

turing Company, of Pittsburg, Pa., have decided to remove their works to Canada. An agent of the company recently visited this city with the object of selecting a suitable site for their works. A number of sites were offered, but no definite decision was arrived at, although it is said he has decided to locate here.—The Medical Board of the general hospital will apply to the council for an appropriation to build a maternity hospital.—Building permits have been issued to John Stewart for alterations to his residence, corner of Bay and Duke streets, cost \$1,000, and for erection of a 2-storey brick dwelling on Bay street, between Duke and Robinson streets, cost \$2,000.

OTTAWA, ONT.—E. F. E. Roy, Secretary Department of Public Works, will receive tenders until the 2nd February for the erection of stabling, etc., at Infantry Barracks, London, Ont. Plans at the department and at office of J. M. Moore, architect, London. The Secretary will also receive tenders until the 2nd February for the erection of a post office at Orillia, Ont. Plans at office of J. W. Slaven, Orillia, and at this department.—William Smith, Deputy Minister of Marine, will receive tenders until the 15th day of February for the construction of an addition to the Fog Alarm Engineer's dwelling and new coal shed at the Fog Alarm Station on Big Duck Island, Charlotte County, N. B. Plans at the department, this city, at agency of the department, St. John, and at post offices at Grand Harbour and Grand Manan, N. B.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—It is reported that a railway will shortly be constructed from Revelstoke down the Columbia river to connect with the Columbia and Kootenay railway and Sproat's Landing. Operations are also said to be about to begin on the Chilliwack railway.—Application will be made to Parliament for permission to construct a railway from Spence's Bridge through Nicola valley to Princeton, thence to Osoyos lake, thence eastward to the boundary line to Fort Shepherd.—Tenders are invited for the erection of the brick work of a new block for Mr. J. M. Holland at the angle of Water and Cordova streets. It will have a frontage of 91 feet on Cordova street, and with the basement, which will be fitted as offices, will be five stories in height. It will be heated throughout by hot water, and the space beneath the sidewalk will be lighted by prismatic glass.

TORONTO, ONT.—Mr. Jas. Hewlett, 24 Toronto Arcade, offers to erect a factory on Richmond street to suit manufacturer.—Mr. A. Jardine, brewer, 31 Kensington avenue, has decided to erect new buildings in the spring.—Mr. William Belshaw is excavating on the corner of Euclid avenue and Lennox street for three pressed brick dwellings, cost \$4,000 each.—The Walmer Road Baptist Church is to be completed at a cost of about \$25,000. The work will be commenced shortly.—The land on which the building occupied by the Willard Tract Depository stands, at the corner of Temperance and Yonge streets, has been purchased by Mr. Robt. Kilgour, for the sum of \$80,000. Mr. Kilgour will probably after a time erect a large building on the site.—Shea & O'Connell are making preparations to commence excavating for a pair of solid brick dwellings on Lippincott street.—Building permits have been granted as follows: R. Milligan, three det. 2-storey and attic bk. dwellings, n. side Pearson ave., cost \$6,000; R. Graydon, six att. 2-storey and attic bk. dwellings, w. side Centre st., cost \$12,000; A. McFarren, 3-storey bk. dwelling, cor. Sherbourne and Queen sts., cost \$9,000; John Morton, 2-storey bk. dwelling, 217 Lippincott st., cost \$1,100; Wm. Morton, 2-storey rough cast dwelling, 832 Manning ave., cost \$1,200; Stone & Armsen, 2-storey bk. addition to rear of building, 212 Yonge st., cost \$1,200.—The Straight Lake Nickel Mining Company has been organized in this city, with the following names on the Board of Directors: E. F. Clarke, James Todhunter, W. B. Wilson, John Bruce, Walter S. Tennant, Dr. A. R. Gordon and Dr. T. H. Graham. The company have acquired a

large mineral deposit in the township of Moncrieff, and propose to work the property on a large scale by the latest improved machinery, which is to be purchased in Canada.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Building permits have been granted as follows: G. W. Robinson, two 2-storey stone dwellings on Crescent st., A. F. Dunlop, architect, R. Wilson, mason, L. H. Blouin & Co., carpenters, cost \$14,000; Lambert & Son, two 3-storey bk. dwellings on Church st., Joseph German, mason, Lambert & Son, carpenters, cost \$4,000; Chas. Baziet, 2½-storey bk.-encased building on Montcalm st., Chartrand & Coulombe, carpenters. Cost \$2,300; Royal Electric Co., one 3-storey brick and stone building, corner Prince and Queen sts., W. McLea Walbank, architect; Alfred Fanteaux, 4-storey bk. dwelling on Church st., cost \$5,500; C. B. Carter, two 3-storey brick and stone dwellings on Crescent st., A. Raza, architect, A. Payette & Son, masons, A. Benard & Son, carpenters; J. Charpentier & Son, 2½-storey brick-encased dwelling on Mignonne st., probable cost \$3,500; A. Joly & Co., 2-storey brick encased dwelling, Knox st., cost \$2,500.—At a meeting of residents of Cote St. Antoine to consider the question of school accommodation, it was decided that as soon as possible schools should be erected in the East and West wards, and the present central school enlarged.—The Superintendent of Water Works has submitted an approximate estimate to the Water Committee of the amount required for pipe laying during the coming summer, exclusive of the \$60,000 already granted for winter work. The estimate, he says, does not include any work which may be necessitated by projected permanent paving works in 1893. He recommends that tenders be asked for the supply of 3,000 tons of pipes, and money for the proposed works asked to the extent, in all, of \$280,000.—The Harbor Commissioners will receive tenders until the 26th inst. for 50 small cars, 300 boxes for dredgings, 60 tons of light steel rails, and a pile driving engine. Specifications at the office of Mr. John Kennedy, Chief Engineer, on and 14th instant.—The Water Committee will recommend to the council that the sum of \$1,275 be granted for stone to macadamize St. Catherine street. They will also report in favor of grading and draining Champlain Maissonneuve and Panet streets.

#### FIRES.

The Metropolitan hotel and opera house at Blanc, B.C., were burned recently. Loss \$15,000; insurance \$4,000.—The Roman Catholic church at Achill, Ont., was burned on the 12th inst. It is said immediate steps will be taken to erect a new building.—F. Hutchin's harness factory at Winnipeg, Man., was damaged by fire on the 11th inst. to the extent of \$12,000.—Gauthier's factory, at Ottawa, Ont., was badly gutted by fire on the 12th inst. The loss, which is partially covered by insurance, is about \$6,000.—Fire at Brandon, Man., on the 8th inst. damaged the premises of W. Senksell, boots and shoes; W. J. Young & Co., Bower & Co., J. S. Lottan and H. E. Henderson. The buildings were owned by Messrs. Anderson, Howe and Hughes. The total loss is about \$10,000.—The Argenteuil hotel at Lachine, Que., together with the general store of Fraser Bros., was entirely destroyed by fire on the 8th inst. Loss between \$15,000 and \$20,000; insurance on hotel building \$6,000.—The agricultural implement factory of Frost & Wood, Smith's Falls, Ont., was damaged to the extent of \$6,000 recently. Covered by insurance.—The residence of Sylvanus Sprague, Amherstburg, Ont., was burned on the 6th inst. Loss \$5,000.—The dwelling house of Octave Guerten at St. Hilaire, Que., was destroyed by fire on Monday last. Loss \$1,500.—A three-storey block of stores at St. Catharines, Ont., owned by Mr. M. Y. Keating, was damaged to the extent of \$3,000 on the 10th inst. Loss fully covered by insurance.—Fire at Delhi, Ont., on Tuesday last destroyed the following buildings: James Kemp, shop, dwelling and house furniture; A. Laur, stoves and tinware; James Whiteside, shop, occupied as jewellery store by R. Barker; brick store, owned and occupied by John Lamb; E. Kitchen's frame residence.—The Masonic hall

at Port Stanley, Ont., was destroyed by fire on Wednesday last. Insurance \$1,500.—Euclid school at Wuniprag, Man., was totally destroyed by fire on Thursday last. Loss very heavy, insurance \$20,000.

#### CONTRACTS AWARDED.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The contract for the construction of letter box fronts has been awarded to E. Chanteloup, of Montreal.

LONDON, ONT.—Mr. Johnston has been awarded the contract for the construction of a stone breakwater at Victoria bridge. His tender was \$4,500.

OWEN SOUND, ONT.—The contract for the erection of the proposed hospital has been awarded to Messrs. Alex. Green, Christie and Agar. The price is \$7,197.

STRAITFORD, ONT.—Mr. Thos. Orr, of this city, has been awarded the contracts for the erection of brick residences on Church St. for Thos. Ballantyne, jr., and Mr. F. D. Hamilton. Cost \$3,000 each. Harry J. Powell, architect.

PORT ARTHUR, ONT.—The contract for the new post office and custom house has been awarded to the firm of Tobin & O'Keefe of Ottawa. The building is to be of brick with stone facings, and will cost between \$15,000 and \$18,000.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The water committee of the city council have received tenders for the supply of 25 tons of lead pipe as follows: James Robertson, \$71; R. J. Coghlin, \$3.19 per cwt.; Montreal Rolling Mills, \$70.44; Thos. Robertson & Co., \$71.65; Cawthern & Caverhill, \$72.50 per ton. The tender of the Montreal Rolling Mills was accepted.—For the supply of 500 tons of pipes the following tenders were received: Drummond, McCall & Co., \$36 per ton, Gartshore & Hamilton, \$38.08 per ton; William Turnbull, \$33 per ton; Canada Pipe Co., \$34.50 per ton. The contract was awarded to Mr. Turnbull.—The Kellogg Iron Co., of Toronto, has been given the contract for the iron work required in the new Board of Trade building.—Tenders for excavation and masonry required in the erection of the bridge over the C.P.R. at St. Catherine St. have been opened and the contract awarded to Laurier & Rheume at the following prices: Earth excavation, 55¢; rock do., \$2.77; masonry, rock-faced ashlar, \$10.53; do., chisel dressed, \$13.75; piles, 24¢. Three tenders for the superstructure were received from J. Cochrane and W. G. Reed, \$24,750; Dominion Bridge Co., \$32,235 and \$36,080; Bastien & Canadian Bridge and Iron Co., \$27,983. These were referred to the City Surveyor to ascertain whether the plans submitted by each contractor were according to the specifications and equal to the requirements. Mr. St. George to associate with himself a special expert on iron bridge building.

TORONTO, ONT.—The city council have awarded contracts as follows for the year's supplies: Win Jones, loam, 65¢ per cubic yard east of Yonge st., and 70¢ west of Yonge; John Bourne, sand, \$1 per cubic yard; A. J. Brown, clean gravel, 97¢ east of Yonge; Burns & McCormack, 98¢ west of Yonge; cobble stone, E. Golding, Jas. Hillis, M. O'Brien and R. Golding, 40 tonise each, \$10.75 per tonise; Ontario Lead and Barb Wire Co. (Ltd.), wire nails, \$2.87 per 100 lbs.; F. W. Unitt, 7 inch spikes, \$2.48 per 100; do., 8 inch spikes \$2.48 per 100; T. Tomlinson & Son, castings, \$1.74 per 100 lbs; wrought ironwork, \$2.75 per 100; D. L. Van Vlack, sound cedar, \$5.49 per cord, and \$5.49 for culls; Reid & Co., lumber, \$12.97 per 1,000 for planks and \$12.53 for scantling; crossing stone, T. Murray, 30¢ per lineal foot; land stone, P. & P. S. Wilson, 50 tonise Portland laid, \$10.00 per tonise; A. W. Godson, 150 tonise Frederick St. laid, \$8.50; T. Cook, Breadalbane St., 10 tonise, price \$11.50; sewer pipe, Standard Drain Pipe Co., 6 in. pipe, 1cc., 9 in. pipe 17c., 12 in. pipe 22½c., 15 in. pipe 33c., 18 in. pipe 56c.; invert, 1 ft., 2 in. by 1 ft., 9 in., 22c. per foot, 2 ft. by 3 ft. invert, 32c. per foot; stoppers, 6 in., 4c. each, 9 in., 5c. each; curves, elbow and bends, 6 in., 32c. each, 9 in., 53c. each, 12 in., 95c. each, 15 in., \$1.75 each, 18 in., \$2.40 each; junctions, 6 in., off 12 in. 85c. each, 9 in., off 12 in., 85c. each, 6 in., off 15 in. \$2.25 each, 9 in., off 15 in. \$2.25 each, 6 in., off 18 in. \$1.80 each, 9 in., off 18 in. \$1.80 each.—The Excelsior Pavement Co. has been awarded the contract for an Excelsior sidewalk on the north side of Carlton St., from Yonge to Bleeker; price for 6-foot sidewalk, \$2.10 per foot.—Messrs. Burns & McCormack have been awarded the contract for a cedar block pavement on Ossington Ave., between Bloor St. and C. P. R. tracks at \$7,500.—The City Engineer recommends the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Polson & Co. for a new engine and boiler complete for sawing cedar at the city yard, price \$1,340.

County Councils will meet as follows: Ontario, Tuesday, the 26th inst., J. E. Farwell, clerk; Welland, Monday, the 18th inst; Carleton, N. B., Tuesday, the 19th inst., R. K. Jones, Sec.-Treas.