

the contents and covered by insurance.—The Ottawa house at Port Arthur, Ont., owned by Captain Survais, was gutted by fire on the 7th inst. Loss, \$10,000.—On Sunday morning fire at Hanover, Ont., destroyed the north building of the Hanover Spring Bed and Mattrass Factory Co.'s works.—Loss, \$2,400; insurance, \$1,400.—Alex. Wilson's entire block of frame buildings at Oil Springs, Ont., has been destroyed by fire.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

SUSSEX, N. B.—Wallace Bros. have been awarded the contract of building the caretaker's residence on the military grounds.

AMHERSTBURG, ONT.—The successful tenderer for the new Michigan Central railway depot is A. Ellison, of St. Thomas. Contract price, \$3,040.

QUEBEC, QUE.—The contract for the erection of Francois Langelier's new house on Grand Allée has been let to Mr. Breton.—The following contracts have been awarded by the Council in connection with the new city hall: electric light fittings, Montmorenci Electric Power Co., \$2,400; electric bells, etc., Mr. Picard, \$1,800; furnishing the interior, Mr. Valliere.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The Finance Committee have accepted the tender of the Bank of Hamilton to purchase \$50,000 of debentures. Their offer was \$51,187.50. Osler & Hammond, of Toronto, were the next highest tenderers.—The tender of the Silica Barytic Stone Co., of Ingersoll, has been accepted by the Board of Works for cement sidewalks on James and King streets. The following are the tenders: Kraemer Irwin Company, \$1.29 per square yard; Silica Barytic Stone Co., \$1.20 per square yard; Guelph Paving Co., 19 cents per square foot.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The contract for plumbing in connection with the new Canada Life Assurance building in this city, has been given to the Bennett & Wright Co., Ltd., Toronto, at \$15,298. Between the successful tender and the next lowest tender, which was that of Purdy, Mashinter & Co., of Toronto, there was a difference of only \$2.—W. McLea Walbank, has awarded the contracts for alterations and additions to a building on St. Gabriel st. as follows: stone work, Nicholson & Stewart; wood work, John Allan; ironwork, Dominion Bridge Co.; plumbing, Howard & Connell. Also for an extension to Montreal Park Incline railway buildings to Nicholson & Stewart, general contractors.—J. A. Chausse, architect, has awarded the contracts for a three-storey tenement building for P. Picotte as follows: masonry and brick, P. Picotte; painting, Desautels & Larin.

NEW COMPANIES.

WELLAND, ONT.—The Power, Rope and Belting Co., seeking incorporation; capital \$20,000.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Montreal Hydraulic Wheel Co., applying for incorporation; capital \$100,000.

PORT PERRY, ONT.—The Huron and Ontario Railway Co. will apply to Parliament next session for incorporation, to construct an electric railway from this town to Kincardine.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—J. H. Harris, of this city, has formed a company in England to develop the Pipestone gold mining property, about twenty miles south of Rat Portage. The capital stock is £100,000. An English engineer will examine the claim.

TORONTO, ONT.—Huron and Ontario Railway Co., seeking incorporation; to build an electric railway from Port Perry to Kincardine, passing through the counties of Ontario, York, Simcoe, Card-

well, Grey and Bruce. Roaf, Curry, Gunther & Green, of this city, are the solicitors.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Dominion Developing & Mining Co., incorporated; capital \$500,000; trustees, Dr. G. L. Milne, of Victoria, John McQuillan, J. J. Banfield, J. Millar and John T. Carroll, of this city.—Richmond Developing & Mining Co., granted incorporation; capital, \$120,000. Alexander McLeod is one of the trustees.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Hamilton, Brantford and Pacific Junction Railway Co., applying for incorporation; to build a railway, with telegraph or telephone lines, from a point on the T. H. & B. railway near Copetown to a point in East Flamborough, near Schaw Station. Teetzel, Harrison & McBrayne are the solicitors of the company.

The business of the British Columbia Pottery and Terra Cotta Co., Ltd., Victoria, has been acquired by J. Hunter and C. A. Vernon.

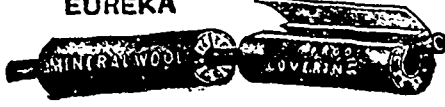
BUSINESS NOTES.

A demand of assignment is said to have been made on C. D. Maze, contractor, Montreal.

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Judge Pelletier has rendered judgment in the case of Charles Berger, contractor, of Montreal, vs. the Local Government for a balance of \$167,000. Mr. Berger obtained a contract from the Mercier Government to complete some work on the Montreal court house for \$195,000. Mr. Berger drew money from Government on different occasions and filed an account for several extras. In 1893 Berger filed an account for the balance, \$167,000. The Government refused to pay and appointed a board of arbitrators, which granted Mr. Berger \$118,000 for his claims. The latter instituted proceedings against the Government, and Judge Pelletier granted Berger \$92,297 and part of the costs.

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