connection with the proposed junction of the Galt and Doon line with the Harrisburg branch,

BRANTFORD, ONT.—The Mayor is in communication with a company with the object of establishing a factory for the manufacture of carpets.—The Congregationalists of the city have decided to erect a mission church in the east end.

CALGARY, N. W. T.—The Calgary Water Power Company are asking for a bonus of \$4,000 to assist them in building a flour mill and grain elevator.—The Northwest Trading Company are about to commence the erection of new buildings, at a cost of \$10,000.

CAPE CROKER, ONT —J W. Jermyn. Indian agent at this place, will receive tenders until noon on the 19th inst., for the erection of a stone church on the Cape Croker Indian reserve. Plans, etc., at the Indian agent's office here, and at the Dept. of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

TORONTO JE NOTION, ONT.—At a recent meeting of the High Secool Board it was decided that it was in the interests of the town to have a new school erected at once, and a by-law will probably be submitted to the ratepayers in January.

—The town clerk will receive tenders until 2 p.m. on Monday, the 7th inst., for protecting the waterworks intake pipe.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The trustees of the Centenary church have decided to erect a new Sunday School building in the spring.—Reter Brass, architect, is calling for tenders for the erection of a building for Thomas Lawrey & Son.—A permut has been issued to Pilgrim Bros. for a two-story brick factory on Jarvis street, between King and King William street, to cost \$4,000.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The City Engineer states that a scheme has been brought forward in the city bouncil to expend the sum of \$200,000 in the improvement of the water works, but no definite action has as yet been taken.—E.F.E. Roy, Secretary Department of Public Works, will receive tenders until the 16th inst. for the erection of a post office at Port Arthur, Ont.

WINNIPEG, MAN .-- The C. P. R. contemplate the building of a double track between this city and Fort William at an early date. On the 15th inst, the ratepayers of the municipality of Springfield will vote on a by-law to grant a bonus of \$6,000 to Messrs, D. H. McMillan & Co., of this city, for the crection of a flour mill.-The Kecwatin Lumber and Manufacturing Co. have engaged Mr. Turnbull, a C.P.R. engineer, to make surveys of the water power on the west branch of the Winnipeg river, with a liew to having plans prepared for the development of the water power.—The sum of \$3,000 has been subscribed towards the erection of a new Y.M.C.A. building .-- The Board of Trade have passed a resolution in favor of a direct railway line from this city to Duluth.-Messrs, M. I. A. Prendergrast and Mr. Charles Chaput, of Quebec, were in the city recently looking for a suitable site for the erection of a branch of the Banque du Hoche Luga.

MONTREAL, QUE - The Montreal Terra Cotta Co. will call for tenders for the crection of new buildings shortly, from plans now being prepared. -Dr. Campbell will erect a new residence on the corner of Sherbrooke and Crescent streets, +J.A. P. Bulman is preparing plans for a brown stone residence on Dorchester street. Tende s will be called next week. Cost \$10,000 -1. R. Gardner. architect, is calling for tenders for a bakery and stores for R. S. Auld, corner St. Antoine street and Atwater avenue, and is preparing plans for a mission church for St. George's Church to be erected at the corner of Notre Dame and Garneau streets.-W. H. Hodson is preparing plans for a block of houses on Shearer street. Tenders will be called next week,-Building permits have been usued as follows. Hector Mackenzie. 3-storey stone residence, Sherbrooke St., J. W. & E. C. Hopkins, architects, cost \$75,000; Mrs. 1. D. Adams, seven 2 and 3-storey bk, dwellings, Hutchison St., A. F. Dunlop, architect; M. M. Lebrecque & Mercure, contractors; cost \$21,000; E. J. Major, two 21/2-storey stone dwellings, Guy

St., cost \$9,000, J. A. P. Bulman, architect. Scott Holmes, two bk, encased dwellings, Napeleon St., cost \$3,000; D. Thibault, four a-storey bk, encased dwellings, Congregation St. 'cost \$6,000; H. Lapoint, two 2-storey bk. dwellings, Delorimer St., cost \$6,000; Chas, Bronillette. 2-storey sush and door factory, brick encased, St. Catharine St., cost \$5,000. -Labelle street is to be widened from St. Catharine street to Dorchester street.-The city council has decided to expend the sum of \$10,000 in grading and macadamizing Atwater avenue.-It is stated that Capt. Gunn, representing a wealthy syndicate, has signed a contract with a New York firm to build a line of railway seven miles in length, from the terminus of the Eastern Extension railway, near the Strait of Canso, to the port of Whitehaven, N. S.—The city council are discussing the construction of a subway and upper level roadway in Berri street, between Craig and Commissioners street, at a cost of \$100,000.

TORONTO, ONT.-Mr. Rands, of 14 Lindsey avenue, is making arrangements to erect a block of buildings, comprising six dwellings and a store.-The Committee appointed by the City Council to select a rifle range have reported in favor of the purchase of I. Rennick's farm hetween Long Branch and Port Credit, and recommend that the sum of \$12,000 be expended in equipments. - Mr. A. W. Godson, of 711 Dufferin street, intends erecting a block of brick buildings. at the north-west corner of Bloor and Christie streets, comprising an hotel and stores.-The City Engineer has recommended the grading of Harriet street, at a cost of \$1,000, the construction of a sidewalk on Barton avenue, and the extension of College street westward to High Park, including the construction of an iron and steel bridge with stone abutments, at a cost of \$46,000. - The Council has decided to have plans prepared at once for an isolated hospital for diptheria patients to be erected in the northern part of Riverdale park, at an estimated cost of \$3,000.—The Board of Works has recommended the construction of a sewer on Sheridan avenue, from Dundas to Murray street, cost \$1,600.-At a meeting held recently in East. Toronto a company was formed for the purpose of erecting a substantial brick curling and skating rink just north of the Y. M. C. A. hall .- A site for a diptheria isolated hospital is to be selected in the west end, the building to be erected when required.—Building permits have been granted as follows: Hannah Bros., two det. 2-storey and attic bk. dwellings, n. side Dominion St., east of Dunn Ave., cost \$7.500; D. Stocks, 2-storey bk. addition and alterations, 541 Jarvis St., cost \$3,000; Ed. Hunter, five att, bk. vencered houses and one store, corner London and Markham Sts., cost \$6,000; Holdge & Sons, pr. 2-storey rough cast b. f. dwellings, n. side Dupont St., west of Palmerston Ave., cost \$1,500; Wm. Eastwood, additions and alterations to 118 Winchester St., cost \$3,000; His Grace Archbishop, 2-storey bk. addition to St. John Grove, Sherbourne St., cost \$3.400.-Church & Hodson are excavating on Cowan Ave. for three solid bk. detached dwellings, cost \$4,500 each. Contracts not yet awarded.-Wm. Mitchell is excavating tor seven solid brick houses on the east side Shaw St., n. of College, at a cost of \$3,000 each .-Wm. Belshaw is excavating on Sackville St. for eighteen brick front dwellings at a cost of \$1,200 each. Contracts not let.

FIRES.

Mr. H. Klingbeit's residence at Sydney. Ont., was burned on the 1st inst. Insured for \$3 500.—On Tuesday last fire at Mount Elgin. Ont., destroyed G. M. Harris' store, J. F. Wood's hotel and the Jubilee hall.—The street car company's stables at Bel eville, Ont., were burned on the 26th November. Loss \$4,000. insurance \$2,400.—Attaison's saw an 1 planing mill at Cornwall, Ont., was a most completely destroyed by fire on the 25th November. Loss \$2,500; no insurance.—Four brick-fronted houses belonging to Mr. White. Bracondale. North Toronto, were burned on Thursday of last week. Loss \$8,000, covered by insurance.—The Pottery

building at Colborne, Ont., owned by W. H. Fowler, was destroyed by fire on the 30th of November.—Tremblay's planing mill in Montreal was burned on Sunday last. Loss \$25,000.—The furniture factory of Lafaline & Son, at Sand wich, Ont., was burned on the 1st last. Loss \$6,000, partially covered by insurance.

BIDS.

TORONTO, ONT.—Four tenders have been received by the City Council for the reclamation of Ashbridge's Bay, two from Messrs, Beavis & Redway, and two from Messrs. Alexander & Stephen.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

KINGSTON, ONT.—Messrs. McKelvey & Birch have been awarded the contract for plumbing for St. Vincent Academy.

VANCOUVER, B. C.-Messrs. White & Black have been awarded the contract for the excavations foundations for the new Bank of British North America.

MONTREAL. QUE.—The contract for electric lighting for the new wing of the General hospital has been given to the Keegans-Milne Co. There will be 400 lights.

Zt Rich, ONT.—Tenders were received as follows for the construction of the Hay swamp drains: P. J. Writt, Stratford, \$16,250; Mr. Hicks, Dunnville, \$13,445. Samuel Rannie, Zurich, \$18,548; David Myer, Workman, \$27,500, John McHugh, Chatham, \$17,500; Owen Gelger, \$17,598. The contract was awarded to Mr. Hicks.

TORONTO, ONT - Messrs. E. & J. Gearing have been awarded the contract for brickwork and Mr. Munroe the carpentering for a four-story brick building to be erected at 126 Wellington St. west for Messrs. J. D. King & Co. The excavation is now in progress.—Messrs. T. W. Self & Co. have been awarded the contract for the brickwork for a pair of stone front pressed brick houses on Ontario St. for Mr. H. F. Thomson.—The following important contracts have been recently off Official Contracts base been recently awarded by the Ontario Deptartment of Public Works: New Parliament buildings, Toronto, Wagner & Zeidler, interior woodwork and hardware, \$119,900; new Parliament buildings, Toronto, Richard J. Hovenden, painting, hardwood feetbase and the Parliament buildings, Toronto, Richard J. Hovenden, painting, hardwood ware, \$119,900; new ramament boundings, roronto, Richard J. Hovenden, panting, hardwood
finishing and glazing, \$23,325, new Parliament
buildings, Toronto, Horatio C. Harrower, grand
staircase and ornamental grill work, \$21,995;
Asylum for the Insanc, Kingston, John McLeod,
construction of slaughter house, cow house and
piggery, \$12,950; Minuco Branch Asylum. Alexander J. Brown, tink house, tanks, pumping
house, drains and sewage disposal, and grading
and construction of roads and fences at cremetery,
\$5,816; Iteformatory for B 198. Penetanguishene,
John Abell, construction of three boilers and setting them in boiler house and laundry, \$1,497;
Ottawa Normal School, John J. Lyons, crection
of an addition, \$21,490; Government house, Toronto, Garson & Purcer, erection of a gardner's
cottage, \$2,220; Asylum for Idiots, Orillia, Garson & Purcer, terrace in front of main building
and gate entrances and fences, \$4,000; Institute son & Purcer, terrace in front of main building and gate entrances and fences, \$4,000; Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, Believille, Garson & Purcer, construction of an ice house and an addition to bakery, \$1,750; Institute for the Blind, Bran ford, Garson & Purcer, erection of a gymasium in rear of west wing, \$2,780; Asylum for Institute, Hamilton, F. W. Schwendimann, construction of a barn, a horse stable and a root house, \$14,47; Asylum for the Institute, Inc. London, Jehn Purdom, construction of a slaughter house, a coal shed and repairs to roof, \$9,335; Agricultural College, Guelph, John Damp, construction of a lecture hall and green house, and erection of convocation hall and grunnshum, \$17,900; Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, B-lleville, Garson & Purcer, construction of sewage disposal works, tute for the Deaf and Dumb. B-lleville, Garson & Purcer, construction of sewage disposal works, \$5.700. Asylum for In-ane. Hann ton, Dickenson & Dickenson, construction of water tank, house for fire apparatus and hose tower, and a cottage for the engineer and fencing near the new pumping house, \$7.300; Mimico Branch Asylum, Wm. Clarke, construction of a gate lodge and a house for working patients. \$5.500; Jomes Craig, construction of a registry office at Rat Portage, \$2.500; new Parliament buildings, Toronto, W. J. McGuire & Co., piping, hydrants and valves and sundry works in connection with the fire-extinguishing system, \$1,102.70; new Parliament buildings, Toronto, Garson & Purcer, construction of the outer drainage, \$5.490; Agricultural College, ings, Toronto, Garson & Purcer, construction of the outer drainage, \$5,490; Agricultural College, Guelph, John Damp, construction of a soft water tank, \$1,450—Messrs. Post & Holmes, architects, have awarded tenders for a novitate in connection with St. Michael's College, on St. Clair Ave., as follows: Brickwerk and masonry, Herbert & Murphy: carpentering, John Hanrahan; other trades not yet let. Estimated cost, \$12,000.

T. & R. Robertson, builders, Toronto, have assigned to P. J. McLean.

Saunders and Herod, builders, Toronto, have a igned to Thomas Wilson.