

motors are W. H. Comstock, C. S. Cossitt, and D. S. Booth and the capital stock is placed at \$200,000.

**BELLEISLE CREEK, N. B.**—The Methodist congregation have decided to commence the erection of a parsonage at once. The building committee consists of G. M. Gunter, H. Northrup and J. A. Northrup.

**VANCOUVER, B. C.**—The Vancouver Marine Railway, Dry Dock and Manufacturing Company, is seeking incorporation, with a capital stock of \$100,000. It is proposed to erect a marine railway and conduct a general shipyard.

**OTTAWA, ONT.**—The question of erecting an operating theatre in connection with the Protestant hospital is meeting with favor, and a draft of the plans will be presented at the meeting of the directors to be held this week. Work will be commenced early in the spring.—The Central Fair directors have decided to enlarge the exhibition grounds, and on the new ground will be erected large cattle sheds. The work may begin this fall but will not be completed until next summer.

**LONDON, ONT.**—George T. Hiscox has purchased property and will erect a four-storey building on the corner of Richmond and King streets, to be occupied by the Bank of Toronto.—It is probable that the Western Fair Board, in erecting the new poultry and carriage buildings, will also call for tenders for new and more commodious grand stands.—It is stated on good authority that the Grand Trunk Railway Company will rebuild their car shops in this city, which were destroyed by fire some time ago.

**WINNIPEG, MAN.**—The Public School Board are asking for tenders until 4 p. m. of the 4th inst. for plumbing required at the Mulvey, Argyle and Dufferin schools and for laying a concrete floor in the Mulvey school. The work at the Mulvey school is in the hands of Geo. Browne, architect, and that at the other schools is under the superintendence of C. H. Wheeler, architect.—Tenders are invited by Mr. George Browne, architect, until Saturday, the 5th inst., for putting in steam heating apparatus and a system of electric and gas lighting in the Masonic Temple.

**MONCTON, N. B.**—The City Engineer has prepared a report on the water system giving several schemes for the improvement of the supply. To extend and improve the present system, would, it is estimated, cost \$98,801. Other available sources of supply are reported on as follows: Humphrey brook, 60 feet elevation above city level, 330,775,000 gallons, cost \$114,544; Humphrey brook reservoir, elevation 133.81 feet, capacity, 84,840,000 gallons, cost \$105,418; Extending and improving present system with Humphrey brook, cost \$126,939.

**HAMILTON, ONT.**—The Application of the Board of Education for a grant of \$50,000 from the City Council towards building a new Collegiate Institute will in all probability be passed by the Council. It is proposed to erect a building, estimated to cost \$100,000.—A new infirmary is being built at the Hamilton insane asylum. It will cost between \$20,000 and \$25,000, and will accommodate 70 patients.—The City Council has granted to the Board of Education the \$50,000 asked for towards the erection of a new Collegiate Institute and School of Pedagogy.

**KINGSTON, ONT.**—The Finance Committee has recommended to Council that a by-law be submitted to the electors in January next, for the purpose of raising \$20,000 to build a new school house.—Mr. C. F. Gildersleeve, one of the leading promoters of the Kingston, Smith's Falls and Ottawa Railway, states that preparations are being made to commence operations early next spring. The line is now surveyed into Smith's Falls. If possible, the

road between Kingston and Smith's Falls will be completed next summer, and the line may be extended to Ottawa by the fall of 1897.—The Grand Trunk will build a large tank here for water supply, with a capacity of 150,000 gallons. Arthur Ellis, architect, is receiving tenders until Friday at 4 p. m. for additions to a house on Queen street for Capt. T. F. Taylor.

**QUEBEC, QUE.**—It is understood that H. J. Beemer contemplates starting work at once on the construction of the electric railway, and some tracklaying will be done this fall.—Construction is soon to be commenced upon the property at the corner of St. Paul and Ramsay streets, to be utilized as the passenger station of the Quebec, Montmorenci and Charlevoix railway. The old building is to be raised several feet and completely transformed, with suitable ticket offices, waiting rooms, offices, vaults, etc., also other works of construction that have been entered upon here are the new factory building of Mr. Pattey, boot and shoe manufacturer, on St. Valier street, which is to cost \$10,000, and an addition of 64 feet square to the brewery of Messrs. Roswell Bros.—Several plans have been received for the new Jeffery Hale Hospital to be erected near the Q. A. A. grounds, at a cost of \$150,000.

**MONTREAL, QUE.**—It is stated that the Government contemplates making improvements to the jail in this city.—Mr. A. F. Gault has donated \$100,000 to establish a Church of England college, including dormitories and recreation grounds in this city.—Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, President of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, is said to have decided to raise half a million dollars for the purpose of thoroughly equipping the Chicago and Grand Trunk division of the railway, and the work of improvement will be entered upon in the near future.—Mr. Charles N. Armstrong has recently returned from New York. In connection with the Atlantic & Lake Superior Railway, he states that there can be no doubt but that the road will be started without delay, and the issue of debentures made in London later on.—Tenders are invited by J. A. Chaussé, architect, until noon, October 7th, for the necessary works for the erection of a stone front dwelling house on Rachel street, cor. Panet, for Miss Picotte. The same architect has prepared plans for an extension to a store at St. Hyacinthe for Pagneulo Bros.—Brown & McVicar, architects, have completed plans for a new Presbyterian church to be erected at Cornwall, Ont.—Building permits have been granted as follows: J. Aumon, two story brick tenement building, St. Catherine street, cost \$2,000; F. B. Wheeler, three storey brick tenement building, Ontario st., cost \$4,000; F. B. Lytle, store and tenement building, Congregation st., cost \$2,400.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—A by-law was passed by the York Township Council on the 2nd of September, providing for the issue of debentures to the amount of \$2,000 for constructing a bridge and approaches with culverts and sidewalks on Berkeley ave.—Plans are being prepared for the new factory to be erected by the Metallic Roofing Co. at the corner of King and Dufferin streets.—Armstrong & Elliot, of this city, give notice of application to Parliament for incorporation of a company to construct an electric or steam railway from a point on the northern division of the Grand Trunk Railway between King and Newmarket, to the village of Schomberg.—The committee of the York County Council has extended the agreement with the Metropolitan Street Railway Co., re the extension of the system to Richmond Hill, till the council's meeting in November.—In the presentment of the Grand Jury at the recent General Sessions, the erection of a new wing and an elevator for the old people's section of the House of Provi-

dence was strongly recommended.—Judge McDougall has stated that he intended to make strong representations to the Government with regard to the overcrowding of the Central prison. He considers that the building should be enlarged.—It is understood that an interview will take place shortly between Hon. John Haggart, Minister of Railways, and a delegation from the towns and villages to be affected by the projected Collingwood and Toronto air line. The City Engineer has recommended the construction of a macadam roadway on Temperance street, at a cost of \$715.—E. J. Lennox, architect, is receiving tenders until Saturday of this week for excavation and pile foundation work necessary in the construction of a brick factory building on the Esplanade for the Cobban Mfg. Co.—Building permits have been granted as follows: Wm. Murray, 2 det. 2 story and attic bk. dwellings, 97 Dowling ave., cost \$5,000; Wm. Scott, 232 King st. w., det. 2 story and attic bk. dwelling, 143 Dunn ave., cost \$3,500.

#### FIRES.

Bloom's saw mill at Holmesdale, Ont., on the Michigan Central Railway near St. Thomas, was burned to the ground on the 26th September. A report from Arthabaska Station, Que., states that nearly 100 houses were burned down from Stamford to St. Celinin from forest fires last week. At Brault's Mills every house has been burned.—Fire at North Gower, Ont., recently destroyed Geo. Ferguson's hotel, Wm. Murphy's two dwellings, Hiram Scott's store and dwelling, and James Johnston's dwellings. A portion of the loss is covered by insurance.—William Partlo's grist mill at Ingersoll, Ont., was destroyed by fire last week. Loss, \$20,000; insurance, \$12,000.—The cheese factory at Vanessa, Ont., has been burned. The residence of J. J. Cowan, near Chatham, Ont., was burned on the 27th inst. Loss, \$2,500; no insurance.—A new brick house at Barrie, Ont., owned by Henry Martin, was burned recently.—On the 25th ultimo fire destroyed the shingle mill of John Dovey, Lindsay, Ont. The mill and contents were insured for \$4,000.—John B. Smith & Sons saw mill at Calder, Ont., was destroyed by fire on Saturday last. It was insured and will be rebuilt at once.—The Commercial hotel and two general stores at Comber, Ont., owned by A. M. Aubin and A. Dupins, were burned recently. Loss \$6,000; partially covered by insurance.—On the 30th September fire destroyed the grist mill at Manitowaning, Ont., owned by J. V. Burns, together with the storehouse of the Indian Department. The mill was valued at \$6,000.—A tannery and dwelling at Joliette, Que., owned by Mr. Henrichen, was burned on Monday last. Loss, \$15,000.—Jackson & Co.'s steam saw mill at the mouth of the Tidnish river, St. John, N. B., was consumed by fire last week.

#### CONTRACTS AWARDED.

**CASTLETON, ONT.**—The Dominion Stained Glass Co., of Toronto, have been given the contract for glass for the Methodist church here.

**SCHOMBERG, ONT.**—The Dominion Stained Glass Co., of Toronto, have been awarded the glass contract for the new Baptist church here.

**WALKERVILLE, ONT.**—The Globe Furniture Co., of this town, are supplying oak furniture for the office of C. M. Counsell, broker, of Hamilton.

**SANDWICH, ONT.**—The contract for the improvement and repairs of the Essex County jail and court house has been awarded to John Whertley, of Essex. Contract price, \$18,340.

**WINNIPEG, MAN.**—The tender of W. F. Lee for the construction of twenty-four catch basins, at \$1,428, and that of Dob-