

renewing flooring of north building, \$2,000; interior repairs and alterations, \$1,900; renewals of pipes, plumbing, etc., \$800; furniture and furnishings, \$1,200. Asylum for Insane, Hamilton—Elevator in infirmary building for patients, equipment, etc., of operating room, \$1,200; for fitting up new bathing system in wing of main building, \$1,000; ice house, \$800; furniture and furnishings, \$2,000; interior alterations, including materials, \$1,200. Asylum for Insane, Kingston—Completing new bathing system, and alterations to boiler house, \$1,000; furnishings for wards, \$1,000. Asylum for Insane, Brockville—Root-house, cellars, etc., \$800; to cover balance of contracts of main building and cottages, \$4,000; outside work, fencing, sidewalks, etc., carpenters' supplies, \$1,000; furniture and furnishings, \$1,400. Asylum for Idiots, Orillia—Drains and drainage, \$600; fuel economizer, feed pumps, covering steam pipes, etc., \$1,500; furniture, furnishings, including school furniture, painting, etc., \$800. Central Prison, Toronto—Rebuilding broom shop, \$8,000; fire pump, pump house, underground water tanks, water mains, fire hose, etc., \$5,000. Education Department, Normal and Model schools, Toronto—Reconstructing deck roofs of Normal school, \$1,000; fittings to museum, shelving, cases, etc., \$1,500. Normal and Model schools, Ottawa—General repairs to buildings, drains, grounds, etc., \$2,000; furniture and furnishings, \$500. School of Practical Science, Toronto—General repairs, \$500; apparatus for scientific purposes, \$2,000. New Parliament Buildings—For repairs, improvements, etc., \$1,750; equipment and heating of house for plants, \$750. Algoma district—Repairs and furniture for the district, \$500; lock-up at Thessalon, \$1,000. For public works the following grants are made. To construct guide piers and booms above lock at Magnetawan, \$600; re-vote to remove rock obstruction from bed of stream of Head river, \$600; re-vote to aid in improvement of channel between Shoal Lake and Lake of the Woods, \$4,000; to construct dam at outlet of Bottle Lake, and reconstruct dam on Mississiqua Creek, \$4,200; River aux Basin, re-vote to aid in deepening and removing rock obstructions from channel, on condition that the additional amount necessary to fully complete the work is provided by either the townships of Cornwall and Osnabrook or by the Dominion, \$2,000; Otonabee river, to construct cribwork along canal above lock at Young's Point, \$2,000; Mississippi river, re-vote for improvement at Ferguson's Falls, \$1,500; to construct dam and improve outlet of Gull Lake, \$2,000; re-vote of contribution towards the improvement of the Castor river, \$5,000. The grants for colonization roads include the following: Bridge piers for bridge over Winnipeg river, \$2,700; Crozier and Lash road, general improvement and completion of drain to lake on sec. 1, Lash, \$1,500; Indian Head bridge, over Lake Wolsey, \$1,500; Keewatin bridge, for superstructure, \$2,140; to renew Joseph river bridge, \$1,000; Monck road, repairs in Glamorgan, \$500; between Norland and Uphill, \$500; to repair Head river bridge and repairs in Dalton, \$250; to build Wabis creek bridge, Liskeard, \$1,000.

#### FIRES.

The planing mills at Bracebridge, Ont., owned by J. R. Higgins and occupied by Tate & Bateson, were destroyed by fire on the 16th inst.—The American hotel and Dr. McBride's dwelling and livery stable at Amherstburg, Ont., were burned recently.—A building at Dunnville, Ont., owned by the Oddfellows' Society, has been destroyed by fire.—The car barn of the Port Arthur Electric Railway Company at Port Arthur, Ont., was burned on the 15th inst., together with the rolling

stock. Loss, \$12,000; insurance, \$10,000.—The mill at the Cochtane Hill mine at Melrose, N. S., was burned to the ground last week.—No. 2 planing mill of the Rat Portage Lumber Company at Rat Portage, Ont., was burned on the 17th inst., the entire property being totally destroyed. The loss is fully covered by insurance.—A large block on Erie street, Wheatley, Ont., owned by Lewis Wigle, was burned on Monday last. Loss, \$3,000; small insurance.—Fire at Moncton, N. B., on the 20th inst., destroyed property valued at over \$50,000. Among the burned buildings are those owned by F. P. Reid & Co., J. W. Smith, Mr. Rudnick and Geo. A. Vye.—The granary and stable of Andrew Keilly, near Stoco, Ont., has been burned. Loss, \$1,100.

#### CONTRACTS AWARDED.

TILSONBURG, ONT.—The contract for the superstructure of the steel bridge over the Otter creek: has been let to the Dominion Bridge Company.

STRATFORD, ONT.—W. W. Cowan, of this city, has received a contract for the construction of a steel bridge forty-three feet long over a creek in the township of Fullarton.

CHATHAM, ONT.—The contract for the completion of the residence of Matthew Wilson, Q. C., has been let to Ludlam & Fuller, Councillor Selkirk and Col. Wilkinson, all of Leamington.

TORONTO, ONT.—Contracts for an addition to the Metallic Roofing Company's factory have been awarded as follows: Excavating and stone and brick work, Alex. McCurdy; carpenter work, Young & Co.

EDMONTON, N. W. T.—Mayor McDougall has received a telegram from Hon. Wm. Pugsley, of St. John N. B., closing the deal for the building of the Edmonton District Railway to Athabasca Landing.

HAMILTON, ONT.—William & Walter Stewart, architects, have let contracts, amounting to about \$8,000, for the carpenter and brickwork, painting and glazing, plastering, galvanized iron work, vault doors, etc., for alterations to John Proctor's block, James street South. Tenders for plumbing, steam-heating, electric wiring and electric elevator will shortly be asked for.

PARKSBORO, N.S.—The town is installing a complete arc and incandescent system, and has awarded contracts as follows: Complete steam plant, including Monarch Economic boiler and two engines, Robb Engineering Co., Amherst, N.S.; arc dynamo and lamps, Thompson Electric Co., Hamilton; alternating generator, Munderloh & Co., Montreal, as agents for the Warren inductor type transformers, W. A. Johnson Electric Co., Toronto; lamps and meters, Packard Electric Co., St. Catharines; supplies, General Electric Co., Toronto. The plant is expected to be in operation by Feb. 1st. Mr. George White-Fraser, of Toronto, is consulting engineer.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Nap. Lessard has been given a contract to erect a three-story wood and brick residence, 35 x 50 ft., at a cost of \$2,500.—Jos. Sawyer has let the carpenter and joiner's work of four houses, brick and stone front and gravel roof, to be built on Knox street, Point St. Charles, for Arthur Boisvert, to A Boisvert.—A. Prefontaine, architect, has accepted tenders as follows for a college at Boucherville: Masonry, T. Binda & Son; joinery, Ostigny & Cardin.—W. E. Doran, architect, has let contracts as follows for a house for John Quinlan: Plumbing, heating and gas fitting, Gardiner Bros.; roofing, Campbell & Gilday; carpenter work, M. McGee.

QUEBEC, QUE. Building permits have been granted as follows: Repairation of a

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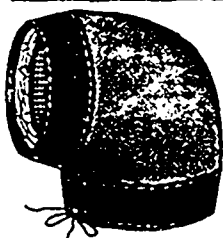
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