

GALT town council is asking for tenders for debentures to the amount of \$11,000 for public school purposes.

WEST FLAMBORO, Ont., council will call for tenders for the construction of a wooden bridge across the creek at Little's mill.

THE Ottawa Government Agricultural Department has refused to accede to the request for a grant in aid of the Dominion Exhibition, which it is proposed to hold next year in Toronto.

JAS. BOWERS' sash and door factory at Orangeville, Ont., has been destroyed by fire. Loss \$8,000, insured for \$2,000. An electric light plant in connection was damaged by water.

CHARETTE AND DESORNEAU, of Montreal, have the contract from St. Henri (Montreal) council to pave Notre Dame street west at a cost of \$3.64½ per yard. The total cost will be \$25,000.

THE *North Star*, Parry Sound, says W. R. Beatty, M.P.P., has been engaged as mill manager for Wm. Peter, and that the old Midland (North Shore) mill has been fitted up for sawing lumber.

THE council of St. Cunegonde, Montreal, have spent some time lately, discussing the Vibart's system of incineration with S. G. Smith, of New York, its inventor. The cost of erecting such an incinerator would be about \$20,000.

MISFORTUNES have an unpleasant knack of never coming single! J. R. Booth, of Ottawa, who only a short time ago lost his fine new saw-mill at Ottawa, has now met with another considerable loss, nearly 280,000 feet more of lumber being destroyed by fire. Loss estimated at about \$4,000.

At the recent convention of American Flint Glass Workers, at Montreal, the following officers were elected: President, W. J. Smith; vice-president, W. J. Doolin, Millerville, N.Y.; general secretary, J. Kunzler, Pittsburgh, Pa.; assistant secretary, W. J. Close, Pittsburgh, Pa.; and executive officer for Canada, J. Higgins, Montreal.

JOHN A. FRY, Yonge street, Toronto, has taken proceedings for \$10,000 damages against the Computing Scale Co., of Dayton, O. Mr. Fry was appointed agent of the company in Toronto, and had an agreement to act as the Dominion representative. Lately Mills & Co., of Chicago, secured the Canadian agency, and Mr. Fry was crowded out, hence the suit.

O. M. HARTT, of Hartt, King & Co., shoe manufacturers, Tarrytown, N.Y., is enthusiastic over the notion of establishing a shoe factory in Fredericton, N.B., to employ 200 hands and have a capacity of 1,000 pairs per day. He guarantees to get subscriptions amounting to one half the required amount of capital stock, provided Fredericton citizens will provide the remainder.

S. C. STEVENSON, manager of the Montreal Exhibition Co., has made a proposition to the Dominion Government to the effect that, with a view to the establishment of closer relations between the various colonies of the British Empire, a series of intercolonial exhibitions might be arranged, to be held either alternately or simultaneously in Canada, Africa, and Australia.

Work is proceeding on the new Roman Catholic hospital, at Valleyfield, Que. The building is 110 x 50 ft., four storeys high, and will cost from \$30,000 to \$40,000. The work is being built under the direction of Father Emard. Plans are also being prepared for a large Catholic college building for Valleyfield. The cost of this building will be about two or three times that of the hospital.

THE E. B. Eddy Co., Hull, convey power to their new buildings by means of the Dodge system of rope drive, 150 horse-power being transmitted from a water wheel 180 feet distant. The pulleys used in connection are made of cast iron, grooved according to the "Dodge" method, the tension carriage and tightener having a run of about 30 feet. This system, including several ingenious devices for the saving of power, etc., is controlled by the Dodge Wood Split Pulley Co., of Toronto, whose methods have been in use at the Eddy mills with complete satisfaction for several years.

THE Kramer-Irwin Rock Asphalt and Cement Paving Co., of Hamilton, have been the successful tenderers for the large contract for street asphalt in Hamilton which was advertised last month. The Construction and Paving Co., of Toronto, the Warren Scharf Co., of Toronto, and Connolly & Co., were the other competitors. A very favorable report had been made from the United States to the council on the Pitch-Lake asphalt as against the Trinidad asphalt, and it was decided to take the former at \$2.59 per sq. yd. The price of stone curbing is to be 89 cts. per foot and recutting and setting of old curbing 60 cts.; new curbing without concrete 70 cts., and old curbing re-dressed, with concrete, 50 cts. The work will probably be finished this year, and will cost about \$10,000 less than the city engineer's estimates.

THE building for John Ballantyne's wood working machinery establishment at Preston, Ont., is nearly finished.

THE St. John *Sun* confirms the rumor that Mr. Leckie, of Londonderry, N.S., is to erect smelting works in that city. He expects to ship quantities of iron to the Scotch market.

DOTY Bros. & Co., engine and boiler makers, Toronto, who called a meeting of their creditors last month, have now assigned, with liabilities of \$20,000 and assets of \$15,000. The business, after the extinction of the old firm, the Doty Engine Co., was re-organized and carried on in the name of Mrs. Doty. The building in which the works have been carried on for several months past is being torn down to make room for the new bridge at the Union Station.

THE Montreal Gas Company last month tried to get an injunction against the city enjoining the authorities to hinder the Consumers' Gas Co. from distributing gas by means of pipes within the city limits. The application was refused on the ground that though the plaintiffs had obtained exclusive rights, yet the Consumers' Gas Co. had obtained power to do what they were doing from a higher authority, namely the legislature. Another legal fight is now in progress between the two companies.

IN radial drills John Bertram & Sons, Dundas, have made an unparalleled record during the past year. Since the 1st January, 1893, they have made and shipped 13 of these machines. The catalogue recently issued by this firm has been quite a success. Requests for copies of it have come from the most distant parts of the earth. Among other places to which it has been sent are: Tokio, Japan; Vienna, Moscow (the Imperial Russian Institute), Bologna, Paris, and various places in Germany and Holland.

As briefly noted last month, Hamilton has a new industry in the shape of a factory for the manufacture of pipe and boiler covering, the Clappison Pipe and Boiler Covering Co. having started such a factory at 56 Alanson st. The new factory is operated by steam power and is well equipped with the latest machinery for producing such goods. The asbestos-magnesia sectional covering which they are making has hitherto all been imported, but the new company will not only afford to Canadian steam users the advantage of getting it on the spot, but in filling contracts they are in a position to send their own men to apply the covering. It is the only company in Canada making special fittings for elbows and T's. This covering is an excellent non-conductor and is neat in appearance.

THE Toronto Industrial Exhibition, which is to be held from the 3rd to the 15th of September, will no doubt be the greatest fair of the present year, and from present indications it promises to excel all others, both in point of exhibits and in attendance of visitors. The grounds have been vastly improved since last year, and already most of the space in all the buildings has been applied for. All entries close on the 11th of August. A good programme of special attractions, both novel and interesting, will be provided as usual. Cheap excursions will as usual be run on all railways at rates in keeping with the times. The great fair attracts visitors, not only from all parts of the Dominion, but from the United States as well, and those who have never been there will be surprised at its magnitude.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY RAILWAY AND CANAL ESTIMATES.

The Supplementary Estimates for 1894-95 of the Dominion Government contain the following items: Intercolonial Railway, construction Cape Breton and Oxford and New Glasgow sections, and increase of accommodation at Halifax, \$146,875; Annapolis and Digby Railway construction, \$5,000; Rapide Plat, Lachine, and Trent Valley Canals, enlargement and construction work, \$456,875; Rideau Canal, completion and rebuilding of bridges, &c., \$26,500; Cornwall Canal, repairs, and extension of sewer, \$21,000; Welland Canal, repairs, &c., \$19,500; Beauharnois Canal, repairs, etc., \$14,500; Trent Valley Canal, building bridges, etc., \$12,100; Carillon and Grenville Canal, rebuilding a portion, \$4,700. Besides these items, \$27,552 was voted for repairs and extensions to harbor and river work in Nova Scotia, such as wharfs, piers, etc.; \$5,000 in Prince Edward Island; \$6,720 in New Brunswick; \$69,600 in Quebec Province; \$91,500 in Ontario; \$2,500 in Manitoba, and \$15,500 in British Columbia. The Allan Steamship Co. are to receive \$126,533 for the transportation of mails to Great Britain, and \$10,000 was voted for the purpose of maintaining a new steamer for Government service, now in course of construction in England.