

York Railway Co. are surveying the route of the proposed independent freight terminal which the company intend establishing in this city. It is expected that the car shops will be commenced in a few weeks.—The Jail and Building Committee of the County Council have decided upon improvements to the county property.—Thomas Lindsay, of the Metropolitan Railway Co., wishes tenders by November 10th for 4,000 poles for electrical purposes, to be delivered within the city of Ottawa. The poles are required from 33 to 50 feet long and seven inches diameter at top. J. O. Charlebois, of Dalhousie street, has purchased the old McCullough property, and will build thereon a monster ice-house.—It is the intention of the Canadian Granite Co. to erect new buildings near Nicholas street.—A special committee, consisting of Aldermen Cluff, Hastey, Davis, Lapointe and Davidson, has been appointed by the city council to superintend the construction of the main drainage work in this city. This committee will be controllable by a two-thirds vote of the city council. Applications are now wanted for the position of city engineer, as well as for the position of superintending engineer of the main drainage works. It is understood to be the intention of the council to engage an engineer for the drainage work only until such time as a city engineer is chosen, thus avoiding any delay in proceeding with the work.—The following permits for buildings were granted last week: John Wright, three frame cottages, Third avenue, cost \$1,800; H. N. Bate, brick veneered dwellings, north side Theodore street, cost \$3,500; Mrs. Isabella Martin, brick house, south side Rideau street, cost \$2,000.—The Metropolitan Electric Company have purchased a water power in Britannia, and will proceed at once to install the necessary hydraulic and electrical machinery for the generation of electricity. Mr. John Aylen is hydraulic engineer for the company, Mr. Thomas Lindsay being manager.

TORONTO, ONT.—The city council has given notice of its intention to construct a 24 foot macadam roadway on Victoria avenue, from Logan to Broadview avenue, at a cost of \$5,150.—It is the intention of Mr. Hepburn, of Picton, owner of the steamer "Empress of India," to lengthen the boat by 45 feet, and to install an electric light plant and new engines and boilers.—The York County Commissioners are inspecting bridges in the neighborhood of Bradford and Holland Landings, with a view to reporting on necessary repairs.—The T. Eaton Company have applied for permission to tunnel under Albert street. This company propose to erect a new five storey factory on the north side of that street.—Messrs. George Magann and Alex. Fraser, of this city, representing an English syndicate, are reported to have purchased the Richmond, Nicholasville, Irvine and Beattyville Railroad in the Southern States. The syndicate referred to recently purchased extensive coal and timber lands in Perry County, Kentucky, and it is rumored that the railroad will be extended through to these lands.—Tenders are invited by the city up to Friday, 21st inst., for elevators, including machinery, appliances, etc., for the new city buildings, and also for wrought iron grille, enclosures and cars complete. Tenders are also asked up to the 26th inst. for brick and cedar block pavements.—It is expected that the ratepayers will, at the approaching municipal elections, be asked to provide funds for the execution of the proposed St. Lawrence market improvements and for the high level bridge over the Don river.—Mr. Henry Simpson, architect, is preparing plans for a True Blue Orphanage to be built near Picton, Ont.; frame, two storeys, with hot water

heating.—Mr. J. A. Ellis, architect, will this week let contracts for the reconstruction of the Harris factory on William street, and for a pair of semi-detached villas in Rosedale.—The interior of the buildings at 16-20 King street east is being remodelled for the Central Canada Loan & Savings Co. Mr. George W. Gouinlock is architect.—Mr. J. F. Brown, architect, is preparing plans for a small frame house to be built at Scarboro, the carpenter work of which will be done by the owner. Same architect is now taking tenders for heating and plumbing of a house on Avenue road, and will shortly invite tenders for heating the new Baptist church in East Toronto.—A petition will be forwarded to the Minister of Customs asking that an elevator be placed in the custom house in this city.—The Board of Trade will ask the Dominion government to extend the western pier at the eastern entrance to the harbor, in order to avoid accidents.—Building permits have been granted as follows: A. Horton, two-story and attic brick store, west side Crescent road, near Hill street, cost \$4,600 (C. J. Gibson, architect; A. Horton, builder); G. Valentine, two-story and attic brick residence, 472 Givens street, cost \$1,500 (C. Laurie, architect; W. Sewell, builder); Mrs. S. M. Barclay, two-story and attic brick dwellings, 83 Seaton street, cost \$1,500 (R. Smith, architect); J. E. Ellis, two-story and basement brick residence, west side Huntley street, near Elm Grove ave., cost \$3,500 (B. Jarvis, architect); C. C. Fry, three 2-story and attic rough cast, brick fronted dwellings, Shaw street, near Arthur street, cost \$4,500; C. Evans, two-story and attic brick dwelling, 443 Euclid ave., cost \$4,000 (G. M. Miller & Co., architects; Davidge & Lunn, builder).

#### FIRES.

Recent fires included the following: Steam, saw and grist mill of R. Hobson at Perryboro', Que.—Brick residence of George Greer at Lindsay, Ont., completely gutted; insured.—The Ott tannery at Brantford, Ont.; loss on building, \$2,000, covered by insurance.—At Kinmount, Ont., Hawkin's drygoods store, Miss Train's dwelling, Dr. Frost's drug store and office, and other smaller buildings.—Box factory at Middleton, N. S., owned by S. F. & W. E. Roop & Co.; loss \$10,000, no insurance.—Whitman Bros.' steam saw mill at Harmony, N. S.; loss \$6,000; no insurance.

#### CONTRACTS AWARDED.

COLLINGWOOD, ONT.—Rink building: Wilson Bros., contractors.

ANDOVER, N. B.—System of water-works: J. B. Porter contractor, \$8,000.

CALGARY, N.W.T.—\$25,000 city debentures: Imperial Bank, purchasers, \$26,250.

ST. SAMUEL, QUE.—Stone church. D. Ouelette, Quebec, architect, Edmund Audet, Victoriaville, contractor.

PRESTON, ONT.—Desks for public

school: Canadian Office & School Furniture Co., Preston, successful tenderers.

ST. THOMAS, ONT.—Construction of sewer on Curtis street: W. J. Baker, contractor.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—The Brockville Rowing Club will put a Kelsey warm air generator in their building.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Three-story packing factory for Laurie Packing Co.: Wm. & Walter Stewart, architects; Geo. Webb, contractor; cost \$4,000.

LONDON, ONT.—The contractors for the Gorman-Eckart building are John Hayman, Jones Bros., Pace & Fitzgerald, Stevely & Son, and Greenaway.

NEWINGTON, QUE.—Shops for Quebec Central Railway: G. D. Loomis & Son, contractors; iron work to be supplied by E. A. Wallberg, Montreal.

HULL, QUE.—Pavements. Wright Cement Works Co., successful tenderers, 12 cts. per square foot for artificial stone sidewalk, and 30 cts. for crossings.

QUEBEC, QUE.—New dome at Victoria Park: W. J. Peters, contractor, \$1,000.—Roofing building for Riverside Cotton Mfg. Co.: Napoleon Barbeau, contractor.

CHATHAM, ONT.—Residence for Ald. G. W. Cowan: Powell & Carsewell, architects; William Link, carpenter work. S. Hadley Lumber Co. will supply lumber.

VERDUN, QUE.—The contract for laying a 10-inch main for this municipality has been awarded to Matthew Dineen, contractor, of Montreal. The Three Rivers Ironworks Co. will supply the cast iron pipes and specials. Work was commenced on the 10th inst., under the superintendence of McConnell & Marion, civil engineers, Montreal.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The Eclipse Office Furniture Co. contemplate erecting a brick factory, for which a site has been purchased on Albert street. The building will be 43x135 feet, three stories, brick and stone, with iron columns, steel girders, etc. Contracts have been let as follows: Alex. Garvock, stone and brickwork; Jas. Saeger, carpentering and woodwork; McKinley & Northwood, plumbing and galvanized iron; Victoria Foundry, iron columns; Dominion Bridge Co., Montreal, steel girders; Herbert & Son, roofing; Smith & Cox, painting and glazing.—The government is reported to have given the commission for the erection on Parliament hill of a statue of the late Hon. Alexander Mackenzie to Mr. Hamilton MacCathay, of Toronto, and Mr. P. Hebert, of Montreal, the former to supply the statue and the latter the pedestal.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The contract for supplying lumber and timber for the new pier in connection with the harbor improvements has been let to the W. H. Kelly Lumber Co., of Buckingham, price about \$54,000.—E. L. Pease, manager Merchant's Bank of Halifax, and T. J.

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