

\$100,000.—The saw mill of John Hurley at St. Gabriel de Rimouski, Que., was recently destroyed by fire, together with 42,000 logs.—The sash and door factory of H. & F. Swim at Doaktown, N.B., was burned last week. Much of the machinery was new, and the loss will be about \$15,000.—A saw mill at Eden Grove, Ont., on the G. T. R., was consumed by fire last week, at a loss of \$4,000. Two brick stores at Woodstock, Ont., owned by W. H. Walbourn, were burned on Monday last. Loss, \$1,800; insurance, \$1,200.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

WINDSOR, ONT.—Debentures amounting to \$61,632 have been sold to G. E. Gault, at a premium of \$2,363.

GUELPH, ONT.—The heating of the Registry office has been let to Fick & Phillips, at the price of \$1,467.50.

ROSSLAND, B. C.—The contract for the construction of a sewerage system has been awarded to W. B. Davey, at the price of \$32,744.

BRANTFORD, ONT.—The heating and ventilation of improvements to the Collegiate Institute have been awarded to Buck's Stove Works, at the price of \$247.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—The tender of Sproul & Corbett for erecting the North End fire station, at the price of \$10,675, has been accepted, Thos. Campbell securing the heating at \$1,645.

PETERBORO, ONT.—The council have accepted the tender of Kennedy & Wade for sewer construction, at the price of \$9,916, the town to supply the pipe, cement, brick and gasket.

CORNWALL, ONT.—The contract for a seven-span steel bridge across the St. Lawrence river at this place has been secured by the Phoenixville Bridge Co., of Phoenixville, Pa. The cost will be about \$1,000,000.

KINCARDINE, ONT.—Hunter Bros. have secured contracts for new bridges at Chesley and Paisley. This firm were also contractors for the stand-pipe lately finished at Goderich for the works of that town.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The tender of the Canadian Rubber Co. has been accepted for supplying 3,000 feet of hose.—The Dominion government have let the contract for the Edmonton bridge to F. Lemoine, of Montreal, at the price of \$36,500.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The following tenders have been accepted by the city: Granolithic walk on Princess street, Scott & Co., \$1,752.70; sewer pipe, W. F. Lee, \$1,941.30; sewers on Osborne and Pembina streets, F. W. Lee, \$3,754; sewers on Park and Sherbrooke streets, F. W. Lee, \$1,107.

KINGSTON, ONT.—The successful tenderers for additions to a house on Johnston street for J. McKay & Son are: Litton & Free, masonry and bricklaying; George Hunter, carpentering; Joseph Jamieson, plumbing, metal work and hot water fittings; Robinson Bros., painting; architect, A. Ellis.

TORONTO, ONT.—The contract for laying new water pipes for fire protection in the central parts of the city has been awarded to Thomas McQuillan, at \$1,930.20.—Purdy, Mansell & Mashinter have been awarded the contract for heating the House of Industry at Fergus by hot water, with three Daisy boilers and Safford radiators.

CHATHAM, ONT.—The tender of H. O'Hara, Toronto, for \$15,000 electric light debentures, has been accepted; price, \$16,145.—Tenders were submitted as follows for heating the Central school: Record Foundry & Machine Co., \$975; Jas. Watt & Sons, \$2,300; Smead-Dowd Co., Toronto, \$2,400, \$2,500 and \$2,

275; McClary Manufacturing Co., London, \$1,050; J. F. Pease Furnace Co., Toronto, \$1,545. The tender of the Smead-Dowd Co. has been accepted.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The contract for building the East Richelieu Valley Railway from Iberville to the Lacolle bridge, a distance of 23 miles, has been awarded to Mr. J. L. Comte, of this city.—Robert Findlay, architect, has awarded the following contracts for a residence for Henry Fry, to be built on Dorchester street, Westmount: Masonry, H. Hutchison; carpenter and joiner's work, Thos. Forde; plastering, Thos. Brethour; painting, John Murphy; other trades not let. Estimated cost, \$7,000.

QUEBEC, QUE.—The contract for M. Hatch's residence to be built on Maple avenue has been let to Damase Vezina.—A. J. Pageau, architect, has awarded contracts for Mr. Zisk's residence to be built on St. Joachim street.—Building permits have been granted as follows: Repairs of a house for Ch. Helins; contractor, S. Trudel. Repairs on Massue street for Mr. Flavien Huot; contractor, C. Paradis. Repairs on Du Roi street for M. Noel; contractor, A. Dugat. Repairs corner of Dauphin and St. Stanislas streets; M. Eug. Falardeau, contractor.

BIDS.

PETROLEA, ONT.—The following tenders were received for the construction of a new school building: R. Corrick, Sarnia, complete, \$5,690; Scott & Cruikshank, Sarnia, mason work, \$2,681; Louis Zells, Port Huron, complete, \$5,060; J. J. Pennebaker & Co., Sarnia, \$5,185; Kelly & Parkinson, Petrolea, \$5,333; Thos. H. Cumeron, Port Huron, \$5,080; Farlin & Simpson, Sarnia, mason, excavation, etc., \$2,521; R. Clark & Sons Petrolea, drainage, excavation, masonry, brickwork and cement floors, \$3,600; Geo. A. Proctor,

Sarnia, carpenter and joiner's work, painting, etc., \$2,560; J. & J. Jackson, Petrolea, complete, \$5,320; H. Fisher, St. Clair, complete, \$5,283; Wm. E. Jones, Sarnia, complete \$4,998.53; John Crook linder, Thedford, complete, \$5,276. No award has yet been made.

BRICKWORK IN ENGLAND.

In the Middle Ages we find the *hidoron* (12 inches by 6), the *quadrelli* and *tavelle* (7 inches long, 3½ inches broad), the first of which pretty well answers to the modern English, the latter to the small Dutch brick. Inferior sorts, called *biscotti* and *biscotta*, which from the word appear to have been twice baked, were fraudulently sold instead. The Jews used to inscribe magical and other characters upon their bricks, a circumstance unknown to Hearne, who has engraved one with the story of Samson burning the corn by foxes with firebrands. The Anglo-Saxons styled brickwork *Tigel-geweorc*, and they and their Norman successors, under the name of *wali-tiles*, continued to make and use them in the same manner as the Romans (for whose tiles they are mistaken, till the time of Henry II. During the wars in France and Flanders, temp. Edward I. and II., the Flemish manner of making them was introduced, and with it their manner of building with high gable ends, arising with steps, and finished with something like a chimney, ornamented with bricks moulded in various forms and sometimes curiously put together. The walls of this era have foundations of rag-stones and mere facings of brick, others were chequered in patterns

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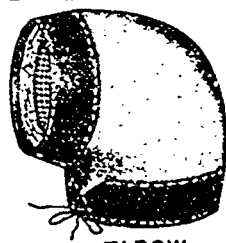
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- THE ROYAL VICTORIA COLLEGE, Montreal.
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