

wharf repairs, \$600; Grand Pabos wharf repairs, \$800; Lower St. Lawrence, rock removal, \$3,000; Port Daniel wharf repairs, \$800; Ste. Anne de la Parade, repairs, \$5,000; Ste. Famille, wharf repairs, \$3,000; St. Irene, wharf repairs, \$4,000; St. Jean Port Joli, wharf repairs, \$500; Tonladiac river improvements, \$1,500; Bay St. Paul, wharf repairs, \$3,500; Cap a l'Aigle, wharf repairs, \$6,000; L'Islet wharf repairs, \$600; Lotbiniere, new wharf, \$5,500; St. Valentin, new wharf, \$6,800. The following grants are made for British Columbia works: Nanaimo harbor, improvements of south channel, \$6,000; Columbia river improvements, above Golden, \$5,000; Fraser river, improvements of ship channel, \$20,000; general repairs and improvements to harbor, river and bridge works, \$3,000; Skeena river, \$3,500; Columbia river, removal of rock above Revelstoke, \$2,000; Duncan river, improvement of, \$3,000; Okanagan river, improvement of, \$5,000; William Head quarantine, repairs to wharf and improvement of water service, \$675. For Nova Scotia works the following appropriations are made: Halifax drill hall, \$110,000; Marysville building, \$8,000; Georgeville wharf, \$1,000; Hantsport wharf, \$8,000; Margaretville pier, \$12,000; Port Maitland, \$3,600; Trout cove, Digby, \$4,000; Yarmouth harbor, \$3,000; Arisay, \$800; Cheticomb, \$2,000; Cribbons Point wharf, \$1,500; Judique wharf, \$4,000; Pugwash wharf, \$10,000; Wallace wharf, \$1,600; Boularderie, \$500; Grand Etang dredging, \$1,200.—The Minister of Railways and Canals has extended the time for receiving tenders for canal work as follows: For the Cardinal section of the Galop's canal until the 24th inst., for the Iroquois section until the 30th inst., for the North channel until May 7th.—Mr. Rudolph Hering, C.E., of New York, is expected to arrive in the city this week to present his plans for a main drainage scheme.—Tenders are asked by James White, chairman Fire and Light Committee, until Tuesday, 27th inst., for a steel frame hook and ladder truck, with complete equipment.—It is proposed to erect in this city a Diamond Jubilee building as a permanent memorial to Her Majesty's reign. The sum of \$50,000 will be raised therefor by private subscription and the government will be asked to make a grant of \$25,000.—Petitions have been presented to Council asking for the construction of asphalt pavements on Elgin and Metcalfe streets.—The City Council has resolved to lay a 12-inch water main on Queen street and an 8-inch main on Bank street, from Somerset to Macleod streets.—The Minister of Militia, in his annual report, recommends the establishment of two permanent workshops at Kingston and Quebec, and the erection of a building for military stores at Ottawa. New buildings at Toronto, Kingston and Halifax are also declared to be necessary to secure the proper care of military stores.

#### FIRES.

Reid's Crystal Hall on Dundas street, London, was almost completely destroyed by fire on the 13th inst. The insurance on the building was \$20,000, which will probably cover the loss.—The Commercial Hotel at Teeswater, Ont., owned by Joseph Brick, has been burned. Loss on building and contents, \$10,000; partially covered by insurance.—A summer residence at Longue Point, Que., a suburb of Montreal, was burned last week. The building was owned by Mr. Justice Ouimet.—St. Patrick's Boys' school at Halifax, N. S., was gutted by fire on the 16th inst. Loss on building \$5,000.—A saw mill at Barry's Crossing, owned by Bernard Ripley, of Milltown, N. B., was destroyed by fire a few days ago.—The residence of David Douglas, jr., situated near Stanley, N. B., was consumed by fire recently.—A

saw mill at Angus, Ont., owned by A. Warner has been burned; no insurance.—A disastrous fire occurred at Hastings, Ont., on the 20th inst., destroying property to the value of \$100,000. Most of the buildings were owned by A. E. Roxburgh.—The residences of Fred Marr at St. Thomas, and John Turner, near Dutton, Ont., have been burned.

#### CONTRACTS AWARDED.

**HULL, QUE.**—The City Council have sold \$73,000 of forty-year debentures to La Banque Nationale, at 107.9.

**GRANBY, QUE.**—The contract for building a parish hall in connection with St. George's church has been let to Neil & Kent; estimated cost \$3,500.

**OTTAWA, ONT.**—The tender of Joseph Fauteaux, of St. Benoit, Que., has been accepted for the new wing to the Water street hospital; price \$22,700.

**WOODSTOCK, N. B.**—The Town Council have decided to purchase a road machine from the Good Roads Machinery Company, of Hamilton, Ont.

**ST. JOHN, N. B.**—The school board have accepted the following tenders: Desks and seats, Globe Furniture Company, Walkerville; blinds, S. T. Holman.

**BELLE RIVER, ONT.**—A contract for a steel bridge over the Belle river has been let to the Central Bridge & Engineering Co., Peterboro', at \$8.10 per foot for 108 feet.

**COBOURG, ONT.**—Martin Jex & Son have been awarded the contract for a three-story building in Colborne, and a wing to Judge Clarke's residence in this town.

**DRUMBO, ONT.**—The contract for a steel bridge east of this village has been let to the Stratford Bridge Company, at \$1,488. The work will be in charge of W. M. Davis, C.E., of Woodstock.

**PARRSBORO, N. S.**—The contract for supplying the town with water pipes has

been awarded to the Londonderry Iron Company, Ltd., at \$29.60 per ton of 2,240 lbs., and special castings at \$2.25 per 100 lbs.

**LONDON, ONT.**—The tender of T. Summers for building the abutments at the Adelaide street bridge, at the price of \$4,200, has been accepted by the London Township Council. F. B. Talbot, county engineer, will superintend the work.

**GUELPH, ONT.**—T. Irving, of this city, has secured the contract for the Glenallan bridge, at the price of \$8.75 per cubic yard and \$2; for concrete foundation. The superstructure contract was given to the Stratford Bridge Company, at \$1,845.

**LINDSAY, ONT.**—R. Bryans & Sons have secured the contract for a new schoolhouse in Mariposa, and George Henry is the successful tenderer for the school in s. s. No. 14, same township. Plans for the above schools were prepared by W. White, of this town.

**STRATFORD, ONT.**—The contract for the reconstruction of the Waterloo street Methodist church has been given to Orr & Son for the entire work, except frescoing, glass and electric wiring. The seats will be supplied by the Valley City Seating Company, of Dundas.

**VANCOUVER, B. C.**—J. M. Mackinnon has awarded the contract for the reconstruction of the Mackinnon block, estimated to cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000. The building will be 120 x 80 feet, the front and one side to be of stone and the balance of brick. The plans were prepared by W. T. Dalton.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—A contract has been given to the Metallic Roofing Company for the sheet metal work for a block of stores now being erected in Fort William for Joseph G. King, covering 100 x 100 ft. The exterior will be covered with special single stone rock-faced siding, while the interior will be furnished with embossed steel ceiling.

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THE Authorities at Ottawa have been investigating the merits of the new Wall Plaster, known as

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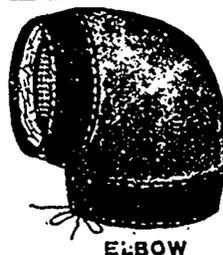
which is nearly the pure product of Asbestos, and possesses all the remarkable qualities of that mineral, being Absolutely Fire-Proof, and as a Plaster, Cohesive and Elastic, besides allowing a Perfect Surface Finish. The result of such examination and investigation, from actual work done in Ottawa, and the opinions of eminent Architects, is to prove that it is all that it is claimed to be. A large order has been given for this material, which is to be used in the reconstruction of the Parliament Buildings, lately destroyed by fire.

The Authorities have shown great wisdom in their choice, as the cost over ordinary plaster is very trifling, and the advantages so manifest to every Architect who has given this remarkable production careful attention, that it cannot fail to commend itself as a positive assurance of safety against fire risk, entailing the minimum of cost for such an object.

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