

lect, is preparing plans for a three-story school to be built in the town of Maisonneuve. The front is to be of pressed brick.

TORONTO, ONT.—The Canadian Order of Foresters are collecting subscriptions for one or more cottages to be built at the Gravenhurst Sanatorium.—The City Engineer has received a petition against the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the east side of Church street, between King and Front streets.—The Property Committee of the Public School Board, at a meeting held on Monday last, decided to ask the City Council for a grant of \$106,500, to be expended as follows: Ward 1, a two-room building for Kew Beach, including site, \$4,500; four rooms for Pape ave., including site, \$11,500. Ward 2, three rooms for Dufferin ave. school, \$3,000; four rooms for Winchester street, \$11,000. Ward 4, three rooms for Rycerson school, \$8,000; three rooms for Huron street school, \$7,000. Ward 5, four rooms for Clinton street, \$6,500; four rooms for Dewson street, \$8,000; three rooms for Givens street, \$8,000; four rooms for Grace street, \$6,500. Ward 6, two rooms for Brock ave. school, \$5,500; six rooms for Gladstone ave. school, \$12,000; four rooms for Shirley street school, \$10,000. The approximate estimates presented for repairs to school buildings showed that \$21,000 would be required.—In his annual report presented to Board of Works on Monday last, the City Engineer gives the cost of levelling the bank on the north side of McNamee's cut as \$1,200. A number of recommendations for new sidewalks and pavements were submitted, including a brick pavement on College street, between Bathurst and Dufferin streets, to cost \$51,400, and a 24-foot brick pavement on St. Patrick street, from Spadina ave. to Bathurst street, to cost \$12,200. These recommendations were thrown out by the Board of Works.—At the annual meeting of the Public Library Board, the report presented referred to the necessity of increased accommodation. Steps looking to this end will no doubt be taken at an early date.—The County Council of Simcoe having reported its inability to meet the County Council of York in bearing a portion of the cost of building a bridge across the Holland river near Bradford, the latter has decided that the new bridge be not built before the fall of 1899, but that specifications be prepared during the summer and the contract awarded.—The committee appointed by the City Council and Market Improvement Association to report on a scheme for improving the present St. Lawrence market, will shortly present a report. This report will recommend that the present city hall and market building be joined by an iron roof, with glass windows, suspended over Front street. It will be proposed that a railway spur line be built up East Market street. Another suggestion will be to have an iron balcony projecting over the King street curbstone, and extending about a third of the way across East and West Market street. Some system of cold storage will also be recommended.—Mrs. Pauline V. Myers has been granted permission to erect buildings in High Park for catering purposes, to cost from \$2,500 to \$3,000.—The trustees of the Havergal Ladies' College, 356 Jarvis street, have been granted a permit for a three-story brick school building, to cost \$35,000. Caleb Evans has also taken out a permit for a two-story brick dwelling, north-east corner

St. George street and Lowther ave., to cost \$8,000.

FIRES.

The Doherty organ factory at Clinton, Ont., together with Mr. Doherty's residence, were completely destroyed by fire on the 1st inst. The building, stock and machinery were valued at \$100,000.—The residence of Z. W. Durkee, at Thorold, Ont., has been burned, also a rough-cast house at Kingston, Ont., owned by J. Lovett.—The Seine City Hotel, at the Seine river mines, near Winnipeg, was burned on the 1st inst. The proprietor is Louis Larson, and the loss \$6,000.—Ness, McLaren & Bate, manufacturers of telephone and electrical supplies, Craig street, Montreal, suffered damage by fire on Tuesday last to the extent of \$15,000.—The premises of Messrs. Ossenbrugge and Ostrando, at Winnipeg, Man., were destroyed by fire on the 26th inst., at a loss of \$4,000.—A residence at Riviere du Loup, Que., owned by the Society Pretes Placement of Quebec, was burned last week; loss \$1,200.—The dwelling of John Cameron, in the township of Tilbury East, was burned on the 28th ultimo; loss \$2,500.—St. Jean Baptist church and chapel on Rachel street, Montreal, were completely consumed by fire on Sunday last. The total value of the buildings is estimated at \$200,000, which is only partially covered by insurance. Rev. Cure Auclaire states that the church will be rebuilt, and that work will commence at an early date.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

BLENHEIM, ONT.—James Crookshank has let contracts for the erection of a residence on Maple street.

AMHERST, N.S.—Rhodes, Curry & Co. have been given the contract for building 60 cars for the Intercolonial Railway.

WESTMEATH, ONT.—G. Brown, of Westmeath township, has been awarded the contract for building a bridge across the Coulonge river, at the price of \$6,000.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN.—The contract for erecting the new building for J. & E. Brown and Dr. James Gowan has been awarded to Jos. Bossons, at the price of \$16,800.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The McPherson Fruit Company have accepted the tender of Jas. McDiarmid for the erection of a three story brick and stone warehouse, 25 by 99 feet, estimated cost \$10,000.

MONTREAL, QUE.—R. Findlay, architect, has awarded contracts as follows for Mr. Bulmer's houses on Prince Arthur and Chesterfield ave., Westmount: Stone work, Wm. Oman; brickwork, P. C. Wand.

MOUNT FOREST, ONT.—Nine tenders were received for the construction of a waterworks system, as follows: \$22,400; \$24,375; \$25,292; \$25,696.95; \$22,452; \$23,696; \$22,499; \$23,463; \$22,263 (with wooden tank. As announced in our last issue, the tender of Clark & Connolly, of Toronto, has been accepted.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The following tenders were received for the erection of Cochrane's bridge over the Castor river, between Carlton and Russell counties: John Cochrane, \$2,400; Duncan Cummings, \$2,495; W. Parent, \$1,900; Hugh Gilmore, \$2,059; Alfred Boivin, \$2,275; P. Boivin, \$2,107. The tenders have been referred to the Road and Bridge Committee for a report.

TORONTO, ONT.—The following are the tenders accepted for the corporation loan of \$1,036,000, at 3½ per cent: A. S. Melville Leslie and R. J. Ward, Lincoln, Eng., \$73,000 at 105.25; Manufacturers Life Insurance Co., \$25,000 at 104.90, Canada Life Assurance Co., \$175,000 at 102.90 and \$100,000 at 103.12; Bank of Hamilton, \$150,000 at 103.01 and \$100,000 at 103.21, Western Canada Loan Co., \$200,000 at 103.00, Frank Thompson & Co., Sherbrooke, Que., \$213,500 at 102.83.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—The Common Council has accepted the following tenders for road material: J. A. Gregory, 10,000 sq. yards of cedar blocks at 30 cents per sq. yard; Chas. Hughes, 5,000 sq. yards at 29 cents; Chas. F. Godfrey, 5,000 sq. yards at 28 cents; Hiram Godard, 5,000 sq. yards of Princess pine blocks, at 60 cents per sq. yard; Henry Walton, 5,000 lineal feet of granite curbing, at 37 cents per lineal foot.—The Londonderry Iron Company have been awarded a large contract for flanged steam pipe and fittings, varying in size from 6" to 24", for Messrs. T. McAvity & Sons, of this city. This class of work is a specialty of theirs, and they contemplate putting in a triple-headed flange lathe and also a multiple drill for drilling a number of holes in flanges at the same time. With these tools they will have the best equipped shop in the lower provinces for all flanged pipe and fittings for steam, electric, pulp or similar establishments.

LARGE PIPE CASTINGS.

Referring to a paragraph recently published in THE RECORD regarding a big pipe casting made at the Londonderry Iron Company's works, Londonderry, Nova Scotia, wherein the claim was made that the pipe in question, 42 in. in diameter and weighing nearly three tons, was the largest pipe ever manufactured in Canada, Messrs. H. R. Ives & Co., of Montreal write, "It may interest our Nova Scotia friends to know that we cast and delivered for use on the Soulanges canal, to be used as culverts, nearly 300 cast iron pipes, 120" or 10 feet in diameter. The average weight of these pipes or sections was 6,600 pounds each. These castings were probably the largest of the kind ever made in America. We enclose a blue print of one of them which will give you a better idea of the size of castings."

Robert Wilson and John Wilson have registered as proprietors of the firm of Wilson Bros., builders, Montreal.

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