

\$14,000.—The Hoyt Metal Co., of St. Louis, Mo., is negotiating with the Assessment Commissioner for the establishment of a Canadian factory in this city.—Improvements to the Metropolitan Methodist church are contemplated, including the rearrangement of the choir gallery and the decoration of the auditorium.—Tenders are invited by the Board of Control up to 12th inst. for removing certain refrigerators and ice boxes from St. Lawrence market north of Front street to St. Lawrence market south of Front street.—It is proposed to make extensive improvements to the race track at the Woodbine. New grand stands and race course will be built, which will necessitate filling in a large portion of Ashbridge's Bay. Tenders for preliminary work will be invited at once.—Building permits have been granted as follows: James Wilkie, two and one-half storey brick and rough-cast dwelling, 32 Shaw street, cost \$2,300 (G. R. Harper, architect, King Bros., builders); Walter Nash, pair s. d. two and one-half storey brick dwelling, east side Beatrice street, north of College, cost \$4,000; James Russel, two-storey detached brick dwelling, Palmeston avenue, near Dupont street, cost \$1,600; Mrs. M. S. Thompson, two pairs s. d. two-storey and attic brick and stone dwellings, Brunswick avenue, near Bloor street, cost \$12,000 (W. S. Thompson, architect); Mrs. Siddall, two-and-a-half-storey brick residence, corner Roxborough street and Binscarth road, cost \$4,000 (J. W. Siddall, architect, Witchall & Son, builders); Isaac W. W. Plewes, two-storey-and-attic detached brick dwelling, west side Spadina avenue, near Bernard avenue, cost \$4,500 (James A. Ellis, architect); John E. Hoare, pair two-and-a-half-storey brick and stone dwellings, 34 and 36 Albany avenue, cost \$6,000; Francis Phillips, pair two-and-a-half-storey semi-detached brick dwellings, west side Manning avenue, near Barton avenue, cost \$5,000; H. Frank Squires, pair semi-detached two-storey-and-attic brick and stone dwellings, west side Albany avenue, near Barton avenue, cost \$7,000 (C. J. Gibson, architect); Jacob Singer, alterations in brick to dwelling southeast corner John and Stephanie streets, cost \$2,000 (C. Davis, architect.)

FIRES.

Saw mill, shingle mill, foundry and dwelling house at Newstadt, Ont., owned by Binkley Bros.; loss \$8,000, small insurance.—Dry goods store of Geo. F. Williams at Greenwood, B.C., loss \$50,000.—Residence of Stephen Martin at Ottawa, Ont., loss \$6,000.—Planing mill of John Hillock & Co., corner George and Queen streets, Toronto, damaged to extent of \$3,000.

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CONTRACTS AWARDED.

HULL, QUE.—Plastering of city hall: I. Fleury, successful tenderer, \$753.54.

ST. LOUIS, QUE.—The contract for sewers has been let to Bastien & Valiquette at \$7,990.

RICHMOND, QUE.—\$15,000 town bonds: F. C. Thompson & Co., of Sherbrooke, purchasers.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—Opera house and hotel at Presque Isle: George McArthur, this city, contractor.

COOKSHIRE, QUE.—Improvements to Eastern Township Bank: M. Gosselin, of Quebec, contractor.

SYDNEY MINES, N. S.—Fifty houses for Nova Scotia Steel Co.: Rhodes, Curry & Co., of Amherst, contractors.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.—Repairs to Lulu Island Bridge: Ironsides, Rannie & Campbell, successful tenderers, \$3,817.

PENETANGUISHENF, ONT.—Presbyterian manse: Carpentry, A. Tessier; masonry, Mr. Langman; painting, Mr. Rutherford.

ROCK ISLAND, QUE.—Union school building: George D. Story, of Newport, contractor; price, including heating and plumbing, \$3,650.

HALIFAX, N. S.—Interior finish for residence for A. Hobrecker: Rhodes, Curry & Co., of Amherst, contractors; price about \$12,000.

HAMILTON, ONT.—M. A. Piggott, of this city, will complete the buildings and power development for the Spanish River Pulp & Paper Co. at Webbwood.

QUEBEC, QUE.—Building for Rev. Ladies of Sacred Heart Hospital: Joiner work, E. Morrisette; plumbing and steam

fitting, O. Picard; painting, Gauthier & Frere.

MONTREAL, QUE.—A. J. Cooke, architect, has awarded contracts as follows for conversion of building, 5 Shuter street, into flats for Mrs. H. Brown: Plumbing, W. H. Creed; all other trades, D. Long.

COST OF DRAWINGS.

Some very interesting figures upon the cost of making drawings in connection with bridge and structural works recently appeared in the Iron Age. During the forty weeks in which the record was kept 1,693 sheets of drawings were made, at an average cost per sheet of 2£ 16s. This cost included the making and completing of shop drawings only. Strain sheets, general designs and estimates were all made in another department. Neither did this include the taking of outdoor measurements. The writer of the article, in concluding, says: "Further investigation of the records showed that the drawings made by the more experienced men, who were paid from £18 to



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