

ROCHESTER WATER WORKS.

The contract for the building of water works for the city of Rochester has been let, and the name of the contractor is *not* George D. Lord. The following is a list of the bids:

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| James McDonald, Wellsboro Falls..... | \$1,728,150 00 |
| Gove, Candee & Co., Syracuse, N. Y.... | 1,730,315 00 |
| John Hickler, Buffalo, N. Y..... | 1,899,401 25 |
| Peck & Peterson, Lockport, N. Y.,.... | 1,937,235 00 |
| Geo. D. Lord, Rochester..... | 1,991,280 00 |
| Delemater Bros., Cleveland, O.,..... | 2,005,015 00 |
| Denison & Bolden, Syracuse, N. Y.,.... | 2,051,820 00 |
| Freel & McNamee, Brooklyn, N. Y.,.... | 2,159,880 00 |
| J. B. Cleveland, Jersey City, N. J.,.... | 2,234,890 00 |
| Chas. H. Simpkins, Rochester, N. Y.... | 2,339,180 00 |
| Randolph Wood, Philadelphia, Pa., and J. J. R. Croes, Yonkers, N. Y.,... | 2,868,551 00 |

The Commissioners awarded the contract to James McDonald, of Wellsboro Falls, Essex county. The contractor is well-known in this city, and, indeed, is claimed as an Albanian. He constructed the water works at Oswego, Providence, Montreal and other places; and thus has the experience as well as the energy to carry out the work. No complaint, we believe, was ever preferred against the character of his work, nor the expedition with which it was performed.

Rochester is sadly in need of water. It is more defenseless from the ravages of fire than any village, and underwriters have largely advanced their rates on that account. Its sewers and drains, also, are in a fearful condition on account of never being flushed, and health as well as safety are brought in peril. A level city, certainly, needs plenty of water; and after trying to obtain it for a quarter of a century through others, Rochester is at last to help herself. We believe there is no other city in any civilized country to-day in equally as bad a condition. The remedy is now certain to be applied.