strengths that were got by the use of testing machines when the specimen was pulled gradually and quietly. But if we apply a load to a piece of material and remove the load, and again apply the load and remove it, and so on, we will find that far less than 22 tons per square inch will break a piece of Yorkshire iron. Ordinary formulas that are used to find the intensity of the stress in pieces of material are usually very far wrong. Engineers should avoid discontinuity of form as far as possible. If they apparently strengthen a piece of material they often weaken it. Engineers should be careful to make things not only strong enough, but not too strong. It is dangerous to trust any formula without thinking out carefully what is implied in the formula, and considering in what way the practical conditions with which we are dealing differ from the practical conditions laid down in the formula."

A VITRIFIED CLAY WATER MAIN.

A vitrified clay water main, 12 inches in diameter and 3 miles long, has been constructed at Hobart, Okla., under the direction of the U. S. Geological Survey. It is made of double-strength pipe and is subjected to a maximum head of 14 pounds. The joints were calked with oakum and run with a mixture of both pure and crude asphalt and petroleum.

TO RE-SHARPEN FILES.

Many inquiries are received as to a method or re-sharpening files, and many mechanics are at a loss as to the best methods, and the only way to determine is to get the methods of all and sift out until it is satisfactory. I will give a method that has proved very satisfactory and hope others will do the same. The process I will explain is known as the acid process; first wash the files, thoroughly cleaning with a scratch brush in a strong solution of sal soda (washing soda) in hot water, to clear them of grease, dirt or metal that may stick between the teeth. Then wash in clean hot water to remove the soda, dip in a bath of one part nitric acid to four parts water, contained in an earthen essel, says a writer in the National Builder.

The glazed baking pans, of a size to hold several files, are very good for this purpose.

Turn the files over constantly to allow the acid to act on all sides and the gas bubbles to escape.

The time of immersion must depend much on experience and the fineness of the cut. If the very coarse-cut files are found on examination not sufficiently sharp, redipping from two to three minutes will often improve their sharpness.

With a little experience, files of different grades may be sharpened at the same operation by giving attention to the time of immersion for each grade. Acid baths of less strength, with longer immersion of the files, may be used after a little experience. Thorough washing in hot water and drying is the final operation, but if the files are to be laid aside for tuture use they should

be greased with vaseline while warm from the wash bath, after drying. Some prefer to dry the files when required for immediate use by a dip in a strong hot soda or lime water bath.

CEMENT SHINGLES CHEAPER THAN WOOD.

The use of cement for replacing articles made of wood is increasing every day. Cement has already replaced wood, to a great extent, in building sidewalks, bridges, fenceposts, steps, building walls, foundations and many other purposes and is commanding considerable attention at present in the form of shingles, says the Popular Mechanic's Exchange. In the earlier instances of concrete roofing the material was used in the same manner as in laying a floor, but the great strength required in a floor is not necessary in a roof. The cement shingles are only a little heavier than slate and not much more expensive than the best wood shingles, and, as they are practically indestructible, they are cheaper in the end than any other material, including tile and slate. These shingles are made in a great variety of designs, and are re-inforced with metal skeletons, which hold the cement together, and terminate in loops at the edges for nailing to the roof. They are practically everlasting, as moisture, the cause of universal decay, is the chemical agent in the process of hardening cement and when properly mixed and tempered the cement shingles become harder and more durable the more they are exposed to the weather.

BUILDING BOOMS.

It is reported that New Westminster is enjoying greater activity in the building trade than has been experienced for more than a decade. Calgary, permits for the first eight months of the year total well over a million dollars, showing an increase of about \$350,000 on the corresponding period of last year, while Edmonton's figure to the end of August is actually \$2,030,700, against a total for the entire year of 1906 of \$1,868,069. No other city of similar size can approach these figures. Permits totalling \$59,775 were issued during August Brantford, Ont., as compared with \$52,025 in the same month last year, an increase of \$7,750 for the four weeks. These figures are highly encouraging marking as they undoubtedly do the paths of progress and prosperity.

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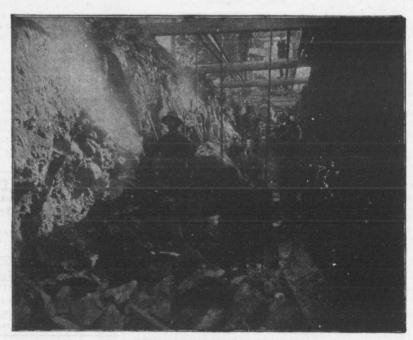
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COUNTRY HOMES FOR WORK-INGMEN.

The Garden Cities Association of America, the organization of which was announced last November, has recently decided to support three movements to build garden cities for working people in as many States, and is about to take up two others. W. D. P. Bliss, secretary of the association, refused to give the names of the places near which these improvements were to be made, but said that one of the cities will be on Long Island, one in Virginia and one in Pennsylvania. The two being considered are to be in Connecticut and New Jersey.

On Long Island 800 acres are to be developed into a model industrial village, consisting of factories and the homes of the workers. The Virginia proposition is for the development of 5,000 acres, and will be an agricultural community. In Pennsylvania, near Easton, 500 acres are to be developed for manufacturing and residential purposes.

The two plans under consideration provide for the development of 247 acres in Connecticut near an industrial city, and of 1,000 acres in New Jersey within thirty-one minutes of New York. The latter will be the most important of all.

"This is not a charity, even if it is altruistic," said Mr. Bliss. "A

workingman who is earning his living is not a subject for charity. The Garden Cities Association will enable him to move into the country and to own his own home if he chooses."

The officers of the association are John Lewis Childs, president; Ralph Peters and Levi C. Weir, vice-presidents; R. W. Jones, Jr., treasurer, and W. D. P. Bliss, secretary. Among the directors are Felix Adler, C. Loring Brace, Dr. Josiah Strong, Joseph Silverman, Bishop Henry C. Potter and Edward M. Shepard.

GLASS AND IRON.

When the first World's Fair in London was held in a building of glass and iron, the use of the frailest and strongest of building material was regarded as among the world's transient curiosities. Now, according to The Mining and Scientific Press, this utilitarian age is turning again to these two materials as the best adapted for roofing high buildings. The San Francisco fire taught emphatically that the most vulnerable part of a building in the case of a big conflagration is the roof. Several forms of fireproof roofing have since been energetically pushed forward, and at least two styles are guaranteed to resist flames under all conditions. These two forms are metal shingles and clay tiles. The third and probably the greatest achievement in tile-roofing from a utilitarian as well as an esthetic point of view, is the use of glass tiles. They are of the same pattern as clay tiles, and in factory work, upon an opensteel construction, may be inserted just as a clay tile would be in any number or in any position required.

This does away with the cost of sheet-metal work, and the absence of this, or even of wire work is important in many other respects. Galvanized iron and tin yields quickly when it comes in contact with the gases that arise almost invariably from reduction works and various factories. The life of this customary support to the skylight is three years. The glass tile, moreover, washes clean, while glass surrounded by sheet metal work never does. The light obtained from the use of tile skylights is far superior to that

obtained in the old way, the corrugated surfaces of the tile acting prismatically, and perfect dissemination of light follows. With the crowding of cities the light problem becomes more and more difficult of solution, and that must strengthen the tendency to resort to the one-time curious combination of glass and iron.

A giant smoke-stack, which when completed, will be over 500 feet high and will have an inside diameter at the top of fifty feet, is being built at Great Falls, Mont. Ten thousand tons of concrete are being used in the foundation. It is claimed that the stack will be the largest in the world.

The City of Ottawa has just obtained a loan of \$730,000 from Parr's Bank, London, England for a period of six months with option of renewal. In view of the big schemes that the Capital City is entertaining it is of importance to note that no heavy expenditure involving a large issue of debentures can be undertaken during the currency of the loan.

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PULLING DOWN A TALL CHIMNEY.

The great chimney which was connected with the Machinery Hall of the Bavarian Jubilee Exposition in 1906, 160 feet high, was recently condemned by the Municipal Gov-ernment of Nurnberg and orders were given for its removal. For some time the contractors were undecided as to whether it would be better to blow up the iron shaft or pull it down. The latter plan was decided upon and was carried out, according to a Leipzig paper, in the following way: "On the side toward which it was agreed that the chimney should fall, a ditch of considerable depth was dug under the foundation, and then braces of wood were sub-stituted for the earth. Light wood was packed in the ditch and whole saturated with petroleum. The two main supports were removed, the oil-soaked wood was set on fire, and in fifteen minutes the chimney broken in three huge pieces by the fall, rested where the engineers had made a bed for it "

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The Uses of Copper

The average man, if asked to name, offhand, the uses of copper, would be likely to reply that the metal was used mainly for coining pennies and making wire, yet these uses employ barely more than a quarter of the copper that is produced. On second thought he might smile at naming copper coinage as an important consumer of the metal, yet his first thought would be nearer right than his second, for the Chinese Empire has used fifty thousand tons of copper for making new coins, within the past two years, thereby increasing the circulating medium of the country to the extent of four ounces to each inhabitant-for while fifty thousand tons of copper is a large quantity of metal, sufficient to load a thousand freight cars of the heaviest type used on American railroads, it is but a quarter of an avoirdupois pound per capita, when divided among four hundred million people.

Only the expert, of those engaged most actively in the copper industry, have the slightest idea of the diversified uses to which it is put, as shown by a chapter on the uses of the metal in the new edition of the Copper Handbook, published by Horace J. Stevens, of Houghton, Michigan. According to this book copper enters into almost every form of human activity, and the multiplicity of its uses is most surprising. Electric light, power and traction are immense consumers of the metal in the form of wire, and telephones and telegraphs find it indispensable, yet electricity requires only a trifle more than a quarter of the metal made. The engineering trades consume more than half of all the copper produced, mainly in the form of brass, but there are about a score of friction metals and alloys, each having its specific use, into which copper enters as a component part.

The building trades are enormous consumers of copper, and this sort of consumption is increasing rapidly. Copper roofs, cornices and fronts adorn the exteriors of business buildings in thousands of towns, while for interior work the great majority of modern buildings use copper, brass or bronze locks, knobs and butts. Brass pipes, nickeled, are in modern bathrooms and lavatories, and brass and bronze chandeliers, gas and electric fixtures are almost invariable. A dozen or more other very common domestic uses of copper are mentioned.

In the manufacturing world the uses of copper and brass are innumerable. One concern in the Naugatuck valley of Connecticut buys copper in ten-ton lots, monthly, solely for the making of watch-dials, all of the better-grade dials being of copper, enameled. The common pin requires hundreds of tons of copper yearly, insignificant as a single pin may seem. Bals for shoes and tips for shoe laces require metal by the scores of tons, and the thin metallic tips on rubbertipped lead pencils are responsible for a surprising depletion in the stock of the metal.

In addition to the consumption of the metal itself, tens of thousands of tons of copper sulphate are required for arts and manufactures, and for horticulture purposes, in spraying fruit, trees, bushes and vines. It is very evident, from a perusal of the book in question, that copper plays a vital, and a far more important part than commonly supposed, in Twentieth Century civilization.

Another use of copper is for making mirrors.

The importance from the point of view of the health of the workpeople of obtaining a substitute for the tin amalgam used in the manufacture of mirrors has led many chemists to study the conditions under which metals are deposited from aqueous solution. These investigations have, however, usually had for their object the preparation of a liquid which would deposit a uniform and coherent layer of silver over a large glass surface at the ordinary temperature. Liebig was the first to solve this problem satisfactorily, and his method in which milk sugar is the reducing agent was formerly extremely used.

Other metals are not so easily deposited, and copper, which from its close relationship with silver one would expect to behave similarly, has never been observed to be so laid upon glass. Although copper mirrors have never been obtained by deposition of the metal from an aqueous solution, Faraday about the time when silver mirrors were attracting much attention made the interesting observation that a mirror-like deposit could be obtained by dissolving a little oxide of copper in olive oil and heating plates of glass in a bath of this liquid up to the temperature at which the oil decomposes. The mirrors, however, obtained by Faraday's method, if of any size, are liable to be stained or discoloured in patches by decomposition products of the oil, and they are, moreover, generally lacking in brilliancy. Further, as the deposition of the metal only takes place when the oil decomposes, the process is excessively disagreeable to carry out; and since the oil is spoiled it is also somewhat costly.

In the course of an investigation on the oxidation of aromatic hydrazines, the author made the observation that when solutions of cupric oxide are reduced by these compounds the metal is deposited upon the glass in the form of a brilliant coherent film if clear vessels are used.

The mirrors obtained by this method are very beautiful, as they show the lustrous red colour of burnished copper, and are as perfect in reflecting surface and as uniform as the similar mirrors obtained by the deposition of silver.

It seems probable that this method of depositing copper upon glass could receive important application in the production of objects of art.

The Royal Colleries Limited, the largest company ever chartered by the Provincial Government of Alberta, has been incorporated with a capital of \$3,000,000 with the head office at Coleman.

The architectural competition for the proposed Administrative Building at Regina to be erected at a cost of about \$1,250,000 is confined to the following firms: Darling & Pearson, Winnipeg and Toronto; Cass. Gilbert, New York, U. S. A.; Marchand & Haskell, Montreal; E. & W. S. Maxwell, Montreal; Mitchell & Raine, London, Eng.; F. Rattenbury, Victoria, B. C.; Storie & Von Egmond, Regina.

PAINT AS A PRESERVATIVE.

Though one of the most common things to be seen in this country, the real preservative properties of paint are but little understood, even by many who are engaged in employing it. To most people paint is paint, whereas there is a wide difference in varieties and numerous serious mistakes are made in employing the wrong kind. L. E. Andos, who has completed a series of exhaustive tests on all subjects connected with paints and the uses to which they are adapted, has recently published a statement which brings into prominence several facts that have largely, at least, escaped the notice and attention of paint users, tells the American Contractor.

The investigation shows that a simple coat of linseed oil, either raw or boiled, or some varieties of spirit varnish, is practically useless when used on metal which is exposed to the action of the weather. When, on the other hand, an oil paint is made up with a trustworthy pigment, it matters but little what pigment is employed, one thing is all important: the vehicle or liquid matter used must be essentially linseed oil.

On the contrary, if the metal is to be always under water, especially fresh water, oil paints are valueless—except red lead in boiled oil—and the proper protection is one of those spout varnishes which fail in the air.

The utmost attention must be given to the material upon which the paint is to be employed. Thus an oil paint that indicates permanency when used on glass under water, usually fails utterly when applied to submerged iron. Fresh water is much more injurious to oil paint than salt water, such as that of the sea. This difference is very pronounced, a single coat of white lead in oil withstanding a three per cent. solution of ammonia salt water better than several coats of the same paint will endure in fresh water. The best method of protecting iron, which has to be kept under water constantly, is still being investigated; at present it seems that a priming of red lead in boiled oil, followed by some varnish paint is the most satisfactory. For exposure to definitely corrosive influences, a spirit varnish composed of some rosin and some celluloid gives the most lasting coat, but the behavior of this material in air has not yet been studied.

WIND STRAINS.

There has been at various times a great deal of discussion among engineers as to the role which is played by the forces of the wind acting against a framed struc-The problem is quite indeterminate, as far as regards actual experiments. There were some valuable data collected at the time of the very short-lived tornada in St. Louis a few years ago which wrecked a surprisingly small number of buildings, and which established velocities from which were deduced certain pressures per pound supposed to be exerted by the wind. And yet in this very tornado it was observed that the effect of the wind was not to blow the glass in, but to break it by forcing outward. If this is the case, why is it fair to assume a great wind pressure against the outside of a building? Again, in lesser degree, a great deal has been written about the wind pressure on the Flatiron Building in New York, and that structure was, in fact, designed for a wind stress

of something like thirty pounds per square foot, if we are correctly informed, and yet it is doubtful if there is a single plate-glass window in the building that would for a moment stand a load of thirty pounds over every foot of its area. It is to be hoped that experiments may be made ere long on a large scale which may either definitely settle the actual amount of stress resulting from certain wind velocities, or will, as we think, more likely set at rest forever the apprehension that the wind would possibly blow at the same time over any great area of a building with a uniform pressure; or, in other words, prove that the necessity for providing against wind strains in a modern building is so extremely slight that it can be disregarded in first-class constructions.

SOUND-PROOF PLATES.

These bricks or plates are made from a mixture of gypsum, with sawdust, coke dust or ashes. lowing, according to the Boutechnische Zeitschrift, is another effective but more expensive method. acid or acid salt from the second salt is mixed with the gypsum mass by stirring; the action of the acid forces out the carbonic or hydrochloric acid from this second salt, and these gases escaping produce pores in the plates. With careful work, the pores in the mass may be distributed so evenly and in such great number that the plates made from it are very light, conduct sound badly, and can be easily nailed. The same result, according to the Allgemeine Chemikerzeitung, may be obtained in a much simpler manner by adding small quantities of carbonates to the gypsum mass. These carbonates and the gypsum suffer mutual decomposition, resulting in the liberation of carbonic The gas escapes slowly and steadily, while the gypsum sets and hardens, acquiring an entirely porus texture without losing any of its durability. Thus, at the expense of very little material, the plates, while retaining their strength, become lighter. The bicarbonates of the alkalies-sodium carbonate or ammonium bicarbonate—are the best salts to use for the purpose. The effect may be increased by adding sawdust, coke dust or ashes. For example, 20 parts by weight of sawdust may be mixed with 40 parts by weight of gypsum and 40 parts by weight of water, in which one part by weight of sodium bicarbonate or ammonium carbonate has been dissolved, added to the mixture. The pulp is poured into moulds, and then be left to harden without further attention.

VALUABLE MINERAL DISCOVERY.

A new mineral discovery of great promise is reported from the north, Miss Louise Roberts, well known in business circles in Vancouver, having recently brought to that city samples of rock for assay that give promise of being of great value.

The claims, seven in all, were restaked by Miss Roberts and Messrs. Leopold Roberts, Sivert Benson and John Claverie. While the discovery was made last May it has been kept very quiet, those concerned desiring to explore the lead and secure all of it possible for themselves.

The ledge, ore from which has already given excellent assays in gold, silver and copper, is located at the mouth of the Skeena and Oxtall rivers, near Port Essington, close to salt water, and the syndicate has

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already been asked to give an option on the property to a strong mining and smelting corporation.

This has been refused as the owners have great faith in the property and wish to acquaint themselves more thoroughly with it before binding themselves to any bargain.

REINFORCED-CONCRETE STRUCTURES.

Three papers presented at the Engineering Conference of the Institution of Civil Engineers, dealt with various phases of this subject. We give below extracts from some of the more important paragraphs.

The form of the section of the bars, provided the area is sufficient, is of little moment, the friction of the steel in the concrete varying but little in all cases. A little rust on the bars is no objection, as it increases the friction.

The round bar offers the most facility for getting the steel thoroughly imbedded in the concrete.

The stirrups, or iron bands for holding the round steel bars in place, must be so formed as not to give until the limit of elasticity has been reached.

It is necessary to crush the aggregates of the concrete small enough to pass through a mesh % in in diameter, in order to permit the concrete to get in all the interstices of the steel framework, and in order to insure this, the concrete should be well rammed in with suitable shaped rammers. The ramming of the concrete does not have much effect on its strength after it has been made for twelve months. Experiments on blocks 12-in. cube prove this.

The ratio of cement to aggregates should be between 5 and 6 to 1 for ordinary beams and floors, and 4 to 1 tor piles and colums to carry heavy weights. In the upper end of piles, for a length of 1 ft., it should be 3 to 1.

For driving into rough gravel or ballast the piles (ferro-concrete—Hennibique) should be at least six weeks old, and should have a tube down the center for for the application of a high pressure water-jet.

The deterioration of the steel in the concrete, provided the latter be properly made, is a negligible quantity.

Ferro-concrete is to be preferred to timber for marine structures, as it is immune to attacks of the sea worm; on the other hand, timber is easier to repair when damaged by collision.

As regards structures on land, ferro-concrete is preferable to timber as it is absolutely fire-proof, and can be made as strong as steel in buildings and stagings, provided weight is not an objection. For large buildings it works out cheaper that stone, and is much lighter—a consideration when the foundations are defective.—Charles Scott Meik.

What evidence is there that the material used for reinforced concrete is not liable to corrosion? As far as the information I have goes, it has been found that, unless the bars are very rusty, the oxide or iron in the bars when placed in the concrete produces ferride to a very slight extent around the bars and practically makes the bars quite clean. I am told of instances where piles have been cut off, and, after lying about in water, have been broken up, and the bars have been found to be quite bright and clean. On the other hand, should the concrete surrounding the steel or iron be faulty, water gets in, and I am certain, from experience of iron-slag concrete in the sea-water, that some

chemical action would take place which would propably render ferro-concrete practically useless. Charles A. Harrison.

Dealing first with settlement of foundations, it may be said that steel concrete is a rigid material, and the foundations of a structure of this substance ought to be designed in such a way that they cannot settle. This can always be done even on soft ground, either by piling or by spreading the weight over a large area, on a strong reinforced concrete base.

Reinforced concrete is undoubtedly a first rate fire-resisting material. It would seem that for fire-resisting purposes it is best that the steel should consist of many bars of small section in preference to a few bars of large section, as the first arrangement forms close net-work, which prevents pieces of concrete from dropping out and so reducing the strength of the building. It is also important the concrete aggregate should be crushed small. The ideal composition for the aggregate would seem to be a strong flint or granite for the hearting, with an outside skin of cinder concrete to act as a good non-conductor. It is essential, too, that in a building, the walls, floors, and posts should be well tied into one another.

With reference to damage by earthquake, Captain Sewell, in a recent magazine article ("Concrete," of September 1906), gives an excellent account of its behaviour at the San Francisco earthquake. He mentions the museum building at the Leland Stanford University, which had three wings, one of reinforced concrete and two of brickwork. One building received a very severe shaking, and while the brick wings were in a state of collapse, the damage to the steel concrete wing was insignificant.

We have had enough experience of concrete to know that, if good it is practically unaffected by atmospheric changes. At one time it was feared that the steel might rust, especially in structures under water, but this fear seems to be groundless. Some recent experiments on the permeability of concrete by Mr Baldwin Wiseman show that, if well made, it is one of the most water-tight materials known, and that it rapidly becomes less and less porous when water is forced through it. Moreover, some experiments quoted by Mr. Matsh in his work on "Reinforced Concrete" seem to show that cement has some chemical action on iron which prevents rust.

If reinforced concrete is to be used for marine work, it must be carefully fendered at all parts where it is likely to be struck. In most systems of reinforced concrete the steel is placed within an inch or two of the surface, and if the structure is not protected by timber cushions, this concrete skin is easily knocked away, leaving the steel naked and liable to rust. At the same time it is true that steel concrete does not spall easily from blows, provided they do not fall directly on the concrete; and it will stand a wonderful amount of shocks, and bending due to shocks, if a wooden fender is interposed.—Francis E. Wentworth-Sheilds.

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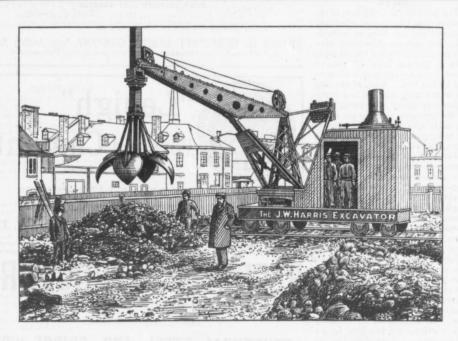
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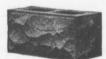
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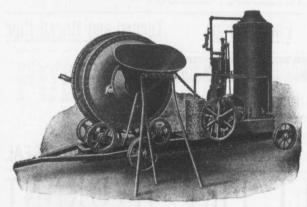
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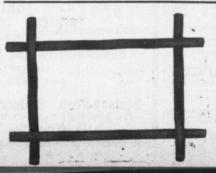
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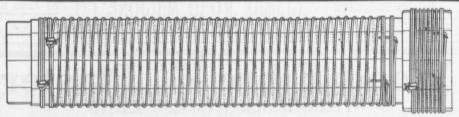


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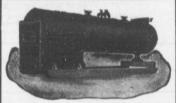
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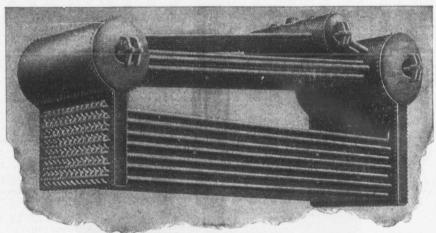
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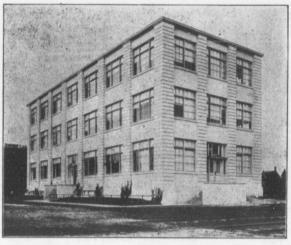
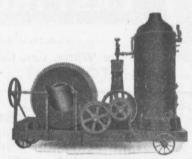


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