

will shortly be submitted to the Minister of Education for approval, after which tenders will be invited.—Building permits have been granted as follows: George McKibbin, 37 Spadina road, three attached brick dwellings, cost \$4,000; C. Nicol, 70 Empress crescent, detached brick dwelling, north-east corner of Empress crescent, near Dunn avenue, cost \$2,000; Toronto Electric Light Company, building on the Esplanade, an iron and brick structure, cost \$10,000.—A petition has been received by the City Engineer asking for an asphalt pavement on Carlton street, between Parliament and Metcalfe streets.—The construction of the following pavements has been decided upon by the City Council: Harbord street, asphalt, from Huron to St. George; Classic place, macadam roadway; Adelaide street west, asphalt, from Yonge to Bay; Colborne street, asphalt, from West Market to Yonge; Harbord street, cedar pavement, Fenning street, brick pavement.—Ald. Saunders is endeavoring to induce the Ontario government to construct an asphalt pavement around the Normal school grounds and a granolithic pavement in front of Osgoode Hall.—Smith & Gemmell, architects, of this city, have forwarded to the authorities at Portage la Prairie, Man., the plans of the proposed Presbyterian church to be erected there, and tenders will be asked immediately. Estimated cost, \$15,000.—J. F. Brown, architect, has completed plans and is taking tenders for residences on Admiral road and Palmerston avenue, and for a residence at Napanee. He has also accepted tenders for two houses on Sumach street and for alterations to Dr. Britton's residence on Isabella street.—The Town Council of North Toronto have decided to discontinue the boring of wells for a water supply.

FIRES.

The Methodist church at Muncie, Ont., has been burned. Loss, \$1,200, no insurance.—Peter Bertram's hardware store at Hamilton, Ont., was completely gutted by fire a few days ago. The building was owned by T. H. Pratt.—A large building at Ayr, Ont., owned by Alex. Reid, was totally destroyed by fire on the 3rd inst.; no insurance.—The Methodist church at Magnetawan, Ont., was burned on Sunday last, at a loss of \$1,000. The organ, seats and other fixtures were saved.—A hotel building at Dunedin, Ont., owned by Mr. Leonard, of Creemore, was destroyed by fire on Friday of last week.—At Hagersville, Ont., on the 5th inst., fire destroyed Thomas Goodwin's hotel and Alex. McDonald's club house, together with out buildings. The total loss is placed at \$10,000, partially covered by insurance.—J. A. M. Davignon's dry goods establishment, Choquette's stationery store, the Bell Telephone exchange, and the residence of Dr. G. F. Slack, at Farnham, Que., were burned on April 1st; small insurance.—An elevator building at Teeswater, Ont., owned by L. A. Bink, was recently damaged by fire.—The Granite woollen mill at St. Hyacinthe, Que., was damaged by fire on the 5th inst. to the extent of \$40,000. Some valuable machinery was destroyed.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

SPRUCEDALE, ONT. The contract for the new school has been let to J. Paton; price \$529.20.

LONDON, ONT.—The contract for laying 500 feet of 18 inch sewer has been let to A. Burnett & Son, at \$588.

GALT, ONT.—Daniel Allen has been given the contract for roofing H. L. Janzen's new building with Allen's composite roofing.

St. JOHN, N. B.—James Ready has accepted tenders as follows for factory on

Union street. Masonry, Mr. Mooney, \$3,075; carpenter work, John Duffy, \$3,699.36.

FREDERICTON, N. B.—John Clark & Son have awarded the contract for a three storey brick building to William Butler, of Gibson.

CARLETON PLACE, ONT.—The sub-contract for the carpenter work of the C. P. R. shops has been secured by Walter Beatty, of Pembroke.

ELMVALE, ONT.—Thos. Kennedy & Son, architects, Barrie, have awarded the contract for M. F. W. Lent's residence in this village to James Davenport, of Midland.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The Waterworks Committee have accepted tenders for supplies as follows: Lead pipe, McKinley & Northwood; brasswork, E. G. Laverdure, hydrants, Thos. Lawson; iron pipe, Alex. Fleck; fire alarm boxes, Ahearn & Soper, hardware, E. G. Laverdure.

GUELPH, ONT.—Geo. R. Bruce, architect, has accepted tenders as follows for a residence for W. A. Knowles. Stone and brickwork, Taylor Bros.; carpentry, A. F. Steffler; plastering, J. J. Mahoney; painting, Reynolds & Son; tinsmithing, Kerr Bros.; plumbing, Mahoney Bros.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The Board of Works have accepted the offer of D. B. McLeod to furnish an Egan rock crusher and plant for \$1,000.—The tender of the Canadian Rand Company for a steam pump, at \$310, has been accepted. W. F. Lee will supply 3,000 feet of sewer pipe at \$1,757.10.

TORONTO, ONT.—Contracts were last week let by the city for pavements as below: Front st., Yonge to Church, asphalt, Warren-Scharf Co., \$10,362; Carlton ave., from Ontario st. 222 ft. east, asphalt, The Construction and Paving Co., \$1,123; Hazelton ave., Yorkville to Davenport, brick, D. L. Van Vlack, \$8,030; Huntley st., Isabella to Bloor, brick, J. F. Connolly,

\$4,843; Huntley st., Earl to Isabella, brick, A. J. Brown, \$1,510; Johnston's lane, brick, D. L. Van Vlack, \$700. The City Engineer sent in tenders for the brick pavements, the work to be done by day labor, as follows: Hazelton ave., \$8,341; Huntley st. No. 1, \$5,017; Huntley st. No. 2, \$1,912; Johnston's lane, \$759.

COLLINGWOOD, ONT. The contract for deepening the harbor at this place has been let by the Dominion government to Boon, Armstrong & Burdett, of Toronto. The total cost is \$150,000.—W. S. Douglass has accepted tenders for the erection of a store as below: Brick work, R. Paterson; wood work, Wilson Bros.; tinsmithing, J. H. Duncan; painting, F. Munson.

MONTREAL, QUE. The Harbor Board have accepted tenders as follows for supplies. Timber, Shearer, Brown & Co., planks, James Shearer & Co.; ordinary bar iron, Canadian make, pressed spikes, Peck, Renny & Co.; imported iron, cut nails, white lead, oil, manilla rope, Lewis Bros. & Co.; machinery steel, colored waste, J. W. Pyke & Co.; wharf spikes, Montreal Rolling Mill Company, nuts, washers and carriage bolts, Coverhill, Learmont & Co., pine, pitch and tallow, James Wilson & Co.; castor oil, boiled linseed oil and sal soda, H. Dobell & Co.; turpentine, C. C. Cleggett & Co.; concentrated lye, Ross Bros. & Co., castings, P. Amesse and Carner, Laine & Co.; white waste, Sclater Asbestos Manufacturing Company, oakum (navy), W. Sclater & Co., Ltd., oakum, new hemp, A. Macpherson & Co.—A. C. Hutchison, architect, has awarded contract as follows for a residence on Edgell avenue for C. Coughlan. Masonry, Wighton & Morrison, brick laying, William Lavers; carpenter and joiner's work, George Roberts; plumbing, James Ballantyne; plastering, John McLean; painting, George Dezouche & Sons; roofing, Montreal Roofing Company; steel work, Do-

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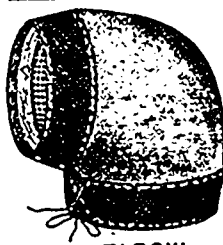
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