

added to their establishment on Prince Edward street.—There is some talk of a company being formed here to purchase the old exchange building and erect upon the site a modern block, part of which will be occupied by the Board of Trade and the balance leased as stores and offices.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The Catholic School Commissioners of St. Henri purpose building a new school. At a recent meeting of the Market Committee it was decided to ask the City Council for a special grant of \$172,000 to expend on Bonsecours market, \$100,000 for expropriation of property for the extension of the market eastward, \$50,000 for the erection of new buildings, and \$12,000 for repairs to the present building.—It is proposed to erect a monument in Montreal to Mr. Mercier.—The James Cooper Manufacturing Co., with a capital of \$99,000, are applying for incorporation, to manufacture mill machinery.—In connection with the unsanitary condition of the city hall, it is probable that a report will be presented to council recommending a thorough overhauling of the entire building, at a cost of \$20,000.—Reports are being prepared on the condition of the McTavish street reservoir, which is said to be leaking, and repairs will probably be undertaken.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Charles Mills, architect, is preparing plans for a Methodist church in the town of Simcoe, to be built on the site of the one recently destroyed by fire.—Negotiations are now pending for the conversion of the Hamilton and Dundas railway into an electric road. Mr. B. B. Osler is president of the company.—The ladies of the Y. W. C. A. intend calling a public meeting shortly for the purpose of discussing the advisability of erecting a building on the site of the present structure, to be known as the Women's Institute.—The question of renewing pavements is under consideration by the city authorities. Commissioner MacLoughlin has computed that to replace the existing cedar block pavements with macadam will cost \$90,540. There are 94 miles, but the roadways are of different widths. The total number of square yards is 181,000.—Building permits have been granted as follows: John Hummell, two-storey brick dwelling on Duke street, between Queen and Hess streets, cost \$1,000; Thomas Allan, two two-storey brick dwellings, corner Canon and Catharine streets, cost \$2,400.—Mr. J. W. Tyrell, C. E., of this city, has left for British Columbia, where he has a commission with one of the mining companies to report on the possibility of diverting the course of a river and running it through a mountain by means of a tunnel.

LONDON, ONT.—Wm. Gray will build another residence on Bruce street west.—Tenders for the purchase of \$185,000 of debentures will be received by John Pope, treasurer, until Friday, the 20th inst.—It is estimated that a high bridge for general traffic and for carrying the sewerage pipe can be constructed at the foot of King street, across the river, for \$10,000. The estimate for the bridge to carry the sewer pipe alone is \$6,500.—Messrs. S. Chadwick & Son, real estate agents, have completed the transfer of the block of land bounded by Egerton, Grafton and Dane streets and the Grand Trunk railway to Mr. Richard Hargreaves, who will commence the erection of five cottages thereon.—The following building permits have been granted: Joseph Needham, one and a half storey brick residence, south side of Pall Mall street; Joseph Dickson, one and a half storey brick veneer house, west side of Maitland st.; D. Shaw, King st., one and a half storey brick house, south side of King street; O. W. Wickett, King street, one and a half storey brick house, south side of King street; Thomas Reycraft, two brick residences, corner of

King and Rectory streets; Richard Eckert, Dundas street, two storey brick residence, east side Ontario street; Thomas Wilkey, one and a half storey brick residence, east side Quebec street.

OTTAWA, ONT.—A. M. Calderon, architect, has prepared plans for the enlargement of a church and the improving of the lighting and heating.—It is said that the government is considering the advisability of erecting a new wing to the eastern block of the Parliament buildings, to consist chiefly of storage vaults.—Inasmuch as the by-law to raise money to provide a drainage system was defeated, it is now proposed to ask the legislature to empower the City Council to borrow funds for the purpose.—Butterworth & Co., owners of the vacant lot on Sparks street, between the Slater and Sherwood block and Mr. Geo. Howe's store, are arranging for the erection of a four-storey building on the site next spring. The plans have not yet been completed.—The building committee of the Protestant hospital have adopted the plans of Mr. A. C. Hutchison, architect, of Montreal, for the proposed structure. The wing will have 60 rooms for patients, an operating room, dissecting room, pathological department and other facilities.—Arrangements have been completed by the Russell Company for the erection of the new opera house on Queen street. The contracts will be let next month and the building begun in the early spring.—J. H. Balderson, Secretary Department of Railways and Canals, will receive tenders until Saturday next for sheet piling at the Deep Cut, Ottawa. Plans at the above department.—The subsidy of \$3,200 per mile which the Dominion parliament granted the Ontario and Pacific railway lapsed in August last, and a Cornwall delegation last week waited on the Premier and asked that the subsidy be renewed. The delegates were: James Leitch, Q. C., John Hibbard, D. A. Flack, J. Kerr and J. Hibbard, all of Cornwall, and Samuel Coulson, of Montreal. It is said to be the intention to push the road to completion at once.—At the last meeting of the Public School Board a report was presented by the building committee recommending that in anticipation of a new school being erected in St. George's ward next year, also of a four-room addition being made to the Archibald street school, the plans adopted for the erection of Muchmor street school be utilized for the new school and the addition to be erected in 1897; that Mr. Edey be the architect for the addition to Archibald street school, and Mr. E. L. Horwood be the architect for the new school in St. George's ward.—It is said that should the contractor for the Dominion reformatory at Alexandria be willing to give up his contract, the government will consider the advisability of abandoning the work and erecting a number of smaller institutions at different points throughout the province.

TORONTO, ONT.—New heating apparatus is required at several of the fire halls.—The property owners on Dovercourt road, from Queen to College street, have petitioned against the construction of a new brick pavement on the initiative, as recommended by the City Engineer.—An effort is being made to secure the necessary funds to enlarge the present building of the Young Men's Christian Association of University College.—Alterations are contemplated to the eastern wing of the Parliament buildings, to provide increased office accommodation. A staircase will be run from the end of the passage on the second floor past the treasurer's offices to the floor above, where there will be room for six large rooms, corresponding to those on the floor below. Of these three will be furnished and put into use without delay. Mr. Waite, architect, of Buffalo, was recently in Toronto

presumably in this connection.—The Minister of Public Works having rejected the plans of the City Engineer for the proposed groynes for the protection of the lake front of the island, the Dominion government will be asked to build such groynes as considered suitable.—A company has been organized in this city to erect a large rink and club house at the corner of Dovercourt road and Harrison streets. Among the promoters are Ald. R. H. Graham, Mr. Thomas Crawford, M. P. 2., Mr. W. W. Hodgson and Mr. Jones, street commissioner.—Letters patent have been issued incorporating the Havergal Ladies College, with a capital of \$50,000, the promoters being S. H. Blake, N. H. Hoyles, J. H. Mason, Frederic Nicholls, S. Caldecott, R. Millichamp, G. M. Wray and F. J. Stewart.—The premises of the Patterson Manufacturing Co., on Front street, Toronto, were wrecked by a boiler explosion last week.—The Court of Revision has confirmed the assessments for cedar block pavements on the following streets: Foxley street, from Dundas to Dovercourt road; Dundas street, from Queen to Arthur; Lisgar street, from Queen to Dundas street.—Mr. Geo. W. Gouinlock, architect, has been instructed by Geo. A. Cox to prepare plans and specifications for a large office building to be erected at the north-east corner of Main and Notre Dame streets, Winnipeg, to cost \$50,000. The plans are nearly completed, and tenders will be asked for in this city and Winnipeg.—Building permits have been granted as follows: Churchwardens of Little Trinity church, King street east, brick fronted dwelling in rear of the church, cost \$1,000; Mr. G. R. R. Cockburn, alterations to warehouse, 62 Bay st., cost \$1,500.—Mr. F. H. Herbert, architect, 9 Toronto street, is receiving tenders this week for a two-storey residence on Walmer road north.

FIRES.

Eddy's mills at Eddy Station, Ont., and the Trott mill at Oil City, near Petrolia, were burned on Saturday night last. The loss is \$10,000 and \$13,000 respectively.—The McMurry hotel at Newtonville, Ont., owned by A. A. McMurry, of Toronto, was burned on the 7th inst. Insured.—The Methodist church at Wellington, Ont., was burned last week. Insurance \$4,500.—The residence of H. Harvey, at Melbourne, Ont., was recently completely destroyed by fire. There was a small insurance.—A large residence just outside the limits of Ottawa, Ont., owned by Ald. Ford, was burned recently. The loss is \$8,000, partially covered by insurance.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

OTTAWA, ONT.—W. H. Davis & Son were awarded a contract last week for dredging the Galops channel. The sum involved is between \$8,000 and \$9,000.

TORONTO, ONT.—The plumbing and heating contract for Mrs. Copeland's residence has been let to the John Ritchie Plumbing and Heating Co., of this city. Kennedy, McVittie & Co., Barric, architects.

KINGSTON, ONT.—Arthur Ellis, architect, has let contracts as below for alterations to a building for the Massey-Harris Co.: mason work, Alexander McCarthey; carpenter work, Geo. Hunter; plumbing, Nugent & Taylor; painting, G. W. Milo.

WINDSOR, ONT.—John McDougall, of Montreal, has been awarded the contract for putting a polarite filtering system into the city water works, at a cost of \$20,000. The contractors agree to put in five steel sand filters, erected on five polarite chambers built of brick and cement.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The Finance Committee of the City Council have opened