

has decided to erect a large hall on the corner of Wortley road and Craig street, and tenders will be called at once.—The probable cost of the new Methodist Church for East London is \$10,000. Plans will be prepared shortly.

QUEBEC, QUE.—The proposal has been made to erect a palace hotel in the vicinity of the Governor's garden.—Mr. D. Oulette, architect, invites tenders until the 26th inst. for a Presbytery in brick or stone; size, 50 x 40 feet.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Mr. R. Rogers, of Clearwater, is about to erect a large grain warehouse.—The Governor-General-in-Council has approved of the plans of the road of the Brandon & South-west Railway & Coal Company from Deloraine to the eastern slope of the Turtle Mountains, and operations will be commenced at once.—The Canadian Pacific Railway has determined on the erection of a \$50,000 hotel at some point on the Lake of the Woods.—It is rumored that the Northern Pacific will shortly construct a branch line to Selkirk.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—A company is being formed to construct a street railway from Carrall street to Stanley Park.—Tenders are to be called for the construction of piers and fender piles for the Cambie street and Granville street bridges.—The excavations for Mr. J. M. Holland's new block are about completed, and work on the construction will be commenced at once.—Tenders are wanted for the construction of 4,000 feet of box drains.—The City Engineer has been instructed to prepare estimates for a complete system of sewerage.—The New Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company will shortly commence the construction of their line on Hastings street.—The extension of the waterworks will be considered at an early date.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Mr. Peter Redpath has donated the sum of \$200,000 towards the erection of a new library building for McGill University.—The City Engineer has recommended that the Council obtain power from the Legislature to pave the space between the street railway company's tracks.—The Road Committee have recommended the laying of a flagstone sidewalk on St. Catharine street, from De Lorimer avenue to Harbor street, at a cost of \$11,000, and on Papineau avenue, at a cost of \$10,000.—The Council has granted the sum of \$3,000 to prepare the foundations for the Maisonneuve monument to be erected in the Place d'Armes.—The sum of \$30,000 has been granted by the Council for putting in gullies, etc., in anticipation of next year's paving.—James Wright & Son are preparing plans for a sandstone front residence for Mr. P. C. Wand on Quibeler street, to cost about \$8,000. They are also superintending the erection of a sandstone front residence for Mr. J. Browne, corner Dorchester street and Atwater avenue, probable cost \$15,000.

TORONTO, ONT.—Tenders will shortly be called for the erection of the Girls' Industrial School at Mimico.—An English Church is about to be erected on the west side Avenue Road, near the railway crossing.—The sum of \$6,000 is to be expended by the Dominion Government for the erection of a building in connection with the meteorological service.—Dr. Fairburn is about to erect a detached brick residence on the north-east corner of Bloor street and Spadina road.—The following permits have been granted: J. C. Robertson, 17 Oak st., pr. s. d. 2 story and attic bk. dwellings, n. side Cawthra avenue, nr. Jarvis st., cost \$6,000; M. Coates, 193 Concord ave., one det. and one pr. s. d. 2 story and attic bk. dwellings, s. w. cor. Hepburne and Concord aves., cost \$9,500; Chas. E. Tyler, 20 Rathnally ave., three pr. s. d. 2 story and attic bk. dwellings, s. side Macpherson ave., nr. Yonge st., cost \$3,500; H. J. and E. Rushbrooke, 3 Edwin ave., two det. 2 story and attic bk. dwellings, s. side College st., just w. of St. Clarens avenue, cost \$4,800; Hedger & Lankin, det. 2 story and attic bk. dwellings, e. side Macdonnell ave., n. of Marion st., cost \$5,000.—Messrs. R. & A. L. Ogilvie have prepared plans for a store to be erected on Queen street west for R. Potter & Co., estimated

to cost \$10,000.—Plans have been prepared by Wm. Simpson, Adelaide street west, for extensions to Dr. Matheson's premises, Spadina ave., estimated cost, \$1,000.—Plans have been prepared for alterations to Mr. John Downey's houses, 15 to 19 Breadalbane st.—Mr. Harry Simpson, architect, has prepared plans for a residence for Mrs. Bedford, on w. side Dowling ave., near King st., cost \$7,000. Materials, Credit Valley or Lake stone, brick walls, slate roof, concrete cellar floor, hot air heating, electric bells, burglar alarms, hardwood finish.—The excavations have just been completed for a detached residence to be erected on Spadina Road for Mr. John Hudson, of 252 Major street.—Tenders for the erection of the Toronto drill shed will be received by the Secretary of the Public Works Department, Ottawa, until Oct. 2nd next. Particulars may be had from R. C. Windeyer, local architect, Toronto.

WORKS IN PROGRESS.

QUEBEC, QUE.—Mr. D. Oulette, architect, reports in progress the following works:—A building just commenced for Grey Nuns, on Glacis St., 151 x 50 feet, with wing, 84 x 50 feet, 2 stories in Deschaumbault stone, and 3 stories in Toronto pressed brick, cost \$50,000, to be built by day labor; stone church at Bic, parish of Rimouski, Jos. Gosselin, contractor for exterior; contract not yet let for interior, estimated cost of which is \$20,000.

FIRES.

Rollister & Jewell's saw-mill at Garden River, Algoma, was burned on the 6th inst. Loss, \$200,000.—The Laurentides Hotel, at Lake Edward, on the line of the Lake St. John Railway, was completely destroyed by fire, with all its contents, on the 16th inst., together with a store attached. It was owned by Mr. J. W. Baker, formerly of the Windsor, Montreal. Loss about \$8,000, partially insured.—The monastery at St. Joseph, Man., has been burned.—The residence of Mr. Samuel Hill at Upper Haynesville, N.B., was burned on the 12th inst.—On the 13th inst. fire destroyed twenty-eight houses and the new Roman Catholic Church of Cap Blanc at Quebec.—The residence and stores of Thomas Burns, Springfield, N.S., were burned on the 10th inst.—Keefe & McGuire's saw mill at Vanceboro, N. B., was burned on the 18th inst.—The building of the North American Mill Building Co. at Stratford, Ont., was destroyed by fire on the 10th inst.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

LAMBTON, QUE.—The contract for a stone Presbytery to cost \$5,000 has been given to M. Gagne.

VICTORIA, B. C.—Messrs. Eiford & Smith have been awarded the contract for the erection of the new Drard building.

ST. ODILON, QUE.—The contract for a R. C. stone church has been given to Mr. Mornin, at the sum of \$14,000.

RICHMOND, QUE.—Messrs. Paquet & Godbout have been given the contract for interior woodwork for the new R. C. church, price \$7,000.

WALKERVILLE, ONT.—The Globe Furniture Co., of Walkerville, Ont., have secured the contract for furnishing the desks for the schools of Victoria, B. C.

BRAMPTON, ONT.—Messrs. Jesse Perry and James Laird have the contract for the erection of a brick residence on the old fair grounds for Mr. James Packham.

RIMOUSKI, QUE.—The Parish of Rimouski has awarded the contract to Mr. C. T. Labrecque for covering with galvanized iron the steeple and roof of their church, at the price of \$4,500.

STRATFORD, ONT.—Mr. B. T. Young has received the contract for new exhibition buildings.—The Edison General Electric Co. has obtained the contract for incandescent lighting plant for Hodd & Cullen's flour mill.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The Board of Works have

awarded the contract for building drains on Church St., between Ontario and Sherbrooke Sts., and on Ontario St., between Amherst St. and Papineau Ave., to Mr. P. Belhumeur, at \$5.98 per lineal yard, with \$1 per yard for rock excavation.

SIMCOE, ONT.—The following bids were received by the Council for the erection of a new market building: R. W. Austin, carpentry, roofing and painting, \$2,385; Jas. H. DeVall, carpentry, roofing and painting, \$2,000, entire building, \$3,548; D. Nichols, mason work, \$1,722; J. Gunton & Son, \$2,668, entire building, \$3,698; Alfred Harris, mason work, \$1,538, entire building, \$3,772; Nelson Boyd, entire building, \$3,960; Rattenbury & Waddle, carpentry, roofing and painting, \$2,200; Dell, Smith & Stemhoff, \$3,977. The tender of Gunton & Son, for the woodwork, \$1,568, and of Alfred Harris, \$1,538, for the balance of the building, were accepted.

The Industrial Schools Association, Toronto, not having obtained satisfactory plans for the proposed Industrial School for Girls, as a result of the competition for designs recently announced, instructed Mr. Henry Simpson to prepare plans, and tenders based thereon will shortly be invited. Mr. Simpson wishes it to be understood that he was not a competitor in the competition referred to.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR READY ROOFING.

The roof boards should be dry seasoned lumber, of uniform thickness, and laid close together, but need not be planed. See that the boards are well nailed, and that no knots or nail heads are left sticking above the surface. The roofing should be placed upon straight surfaces. If there are gutters in the roof, they can be formed with the roofing, bedding the roofing down so that it shall lie on the boards, and not be suspended between the elevations of the gutter. If there should be any laps or joints formed in the gutters, spread a layer of cement between the laps before nailing. Commence at the eaves, or at the gutter (if there be one), and lay the first piece parallel to the edge and close to it. If the cave-board overhangs the gutter or building, bend the felt over the edge of the board, and then fasten it with a cave-strip of wood about $\frac{1}{2}$ of an inch thick by $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide. Let the upper edge of the cave-strip be flush with the roofing. Place the second piece of roofing on the roof above the first, letting the lower edge of the second overlap the first two inches, and nail through both pieces at the lap, using the barbed wrought-iron nail. Place the nails about two inches apart and about $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch back from the edge of the roofing. (If the roof is very flat, we suggest that a thin layer of cement be spread between the laps before nailing.) Follow this plan over the whole roof; then take some of the cement (furnished for coating, and with a brush spread a layer over the joints and nail-heads, and fold down the free part of the lap over the nails and joints, and on the adjacent sheet, pressing the cloth into the cement. This will effectually cover the nails and joints and prevent any possibility of leakage through the nail holes or under the laps.

The lap may be quickly turned over and smoothed down with a brush. If the ends of the roofing need to be spliced, lap