

electrical system, Ingersoll Radial Railway Company, to construct electric railways from Ingersoll to adjacent towns, Fort Erie Electric Railway Co., to increase capital stock of \$250,000, and to extend the line; Lanark County Electric Railway Co., to build an electric road from Perth to Lanark; Desbarats and Northern Railway Co., to operate a line in Algoma; Fort Frances and Pacific Railway Company, to construct a road in the Rainy River district.—The plans of the Goderich breakwater are on view at the office of H. A. Gray, Confederation Life Building.—The city of Toronto is seeking authority from the Ontario legislature to issue debentures for \$70,000 for improving the waterworks system by laying a six-foot conduit pipe from the shore crib near the lighthouse to the bell buoy south of the island; \$55,000 debentures for building an overhead traffic bridge on York street; \$200,000 debentures for completing the new court house and city hall buildings, and \$130,000 debentures for widening the Queen street subway.—The City Engineer has submitted a list of all the worn-out macadam roadways in the city, comprising 119 streets, having a total length of 168,184 feet, or 31.85 miles. A list of worn-out cedar block pavements comprising 168 streets, having a length of 201,541 feet, or 38.17 miles, has also been prepared.—A building permit for a new shop at 444-6 Yonge street, to cost \$1,800, has been issued to William Davies & Co.—Application will be made to the Ontario legislature for incorporation of the Mineral and Timber Electric Railway Company, to build a railway between Chelmsford and Sturgeon Falls, with extensions, and to supply electric energy for light, heat and power purposes.—The Court of Revision held a meeting on Tuesday last to confirm the assessments for the following works. Sewer on Gerrard street, from Yonge to Church streets, and on Adelaide street, from Bay to York streets; cedar block pavements on Carleton street, from Parliament to Sumach; Buchanan street, from Yonge to Teraulay streets; brick pavements on Leonard avenue, from Nassau street to Bellevue place, and Bellevue place to College; a concrete sidewalk on Bloor street, from Yonge to Jarvis street. An asphalt pavement is asked for on Shaw street, from King to Queen streets.

FIRES.

The grist, saw and shingle mills of John Roddick at Lyndhurst, Ont., were destroyed by fire on Monday last. The loss is \$8,000, with no insurance.—Two wooden buildings at Wallaceburg, Ont., were burned last week. The loss is small.—John Handeraud's residence at Webbwood, Ont., was destroyed by fire last week. It will be rebuilt at once.—The residence of James Stevenson, at Blenheim, Ont., was burned on the 29th ultimo.—A Kirk & Co.'s store at St. Andrews, N. S., has been burned. Loss \$8,000; insurance \$4,000.—The Ottawa Hotel at Alexandria, Ont., was damaged by fire on the 8th inst. to the extent of \$1,000, covered by insurance.—The residence of John L. Harris, of Moncton, N. B., was damaged by fire recently to the extent of \$3,000.—A disastrous fire occurred at Newcastle, N. B., on the 8th inst., destroying ten buildings. The list is as follows: Mrs. Wheeler's house, store and barn; buildings owned by H. Phinney and Jas. Robinson, M. P.; the town lock-up; a store owned by Haley Phinney; the store and dwelling house owned by James Doyle; the saloon and restaurant owned by P. Regan; store owned by Jas. Doyle; office of Era Publishing Company, owned by Geo. Stables, and the large fire engine house.—The Lorne Hotel, Indiantown, St. John, N. B., was destroyed by fire last Friday.—The Soho

cheese factory at Drumbo, Ont., a new building equipped with improved machinery, was destroyed by fire on the 9th inst. Loss, \$6,000; partly covered by insurance.—Three buildings at Renfrew, Ont., owned by Joshua Murphy, were burned on Tuesday last.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

WINNIPEG MAN.—The tender of Kelly Bros., for 1,000 cords of cedar blocks at \$9.45 a cord, has been accepted.

WINGHAM, ONT.—The contract for erecting the Bannockburn bridge has been awarded to the Central Bridge and Engineering Company, of Peterborough.

AMHERST, N. S.—Rhodes, Curry & Co. have secured the contract to build an addition to the Frecker house at Freshwater. The work will cost about \$5,000.

BELLEVILLE, ONT.—Finlay Houston, the contractor for Mr. Wood's block, has sub-let the stone, brick and lumber contracts. Work will commence about the first of April.

KINCARDINE, ONT.—The contract for piers, for which \$15,000 was voted last session, has been awarded by the Dominion Public Works Department to Bowman & Bowman.

FREDERICTON, N. B.—The City Council have decided to close a contract with the F. C. Austin Mfg. Co., of Chicago, for the purchase of a road plant, including crusher, engine, roller, road machine and plough.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The Department of Railways and Canals has awarded the contract for new bridges over the Rideau canal at Burritt's Rapids and Newboro to the Central Bridge and Engineering Co., of Peterboro.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Tenders for nails were received by the Board of Works as follows. P. Bertram, wire nails, \$2.25, cut nails, 2.09; Hamilton Hardware Co.,

\$2.92 and \$2.20, Carpenter & Ramsay, \$2.20 and \$2, Ontario Rolling Mills, wire nails, \$2.35.

OXFORD, N. S.—A complete water system for this town will be put in during the coming summer, and the contract for all pipes and specials required has been awarded to the Londonderry Iron Co., Ltd., of Londonderry, N. S. Work will probably begin in April.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The contract for the stone, brick, roof and marble work of the new hotel and station of the C. P. R., to be erected at Dalhousie square, has been awarded to Messrs. Labelle & Payette. The contract for the interior work will probably be given out later.

KINGSTON, ONT.—Seven tenders were received for the supply of 1,000 feet of fire hose. The contract for 500 feet was given to A. Strachan, double ply, second grade, at 70 cents per foot, and that for the balance to the Gutta Percha and Rubber Co., of Toronto, at 75 cents per foot.

TORONTO, ONT.—Gurney heating apparatus has lately been placed in the new hotel building, corner Queen and Sherbourne streets, the Ontario Normal School, residence in Rosedale of Bert Thompson, and a residence in Rosedale owned by Mr. Haney. In the latter there were placed a pair of No. 8 Oxford hot water boilers. A Gurney Doric steam boiler has also been put in the Collegiate Institute on Harbord street.

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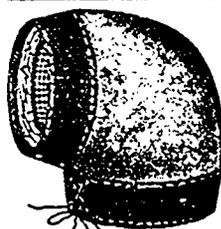
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