

the store at present occupied by C. Van-arnam.

QUEBEC, QUE.—Messrs. O. Gignac & Son have received the contract from Mr. Henry Menier, of Paris, France, for the erection of a dozen wooden cottages on Anticosti Island for the use of French colonists.

SOUTH WOODSLEE, ONT.—John Murray & Son have given the contract of building their new flour mill to John Wortley, of Essex. The machinery will be supplied by Goldie & McCulloch, of Galt.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The trustees of McLeod street Methodist church have accepted the tender of Mr. James Strachan for the erection of a new church to cost \$25,000. The building will be of limestone and have seating capacity for 900 persons.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Mr. W. McLea Walbank, architect, has awarded contracts as follows: additions to factory on St. Chas. Borromée st. for Wm. Beck, to A. Strang, new store front on Notre Dame street, for the Estate Stephens, to Beckham & Scott.

SARNIA, ONT.—Forty-two tenders for the building and twelve for the steam heating of the House of Refuge were received by the County Council. The block tender of Macbeth Bros., of Strathroy, for the building at \$10,965, and that of W. J. Barry, of Sarnia, for steam heating at \$1,496, have been recommended for acceptance.

TORONTO, ONT.—Purdy, Mansell & Mashinter, of this city, have been awarded the contract for heating by steam the Huffman hotel at Peterboro.—Tenders for the erection of buildings on the Yonge street wharf have been awarded as follows: Building No. 1, William Moss, \$1,795; No. 2, Medler & Arnott, \$1,321; No. 3, William Moss, \$1,300.

LONDON, ONT.—Tenders for the Kettle Creek bridge, between Westminster & Yarmouth, were received by the board of the London and Port Stanley railway as follows: abutments, Geo. Ponsford, \$599; D. Carmichael and B. Locke, \$832.40; steel structure, Central Bridge Co., \$398.89; Hamilton Co., \$374; Dominion Co., \$572. The Board have recommended the acceptance of the Central Bridge Co. and Geo. Ponsford's tenders.

#### NEW COMPANIES.

MARYSVILLE, N. B.—Gibson Foundry & Machine Co., seeking incorporation; capital, \$20,000. Applicants, Alexander Gibson, of Marysville, J. McAfee, of St. John, P. A. Lofan, of Gibson and others.

SELKIRK, MAN.—Selkirk Transportation & Cold Storage Co., seeking incorporation; capital, \$50,000; objects, the erection of chemical freezing plants and the transportation of freights, merchandise, etc. Applicants, William Robinson, A. E. Richards and others.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Montreal Electric Light Co., seeking incorporation; capital stock, \$200,000. Promoters, Louis Tourville, M. L. C., Arthur Caron, O. Marin, Joseph M. Fournier and R. Tourville.—Imperial Nail Making Machine Co., applying for incorporation; capital, \$500,000. Applicants, H. S. Holt, David Burke, J. P. Stearns and others.

#### BUSINESS NOTES.

Perry & Turner, contractors, Victoria, B. C., are reported to be in financial difficulties.

It is stated that the sale of the St. Johns Stone Chinaware Company to the syndicate in Paris, France, has finally been concluded by Count de Bouthillier, for \$125,000. It is understood that the purchasers will take possession at once, and be ready to manufacture in the spring.

#### BILL TO SECURE THE WAGES OF WORKMEN ON PUBLIC WORKS.

Following are the provisions of Mr. McLennan's bill now before the Dominion Parliament for the above object. —

1. In case any contractor with Her Majesty, or any sub-contractor in the construction of any public work let under contract by Her Majesty, makes default in the payment of the wages of the labour done by any foreman, workman, labourer, or team employed in such work, providing a claim therefor is filed in the office of the minister entering into such contract on behalf of Her Majesty, not later than three months after the same becomes due, and satisfactory proof thereof is furnished, Her Majesty shall become liable for the payment of such claim to the extent of the amount of all moneys or securities in the hands of Her Majesty for securing the performance of the contract at the time of the said claim.

2. Her Majesty may demand that each contractor or sub-contractor shall, not later than the fifteenth day of each month, file in the office of the said minister, a list showing the names, rate of wages, amounts paid and amounts due and unpaid for wages or labor done by any foreman, workman, labourer or team employed by him during the previous month, and attested upon the oath or statutory declaration of such contractor or sub-contractor, or his authorized agent.

3. Every contractor or sub-contractor who, having received such demand, makes default in forwarding such list in accordance with the provisions of the next preceding section, shall incur a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars and not less than ten dollars, for every day during which such default continues; and the amount of such penalty shall be deducted out of the moneys in the hands of Her Majesty, deposited by, or owing to such contractor, and shall become vested in Her Majesty.

4. Every company incorporated by or receiving a cash subsidy from the parliament of Canada, shall be liable for the payment of the wages or labour done by any foreman, workman, labourer or team employed by any contractor with the company, or by any sub-contractor, in the construction of the works of the company, provided that a notice stating the claim in detail for such wages or labour is served upon the company not later than three

months after payment is due, and that such notice is followed up by the commencement of a suit in any court of competent jurisdiction for the collection thereof, within thirty days after the service of such notice.

5. The notice mentioned in the next preceding section, and any summons, notice, order, or other process required to be served upon the company for the prosecution of such suit, may be served on the president, vice-president, secretary, managing director, superintendent or engineer, or any recognized officer representing the company, or by leaving it with any adult person at the office or domicile of any of them.

6. Her Majesty may retain the whole or a sufficient portion of any subsidy granted to any company until all claims mentioned in the fourth section of this act, for wages or labour, are fully paid or satisfied; and in the event of any claim for wages or labour remaining thirty days unpaid after Her Majesty has received notice thereof, Her Majesty may, on sufficient proof that such claim is due and unpaid, pay it, and all proper costs and charges in connection therewith, out of such subsidy.

7. Any number of persons having similar claims for wages or labour against any company, contractor or sub-contractor, may consolidate their claims and institute a joint action for the recovery thereof.

#### USEFUL HINTS.

Good lime slacked with sour milk and diluted with water till it is about the consistency of ordinary whitewash, makes excellent coating for woodwork.

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