

this town, on which buildings will be erected and a bicycle track constructed.

**THORNHILL, ONT.**—The idea of establishing a large sanitarium in connection with the springs is being considered by the proprietor.

**PARRY SOUND, ONT.**—The new dock to be built in connection with the O. A. & P. S. Railway will be nearly 8,000 feet in length. Two elevators will be built on the north side of the dock.

**PERTH, ONT.**—Mr. Mignault, C.E., acting for Mr. Charlebois, was here last week taking surveys of the town. Mr. Charlebois contemplates making an offer to the town to construct both waterworks and sewerage systems.

**PETERBORO', ONT.**—The council has decided to build sewers this summer on seventeen different streets.—A deputation from Harvey township have requested the Ontario government to grant \$1,000 towards the construction of a dam improvement on the Squaw river.

**LINDSAY, ONT.**—A special committee appointed by the town council have recommended the adoption of a system of sewerage proposed by Mr. Willis Chipman, C.E., of Toronto. It is probable that steps will be taken at once to carry out a portion of the work.

**NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.**—Preparations are being made for proceeding with the construction of sewers. The sum of \$109,000 was authorized for this work, \$49,000 of which was spent last year. It is probable that the balance will be expended during the present season.

**VANCOUVER, B. C.**—The city council have accepted the offer of the Rothschild syndicate to build a large smelter.—The by-law to borrow \$70,000 for the erection of three new schools was carried by the ratepayers.—The C. P. R. is advertising for tenders for the construction of branch lines from Slocan Lake to Kootenay river, a distance of 31 miles.

**RAT PORTAGE, ONT.**—The C. P. R. will expend about \$150,000 here. The round house is to be moved north of the track, a new stone station erected and docks built.—The trustees of the Methodist church propose to erect a new edifice on a site adjacent to the present building.—George Drewry proposes to erect a new block, to cost \$15,000.

**CHATHAM, ONT.**—An agreement has been reached between the city council and Mr. L. E. Meyers, of Chicago, by which the latter agrees to undertake the construction of the Chatham City & Suburban Electric Railway. Mr. G. F. Franklin, of Toronto, is one of the promoters of the enterprise.—The city council have accepted plans for a new market building, to cost \$10,000.

**HUNTSVILLE, ONT.**—Reese Hutchinson interviewed the Commissioner of Crown Lands at Toronto last week with a view to expediting the passage of the bill to ratify the electric light and waterworks by-laws.—G. M. Miller, architect, of Toronto, will prepare plans for a new Methodist church to be built here, to be solid brick, 72 x 46 feet, with stone basement. Tenders will be invited shortly.

**HAMILTON, ONT.**—M. B. Thomas is asking for tenders for mason work required at Clime's and Dundas Creek bridges.—Mr. Barrow, city engineer, has decided that the bridge over the main line of the Grand Trunk Railway at the Height's Road should be lowered 8 feet.—E. B. Pattison has taken out a permit for additions to Dowsell Bros.' factory, corner of Bay and Murray streets, to cost \$1,200.—Wm. Kavanagh has taken out a permit for a brick addition to the Commercial Hotel, to cost \$1,800.—The Trustee Board of Hannah street church have decided to rebuild their schoolhouse. A committee has been appointed to consult

an architect with a view of having some changes made in the interior.

**WINNIPEG, MAN.**—The authorities of Manitoba University have under consideration the erection of a university building.—Tenders are being received this week by Charles E. Kerr, 467 Main street, for remodelling the Bijou opera house. C. H. Wheeler, architect.—The city council has given notice of its intention to construct macadam roadways on the following streets: York avenue, cost \$6,053; Logan avenue, cost \$12,083; Hargrave street, cost \$11,363; Fonseca street, cost \$6,536.—Messrs. Gordon & Ironside state that the proposed abattoir will cost \$23,000.

**MONTREAL, QUE.**—A. Prefontaine is preparing plans for a convent to be erected for the Rev'd Sisters of the Sacred Name of Jesus and Mary. Tenders will be invited in a few weeks.—A deputation from this city interviewed the Dominion government regarding a subsidy for the South Shore Railway Company, to build a road from Sorel to Levis.—It is understood that the Grand Trunk Railway will double-track their line from St. Hyacinthe to St. Lambert.—The fire committee are looking for a site for a new building to replace No. 7 fire station.—The detailed working plans for the proposed bridge of the Montreal Bridge Company are being prepared, and it is hoped to commence work this summer.

**LONDON, ONT.**—The Grand Trunk Railway Company will rebuild a number of bridges between London and Windsor. These, it is understood, will be of iron, with solid masonry abutments. Bridge inspector Lucas has plans for five of the proposed bridges on view at his office here.—Dr. Niven is promoting a scheme for the erection of a new general hospital in commemoration of the Queen's diamond jubilee.—W. Matthews, architect, has recommended that two new coal furnaces be placed in the Collegiate Institute.—The new church for the South London Baptist congregation will be of brick, with stone basement, 40 x 60 feet, estimated cost \$9,000. Burke & Horwood, Toronto, architects.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—Tenders are asked by Mr. G. W. Gounlock, architect, until noon on Saturday, the 13th inst., for the slate and marble work required in the Temple Building, Bay street.—A meeting of interested persons was held at Victoria College last week to discuss the erection of the Barbara Heck College for Women, a residence for lady students of Victoria College. The late Hart A. Massey left \$50,000 towards the building of this institution, and an additional \$50,000 is required to erect a suitable building. Rev. Dr. Potts is one of the promoters.—Property owners on Walmer road, between Bloor and Lowther avenue, have requested the City Engineer to construct a brick pavement on concrete pavement upon that street.—Plans of a new school building to be erected at Newcastle, Ont., are on view at the office of Curry, Baker & Co., 70 Victoria street.—The City Engineer has reported that the following works are ready to be tendered on: Asphalt pavement on Front street, from Church to Yonge streets, and on Carlton avenue, from Ontario street easterly; brick pavement on Hazleton avenue, from Yorkville ave. to Davenport road; brick pavement on Johnston street.—The Nobel Explosive Co., manufacturers of dynamite, are looking for a Canadian site, and may erect a manufactory in this city.—Strickland & Symons, architects, are receiving tenders this week for the erection of two brick houses in Parkdale.—R. J. Edwards, architect, asks tenders for the construction of a cottage on Toronto Island. Plans at office, Canada Permanent Building.—We are in a position to state that the plans for the proposed additions to the British

America Assurance Co.'s building, corner Yonge and Wellington streets, have been prepared by a prominent local firm of architects. Three stories will be added.

**OTTAWA, ONT.**—The director of the Geological Survey, in his annual report, calls attention to the necessity of a modern and larger building.—Improvements to the waterworks plant will likely be carried out at an early date. A committee of the waterworks committee has recommended the addition of a \$60,000 steam plant, and among other improvements the following: New buildings in Central and Wellington wards, \$12,000; one hook and ladder truck, with extension, \$3,000; engine and hose waggon, \$5,500; combination chemical and hose waggon, \$3,000; 1,000 feet 3½ inch hose for hose wagon, \$1,100; alterations in Central station to accommodate chemical engine and large hose wagon, \$3,000; one new truck, \$3,000; new steamer and hose wagon, \$5,500; new station in Ottawa ward, \$5,500.—A new three-storey hotel, 70 x 36 feet, is to be erected at Besserer's Grove. The wharf will also be rebuilt.—The Cuzner property has been sold to the Ottawa Investment Co., who will make improvements.—It is the intention of the American Bank Note Company to erect a five-storey brick building, absolutely fire-proof, costing between \$30,000 and \$40,000. Messrs. Arnold & Ewart are preparing the plans. At a later date the company will erect a building similar in size upon Wellington street, and will utilize their Sparks street property by erecting another building.—The Ottawa Amateur Athletic Club have decided to erect an addition to their building, which will include bowling alleys, shooting gallery, gymnasium, etc. Mr. Calderon has prepared the plans, which show a building to cost \$17,000.—R. Tobin has disposed of ten building lots in the Sandy Hill section, on which dwellings will be erected.—The Masonic fraternity propose to erect a new building, 40 x 90 feet, with basement, and large hall on the first floor, estimated cost \$16,000.—The new pavilion to be erected at the West End Park by the Ottawa Electric Railway Company will have a seating capacity for 2,000 people, and will cost about \$10,000.—The Ottawa capitalists who comprise the Prescott Elevator Company have ordered six steel barges, to be completed for the opening of navigation.—The Superiress of St. Joseph's Orphans Home has purchased eleven acres of land near this city, on which it is intended to erect an orphanage, to cost in the vicinity of \$40,000.

#### FIRES.

The Waterloo street Methodist church at Stratford, Ont., was almost totally destroyed by fire on the 3rd inst.; loss \$9,000, covered by insurance.—A large grist mill at Thurso, Que., owned by Black & Co., was destroyed by fire last week. The loss will reach \$7,000.—A small residence at Guelph, Ont., owned by Mrs. Jarvis, has been destroyed by fire.—The dry goods store of Myraud & Pouliot at Quebec was gutted by fire on the 7th inst. The total loss is about \$35,000, a small portion of which is on the building.—Hannah street Methodist church at Hamilton was damaged by fire to the extent of \$2,200.—A \$10,000 fire occurred in the furniture and undertaking establishment of T. F. Harrison & Co., of Kingston, last week.—The American hotel at Forest, Ont., owned by J. G. Johnson, was destroyed by fire on Tuesday last. The loss is estimated at \$4,000, partially covered by insurance.—The Grand Central hotel at Tilbury, Ont., has been burned, at a loss of \$7,500. The building was owned by J. A. Aubin, of McGregor.

H. Burgess, contractor, Ottawa, Ont., is announced to have assigned to P. Mutchmor.