

Toronto, Ont.

Simpson & Young, architects, have contract for the construction of the Rosedale section of the Trent Canal.

Wingham, Ont.

A. Hill & Company, of Mitchell, Ont., have received the contract for the steel bridge at this place at \$7,000.

Winnipeg, Man.

The C. S. Hill Company, sub-contractors for bridge work on the G.T.P., have secured the contract for bridges at Cross Lake and Green Lake.

Foley & Larson, of this city, have secured the contract for the construction of one hundred and twenty-six miles of line east of Edmonton for the G. T. P.

The Board of Control have awarded the contract for the supply of 1,634 tons of cast-iron water pipe to the Canada Iron & Foundry Company, Fort William, Ont., at \$66,924; for supply of 70 tons of specials, same firm, \$4,060; for supply of 6-inch and 8-inch hydrants, Canadian Fairbanks Company, \$8,437.

FIRES.

Building of William Parish, Athens, Ont.; loss \$4,000.

Tobacco warehouse of D. Wigle, Kingsville, Ont.; loss \$7,000.

Clifford House, Dresden, Ont., owned by Allan McIntosh; loss \$8,500.

R. Scaff's planing mill and machinery, Port Credit, Ont.; loss \$3,000.

Storehouse of Canada Plate Glass Company, Toronto, Ont.; loss \$8,000.

Buildings of National Tool & Axe Works, Three Rivers, Que.; loss \$5,000.

Buildings of Harper & Company, J. Wayne and others, Montreal, Que.; total loss \$30,000.

Building of J. A. Coombe, S. J. Jewell, Davies' Meat Company and others; total loss \$15,000.

Buildings and machinery of the Masson Boot & Shoe Manufacturing Company, Masson, Que., total loss \$40,000; factory owned by J. B. Semez & Company.

BUSINESS NOTES.

J. J. Libbey, lumber dealer, of Fort Saskatchewan, Alta., is reported to have assigned to S. H. Smith.

Holmberg & Company, lumber manufacturers, Winnipeg, Man., are reported to have assigned to Matson & Ackland.

Wood, Gundy & Company, Toronto, have purchased \$50,000 Portage la Prairie waterworks and \$12,230 local improvement debentures.

The Dominion Securities Company, Limited, have purchased \$39,281 debentures of the town of Welland, Ont., at 95, which is considered a good figure.

The town of Owen Sound, Ont., have sold to the Dominion Securities Corporation, Limited, \$40,000 4 1-2 per cent twenty year debentures, and \$29,500 four per cent twenty year debentures.

G. A. Stinson & Company, of Toronto, recently purchased a block of \$5,000 bonds of the Manor School district, Manor, Sask., bearing 7 per cent interest and maturing in 20 annual instalments.

A costly error was made recently at Regina, Sask. Only fifteen days were allowed between the dates of the first publication of certain bylaws and the voting chereon, and in consequence the sale of \$555,000 of city debentures to Aemilius Jarvis & Company is voided. The various money bylaws will now have to be re-advertised and voted on afresh. In addition to a vexatious delay, the mistake will cost the city two or three thousand dollars.

MUNICIPAL VACANCIES.

A vacancy has occurred at Belleville, Ont., for a city engineer and applications are invited by W. H. Panter up to February 20th. Applicants are asked to state their experience of waterworks.

The Prince Albert, Sask., Board of Trade will receive applications up to February 25th for the position of Secretary-Treasurer, applicants to state salary required and to furnish references.

PERSONAL.

H. N. Ruttan, City Engineer of Winnipeg, denies having received an offer from the coast and states that he has no intention whatever of resigning his position.

C. Holden, late assistant engineer in the power construction department of Winnipeg has been appointed superintendent of the city power plant and lighting system at Moose Jaw, Sask., vice A. C. Read, resigned.

R. H. Jupp, of Orillia, Ont., has been appointed county engineer of Simcoe at a salary of \$1,000 per annum.

The city council of London, Ont., have confirmed the appointment of A. E. Nutter as building inspector at a salary of \$1,000.

BUILDING NEWS.

It is announced that the Grand Trunk Pacific line will almost certainly be completed as far as Edmonton during the coming summer. Every preparation is being made to rush construction, and an effort will be made to surpass the world's record of railway building established by the company last season.

1908 promises to be a good building year in Vancouver, B. C., where the permits issued during January, the dullest month of the whole season, totalled over \$350,000 and established a record for the month, which it is thought will stand for a number of years.

The assets of H. R. Richey Company, Limited, the plumbing and electrical supply firm of Montreal, will be sold by auction on the 21st inst.

Referring to building conditions in Vancouver, a western despatch says that the city is very desirous of getting more buildings, and the present is an excellent time for owners to build, for they are sure to rent. Inquiries for suitable houses are flooding the real estate offices, and the splendid investment offered by house property has been instrumental in getting many owners of lots to erect houses for renting purposes. North Vancouver offers what is practically a bonus to owners for there is no tax on improvements, and this is unique in British Columbia.

It is understood that the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Provincial Government have settled their differences regarding the title to lands which include Prince Rupert town site, one consideration being the pledge of the company to build the western end of the road as soon as possible. A contract for 100 miles east from Prince Rupert will be awarded within three months.

The C.P.R. will make large expenditures in Vancouver this year in the building of jetties on the harbor front, the laying of 21 miles of heavier steel west of Cascade and between West Robson and the foot of the grade. A large amount of bridge work will be done in the Kootenays.

A pair of the largest boilers ever manufactured in Western Canada were recently installed in the power house at Manitoba Agricultural College, Winnipeg, by the Vulcan Iron Works. With a length totalling sixteen feet eight inches and a diameter of eight feet, these huge boilers furnish 150 horse power. They are built to carry 130 pounds pressure, and have been tested to 200 pounds. The shell is five-eighths of an inch thick, and around a fifty-inch fire box are eighty three-and-one-half inch tubes, each thirteen feet long. The make is known as the Scotch boiler.