

## FIRES.

The residence of Wm. Boyle, between Merrittton and Thorold, Ont., was destroyed by fire a few days ago. Loss, \$1,500; insurance, \$800.—Roblin's saw mill and evaporator at Ameliasburg, Ont., were burned on the 14th inst. Loss, \$4,000; insurance, \$1,000.—Wm. Stanlick's hotel at Rathbun, Ont., a village on the Central Ontario railway, was destroyed by fire last week. Loss partially covered by insurance.—The brick residence of Capt. John Covell at Brighton, Ont., was burned on the 15th inst. Small insurance.—The Canadian Pacific Railway depot at Ottawa, Ont., has been burned. It was a wooden structure, and the loss is placed at \$12,000, fully covered by insurance.—The Indian home at Elkhorn, Man., established by the Dominion Government, was totally destroyed by fire recently. Loss \$15,000.—Fire totally destroyed the Merrickville Milling Company's premises at Merrickville, Ont., on the 13th inst. Loss about \$15,000; insurance \$9,000.—Martin McGains saw mill at St. Andrew, Ont., has been burned. Insurance, \$1,300.—The lighthouse at Valois Bay, Que., was destroyed by fire last week.—The hotel and outbuildings at Sharon, Ont., owned by D. R. Rowan, of Guelph, were destroyed by fire on Monday last. The loss is covered by insurance.—Wright's grist mill at Bradford, Ont., was destroyed by fire on the 19th inst. Loss, \$20,000; insurance, \$12,000.—The residence of Charles Chubb, reeve of Wallaceburg, Ont., has been burned. Loss, \$4,000, with insurance of \$2,000.—A block of four brick houses on Van Horne avenue, Outremont, Que., the property of F. Luguier, were consumed by fire on Saturday last. Loss, \$3,000.—The residences of M. Hiltz and R. W. Burton at Minnedosa, Man., have been burned.

## CONTRACTS AWARDED.

VICTORIA, B. C.—Ald. Bragg has secured the contract for building an addition to Spencer's Arcade.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—James H. Doody has been awarded the contract for plumbing for the new Aberdeen school.

BRUNNER, ONT.—Wm. Houghton, of this place has secured the contract of improving the N. B. C. drain at the price of \$2,275.

GANANOQUE, ONT.—Mitchell & Wilson have secured the contract for the Bennett block, corner King and Stone streets.

HULL, QUE.—The Quebec authorities have awarded a contract to Fortin & Gravelle for an ornamental stone fence around the court house.

BIENVILLE, QUE. The contracts for the erection of a chapel have been awarded as follows: masonry, Jos. Coutine; carpenter and joiners' work, C. Dion.

NELSON, B. C.—A contract for pipe, Pelton wheel and all connections, has been awarded to the B. C. Iron Works by the electric light company. The contract price is \$2,400.

PETERBORO' ONT.—The tender of Winch & Grant for the substructure of a bridge on George street over Spauldings Bay has been recommended for acceptance. Price \$1,825.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—J. W. Buchanan, contractor, has been awarded a contract by the C. P. R. to take out 80,000 ties for track improvement. Other extensive tie contracts have recently been let by the C. P. R.

KINGSTON, ONT.—Contracts have been awarded as follows for improvements to Craig & Co.'s warerooms: carpentry, masonry, painting and glazing, Davidson & McGoy; heating apparatus, James Jamieson.

MONTREAL, QUE.—C. E. Fournier,

architect, has awarded contracts for tenement houses on Mitcheson street for F. Bayard, as follows: Excavation, T. Ouimet; masonry, M. Paquette. Other trades not let.

BRIDGETOWN, N. S.—Curry Bros. & Bent, contractors, are at work on a station at Wilmot for the D. A. R., and three stations for the Coast Railway Company of Yarmouth. They have just closed contracts for two buildings in Halifax, a manse on Robie street and a store and warehouse for Martin, Young & Co., Barrington street.

OTTAWA, ONT.—Tenders were received by the Waterworks Committee for new street sprinkling tanks, wider wheels, new axles, and other repairs as follows: J. W. McAdam, \$1,685 and \$1,941; J. Foss & Son, \$1,675, there being no tender for No. 2 contract; Gauthier Bros., \$1,484 and \$1,742; C. C. Cumming, \$1,362 and \$1,192; J. & P. Armstrong, \$1,920 and \$2,032; Ottawa Car Co., \$1,430 and \$1,460; L. Duhamel, \$1,669 and \$1,948; L. E. Shaver, \$1,546. The work has been given to C. C. Cumming.

## BUSINESS NOTES.

W. M. Stafford, tinsmith, Toronto, is reported to have assigned.

Burt & Rousseau, electricians, Montreal, have dissolved partnership.

Geo. Beaucage, stone contractor, of St. Albans, Que., is asking an extension of time.

French & Penman, plumbers, Halifax N. S., have dissolved, Frank J. Penman continuing.

Wallace Campsan, contractor, Kingston, Ont., is reported to have assigned to J. W. Bawden.

The plant and foundry buildings of Wm. Clendinning & Son, iron founders, are being offered for sale by the curators. Information may be obtained from Kent & Turcotte, 97 St. James street, Montreal.

A statement of the affairs of W. B. Malcolm, plumbers' supplies, Toronto, shows the total assets to be \$40,169.88, and the direct liabilities \$22,859.54. It has been decided that the business be continued for some months by the assignee.

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