drain 700 feet in length. Tenders will include all necessary excavation and the turnshing and laying of pipes. Address N. G. D. Parker or John Rus. ell.

EXELER, ONL.—5. Gidley & Son have purchased Drews opera house block and will convert the two stores on the ground floor into one and put in plate glass windows. The opera house will also be improved.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The corner stone of the new Emerald street Methodist church was laid on Tuesday last.—A building permit has been granted to W. P. Wuton, for brick residence on Hess street, for Fred. Carpenter, to cost \$2,000.

TILBURY, ORT.—Many of the buildings recently burned are being replaced by improved structures. Mr. Kelly will erect a three storey building and Mr. Thomas Anderson will build a large block, the upper portion of which will be used for an opera house.

GODERICH, ONT.—The council will submit by laws to the electors on the 15th inst to raise the following sums. \$12,000 for a stand pipe and pipe extension into the lake; \$6,500 for an incandescent electric lighting system; \$20,000 for the construction of permanent sewers.

St. Catharines, Ont.—The St. Catharines & Niagara Central Railway Company will apply to parliament for authority to issue bonds to be applied in repairing and equipping its line, and to extend the road to connect with the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo railway near Smithville.

COBOURG, ONT.—The building of the Cobourg, Northumberland and Pacific railway has been commenced. The road, which must be completed within two years, will extend from Cubourg to a point on the Canadian Pacific railway called Springbrook, twelve miles north-east of Campbellford.

Vancouver, B. C.—The B. C. Iron Works Co. propose expending \$100,000 on a marine railway and \$125,000 on the extension of the present works for the manufacture of mining machinery.—J. Findlay & Co. announce that they propose establishing a plant for the manufacture of mining machinery.

VICTORIA, B. C.—The British Pacific Railway Co. will seek incorporation, with power to build a line of railway from this city to Winnipeg, via Butte Inlet, Cariboo, Edmonton and Prince Albert.—The City Council have decided to build a pile bridge across the Victoria arm at Point Ellice, and has appropriated the sum of \$5,200 for the purpose.

NORTH SYDNEY, N. S.—Tenders will be received by J. N. Armstrong, town clerk, until the 10th inst. for supplying the town with hydrants, valves and boxes. Specifications may be seen at the town clerk's office.—The town clerk will receive proposals until the 20th inst. for the purchase of \$50,000 of debentures issued for the purpose of providing the town with a system of waterworks.

HALIFAX, N. S — A local architect has prepared plans for a brick and stone building to be erected at Campbelltown, N. B., for the Bank of Nova Scotia, tenders for which will be called at once. The same architect is preparing plans for a brick and stone school building, to contain ten class rooms and a large assembly room and fitted with all modern improvements. He is also preparing plans for a store 40x100 ft., to be built at Campbellton, for Jas. Alexander, for a residence at Fredericton, and for remodelling a dwelling at Sydney.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The notice calling for tenders for a railway bridge at Auburn is for the superstructure of the bridge only.

At the first annual meeting of the Hull Electric Railway Co., held on the 2nd

ult., arrangements were made for building loop lines and erecting a large summer hotel at Hull. Mr. Alexander Fraser was elected president and Mr. H. D. Spencer managing director.—The Central Canada Exhibition Association have requested the council to provide better fire protection. The city engineer estimates that 1,400 feet of 5 inch pipe and 3 hydrants are required, at an estimated cost of \$1,200 40. The work has been recommended.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Tenders are being invited for the construction of the Chambly aqueduct. Plans at the office of Mr. Ducharme, director, Banque Jacques Cartier.—George Cook, secretary treasurer of the town of Outremont, will receive proposals until the 10th inst. for the purchase of \$50,000 bonds, payable in 42 years and bearing interest at 4 per cent.—It is reported that surveyors are locating the route of the Montreal, Vaudreuil & Ottawa Railway between Rigaud and Caledonia Springs, and that construction will be commenced during the present month.—A building permit has been granted for 2 houses on St. Denis street for A. Duperreault. Estimated cost \$5,000.—Gamelin & Huot, architects, are preparing plans for a house to be erected at Westmount for Leon Dutil.

TORONTO, ONT .- The Norway school trustees have applied to the York township council for power to issue debentures amounting to \$4,000 for erecting a new school building at Norway.—Alderman Gowanlock has moved in the City Council that the Board of Control be authorized to proceed with the construction of a trunk sewer, according to plans prepared by the City Engineer, and that a by-law be submitted to raise \$1,000,000 for the purpose. The motion was referred to the Board of Works for consideration.—The Board of Control have recommended that the council proceed with the widening of Queen street subway.-Plans are being prepared for the rebuilding McKendry & Co.'s store, 202-208 Yonge street. It will be considerably improved and enlarged.—Wm. Lane, reeve of the townships of Denbigh, Abbinger and Asby, has requested aid from the Ontario government in the rebuilding of a number of bridges which have been destroyed by spring freshets and forest fires.—It is stated that the Matthews Art Wood-Work Co. propose establishing a factory in this A sufficiently signed petition is said to have been presented against the construction of a brick pavement on Wellesley place.—The City Engineer has reported that it would cost \$1,200 to extend the Fort Rouille sewer 100 feet into the lake. The recommendation has been referred to the Board of Works.—Dewart & Raney, solicitors, have given notice that application will be made to the Dominion parliament for an act to incorporate the Toronto Radial Railway Co., with power to take over the franchise of the Toronto Belt Line Railway Co., and to convert the present belt line railway into an electric road.-The Canadian Electric Railway & Power Co. is seeking incorporation, with power to build an electric railway from Cobourg to Niagara Falls, via Port Hope, Bowmanville, Oshawa, Whitby, Toronto, Oakville and Hamilton.

—The chief of the fire brigade has recommended the purchase of the following supplies: 3,250 feet 2½ inch hose and couplings, \$3,650; 500 feet 3 inch ditto, \$650; 2 two horse hose wasons, \$500; cut-outs for fire alarm boxes, \$2,300; key-less doors for 15 fee alarm boxes, \$2,300; key-less doors for 15 fee alarm boxes. less doors for 17 fire alarm boxes, \$213. The request has been sent to the Board of Control.—A site will be granted by the Council to the Dominion Cold Storage Company, which proposes erecting a large five-storey building on a lot adjoining the drill shed.—At a meeting of the Separate School Board held on Tuesday last, plans and specifications were accepted for a new four-roomed brick school to be erected on Bathurst street, near Bloor. The new building will cost \$4,000.—An English syndicate is considering the question of leasing the Metropolitan Street Railway. The matter of the extension of the line to Richmond Hill is understood to be a part of the deal.—Building permits have been granted as follows: A. Nelson, pr. s.d. two story and attic bk. dwellings, s.w. cor. Spadina id. and Lowther ave., cost \$10,000; Chas. Page, to rebuild stores 202 Yonge st., cost \$8,000; Samuel S. Claik. det. 2 storey and attic bk. dwelling, 27 Triller ave., cost \$2,300.

## FIRES.

The residence of Dr. Wild at Bronte, Ont., was destroyed by fire on Friday of last week.—Fire at Union, B. C., on the 6th inst. destroyed the Williams block on 3rd street, three houses owned by Leon and F. W. Williams, and a cottage owned by A. D. Williams. The loss is about \$10,000.—The planing mill of W. & F. A. Scott, Galt, Ont., was damaged by fire on the 30th ult. to the extent of \$1,000.—The store of Longard & Sutherland and George R. Archibald, at Lower Stewiacke, N. S., has been destroyed by fire.—At Boiestown, N. B., on the 2nd inst., fire destroyed Wm. McConnell's residence and Herbert McMillan's store and residence. The total loss is \$6,000.—The dry goods store of St. Louis & Mercier, Montreal, has been damaged by fire to the extent of \$20,000.—Four stables at the exhibition grounds, Toronto, were destroyed by fire on Monday last. Loss \$3,000. It is probable they will be rebuilt at once.—The residence of Henry Jones at Alvinston, Ont., was burned on Tuesday last.—The laboratory buildings at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, were destroyed by fire on the 7th inst. Loss, \$4,000.

## CONTRACTS AWARDED.

ORILLIA, ONT.—J. R. Eaton has been awarded the contract for the new fire hall, to cost \$4,500. W. H. Croker, architect.

BELLEVILLE, ONT.—Walter Alford has been awarded a contract to improve the High and Central schools, at a cost of about \$8,500.

BARRIE, ONT.—Jas. Jerratt, Alliston, Ont., was awarded the contract last week for the new exhibition building and rink here. Kennedy, McVittie & Co., architects.

ELMVALE, ONT. — Mr. Carnohun, painter, has been awarded contracts for residences for T. Simpson, D. Drysdale and R. Bell, and also the new Presbyterian manse.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The contract for constructing the vaults in the Ottawa Trust & Loan Company's offices has been given to J. & J. Taylor, of Toronto. The price is \$20,000.

HALIFAX, N. S.—The contract for erecting a new building, corner Prince and Barrington streets, for George Wright, has been awarded to Mr. Sanders. The price is over \$20,000.

CHATHAM, ONT.—The City of Chathas just opened tenders for \$31,000 debentures, for which they received a large number of bids. The highest was from Messrs. George A. Stimson & Co., of Toronto, and the bonds have been awarded to that firm. The money was required principally for the extension of the waterworks system purchased a short time ago by the city.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The Montreal Park & Island railway have recently let the contract for the construction of the St. Vincent de Paul branch, to be completed this fall.—G. A. Monette, architect, has