

NEW CONTRACT FOR CROTON WATER MAINS.—The Croton Board have lately awarded to Messrs. Colwell & Co., of Philadelphia, the contract for furnishing 4,200 feet of five-foot pipes, which, when completed, will be the largest cast-iron pipes ever made in this country. These are intended to bring across the Manhattan Valley the increased supply of water which will be furnished by the new seven-foot pipes over the High Bridge, and will be in addition to the pipes now laid in that locality, viz, one of four feet, and two of three feet. The laying of the pipes over the High Bridge is progressing with all the rapidity consistent with a due regard to the ultimate security of the work, and when finished, together with the new pipes over the Manhattan Valley, and the four-foot pipes laid in the Fifth avenue, connecting the new receiving and the distributing reservoir, the city may enlarge its boundaries to the full limits of the entire island without any danger of a lack in the supply of the Croton. As the Croton Board is not now compelled to wait the oftentimes tardy action of the Common Council, in confirming their awards of contracts, this important work will be commenced immediately, and prosecuted with energy.

Messrs. Colwell & Co. were among our earliest friends, and are well known as among the most enterprising iron founders in this country.