

sawdust chemically.—G. F. Benson, president of the Edwardsburg Starch Co., has purchased from Ald. Morris, of this city, several sites on Larue Island, in the St. Lawrence river. Mr. Benson will build a summer residence on the property.—Steps are being taken to establish works in this city to make cotton transmission rope and smaller ropes and twine. It is said that about six acres of land will be purchased for the buildings and yards.

FIRES.

Box factory of the Examiner Printing Co., at Peterboro, Ont., damaged to the extent of \$2,500.—Parkin & Moore's general store at Hartney, Man., owned by S. H. Dickson; loss \$9,000.—Brick building at St. Johns, Que., known as the Pierce Mansion; badly damaged.—Royal Hotel at Shakespeare, Ont., occupied by Mr. Ruess, totally destroyed.—McLaughlin's carriage works at Oshawa, Ont., entirely consumed; loss heavy.—Residence of D. McKercher at Ridgeland, Man.—Power house of the Exeter Electric Light Co., at Exeter, Ont., building completely gutted and machinery destroyed.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

AYLMER, ONT.—G. A. Stimson & Co., of Toronto, have purchased \$5,500 town debentures, at slight advance above par.

LONDON, ONT.—\$12,600 county debentures: Canadian Order of Woodmen of the World, successful tenderers, at par.

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.—The town has sold \$71,000 of debentures to G. A. Stimson & Co., of Toronto, at \$73,660.04, including accrued interest.

HARTLAND, N. B.—The contract to build a bridge across the river at this point has been awarded to Albert Brewer, of Upper Woodstock; price, \$28,000.

OTTAWA, ONT.—Smith & Henney, of this city, have secured a \$30,000 contract from the Dominion Government to build a wharf at North Bay, Antigonish county, N. S.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The following contracts for the new Star building have been accepted by A. F. Dunlop, architect, on the order of H. Graham & Co.: Plumbing and heating, J. Archison; painting and glazing, W. P. Scott; elevators, Miller Bros. & Toms; roofing work, Campbell & Gilday; plastering, J. McLean; marble work, R. Reid; wrought iron and grille work, Malleable Iron Co.

TORONTO, ONT.—The Board of Works last week recommended acceptance of the following tenders for supplies: Wire nails, Ontario Lead & Wire Company, \$3.35 per 100 lbs. Loose hay, \$12 per ton; baled hay, \$11; oats, 32 cents per bushel;

rolled oats, \$19 per ton; bran, \$13.50 per ton; loose straw, \$4 per ton; oat straw, in bundles, \$7.50 per ton; salt, per barrel, \$1; all to M. Hunter. Reid & Co. got the contract for lumber; the price for plank was \$14.43; for scantling \$14.23, and for boards \$13.93. Cedar paving posts, Dominion Paving Co., \$5.43 per cord. Screened gravel, W. Mullin, \$1.15 per cubic yard. Unscreened gravel, east of Simcoe street, W. Gaby, 80 cents per yard; west of Simcoe, W. Mullin, 79 cents. Sand, west of Simcoe street, West & Co., 65 cents; east of Simcoe, Adair & Co., 79 cents. Paving brick tenders, brass and bronze castings and lead pipe were referred to the engineer. Lubricating oils also went to the engineer for report. Special castings were awarded to Galloway, Taylor & Co., \$2 per 100 lbs. Hydrants—4-way, \$62.25; 3-way, \$35.25; 2-way, \$33.25; Rice Lewis & Son. Cast iron pipe—4 pipe, \$4.66; 6 pipe, \$6.95; 12 pipe, \$20; Rice Lewis & Son. Iron valve and stop-cock boxes, Rice Lewis & Son. Coal and wood—hardwood, \$6.50 per cord; pine, \$4.45; pine slabs, \$3.48; hardwood (lung), \$6; soft coal (Streetsville), \$4.95; egg coal, \$5.25; Blossburgh, \$4.65; nut coal, \$5.25; stove coal, \$5.25; grate coal, \$5.25; McGill & Co. The tenders for lumber for waterworks was referred for a report to the engineer.

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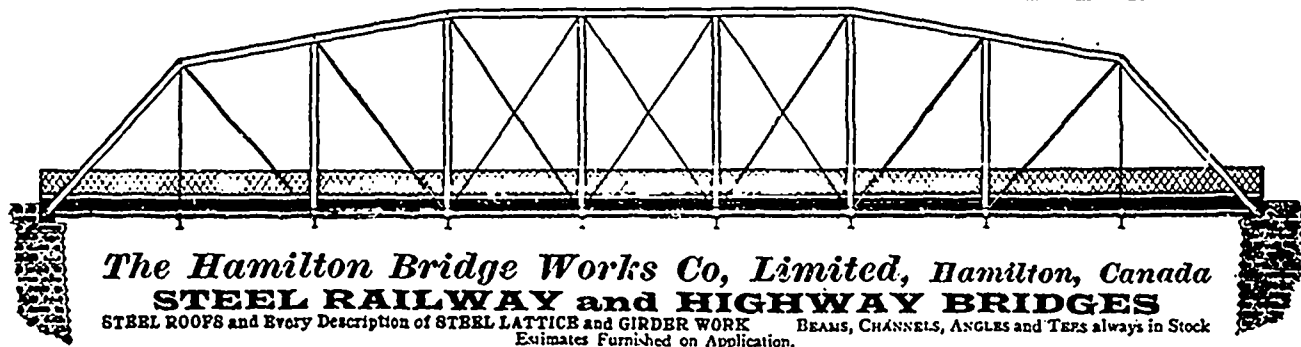
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