

above named institutions, and at the Department of Public Works.—Plans are being prepared for remodelling the building at the north-west corner of Yonge and King streets, occupied by W. & D. Dineen.—The Separate School Board have resolved to erect a new brick school on Sackville street, to cost \$2,400, and a two-roomed brick school on Bathurst street, to cost \$2,000.—The recommendation of the City Engineer for a brick pavement on Yorkville Ave., to cost \$13,000, has been referred back.—The City Engineer has been instructed to advertise for tenders for laying the six-foot steel pipe across the bay.—Building permits have been granted as follows: Charles Miller, representing Salena Ore Works Co., 2 storey bk. factory, n. side Royce ave., nr. C. P. R. tracks, cost \$5,000; Mrs. Sarah Barton, pr. att. 2 storey and attic bk. dwellings, 917 Bathurst st., cost \$4,000; A. Harvey, North Drive, opposite Rose-dale rd., cost \$3,200.—The Lawlor Estate has instructed Mr. F. H. Herbert, architect, to prepare the plans for remodelling the north-west corner of King and Yonge streets. The property has a frontage of 90 feet on Yonge street and 60 feet on King street. It will be divided up into stores and offices. It is expected work will commence about June 15th.—Mr. A. Nelson will build four houses on the south-west corner of Spadina road and Lowther avenue. Mr. F. H. Herbert, architect, is preparing the plans, tenders for which will be called for shortly in the RECORD.

#### FIRES.

The Auburn saw and planing mills at Auburn, Ont., owned by James Young, were consumed by fire last week. Loss, \$3,000.—The saw mill of Mr. Chambers, situated near Scotland, Ont., owned by M. Richardson & Co., was burned on the 29th ult. Loss, \$8,000; covered by insurance.—Thomas Buller's planing mill at Ridgetown, Ont., was recently damaged by fire to the extent of \$1,000.—A Campbell & Co.'s planing mill at Ottawa, Ont., has been consumed by fire. Loss, \$2,000; no insurance.—At St. Marys, Ont., on the 30th ult., fire destroyed John Bartlett's two-storey stone store and dwelling and the National hotel and stables, owned by William Dennee.—Two brick houses on Lawton avenue, Toronto, owned by William Knowles, were burned on Saturday morning last. Loss, \$4,000.—The implement warehouse of Robert Maw, at Howick, Que., has been burned.—The residence and outbuildings of George O'Brien at Maccon, N. S., were consumed by fire on the 28th of April.

#### CONTRACTS AWARDED.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The contract has been let for the excavation for the new Pantheon theatre building.

WINDSOR, ONT.—The Gutta Percha & Rubber Co., of Toronto, have been given the contract for 800 feet of rubber hose.

WATERLOO, ONT.—John B. Snider, of this town, has been awarded the contract to seat the new church at Strasburg, Ont.

WEBBWOOD, ONT.—H. F. McGuire has secured the contract for the new public school building, which is to cost about \$4,000.

ROSSLAND, B. C.—The contract for the erection of the new Bank of Montreal building has been let to Sol. Cameron. Price \$2,600.

STRATFORD, ONT.—\$30,000 of 4 per cent., half yearly debentures, payable in 30 years, have been sold to A. Jarvis & Co., Toronto, for \$31,057.65.

KINGSTON, ONT.—Contracts for waterworks supplies have been awarded as follows: Iron pipe, St. Lawrence Foundry

Co., Toronto, at \$29.50 per ton, delivered, and special castings 2½ cts. per lb.; pig lead, Dalton & Strange, \$3.15 per 100 lbs.; lead pipe, McKelvey & Birch, \$4.25 per 100 lbs.

SYDNEY, C. B.—The County of Cape Breton has disposed of \$25,000 of 4 per cent. debentures to R. Wilson Smith, of Montreal. The price was over 106.

TORONTO, ONT.—The Harbor Commissioners have awarded the contract for repairing the breakwater to Medler & Arnott, and that for the dredging to Coghill & Co.—The Public School Board have accepted tenders as follows: four fire extinguishers, William Parkinson; blinds and rollers, the T. Eaton Co.; garden hose and couplings, Rice Lewis & Son.—A company of railway men from this city, among whom are Messrs. H. D. Ellis, H. W. D. Armstrong and G. H. Haming, have gone to Portage la Prairie to commence work on the construction of the new railway known as the Dauphin Road, which is to extend from Portage or Gladstone to Lake Winnipegosis, a distance of 250 miles. The road is being constructed by the Manitoba government.

OTTAWA, ONT.—H. McColl has secured the contract for the electric and gas combination fixtures in the new Hotel Gilmour on Bank street.—Tenders were received as follows for excavations necessary for laying new pipes: Thos. McLaughlin, for work west of the canal, \$2,602.50; C. McDougal, \$2,885 (accepted); T. McGuire, \$2,992.50. For the work on the east of the canal, T. McLaughlin, \$1,220.60; E. C. Arnoldi, \$1,314.70. The work east of the canal will be done by day labor.—Tenders for a Telford-syenite pavement on Sussex street were submitted as follows: Canadian Granite Co., \$6,434 with concrete, and \$10,944 without; Mr. Burns, \$9,109.50 and \$11,605.50. The offer of A. Jarvis & Co. for a loan of \$40,000 for 20 years has been accepted.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The Road Committee have accepted tenders for drains as follows: East, Centre and West wards, Lenadre Massie, 6 in. \$2.80, 9 in. \$2.90, 12 in. \$2.95; St. Ann's ward, E. Riopel, 6 in. \$1.70, 9 in. \$1.92, 12 in. \$1.92; St. Antoine ward, E. Riopel, 6 in. \$2, 9 in. \$2.22, 12 in. \$2.22; St. Lawrence ward, G. Henault, 6 in. \$1.97; 9 in. \$2.05, 12 in. \$2.20; St. Louis ward, F. McKeown, 6 in. \$1.80, 9 in. \$2.19, 12 in. \$2.22; St. James ward, J. F. Houle, 6 in. \$1.90, 9 in. \$2.05, 12 in. \$2.05; St. Mary's ward, Jos. Menard, 6 in. \$2.08, 9 in. \$2.22, 12 in. \$2.30; Hochelaga ward, Jos. Menard, 6 in. \$1.75, 9 in. \$2, 12 in. \$2.10; St. Jean Baptiste ward (east of St. Denis street) J. Houle, 6 in. \$1.65, 9 in. \$1.85, 12 in. \$1.90; St. Jean Baptiste ward (west of St. Denis street) F. McKeown, 6 in. \$3.62, 9 in. \$3.89, 12 in. \$3.89; St. Gabriel ward, J. Menard, 6 in. \$1.38, 9 in. \$1.60; 12 in. \$1.95; St. Denis ward, F. McKeown, 6

in. \$2.12, 9 in. \$2.19, 12 in. \$2.21. Then Daoust, architect, has awarded the following contracts: One four storey first-class residence on Sherbrooke street, for P. Deslauriers—masonry, Latreille Bros.; carpenter and joiner's work and painting and glazing not let; roofing, plumbing and heating, Lessard & Harris; brick, Jos. Carriere; plastering, S. Gamelin; iron work, Frs. Hurtubise. Repairs and decorations of a store on Ste. Catherine street, for Mr. J. L. Duhamet. Carpenter and joiner's work, Pauzé & Son; plumbing and heating, Jos. Roussin; plastering, Lauze & Son; mirrors, Boivin & Wilson; painting and decorations, Napoleon St. Charles.

#### BUSINESS NOTES.

Smith, Dean & Co., civil and mining engineers, have established a business at Rossland, B. C.

A. Nelson, carpenter, and Henderson Bros., of Moscow, Idaho, have entered into the building business at Rossland, B. C., under the style of Henderson & Nelson.

#### LABOR ON PUBLIC WORKS.

The Ontario government, at its recent session, passed the following Act in respect to the payment of wages for labor performed on public works:


1. In case a contractor for the construction of a public work let under contract with Her Majesty, or a member of the Executive Council of Ontario, acting for and on behalf of Her Majesty, or any sub-contractor in the construction of any such public work, makes default in the payment of the wages of any foreman, workman or laborer employed on the work, or in payment of any sum due by the contractor or sub-contractor for labor done by such foreman, workman or laborer, or by any team employed on the work, if the claim for such wages or sum be filed in the office of the member of the Executive Council entering into the contract for and on behalf of Her Majesty not later than two months after the same becomes due, and satisfactory proof thereof is furnished to him, he may cause such claim to be paid to the extent of any moneys or securities at the time of the filing of the said claim in the hands of the Crown for securing the performance of the contract.

2. The said member of the Executive Council may, in writing, require every or any contractor or sub-contractor for the construction of any public work, to file in the office of the said member of the Executive Council of Ontario, not later than the fifteenth day of each month, a list showing the names, rate of wages, amounts paid and amounts due and unpaid for wages or labor done by any foreman, workman, laborer or team employed by the contractor or sub-contractor during the previous month, and such list shall be attested upon oath or statutory declaration of the contractor or sub-contractor or his authorized agent.

3. Every contractor or sub-contractor aforesaid, who, having received such demand, makes default in forwarding such list in accord

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