

material for these works.—The chief of the fire brigade has submitted a report to council recommending the erection of a new central fire hall and the purchase of a new light hose reel, together with some smaller equipment.—It is the intention of John Carew to erect an addition to his saw mill.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—The Acadia Coal & Coke Co. will apply at the next session of the provincial legislature for an act authorizing the directors to issue debentures for \$100,000 for the purpose of equipping the mines of the company with machinery and plant. W. H. Trueman, of this city, is solicitor for the applicants.—Peters & Son have purchased a site on which to rebuild their tannery.—Geo. Robertson, M.P.P., will shortly leave for England in connection with the proposed dry dock scheme.—D. Pottinger, general manager of the Intercolonial Railway, wants tenders by the 31st inst. for the erection of a wooden freight warehouse in this city.—The New Brunswick Board of Fire Underwriters have notified the city council that unless improvements are made in the water supply the rates for insurance will be increased.

VICTORIA, B.C.—At the coming session of the legislature application will be made by a company, of which Beaumont Boggs is provincial secretary, for a charter to build a wagon road from Kitimat Arm to Hazelton, a distance of 120 miles. It is estimated that the road will cost \$100,000.—A company is being formed in this city to erect a tannery and curing establishment on the Skeena river, about 12 miles from Port Essington.—The Electric Light Committee of the city council will recommend the installation of an incandescent lighting plant capable of supplying 1,000 lights, to be used for lighting the city hall, market and fire halls and hospital.—W. S. Gore, Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works, invites tenders up to February 28th for the construction of a wooden or steel bridge across the Thompson river at Kamloops. Plans at above department and on application to the Provincial Timber Inspector at Vancouver.—The British Columbia Electric Railway & Lighting Co. are believed to have in contemplation several improvements to their system as soon as the city shall have determined upon the question of replacing the James Bay and Rock Bay bridges with new structures and the paving of Yates street.

QUEBEC, QUE.—David Ouellet, architect, has prepared plans for the following buildings. Church to be built at St. Joseph Beauce, P.Q., to be 190 x 74 feet, of granite stone from Witton quarries, galvanized iron roof and steeple bells, inside to be completed in pine and cherry wood or birch, pulpit, pews, altars, etc., cost \$65,000; alterations and decorations to the church of St. Thomas at Montmagny, P.Q., new galvanized roof, altars, pews, etc., cost \$55,000; new church for the parish of St. Philemon, Dorchester, P.Q., frame work, shingle roof, steeple bells, inside to be pine painted and gilt, pews, altars, pulpits, etc., cost \$12,000; alterations to the church of Matane at Matane, P.Q., and to complete the inside, altars, pews, pulpits, bells, etc., cost \$20,000; residence for C. J. Rouleau, pastor of the church of Theoford Mines, frame, galvanized iron roof, plumbing, heating, etc., cost \$5,000; inside completion of the church of Grand Riviere, Co. of Gaspé, to be wood finished, painted and gilt, hardwood pews, communion table, pulpit, confessional altars, etc., cost \$10,000; alterations and inside completion of the church of St. Peter of Malbaie at Gaspé, to be wood finished, painted and gilt, altars, pews, pulpit, confessional, communion table, etc., cost \$8,000; dwelling for Rev. A. Gagnon, pastor of St. Georges of Malbaie at Gaspé, to be

framework, shingle roof, plumbing, etc., cost \$2,500. Tenders will be called for until May for the three last named contracts.

OTTAWA, ONT.—Emerald Court, Catholic Order of Foresters, have decided to place a large memorial window, to cost several hundred dollars, in St. Patrick's church.—The chief of the fire brigade, in his annual report to council, recommends the purchase of another steam fire engine, three hose wagons, 5,000 feet of hose, three hose towers, and a number of hydrants.—Geo. F. Macdonald, superintendent of the fire alarm system, has recommended the purchase of ten improved fire alarm boxes.—The Bank of Montreal has purchased the old government printing bureau on Wellington street. It is understood to be the intention of the bank authorities to erect on the site a modern bank building, for which plans will be prepared immediately. Accommodation will be provided for the government printing bureau in the Supreme Court building on Bank street, and the Supreme Court offices will be removed to the proposed geological survey building to be erected on Major's Hill park.—The Ottawa Improvement Commission, which has \$90,000 at its disposal this year, held a meeting last week to consider plans and estimates prepared by Robert Surtees, C.E., for the beautifying and macadamizing of King street. Three plans were submitted, one for a 90-foot roadway between the curbs, and the other for two roads or driveways, each of 32-foot width, with a bicycle track in the centre. Each of the plans include a bridge across the Rideau river at the foot of King street, to cost \$35,000.—The Victoria Yacht Club have under consideration the erection of a club house at Aylmer. The plans as prepared show a building to cost \$4,000. Particulars may be obtained from E. A. Olver.—D. W. Burr and E. N. Vernoy, of Scranton, Pa., were in the city last week in connection with the development of the Gatineau and other iron properties. It is understood that active work will be commenced at once, and that a spur line of the C.P.R. will be built to the mines.—F. Gourdeau, Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries, invites tenders up to 31st inst. for the construction of a wooden lighthouse tower at the entrance to Wood Harbor, in Shelburne County, N.S.

TORONTO, ONT.—Plans are being prepared for alterations to the Canada Permanent building on Toronto street, to meet the requirements of the new consolidated loan companies, comprising the Permanent, Western and Freehold companies. The offices will be considerably enlarged and new safes constructed.—A number of Toronto, London and Hamilton capitalists have applied for incorporation as the Ontario Starch Co., with capital of \$200,000. The head office will be in this city, but the factory will be built at either Kingston or Prescott.—Dr. Lynd, E. F. B. Johnson and others, of this city, have made application to the provincial government for a pulp wood concession in the Temiscamingue district, where it is proposed to erect a mill for the manufacture of pulp.—The city engineer, in his report to the Board of Works last week, recommended the widening of Gerrard street bridge to 61 feet and the raising of the grade to 2 per cent. The following local improvements were also recommended. Asphalt pavement on Boswell avenue, Avenue road to Bedford road, cost \$3,960; brick pavement on Church street, Queen to Bloor, cost \$5,040; reconstruction of macadam roadway on Denison avenue, Queen to Bellevue, cost \$4,010; brick pavement on Lombard street, Victoria to Church streets, cost \$5,540, and on Mercer street, John to Peter streets, cost \$4,700; cedar block pavement on Cottingham street, Yonge

street to Avenue road, cost \$4,140, and on Trinity street, King to Mill streets, cost \$1,015. Cement walks—183 feet on north side of Queen's park crescent, cost \$165; both sides of Boswell avenue, Avenue road to Bedford road, cost \$2,220, on east side Beverley street, Queen to Baldwin streets, cost \$1,956; on west side St. George street, Russell to Wilcox streets, cost \$546; east side Queen's park crescent, 100 feet, cost \$90.—The T. Eaton Co. have been granted permission to construct another tunnel under Albert street.—Sproatt & Rolph, architects, have prepared plans for a glycerine refining plant to be installed in connection with Lever Bros.' soap factory.—The council has given notice of its intention to construct the following works. Brick sewer on Dupont street, Howland avenue to Bathurst, cost \$2340; asphalt pavement on Huron street, St. Patrick to College, cost \$17,310; brick pavements on Niagara street, Bathurst to King, cost \$12,740; Pearl street, cost \$4,570; Front street, York to Simcoe, cost \$8,820; cement concrete sidewalks on portion of Huron street, cost \$1,195, and on Howland avenue, Bloor street to Barton avenue, cost \$1,673.—Building permits have been granted as follows: Rossin House Co., alterations and new store front, brick and wood, 119 King st. w., cost \$2,500 (F. H. Herbert, architect, Geo. Rathbone, builder); Jas. Henderson, Q. C., 2 storey and attic bk. dwelling, 17 Maple avenue, Rosedale, cost \$4,500 (F. H. Herbert, architect, Thompson Bros., builders); W. H. Pearson, 2 storey and attic brick and stone dwelling, Sherbourne st., near Elm ave., Rosedale, cost \$8,500 (F. H. Herbert, architect, Wickett Bros., builders); Mr. Bradshaw, 2 storey brick dwelling, Spadina road, near Bernard ave., cost \$8,000 (J. F. Brown, architect).

FIRES.

Grist mills at Brudenell, P.E.I., owned by Edward Munn, totally destroyed.—Steam saw mill of F. Hatfield at Tusket Wedge, N.S.; loss \$3,000, no insurance.—Residence of Fred Denison at Rosemount, N.W.T.—Four storey brick building of the Manitoba Produce & Commission Co. at Winnipeg, Man.; loss \$75,000, largely covered by insurance.—Dwelling and workshop of James Fletcher at Brockville, Ont.; loss \$2,500.—Lang & Co.'s dry goods store in Ottawa; loss on building, owned by H. T. McCarthy, \$1,500.—Lloyd's foundry and machine shop at Kentville, N.S., almost totally destroyed by fire last week. The building will be rebuilt.—Warehouse and granary of D. A. Murray at Dunvegan, Ont.; loss \$3,000.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

SHEFFIELD, N.B.—New stone bridge. Holly Bridges, of Bridges Point, contractor.

ROSSLAND, B.C.—The Bank of British North America secured the \$20,000 debentures at 102.

PORI COLBORNE, ONT.—Augustine & Son have the contract for the erection of a two-storey residence for C. S. Kingston.

FORT WILLIAM, ONT.—A contract for 4,000,000 feet of lumber for the construction of the Ogilvie Milling Co.'s flour mill and elevator at this place has been let to Graham, Horne & Co.

KINGSTON, ONT.—Alterations to the Brown block for the Imperial Laundry Co.: Masonry, A. Newlands; carpentry, J. Jenkins; tinsmithing and plumbing, Nugent & Taylor; painting, T. McMahon.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Tenders were recently invited for furnishing the city with a considerable quantity of cast iron water pipe. The Gartshore-Thompson Pipe Foundry Co. submitted an offer of \$34 per ton delivered, which has been accepted.