

seating capacity of 700. The stage will be 26 by 50 ft., with dressing rooms off each end. The hose tower will be 60 ft. high, and will be situated on the southeast corner of the building.

LONDON, ONT.—The by-law granting the sum of \$150,000 for the construction of an efficient sewerage system was carried by the ratepayers last week.—Charles Cruickshank has made arrangements to erect a five storey brick hotel, with stone trimmings, on Richmond street.

QUEBEC, QUE.—Building permits have been granted as follows: Repairs of a house on Dorchester street, for C. Robitaille; contractor, E. Turcotte. Repairs of a house on St. Ursule street, for Dr. Hamet. Repairs of a house on St. Valier street for W. E. Brunet; E. St. Pierre, contractor.

PETERBORO', ONT.—It has been resolved to again invite tenders for lighting the streets of the city by electric light. A five years' contract will be granted.—A petition is in circulation asking that the town and county councils jointly erect a House of Refuge.—The contract for steam heating and plumbing of the Y. M. C. A. building is still open.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.—The city council propose to ask the Dominion government for a grant of \$50,000 in aid of the Fraser river bridge.—The council will probably furnish a site to the promoter of the projected linseed oil works.—The council intends applying to the Dominion government for the old drill shed property as a site for a new police station.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—The Tacoma Smelting & Refining Co. will shortly commence the construction of large smelting and refining works in this city. The capital stock of the company is \$1,000,000.—The city council have approved of the route of the proposed Vancouver & Victoria Eastern Railway & Navigation Co.'s line and will request the government to grant financial assistance towards the construction of the road.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—W. H. Thorne & Co. have purchased property on the Thomson wharf, and will build a large warehouse.—It is proposed to erect a bronze statue to the memory of the late Sir Leonard Tilley. The cost will be about \$10,000.—George Flewelling, of Westfield, has purchased the Palmer property in this city and will erect a new hotel thereon. Work will be commenced this fall and the building completed in the early spring.—The Dominion Cold Storage Co. have selected a site and will shortly commence the erection of their proposed buildings.—H. W. Mott, architect, will receive tenders until Friday, the 11th inst., for heating the Main street Baptist church.

HAMILTON, ONT.—T. Beasley, city clerk, invites tenders until noon to-day (Thursday), for the erection of a brick butter market on the square. Plans may be seen at the office of Stewart McPhie, architect.—Tenders are invited this week for the construction of pipe sewers on Poulette and Florence streets.—Mr. John Patterson, of the Cataract Power Co., states that work will be commenced on the plant within the next two weeks. The company propose to obtain their power from DeCew Falls, near St. Catharines.—Bids are invited by the Cataract Power Company until the 15th inst., for the erection of a stone power house, 40x250 feet, and for 2,600 feet of steel pipe, 6 feet in diam., with a stand pipe 4 feet diam., and 220 feet high; also for 4 turbines of 640 h.p. each, with valves, governors, etc., and for 2,500 cedar poles, 8-in. top, 35 feet long.

MONTREAL, QUE.—At a meeting of the Chambre de Commerce held last

week, the committee appointed to study the question of extending the North Shore Railway from Sorel to Levis laid its report on the table and decided to ask the Dominion government to give the South Shore Railway all privileges, rights, subsidies and other advantages granted to the railroad companies established in the public interest.—L. R. Montbriand, architect, is preparing plans for one three-storey cottage to be erected on Esplanade street for Chs. Gratton.—Building permits have been granted as follows: two houses, 50x32 feet, 2 1/2 stories, stone and brick, on Plessis street, for Honore Dubreuil, Esq. Probable cost, \$4,000; Two houses, 40x62 feet, two stories, brick front, on Wellington street, for Mde. H. S. Lomas. Contractors, masonry, Olivier Goyette; carpenter and joiner's work, Louis Trudet; one house on Inspector street, 44x40 feet, wood lined in brick, cost \$1,500.

TORONTO, ONT.—Tenders will be received by the Chairman of the Board of Control until Wednesday, the 16th inst., for the construction of a wooden foot bridge at Riverdale Park, across the river Don. Plans may be seen at the office of the city engineer.—The town council of North Toronto have concurred in the report of the Water, Fire and Light committee with respect to enlarging the present water works basin, and tenders will be asked for the proposed work.—The plans submitted by Messrs. Strickland & Symons, architects, have been accepted by the Fire and Light committee for the addition to the Bay street fire hall, the estimated cost being \$3,500. The addition will give accommodation for two engines, two reels, a water tower and a chemical engine, besides providing rooms for the chief and secretary.—His Worship the Mayor will shortly lay before the council a message favoring the construction of an extension of the street railway system to the Island way of the Queen's wharf and the sand bar, by means of a bridge.—The Court of Revision will be held on the 18th inst., for the hearing of appeals against the assessments for the following works: brick pavement on Huron street, cost \$23,500; on Grand Opera House lane, cost \$440; on Spencer avenue, cost \$6,000; and on Lowther ave., cost \$3,900.—The Ontario government is considering the advisability of installing an electric light plant at the Central Prison. The question of putting in a plant at the asylum at Brockville is also being considered.—Wm. Radcliffe, corner Queen and Parliament streets, desires a site, 50x150 ft., in Rosedale or annex.—Building permits have been granted as follows: G. W. Gouinlock, architect, one-storey add. to chapel and conservatory, St. James cemetery, cost \$3,000; J. H. Farr & Co., one-storey bk. add. to factory, Morse st., cost \$1,500.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The following petitions have been reported on in parliament: Hudson Bay and Pacific Railway Co., for an act of incorporation to build a line from Fort Churchill to Calgary; Hudson Bay Navigation Co., for the building of a canal between the Nelson river and Hudson Bay; Mather Bridge and Power Co., for power to construct a bridge over the Niagara river at Fort Erie.—In all probability Mr. A. C. Hutchison, architect, of Montreal, will be engaged to prepare plans for the addition to the hospital.—The main drainage committee of the city council have accepted the report of Messrs. Keefer & Davey, the engineers appointed to report on a system of drainage. The total cost of the work is estimated at \$414,358.50. The report and plans will be submitted to the Provincial Board of Health for approval on the 15th inst.—The Dominion estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1897, have been presented to parliament.

The amount voted for canals is as follows:

Soulanges, construction	\$80,000
Cornwall, enlargement	185,000
Rapide Plat, enlargement	170,000
Galops	250,000
St. Lawrence River and Canals, north channel and surveys	20,000
Murray, equipment	5,000
Trent, construction	500,000
Sault Ste. Marie, construction and equipment	44,000
Lachine	238,000
Lake St. Louis Channel, straightening and deepening	95,000
Grenville, enlargement	90,000
Welland, improvements	5,000
Lachine—Extending electric lights along canal	4,550
Beauharnois—Dredg'g shovel, upper entrance	5,000
Replacing cope stones on nine locks	1,600
Changing circuit of telephone from ground to metallic	800
Chambly—Build rubble walls along highway	2,500
Rebuild abutment walls, etc., lock 8	4,000
Gravel bank of canal	1,500
To build culvert under canal at St. Johns	6,000
Carillon and Grenville—Build a set of spare lock gates	2,900
Trent—Build new dam at Chisholm	5,500
Remove rock in channel at Hastings	3,500
Build guard booms and piers at Peterboro' swing bridge	2,500
Dredge channel at Katchewanwan Lake	2,500
Build landing pier at Burleigh	2,000
Remove rock in channel at Hobeaygeon	3,500
Provide hoisting engine and boiler	1,000
Rideau—Construct bridge across by-wash at Smith's Falls	5,000
Complete sheet piling at Deep Cut, Ottawa	8,500
Welland—Remove sand bars in Dalhousie and Port Colborne harbors	4,000
Towards building superstructure of piers at Port Dalhousie	30,000
Rebuild in cement walls of lock No. 24	25,300
Renew towpath bridge	5,000
Renew one pair of lock gates and raceway bridge, lock 7, old canal	5,000
Clean and deepen feeder back ditches	2,000

For public buildings the following appropriations are made:

No a Scotia—Halifax drill hall	100,000
Lunenburg post office, custom-house, etc., to complete	1,000
New Brunswick—Marysville public building	8,000
Tracadie lazaretto	1,000
Quebec—Grosse Isle quarantine station	6,000
Quebec post office, new wing and repairs and alterations to old building, furniture, etc	2,500
Richmond post office and customs and inland revenue offices, to complete	14,000
Pimouski post office, custom house, etc., to complete	10,000
St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary	7,000
Ontario Dominion reformatory	30,000
Manitoba—Portage la Prairie post office, etc.	10,000
North-west Territories—Court-house, lock-up and police accommodation	2,000
Moosomin court-house, additions, etc.	3,000
Prince Albert court house and jail accommodation, new works and repairs	13,000
British Columbia—New Westminster drill hall, revote of \$4,000 lapsed	6,000
Victoria drill hall and accessory buildings, revote of \$2,000 lapsed	4,000
Victoria new post office	100,000

For improvements to harbors and rivers the grants are as follows:

Nova Scotia—Digby, pier	2,800
Georgetown, extension to wharf	1,800
Grand Etang	3,000
Prince Edward Island—General repairs to piers and breakwaters	6,000
Kier's shore, extension of pier, repairs and dredging	2,500
Soums, reconstruction of breakwater at Knight's Point	37,500
New Brunswick—Gardner's Creek, new wharf	5,500
Negro Point breakwater, St. John Harbor	20,000
River St. John, including tributaries	16,000
Quebec—Anse a l'Eau, Tadoussac pier	1,500
Etang du Nord, repairs, etc.	1,000
Grande Riviere, to complete harbor of refuge by strengthening and extending the wharf, etc	2,000
Laprairie, works in connection with ice piers, dredging steamboat channel, etc.	10,000
Phillipsburg pier	1,250
Piers, Lake St. John, including improvement of approaches	2,500
River Richelieu, Belœil channel guide piers	6,000
River St. Maurice, improvement of channel	
Grandes Piles and La Tuque, dredging plant, etc.	3,000
St. Jean, Ile d'Orleans	400
Ontario—Collingwood, repairs to breakwater	2,850
Kingston harbor, Lake Ontario	4,000
Lake Simcoe and Couchiching, regulation of waters	5,500
Owen Sound harbor, dredging, etc.	20,000
Toronto harbor, works at eastern entrance, etc.	25,000
British Columbia—Columbia river, improvements above Golden	4,600
Victoria harbor, dredging in inner harbor	10,000
Fraser river, improvements of ship channel	25,000
Skeena river	3,200

FIRES.

Alfred Poor's dwelling at Oromocto, N. B., was destroyed by fire last week.—Fire at Noel, Hant's County, N. S., destroyed David Hennigar's carding mill and contents.—A saw mill at Wellandport, Ont., owned by Albert Frank, was burned recently.—The steam saw and grist mill at Collina, N. B., owned by Aaron Kier-