

Toronto, Ont.—Architect W. A. Langdon, 43 Toronto Street, Toronto, has awarded the following contracts on a two-story and attic, 33x40 ft. brick residence, to be erected on Dunvagon Road (W. A. Langdon, trustee), Mason, Orr Bros., carpenters, Booth & Co.; plumbing and painting, J. McGuire & Co.; West King Street, plastering, Hannah & Nelson; painting, Wm. McCausland & Sons, West King Street; tin work, M. H. Hutson.

Blyth, Ont.—Bainton Bros., of this place, are preparing to erect a new house on Drummond Street. It will be three stories high, of concrete foundation and brick superstructure.

Brantford, Ont.—Mr. David Fitness, of this city, has purchased land near Alexandria Church, on Colborne Street, on which he states he will erect a brick residence.

London, Ont.—Architect Wm. G. Murray, London, Ont., has prepared plans for a residence in London Township for Mr. T. A. Shoelton, of this place. The structure will be brick foundation and superstructure, hot air heating, mantels, stained shingle roof.

St. Catharines, Ont.—The Bemis Bag Company, of this place, propose erecting a number of residences near their works for the accommodation of their workmen.

Chatham, Ont.—Architects J. L. Wilson, Son & Arnold, Chatham, Ont., have prepared plans for the erection of a residence for A. Westman, Chatham. Specifications include stone foundation, stone and shingle superstructure, stained shingle roof, birch interior finish, two and a half storeys high, electric and gas lighting, tile, mantels, plate glass.

Chatham, Ont.—Architect A. M. Piper, King Street, Chatham, Ont., is preparing plans for a brick and concrete residence for W. Mann, Chatham, to cost \$3,500.

Ottawa, Ont.—The Hon. Mr. Fielding, Minister of Finance, stated that the Public Works Department would shortly erect a residence containing about 150 rooms, on the site of the Royal Mint, for the accommodation of the Master of the Mint. As soon as plans have been prepared tenders will be called.

Niagara Falls, Ont.—Mr. A. T. Hawkins, whose home was recently destroyed by fire, intends to erect a residence on the same site. Plans are being prepared and tenders for the work will be called for shortly.

Sudbury, Ont.—Architect Edward F. Head, Sudbury, Ont., has prepared plans for a residence to cost \$8,000, for Larry G. O'Neil, Sudbury. Building will have stone foundation, brick veneer superstructure, shingle roof, hardwood interior finish, hot water heating, electric lighting, modern plumbing. Specifications include: Cut stone, mantels, enamel-writer, ornamental columns and caps, plate glass, art glass, refrigerator. Day work, owner supplying material.

Chatham, Ont.—Architects J. L. Wilson, Son & Arnold, of this place, are preparing plans for a reinforced concrete dwelling house for A. E. Dyer, to be erected here. It will be of fireproof construction, with tile floors and electric light. Estimated cost, \$5,500.

Chatham, Ont.—Architects J. L. Wilson, Son & Arnold, of Chatham, Ont., have prepared plans for the erection of a stone and frame residence for A. D. Westman, Chatham, Ont.

Sudbury, Ont.—Dickie & Brown, Sudbury, Ont., have been awarded the contract for the erection of a residence to cost \$2,000 for Dr. W. H. Howey, Sudbury, Ont., for which Architect F. H. Herbert, 65 East Adelaide Street, Toronto, prepared the plans. Architect Edward F. Head, Sudbury, Ont., is the superintending architect. Specifications include: Cut stone, mantels, brick construction, shingle roof, hardwood interior finish, hot water heating, electric lighting, modern plumbing, mantels, shingle stain, ornamental columns, art glass. The owner, Dr. W. H. Howey, is supplying the material.

Fort Arthur, Ont.—A double residence on Nugent Street, in this city, owned by G. Richards, was recently destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$4,000. Mr. Richards will rebuild.

Winnipeg, Man.—R. M. Denistoun, barrister, of this city, has purchased a tract of 91 ft. on Roslyn Road, on which he proposes erecting a modern residence.

Regina, Sask.—Architects Story & Von Egmond, Box 1344, Regina, Sask., have prepared plans for a residence for Mr. T. P. Bryth, Regina, to cost \$3,000. Specifications include concrete foundation, brick superstructure, shingle roof, oak interior finish, steam heating, electric lighting, modern plumbing, cut stone, shingle stain, plate glass. Tenders received after February 1st.

Regina, Sask.—Architects Story & Von Egmond, Regina, Sask., have prepared plans and will receive tenders after February 1st for the construction of a residence to cost \$4,000, for W. S. Von Egmond, Regina.

Quebec, P. Q.—Talbot & Dionne, architects and contractors, St. Joseph Street, Quebec, P. Q., are preparing plans for a brick residence for Jos. Lafamme, of this city, to cost \$6,000.

Salisbury, N.B.—Architect W. C. Barnes, Moncton, N.B., has prepared plans for the work of remodelling the residence of V. E. Gowland, Salisbury, N.S. Work: Frame construction, concrete foundation, to have warm air heating, modern plumbing, shingle roof, hemlock and birch interior finish, brick fireplace.

Vancouver, B.C.—Architect S. McClure, Victoria, B.C., has been engaged by Hon. James Dunsuir, of this city, to prepare plans for a residence to cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000. Probably field granite will be used for the lower stories of the structure, with brick for the upper portion, trimmed with Australian stone. The residence will be four storeys high.

Hotels

Norway Point, Ont.—The Canadian Ry. News Co., Toronto, have received tenders for a hotel building to be erected at Norway Point, near Huntsville, for the Grand Trunk Ry. System and the Huntsville & Lake of the North Navigation Co. The building will be two storeys high, consisting of a centre section 75 x 75 ft., two end wings 175 x 40 ft. each, and a rear wing 100 x 40 ft. The structure will be of frame construction containing eighty-five guest rooms with a bathroom for every two rooms. All bathrooms to be finished in tile. A water supply system and an acetylene or electric lighting system will be provided by the company. Architect G. W. Gouinlock, Temple Bldg., prepared the plans.

Brantford, Ont.—The King's Hotel here will shortly be enlarged and improved, at a cost of \$4,000. City Engineer Jones, of Brantford, has issued a permit for the work.

Davisville, Ont.—Mr. Leslie, proprietor of the Davisville Hotel, states that if he can make proper arrangements, he will remodel his hotel into premises suitable for a bank.

Gananogue, Ont.—The American Hotel at Gananogue, owned by Mr. Joseph Church, was recently damaged by fire to the extent of \$3,000. This damage will be repaired at once.

London, Ont.—Mr. O'Neil, proprietor of the Tecumseh House at this place, states that he proposes erecting a wing to the rear of the hotel to contain fifty more rooms with bathrooms in connection. This work will be commenced in the near future.

Quebec, Que.—The Provincial Construction Co., 23 Jordan St., Toronto, has been awarded the contract for the first addition of the proposed enlargement of the Chateau Frontenac Hotel, Quebec, owned by the C. P. R. W. S. Paynter is the architect for the company with office at Montreal. Other additions to complete the plan of enlargement will be constructed after this first portion is finished.

Sawyerville, P. Q.—Mr. Taylor's hotel at this place was recently destroyed by fire. Insurance \$8,500. Loss about \$12,000. Mr. Taylor states he will rebuild.

Tegreville, Alta.—McAllister Bros., owners of the Albert Hotel here, was recently destroyed by fire, state that they will erect a four storey brick hotel here on the site of the old structure early next spring.

Medicine Hat, Alta.—J. E. Howson, owner of the American Hotel here, states that he will tear down the present frame hotel in the spring and erect a larger three story red pressed brick structure in its place, at a cost of \$15,000.

Lethbridge, Alta.—Architect Jas. A. Macdonald, Lethbridge, Alta., will receive tenders from Feb. 3rd to Feb. 14th for alterations to ground floor and an additional story to the candidate hotel, owned by Angus Davidson, Lethbridge, Alta. Specifications include concrete foundations and floors, brick and galvanized iron superstructure.

Sedley, Sask.—Fitch Bros., proprietors of the Sedley Hotel, at this place, propose erecting an addition to their hotel early in the spring. The structure will be 25x50 feet, of concrete construction.

Nokomis, Sask.—B. A. See, proprietor of the recently burned Nokomis Hotel, states that he will build a new brick veneer hotel on the old site, at a cost of about \$15,000.

Red Deer, B.C.—Chas. Reed and Wm. Strickland, of this place, have taken over the Windsor Hotel, which they propose to enlarge early this spring.

Prince Rupert, B.C.—The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co. are making arrangements for the construction of a hotel here to cost \$250,000. The Grand Trunk Railway Co.'s architect at Montreal is preparing the plans. Salmon Arm, B.C.—Mr. Alex. Miller, of this place, proposes erecting a large addition to his hotel here in the spring, plans for which are now being prepared.

Jails and Fire Stations

Hamilton, Ont.—The Fire and Water Committee of the Hamilton City Council will shortly call for tenders for the erection and equipping of the proposed East End Fire Station of this city. Mr. Barrow, chief engineer for the city, has full particulars.

London, Ont.—The directors of residents of the south-east end of the city of London, Ont., will wait upon the mayor and council to urge the immediate erection of one of the two firehalls authorized in the recent by-law in that quarter of the city. It is alleged that the council will call for tenders for the erection of these two fire halls very shortly.

Hamilton, Ont.—Chief of Police Smith, of Hamilton, is petitioning the Council to either have the present police station remodelled or a new one built.

Ottawa, Ont.—The Council of this city have appointed Aldermen Grant, Foran, Lapierre, McGrath and Rosenthal as a committee to secure plans and estimates for the reconstruction of the 6 Fire Hall, and the fire hall in Hontonburg, recently annexed to Ottawa. Installation of suitable apparatus is also intended to increase its efficiency.

Toronto, Ont.—The Northern Electric Co., of Montreal, the Grenfell Electric Co., of New York and Boston, and the Signal Phone Alarm Co., of Milwaukee, have tendered for the new police signal service.

Portage la Prairie, Man.—Mr. L. Hooper, provincial architect, Winnipeg, Man., is preparing plans for additions to the reformatory to be made here this spring.

Regina, Sask.—Architects Story & Von Egmond, Box 1344, Regina, Sask., have prepared plans for a jail building to be erected here at a cost of \$100,000 for the Provincial Government of Saskatchewan. Specifications include: Fireproof concrete construction throughout, metal roof, steam heating, electric lighting, three storeys high, cut stone, brick, tile, metallic lath structure, iron, vaults, dumb waiter, sheet metal work, fireproof windows. Tenders will likely be called for by the Public Works Department, of the Province of Saskatchewan, shortly.

Saskatoon, Sask.—Architect W. W. LaChene, Saskatoon, Sask., has completed plans for a proposed ward fire hall to cost \$12,000.

Vancouver, B. C.—The police commissioners of this city will consider the installation of a police signal system and the erection of four sub-station stations.

Vancouver, B.C.—Architect W. T. Dalton, of the firm of Dalton & Eveleigh, Vancouver, B.C., has been instructed to prepare plans for extensions to the city jail here.

Monuments

London, Ont.—The executive committee of the Daughters of the Empire, of this place, have collected \$10,000 with which they propose erecting a soldier's monument in Victoria Park, here. They have decided to advertise for tenders for this work at once.

The English Patent Act

THE new British patent act, which goes into effect on January 1 next, is of great importance to inventors, manufacturers and others.

Its provisions are embodied in over 100 sections, divided into three parts—patents, designs, and general. The most important innovations are set forth in an article written by an English chartered patent agent as follows:

If a patented article or process be manufactured or carried on exclusively or mainly outside the United Kingdom, unless the patentee prove that the patented article or process is manufactured or carried on in an adequate extent in the United Kingdom, or give satisfactory reasons why it is not so manufactured or carried on, the comptroller may make an order revoking the patent forthwith, or he may make an order revoking it after a specified interval if the patented article or process be not in the meantime adequately manufactured or carried on within the United Kingdom; but in the latter case, if the patentee give satisfactory reasons for the failure to so manufacture or carry on within the prescribed time, the order may be extended the period by not more than one year. To obtain such an order, application must be made to the comptroller at least four years from the date of the patent, and one year from the passing of the act; moreover, any decision of the comptroller is to be subject to an appeal to the High Court, and no order is to be made that will be at variance with any treaty, convention, arrangement, or engagement with any foreign country or British possession.

This provision, which, according to Mr. Lloyd-George, is the pith of the act, introduces a very important alteration into the law relating to patents. It is true that under the previous law it was possible that a patent might be revoked on a somewhat similar ground—namely, that the reasonable requirements of the public with respect to the patented invention had not been satisfied; but this was only as an alternative to the grant of a compulsory license, and no patent has, at any rate in modern times, been revoked on such a ground. Whether the policy of revoking patents for lack of working in this country is sound or not is at any rate very debatable.