

\$1,500; Chas. H. Tune, three brick residences on Richmond street, cost \$1,400.

**HAMILTON, ONT.**—The Sewers Committee have decided to expend \$7,000 in laying a sewer in the East end, and the same amount on the Garth street sewer.—At a meeting of the Water Works Committee held last week, the City Engineer submitted a rough estimate of the various schemes on foot for increasing the city water pressure. A high-level reservoir near the city, with duplicate pumping engines, would cost \$98,800. The cost of a third main on Cannon street would be \$134,750, and a new stand-pipe in the southern district would cost \$96,000. The committee decided not to take any definite action, but to bring the matter up at the next Council meeting.—Building permits have been issued to Thomas Allen, for two two-storey brick dwellings on Morden street, three on King street, and two on Pearl street, at total cost \$9,400.—The City Council has decided to submit a by-law to the ratepayers to raise the sum of \$36,000 for the erection of a new city gaol.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—It is said to be the intention of Frank Boston, of East Toronto, to remodel his present store building into a summer hotel.—The Fire and Light Committee of the City Council are asking for tenders until Monday, the 1st of April, for the furnishing of one one-horse single-tank chemical fire engine of 80 gallons capacity, also for one two-horse hook and ladder truck, one two-horse hose waggon, and two one-horse hose waggons. Specifications may be seen at the office of the Secretary of the Fire Department, Bay street fire hall, and tenders are to be addressed to Mr. Geo. McMurrich, Chairman of the Committee.—The Kemp Manufacturing Company contemplate erecting a factory for the manufacture of granite ware, and have requested the City Council to grant a site on the Don flats for the purpose.—The Rubber Shoe Company of Toronto, whose works are at Port Dalhousie, are considering the removal of their factory from that place, and will locate in Toronto, providing the council will give a free site and exemption from taxation for a term of years. The company propose to erect a three-story building 300x60 feet, with outbuildings for varnish and cement manufacture.—At a meeting of the Board of Works held on Monday last, the recommendations for laying new pavements were referred back, and the City Engineer was instructed to prepare a complete report and list of the streets to be paved during the present year. The Board will hold a special meeting to consider the report at which the question of whether brick or asphalt is to be recommended is to be considered.—The Parks and Gardens Committee have reduced the appropriation for new sheep pens at the Exhibition grounds from \$10,000 to \$7,500.—Building permits have been granted as follows: John H. Clarke, 350 Huron st., det. 2-storey and attic bk. dwelling, 352 Huron st., cost \$2,000; Wm. Booth, det. 2-storey and attic bk. dwelling, 138 Bedford rd., cost, \$3,000; H. Thorne, Queen's Park, additions to 39 Carleton st., cost, \$1,500.

**FIRES.**

R. D. Kennedy's dwelling at Oshawa, Ont., has been burned. Loss covered by insurance.—The Tourists' hotel at Lion's Head, Ont., owned by Capt. Finley McPherson, was consumed by fire on Monday last. Loss partially covered by insurance.—The First Methodist church at St. Thomas, Ont., was burned to the ground last week. The loss is placed at \$25,000, the insurance being \$15,000. The pastor is Rev. James Hannon.—The Main street Methodist church at Exeter, Ont., was destroyed by fire last week. Loss, \$10,000; insurance, \$5,200.—Almost the entire business portion of the Town of Fort William West, Ont., was burned on the

21st inst. Sixteen buildings were destroyed, among them being: Sparr's hotel, Woodbine hotel, O'Connor's hotel, Ontario House, Ingalls' block and several offices and residences. Loss about \$50,000, with little insurance.—Ogilvie's elevator at Methven, Man., was destroyed by fire last week.—The English church at Bayfield, N. S., has been burned. Loss, \$2,000.—The residence of N. P. Roberts, at Pipestone, Man., was destroyed by fire on the 20th inst.—The school house at Brussels, Ont., was burned on Tuesday last. Insurance, \$1,600.

**CONTRACTS AWARDED.**

**BROCKVILLE, ONT.**—The Finance Committee has accepted the tender of the North British & Mercantile Insurance Company for the purchase of \$16,000 of waterworks debentures at \$104.27 and \$8,000 of local improvement debentures, at \$106.84.

**HAMILTON, ONT.**—Contracts have been let for the erection of the new Centenary church Sunday school. The amount to be expended will be \$13,000. Wm. Stewart & Son are the architects. The Building Committee is considering the proposed new church front and other improvements, and have appropriated \$2,500 for frescoing the interior.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—The Fire and Light Committee will recommend the purchase of fire hose as follows: 1,000 feet, 2½ inches, Maltese Cross rubber hose, at \$1 per foot; 1,000 feet, 2½ inches, Baker Fabric cotton hose, at 85c. per foot; 1,000 feet, 2½ inches, Eureka cotton hose, at \$1 per foot; 1,000 feet, 2½ inches, Paragon cotton hose, at 85c. per foot; 1,000 feet, 3 inches, Eureka cotton hose, at \$1.30 per foot; 500 feet, 3 inches, Pure Para rubber hose, at \$1.05 per foot.

**MONTREAL, QUE.**—Edward Maxwell, architect, has awarded contracts as follows for a residence on Pine avenue for Hon. Judge Cross: masonry, Hughes & Brisson; brickwork, Mr. Deguise; carpenter and joiner's work, John Allan; plastering, John McLean; painting, De Zouche & Sons.—A. C. Hutchison, architect, has awarded contracts as follows for a school on St. Denis street: masonry, R. Wilson; carpenter and joiner's work, Simpson & Peel; roofing, Geo. W. Reed; plumbing and heating, Smead, Dowd & Co.; brickwork, W. Lavers; plastering, W. J. Cook; painting, R. H. Bartholemew; iron work, R. Donaldson & Son; electric wiring, C. W. Henderson.

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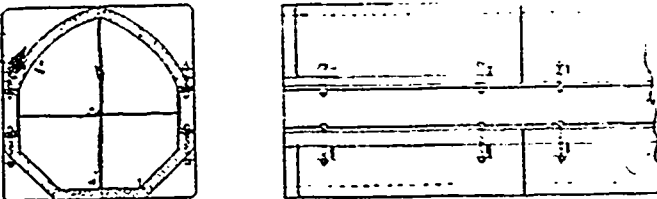
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