

WESTFIELD, N. B.—Wm. Starr has purchased a site here on which to erect a summer residence.

BARRIE, ONT.—It seems probable that the proposed house of refuge will be located in this town.

ST. GEORGE, N. B.—John Dewar & Sons are making arrangements to put a new rotary in their mill.

GUELPH, ONT.—Thos Pepper has purchased a site on which to erect a residence.—The city will likely build a fire-hall to cost \$1,800.

DURHAM, ONT.—M. McIntyre is putting in the foundation for a new brick block, 50 x 82 feet, to be fitted up for a bank and large store.

GRAND FORKS, B.C.—The council have decided to borrow \$20,000 for the purpose of constructing a waterworks system and an electric light plant.

MOUNT FOREST, ONT.—The corporation of the town of Mount Forest are proposing to submit of a by-law for a system of waterworks.

RAT PORTAGE, ONT.—Plans of the sewerage system for this town were approved of by the Provincial Board of Health on Monday last.

KILMARNOCK, ONT.—Mr. Collingwood Scribner, C.E., of the Railways and Canals Department, Ottawa, is said to favor the construction of a bridge over the Rideau river at this point.

BOWMANVILLE, ONT.—R. Windatt, town clerk, will receive tenders until the 25th inst. for the purchase of \$6,000 of debentures, payable in twenty years, and bearing interest at 4 per cent.

BRANTFORD, ONT.—The town will probably purchase a road roller.—The Cockshutt Plow Company have purchased the Victoria skating and curling rink in order to extend their works.

COLLINGWOOD, ONT.—The question of constructing a sewerage system is being considered. Mr. Chipman, C.E., of Toronto, was recently in consultation with the city authorities regarding the matter.

SCHOMBERG, ONT.—On the 9th of September the ratepayers of the township of King will vote on a by-law to raise \$12,000 to assist the Schomberg and Aurora Railroad Company in building a line of railway.

HALIFAX, N.S.—At the next meeting of the city council the question of constructing a sewer on Laurence street will be brought up.—Tenders are being taken this week for constructing a brick chimney at the Provincial Exhibition grounds.

SPRINGVILLE, ONT.—Tenders are asked by John Pearson, town clerk, until Monday, 23rd inst., for the work of improving, altering and extending the East Black Creek drain, in the township of Ellice, according to plans prepared by Wm. F. VanBuskirk, O.L.S.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Work is nearly completed on the extension of the Dauphin road to Lake Winnipegosis. A party of engineers is now engaged surveying the Rainy River road, and their report will have to be considered before anything in the way of construction is done.

MARSHVILLE, ONT.—Tenders are asked by H. N. Nelson, care R. Cooper, Welland, Ont., until August 25th, for the construction in wood of the southern portion of Montrose bridge (120 feet) over the Welland river at Montrose, also for the construction of the entire bridge, swing included.

SHERBROOKE, QUE.—The question of water supply was considered at the last meeting of council, and Mr. Beaudry, C. E., was authorized to have specifications and estimates prepared. The opera house scheme was also before the council—G. T. Armstrong proposes to erect a condensed milk factory.

FREDERICTON, N. B.—Tenders are asked by the city for four hundred cords of trap rock.—The Public Buildings Committee of the County Council are having specifications prepared for repairing and improving the interior of the county court house. Three new furnaces will be put in, and the building given a general overhauling.

HULL, QUE.—There is talk of constructing a railway between Gracefield and Maniwaki. The chief promoter of the scheme is Mr. Charles Logue, who is to give \$25,000 towards the enterprise.—The question of extending the waterworks system is being considered.—The School Board has decided to borrow \$8,000, the money to be expended in outbuildings for the new St. Mary's school.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—Plans are being prepared at the waterworks office for the power plant which it is proposed to install at Silver Falls to increase the water pressure. The stream has to be dammed above the upper fall and a sluice cut along the course of the river for 300 feet to a point below the middle fall. The sluice will at its termination be 60 feet lower than at its head. At the lower end of the sluice a turbine water wheel, capable of developing 12 horse power, will be placed.

LONDON, ONT.—The extension of the electric railway to Pottersburg has been decided upon.—In connection with the sewerage system now in course of construction, tenders for sections A, B, C, H, L, M, N and O have not yet been taken.

A. O. Graydon, city engineer, wants tenders for a 10-inch tile sewer on Oxford street.—Building permits have been granted as follows: George Hammett, story and a half dwelling house on King street, on the St. Paul's cemetery survey; Wm. Marsh, brick story and a half dwelling on Askin street, corner Wharnclyffe road.

OTTAWA, ONT.—Thomas Cleary is erecting a block of stores corner Bank and Somerset streets.—The plans for the new St. Luke's hospital have been altered and new tenders invited. The contract will be let this week.—James Mather, architect, has prepared plans for swimming baths at the Y.M.C.A., work on which will be commenced as soon as funds are raised.—The C.P.R. authorities have purchased property at the canal basin, and will, it is said, build a large depot.—A building permit has been granted to James Davidson to make improvements to the Royal Exchange hotel on Wellington street, at a cost of \$6,000.—The Russell House Company have taken out a permit for improvements to the extent of \$12,000 on the Russell House property on Canal street.

MONTREAL, QUE.—L. R. Montbriant, architect, is preparing plans for a large stable to be built in the east end.—Taylor & Gordon, architects, have prepared plans for a new chapel to be built at the corner of Atwater and Dorchester streets, Westmount.—A. Raza, architect, is calling for tenders for a college to be erected at the corner of Rachel and Parthenais streets for the school commissioners.—Wright & Son, architects, are taking tenders for two self-contained houses on Roslyn avenue, Westmount, for William McDonald.—P. Lortie & Son, architects, are receiving tenders for a school to be built on Notre Dame de Graces for the school commissioners.—S. Frappier is calling for tenders for a cottage on Park ave., Montreal Annex, for Joseph Mennier.—Residents on Notre Dame street have requested that paving work be continued on that street.

KINGSTON, ONT.—The new oil sheds of the Queen City Oil Company will be built of stone, and will contain a complete plant.—The Minister of Public Works has said that plans were already in preparation for the erection of the drill shed in this city, and that a beginning would be

promptly made.—Henry Smith, architect, has under way the erection of a convent building for the Sisters of Notre Dame. Alexander Newlands will do the mason work and M. Sullivan the carpenter and joiner's work, but the other trades have not yet been let. The building will be of solid stone, three stories high, with basement, and an extension running parallel with Bagot street. On the ground floor will be the chapel, dining rooms, kitchen and laundry; on the second floor class and bedrooms. The upper story will be devoted to a large music hall. The building will cost about \$10,000.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The by-law to raise \$110,000 for street pavements was defeated by the ratepayers last week. Little interest was shown in the vote.—Residents of Macnab street have petitioned the Board of Works for an asphalt pavement.—Building permits have been granted as follows: R. J. Larkin, two-story brick dwelling on Barton street, between Birch and Kinrade avenues, cost \$1,400; David Philip, two-story brick dwelling on Liberty street, cost \$1,000.—The C.P.R. has taken tenders for freight sheds, 500 feet long, on Maria street, and it is expected the contracts will be let this week. The building will be largely of iron.—The sewers committee have approved of the plans of the Ferguson ave. sewage disposal works, the capacity of which will be 2,200,000 gallons. A few improvements, the most important of which is a filtering bed, have been made in the plans of the Wentworth street plant. It was decided not to purchase an incinerator at present. The cost of the works will be \$45,000 or \$47,000. The purchase of a garbage incinerator at a cost of \$2,500, and \$280 additional for roofing and side walls, was recommended by the Engineer in conjunction with the disposal works.

TORONTO, ONT.—Mr. G. W. Yarker, representing a syndicate, hopes to secure the erection of a palace hotel on the old Upper Canada college grounds, the Ontario government having offered a free site for the purpose. Sketch plans have been prepared, which show an eight-story building, coming close to the street line at the corner of King and Simcoe streets with stores on the ground floor. The material proposed to be used is grey stone, terra cotta and pressed brick, and the building will cost in the neighborhood of \$600,000. Exemption from taxation will be asked from the city.—The Ontario Wind Engine and Pump Co. propose to erect a new building on Liberty street, in rear of the Mercer reformatory.—A by-law has been passed by the East Toronto council to raise \$7,000 to finish the new school building.—A petition against a gravel pavement on Waterloo avenue has been sent in to the City Clerk.—The city council has given notice of its intention to construct brick sidewalks on the following street: Alexander street, north side, from McMillan to Yonge streets, cost \$649; Portland street, west side, from Adelaide to Front streets, cost \$732; Lippincott street, west side, from Nassau to Bloor streets, cost \$1,934; Palmerston avenue; both sides, from Queen to Robinson streets, cost \$570.—The City Clerk has received a petition against the construction of a brick sidewalk on Duchess street, between George and Sherbourne.

FIRES.

The warden's departments at the Central Prison, Toronto, were recently damaged by fire to the extent of \$2,000.—At Staples Ont., fire on the 14th inst. destroyed the residence and tailor shop of W. A. Aubin, Eric Caughill's barber shop, and W. M. Swalmans residence.—J. T. Harrie's timber and lath mill at Burk's Falls, Ont., were completely consumed by fire on Monday last, at a loss of \$10,000, partially covered by insurance.