

Exchange, new building, St. Francis Xavier street, cost \$120,000 (E. W. & S. Maxwell, architects, P. Lyall & Sons, contractors); Bank of Ottawa, ten-storey building, St. James street, cost \$150,000 (H. C. Stone, architect, William Grace & Co., contractors); James Fitzpatrick, two-storey building, Cuvilier street, cost \$1,500.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

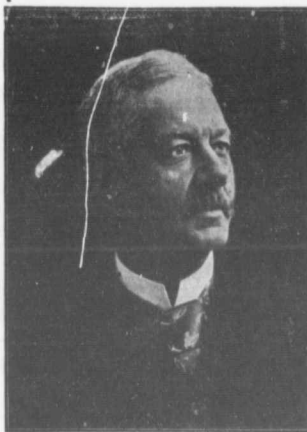
MONTREAL, QUE.—The following contracts have been awarded for construction of Dr. Bergers' residence on Grosvenor avenue: Masonry and brick work, Heggie & Stewart; carpenter work, J. Ash; steel work, Dominion Bridge Co.; plumbing, Mackay & Co.; plastering, R. D. Clarke; roofing, F. F. Powell; wiring, Sayer Electric Co.; tile work, Webster Bros. & Parkes.

TORONTO, ONT.—The Temiskaming Railway Commission have accepted the tender of Rhodes, Curry & Co., of Amherst, N.S., for 100 flat cars, and that of the Rathbun Co. for 50 box cars.—The contract for steel work in connection with the addition to isolation hospital has been given to McGregor & McIntyre, at \$1,756.—The Eclipse Electric Company, operated by the James Morrison Brass Mfg. Company, has been awarded the complete electric installation of the new Toronto Opera House; also the Metropolitan church, now in course of extensive alteration, which is going to have a complete electric light system.

THE LATE JAMES COOPER.

The late James Cooper, to whose death reference was made in our last issue, was one of the most popular business men of Montreal, where he spent his entire life. He was first employed with the firm of Rice Lewis & Son, of Toronto, and later with Frothingham & Workman, in both instances as traveller. He started in business for himself in 1872, later in same year associating Mr. Fred Fairman with him

under the firm name of Cooper, Fairman & Company, the business at this stage being chiefly heavy hardware. The firm became one of the pioneers in the manufacture of barbed wire, which business developed until it assumed such proportions that it was formed into a distinct corporation under the name of the Dominion Wire Manufacturing Company, of which company, the late Mr. Cooper, was president.



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Being at this time interested in wire, the firm took up a patented machine for the manufacture of wire rope, and working this out in the same line formed what is now the Dominion Wire Rope Company, of which he was also president. The manufacture of mining machinery was also taken up.

Mr. Cooper's firm also held the control-

ling interest in what is the present Dominion Bridge Company up to the time of the dissolution of the firm of Cooper, Fairman & Company in 1889, since which time Mr. Cooper has remained a director of the company.

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