

ernment invites tenders up to January 16th for supplies for the coming year, including timber, hardware, castings, paints, oils, etc. Specifications at office of superintending engineer, this city.

CHEMAMINUS, B.C.—The Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co., of which E. J. Palmer is manager, purpose making extensive improvements in connection with their saw mill. It is proposed to erect three dry kilns, to install planing and sizing machinery and a shingle mill plant, and to erect three storage buildings 60 x 120 feet each in size. Large additions will be made to the wharfage front, a slip constructed for the transfer of barges and a railway spur put into Horseshoe Bay. The cost of the improvements will be about \$100,000.

MONTREAL, QUE.—It is understood that the Merchants Bank of Halifax have made an offer for a site in this city on which to erect a bank building.—Plans of post office building to be built at Hochelaga are on view at Room 411, Merchants Bank Building.—The Lake Superior Power Company, of Sault Ste Marie, last week asked the Harbor Board for space on which to build an ore dock.—Martineau & Pienoveau have declined to accept the contract for stone coping awarded them by the Harbor Commissioners.—Building permits have been issued as follows: W. H. Scroggie, alterations to two storey building, 2645 St. Catharine st., cost \$3,200; Hutchison & Wood, architects; G. Melocke, three storey building, Aqueduct st., cost \$3,000; O. Faucher, two storey building, 18 Little St. Antoine st., cost \$2,000.

OTTAWA, ONT.—A number of doctors in the city have announced themselves in favor of the construction of an abattoir on Porter's Island.—Chrysler & Bethune will apply to Parliament for incorporation of a company to build a railway from some point on the Ottawa river in Pontiac county northerly to James Bay.—A meeting of the congregation of Grace church will be held in a week or two to decide upon plans for a new school house.—J. R. Roy, acting secretary Department of Public Works, invites tenders up to Wednesday, January 2nd, for construction of post office building at Hochelaga, Que.—An official of the Canada Atlantic Railway has stated that the new union depot will be erected during the coming summer.—The contractors who tendered on the Lachine canal work have been invited to tender on new plans, giving a 600 foot instead of 325 foot lock.—The contract for supplying the ice plant for the Ottawa Produce Company will be let in a few days.

VICTORIA, B. C.—Bodwell & Duff have asked for the incorporation of a company to construct a railway and ferry from this city to Chilliwack.—The Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern Railway Co. are making preparations to build a considerable portion of their projected line in the near future.—The directors of the Jubilee Hospital are about to take steps to provide increased accommodation. An additional storey or a new wing will be built.—Mr. Hargraves, C.E., has taken levels for the extension of the Victoria and Sydney railway from Hillside avenue to the market building.—A committee appointed to consider the erection of a memorial to the South African soldiers has recommended that a public water gate or approach from the harbor be erected on the water front of Belleville street, opposite the main entrance of the Government building; the structure to comprise landing steps, about 100 feet long, leading to a platform 30 feet wide; from thence the level of the roadway to be reached by two broad flights with balustrades.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Delegations from different sections of the province interviewed the Premier last week urging the

construction of railways. The Premier stated that the necessary legislation would be brought down at the next session of parliament, and that engineers would shortly be employed to lay out the routes, although it was impossible to say just what lines would be built.—The new block to be built on Portage avenue by W. F. Alloway will be six stories in height, the ground floor divided into stores and the other floors into offices and apartments. It will be of brick, with modern interior equipments.—The committee on works has recommended that the council invite tenders for the construction of sewer on Furby street, to cost \$6,300, and a cedar block pavement on lane between Smith and Donald streets, and on lane rear of lots 31-6, cost \$2,740.

TORONTO, ONT.—The Board of Directors of the Industrial Exhibition Association have decided to extend the time for the reception of plans for the proposed exhibition buildings to February 9th.—Edward Gurney, on behalf of the company, last week submitted to the Board of Control plans of the new hotel to be built on King street. The plans show 500 rooms, and provide for the extension of Colborne street to Victoria street.—A meeting of the ratepayers of Rosedale was held last week to consider the present dangerous condition of the Glen Road steel bridge. Frank Turner, C.E., stated that the bridge could be placed in proper condition at a cost of \$6,000, and it is probable that some steps in this direction will be taken.—Tenders are wanted by A. M. Graves, 41 Essex street, for erection of two-storey brick house.—The Toronto Railway Company have purchased the Metropolitan electric railway. It is the intention of the company to extend the line.—The directors of the Lorne Park Company have decided to make improvements to the park, including the rebuilding of the wharf.—The general committee of the Toronto Alumni Association have appointed a committee to co-operate with the University authorities in selecting a site and securing plans for the memorial hall to be built in the memory of the soldiers who fell at Ridgeway and South Africa. Messrs. J. S. Willison and J. K. Macdonald are members of this committee.—Building permits have been granted as below: The Gallagher estate, dwelling 58 Winchester street, cost \$2,600; H. Hanks, two-storey and attic brick residence 14 Wright avenue, cost \$1,700; Mr. Lobb, alterations and additions to dwelling 33 and 35 Gould street, cost \$2,500; W. R. Riddell, alterations to 109 St. George street, cost \$1,100; A. Elliott, pair brick dwellings, 312-14 George st., cost \$5,000.—The C. Beck Mfg. Co., head office Penetanguishene, are at present negotiating with a view to enlarging their box factory in this city and installing modern machinery.

FIRES.

Furniture establishment of H.A. Wilder, on St. Catharine street, Montreal, damaged to the extent of \$5,000.—Building of the Chronicle newspaper at Halifax, N.S.; loss \$12,000.—Two stores and dwelling at Dorchester, Ont., owned by G. B. Birch.—McNeill's hotel at Summit City, B. C., totally destroyed on December 13th, loss \$5,000.—Hamilton's drug store, the Mason hotel, G. N. W. telegraph offices and Smith's jewellery store at Blyth, Ont., burned on December 19th.—Residence of L.A. Brais at St. Hilaire, Que.; loss \$20,000.—Rolling mills near St. John, N. B., owned by the Coldbrook Iron & Steel Co.; loss \$100,000, of which \$60,000 is on plant.—Fire at Oakville, Ont., on 20th inst. damaged buildings of the following: B.H. Gullledge, harness shop and dwelling, \$7,000; H. Wilson, grocery store, \$5,000; Mr. Urquhart, store and dwelling, \$2,000.—At Hanover, Ont., the following buildings were burned last week: Knechtel furniture fac-

tory; Gruener furniture factory and undertaking establishment, T. Poelman & Co., flour and feed; B. F. Ahrens, hardware; Gruff & Weppeler, general dry goods; W. Roloff, photographer; H. Maurer, blacksmith and carriage works; Chas. Doepel, flour and feed. The factory of Knechtel & Co. covered about two acres of land. The total loss will reach nearly \$1,000,000.—Matthews Bros. picture framing establishment at 52 Temperance street, Toronto, was completely gutted by fire on Friday last. The damage is about \$10,000, \$4,000 of which is on building and the balance on machinery.—Building at Roland, Man., owned by Shilson & Co.; loss, \$7,000.—Building at Ottawa, Ont., occupied by Parker's Dye Works, partially destroyed; loss \$8,000.—Store and dwelling at Stevensville, Ont., owned by Dr. Collier; loss \$6,000.—The Clarence, Eau Claire and Norman blocks at Calgary, N. W.T., were totally destroyed by fire on Monday last. The Clarence and Norman blocks were owned by Senator Lougheed. The loss is about \$75,000.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

SHELburne, ONT.—\$5,000 village debentures have been sold to Central Canada Loan & Savings Co., at \$5,111.

SOREL, QUE.—It is said that Malone & Poupore, of Montreal, have secured the contract for wharf building and dredging at this place, price about \$250,000.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Casavant Bros., of St. Hyacinthe, have secured the contract for a large pipe organ for the church of Gesu, to cost upwards of \$12,000.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—The James Smart Manufacturing Co. have been awarded the contract for warming and ventilating the public school at Petrolea, Ont., and the new opera house being built at Stratford by A. Bradenberger.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Chappell Bros. have been awarded contracts for the following: Residence for Mr. Clarke, cost \$2,600; residence for Miss M. Campbell, cost \$2,500, and residence for C. McGlashan, cost \$1,100.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—The contract for building the new Wesley church, corner Burrard and Georgia streets, has been awarded to W. S. Hurst, of this city. The cost when completed, including the site, will be about \$40,000.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Tenders have been accepted as follows for erection of addition to McNabb street Presbyterian church: Mason work, Geo. Mills; carpenter work, J. S. Hossack; plastering, J. McKee; painting, A. E. McKenzie; plumbing, J. H. Stewart; electric wiring, Lowe & Farrell; roofing, Thos. Irwin & Son.

WATFORD, ONT.—The following tenders were received by the town for the purchase of \$2,687.59 debentures, bearing interest at 4½ per cent. per annum: W. E. Fitzgerald, \$2,616; Cronyn & Betts, \$2,687.59; Industrial Mortgage & Savings Co., \$2,687.59; G. A. Stimson & Co., \$2,701.50; Hiron & Lambton Loan Co., \$2,701.59; H. O'Hara & Co., \$2,711; Lambton Loan Co., \$2,715; W. C. Fitzgerald, \$2,737.59 (accepted.)

LONDON, ONT.—The Rogers Electric Co. have secured the contract for electric wiring of the new opera house at Stratford.—H. E. Matthews, architect, has awarded the following contracts for new double house on Talbot street, for Wm. Wyatt: Mason and brickwork, John Hymn & Son; carpentry, John Duncan & Son.—H. C. McBride, architect, has accepted the following tenders for the Sanitary Dairy Co.'s new building on Wellington street: Mason and brickwork, Everett & Snog; carpentry, W. Tyler.—H. C. McBride, architect, has awarded the contract for building the new frame stable on St. James street for Adam Beck to Christopher Greason.