

**FIRES.**

A saw mill at Norwood, N. S., owned by Capt. D. A. Saunders, together with 180,000 feet of lumber, has been burned. Loss, \$4,500; insurance on mill, \$1,300, on lumber \$1,000.—Jasper Martin's shingle mill at Hillsdale, Ont., was burned last week. Loss about \$3,000. No insurance. Mr. Martin will rebuild.—A. C. & C. W. Elderkin's saw mill at Advocate Harbor, N. B., has been consumed by fire. Loss \$800.—The saw mill and brick and tile works of Jervis & Kellar at Stratford, Ont., has been burned. Loss, between \$3,000 and \$4,000; partially insured.—McCulloch & Company's extensive woolen, yarn and cloth mills at Rapid City, Man., were completely destroyed by fire last week; insurance \$3,000.—The farmers' elevator at Treherne, Man., has been burned. The loss is about \$18,000, with little insurance.—The residence and drive house of Geo. Kyle, at Picton, Ont., has been destroyed by fire. Loss \$3,000.—A large flour mill at Barrie, Ont., owned by N. Dymont, was totally consumed by fire on the 20th inst. Building fully insured.—The village of Deseronto, Ont. was visited by a disastrous fire on the 26th inst., which destroyed a large portion of the village. Among the burned buildings are the Rathbun Co.'s flour mill, grain elevator, storehouses and several employee's residences, the Roman Catholic church, the Cave Club boat house, and many other stores and dwellings. The loss is placed at \$300,000.—Eleven houses at Mechanicsville, Ont., were burned on Saturday last. Loss \$15,000.—Fire at Parrsboro, N. S., destroyed the Parrsboro' Athletic Club Hall, Mayor Smith's residence and a dwelling adjoining.—The residence of Eugene O'Sullivan, at L'Auge Gardien, Que., has been burned. Loss, \$3,000, mostly covered by insurance.—Mundell's furniture factory at Elora, Ont., has been burned. Loss \$12,000, partially covered by insurance.—The residences of Mrs. Orr, Ross Wilson and W. S. Duffield at Burlington Beach, Ont., were destroyed by fire on Tuesday last. Fully insured.

**CONTRACTS AWARDED.**

**RENFREW, ONT.**—The contract for building the Presbyterian manse has been awarded to J. & J. D. McNicol.

**LISTOWEL, ONT.**—The Silica Barytic Stone Co., of Ingersoll, have secured the contract for granolithic walks, at 12 cents per foot.

**HULL, QUE.**—Fortin & Gravelle, of this town, have signed the contract for the new public building at Arnprior; contract price, \$15,000.

**ST. JOHN, N. B.**—The contract for the Lefebvre memorial hall has been let to Sylvan Gaudet. It will be built of stone and will cost \$17,000.

**PORT HOPE, ONT.**—The tender of Geo. Macbeth, Toronto, offering \$1,352.75, has been accepted for the purchase of \$10,000 of High School debentures.

**NEWCASTLE, N. B.**—C. E. Fish, of the French Fort Cove quarry, is supplying the stone required for the new Roman Catholic cathedral at Charlottetown, P.E.I.

**OTTAWA, ONT.**—The Board of Works have accepted the tender of the Canadian Granite Company for a syenite pavement on Sussex street. Contract price, \$4,992.

**WINNIPEG, MAN.**—The Exhibition Association have accepted the following tenders for improvements: main building, Kelly Bros., \$4,050; horse stables, Chamberlin & Co., \$4,750; also speed stables, \$1,800; cattle stalls, John Robinson, \$4,179; also pig pens, \$581, and grand stand, \$1,290; machinery hall \$4,645; and judges' stand, \$90.

**QUEBEC, QUE.**—Contracts for annual supplies have been awarded as follows:

stone sidewalks and iron brick crossings, Frances Parent, stone sidewalks and iron bricks, Ignace Bilodeau; forge work, J. B. P. Pelletier; curb stone and stone paving, Ignace Bilodeau; pig iron, Terreau & Racine; brass, pig lead and malleable iron, James McGuire; cement, The Chincin Company; clay pipes, C. A. Parent.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—Three tenders for soft coal for the water works were received by the Board of Control. The contract was awarded to the Rochester and Pittsburg Coal and Iron Company at \$2.40 per ton by vessel, and \$2.54 per ton delivered by rail.—Mr. Geo. W. Gouinlock, architect, has awarded the contract for an extension of the Foresters Temple on Bay street, and an additional storey covering the entire building. Oakley & Holmes have the cut stone, mason, brick and fireproofing, at \$43,968, and the Dominion Bridge Co. the structural iron and steel work, at \$13,998.

**HAMILTON, ONT.**—Wm. & Walter Stewart, architects, have let the following contracts for a residence for Mr. Watkins: Brick, stone and excavation work, Wm. Hancock; carpenter work, Phillips & Warren; hardwood finish, Valley City Seating Co., Dundas; slate, Jas. Findlay; plumbing, Geo. A. Trueman; copper and iron work, J. Wallace & Son; plasterers, S. Pork & Son; electric wiring, Lowe & Farrell. The last named contractors have the electric wiring contract for Stanley Mills store and the Collegiate Institute.—The contract for the power house for the Hamilton Radial Railway has been let. It will be situated this side of the Brant house at Burlington.—The directors of the Hamilton Radial Railway Company have awarded the contract for track-laying to contractor Gridley, who will commence work very shortly.

**GUELPH, ONT.**—George Stevens has been awarded the contract for improvements to Chalmers church. Contract price \$3,285. Sub-contracts have been let as follows: Slating, Brown Bros., Brantford; tinsmithing, D. E. Rudd; plastering, P. Martin; painting, John Moffatt; woodwork, Mr. Stevens.—The Guelph Norway Iron & Steel Co. have been awarded the contract for supplying the bar iron required for the new civic buildings in Toronto.—Geo. R. Bruce, architect, has let contracts as follows for a double dwelling, corner Waterloo avenue and Manchester street, for J. D. Hutton: H. Benallick, mason and brick work; John Hughes, carpenter work; J. J. Mahoney, plastering; Feek & Phillips, plumbing, heating and gas fitting; A. Cornie, painting; D. Rudd, tinsmithing. It will be built of Milton pressed brick, with stone foundations, having laundries, furnace rooms, cellar, etc., in basement. Cost \$4,500.

**MONTREAL, QUE.**—Under the supervision of Mr. Hutcheson, architect, the

Academy of Music building will be re-constructed. The contract has been awarded to Amos Cowen, while Simpson & Peel will have charge of the carpenter work. The interior refitting will be done by the new manager, upon plans prepared by Messrs. McEldrick, of New York, with Mr. Louis Taft as supervisor. The contract for the construction of the Royal Victoria College for Women has been awarded to P. Lyall & Sons. The building will be 166 x 76 feet, five stories, built of rock, faced with Montreal limestone, estimated cost \$225,000. The basement will contain the gymnasium, laboratory, laundry, heating apparatus, etc. On the first floor will be the dining hall, professors' and president's rooms, secretary's office and four large class rooms. The second floor will contain the library, six class rooms and a large assembly hall. On the third floor the young ladies' bedrooms and lavatories will be situated, on the fourth bedrooms, bathrooms, etc., and on the fifth floor, servants' bedrooms, bathrooms, etc. The architect is Mr. Bruce Price, of New York.—Building permits have been granted as follows: one house, 48 x 78 feet, stone and brick, on St. Hubert street for M. Anartasic Poissant. Probable cost \$4,000. Contracts let as follows: Masonry, Jules Durocher & Bros.; carpenter and joiner's work, George Bail. Three houses, 60 x 70 feet, brick front, on Cadieux street, for Martin Egan: Contractors, masonry, O. Latour; carpenter and joiner's work, Desiré Houle.

**BUSINESS NOTES.**

W. E. Coc, plumber, Hamilton, has assigned to C. S. Scott.

D. Cyr & Co., builders, Montreal have formed new partnership.


The Port Credit Pressed Brick Co., Port Credit and Toronto, has sold out to Mrs. H. M. Parker.

A. E. Bishop, plumber, Côte St. Paul, has removed to Montreal and commenced business under the style of Bishop & Madden.

The Ontario General Construction Co. has been incorporated by J. C. S. Shields, Sarah Gould, R. H. Hill, James Gowanlock and F. A. Shields, of Toronto, as general contractors. The capital stock is \$50,000.

**PROTECTING WOOD AND BRICK WORK FROM DAMPNES.**—For the purpose of protecting wood and brick work from damp weather take 3 pecks of air slacked lime, 2 pecks of wood ashes and 1 peck of white sand. Sift them fine and add linseed oil sufficient to add with a paint brush. Thin the first coat and for the second coat use it as thick as it will work. Grind it fine and put it in a trough.

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