

the Mutual Life Insurance Co. for purchase of \$4,970.20 town debentures has been accepted, price, \$7,970 and accrued interest.

**PORT STANLEY, ONT.**—The contract for machinery for new boat for Port Stanley Navigation Co. has been let to Goderich Engine Co., Goderich, at \$5,200.

**BERLIN, ONT.**—Successful tender for pavilion in Victoria Park: Masonry, C. Braun, \$484; carpenter work, G. Schulz, \$3,100; painting, F. Vetter, \$500.

**THREE RIVERS, QUE.**—Thomas Malone is said to have secured the contract for harbor improvements here, which are to cost \$750,000. The work will be commenced in the spring.

**HALIFAX, N. S.**—It is said that Illsley & Horn, of Toronto, have been awarded the contract for alterations and improvements to the Intercolonial railway station here, estimated to cost over \$50,000.

**LEVIS, QUE.**—The tender of Ross, Power & Co., for construction of waterworks system, which has been accepted by the city, is said to be \$299,745. F. X. Berlinguet has been appointed engineer for construction.

**HAMILTON, ONT.**—Contracts for waterworks supplies have been let as follows: Lead pipe, Wood, Vallance & Co.; cast iron pipe, junctions, etc., Gairshore - Thompson Co.; ordinary castings, Brown & Boggs; stop cock boxes, etc., Burrows, Stewart & Milne; stop valves, Smart, Eby & Co.; pattern hydrants, etc., Dodson & Sutton.

**MONTREAL, QUE.**—Sub-contracts in connection with Board of Trade building have been awarded as follows: Steel and iron work, Dominion Bridge Co.; fire proof construction, the Roebbing Construction Company, of New York. — Perrault & Lesage, architects, have awarded the contract to Webster Bros. & Parkes for mosaic vestibule and marble dado for the Hochelaga post office.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—John Kay, Son & Co. have secured the contract for furniture and carpets for the King Edward Hotel. — The John R. L. Co.

Plumbing & Heating Co. have secured the contract for plumbing and hot water heating of new residence on South Drive, Rosedale, for Hugh Munro, and the contract for plumbing of two residences on Withrow avenue for Frank Hillock.

**LONDON, ONT.**—H. C. McBride, architect, let the following contracts last week for an alteration for J. C. Woods, of this city: Brickwork, Everett & Sing; carpenters' and joiners' work, R. G. Wilson. The remaining works have not yet been let. — H. C. McBride is also preparing plans for a store for Dr. Field, of Woodstock, to be erected in that place.

**VICTORIA, B. C.**—The promoters of the smelter at Crofton, Osborne Bay, have let the contract for excavating for foundation to the Victoria Transfer Co.,

and that for a battery of three boilers of 260 h. p. each to the Victoria Machinery Dept. George Lewis, of Duncan, is getting out piles for the four docks, wharves and ferry slips, and tenders for the masonry and carpenter work will be called for in a few days.

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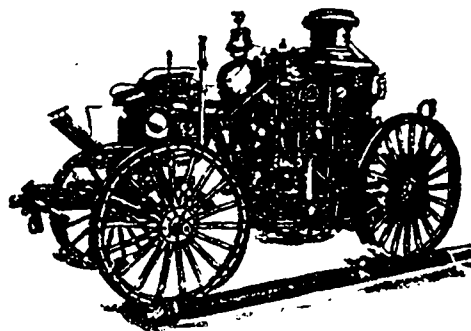
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