MONTREAL, QUE .- A movement is on foot to form a joint stock company to build a speedway for the accommodation of cit zens who own fast troiting horses. The cost is estimated at \$10,000. E. J. Sheppard, president of the Arena Co., is one of the promoters. — The Finance Committee has voted the sum of \$393,-∞0 for maintenace of the city streets during next year.—The C.P.R. steamship Athabasca will undergo extensive repairs this winter, including a new steel deck.—The ratepayers of the municipality of DeLorimier have approved of the by-law granting a bonus of \$16,000 to the James McCredy Co. to erect a boot and shoe factory in that town, at a cost of \$50,000.

The William Strachan Co. have purchased a block of real estate in rear of their factory on St. Timothe street, which will be utized at a later date for factory purposes.-The chief of the fire brigade will again bring to the attention of the Fire Committee the necessity of having more fire engines.—It is now definitely announced that the council of the Board announced that the council of the Board of Trade have entered into an agreement with P. Lyall & Son to undertake both the financing and the reconstruction of the Board of Trade building. The accepted plans were prepared by David Brown, architect. The new building will cost in the neighborhood of \$400,000, and will be of Indiana linestone. The and will be of Indiana limestone. The contractors agree to turn over the building to the board on the first day of May, -By the sudden rising of the Richelieu river at Sorel the tugs of the Sin-cences-McNaughton Co. were damaged to the exrent of \$50,000. The steamers to the exrent of \$50,000. The steamers of the Richelieu & Ontario Navigatian Co. suffered a loss of \$3,000.—The president of the harbor commissioners has been empowered to obtain from elevator experts plans for an elevator of 1,000,000 bushels capacity, and of fire-proof construction.
--Building permits have been granted as follows.
Dominion Tobacco Co., alterafollows. Dominion Tobacco Co., alterations to three storey house, 80 Papineau st., cost \$1,5000; P. H. Birtholomeau, alterations to house, 137 Mansfield st., cost \$1,500 /J C Hague, contractor); E. Tiemblay, three storey house and store, Ontario st., cost \$2,50 (Charles Reeves, architect); Arthur Bissonnette, two storey house, 240 Murray st., cost \$2,000 (E. Marsau, contractor); H. Lamontague & Co., five storey hotel and eight stores, Notre Dams st., cost \$15,000 (Hutchinson & Wood, architects, James Sheater & Co., contractors)

TORONTO, ON F .- It is understood that the buildig at the south-east corner of Shuter and Yonge streets has been purchased by Crawford Bros., who will erect a new structure on the site.-Early next spring work will be commenced on the new building to be built on St. Joseph street in connection with St. Michael's college. The cost will be between \$75,000 and \$106,000. — Tenders are wanted at 663 Brock avenue for brick work on residence.—The Canadian Express Co. have purchased the old Moress. press Co. have purchased the old Mc-Murrich homestead at the corner of Peter and Front streets and intend building new stables on the property at once. Building permits have been granted as follows: James Dale, pair semi-defollows: James Dale, pair semi-de-tached, two storey and attic brick dwell-ings, 13 and 15 Withrow avenue, cost \$3,000; Corporation of Toronto, two storey brick stable, north side Front street, near Cypress street, cost \$7,000; James McDonald, two storey brick-clad dwelling, north side Dovercourt road, near Northumberland avenue. Henry T. dwelling, north side Dovercourt road, near Northumberland avenue; Henry T. Smith, two storey and attic brick resi-

dence, Brunswick avenue, near Wells street, cost \$2,600 (H. G. Paul, architect); Scott & Cross, two pair semi-detached brick dwellings, west side Euclid avenue, brick dwellings, west side Euclid avenue, near Bloor street, cost \$7,000; Patterson Mfg Co., one storey frame factory, with corrugated galvanized iron roof, corner Berkeley and Lake streets, cost \$1,800, (J. P. Hynes, architect, Brown & Cooper, contractors).; Toronto Hotel Co., six storey hotel on King street, opposite Victoria, of granite, stone, brick and terra cotta, cost \$1,000,000 (E. J. Lennox, architect, Wesley & Horn, contractors); William and J. B. Smith, two residences, 361 and 363 Brunswick avenue, cost \$4,000. 361 and 363 Brunswick avenue, cost \$4,700 each.—The directors of the Toronto Hotel Co, have decided to make the new hotel eight storeys, instead of six as first proposed, and to provide extra ornamentation for the large rotunda. The additional work will increase the cost by about \$218,000.

FIRES.

General Hospital at Mattawa, Ont., heavily damaged; insurance, \$5,000.— Residences of Mrs. Thomas Walker and Mrs. G. Veitch, on the Huron road, near Waterloo, Ont., totally destroyed; insurance, \$3,000.— Upholstering factory of Morlock Bros., at Guelph, Ont., damaged to extent of \$15,000.—Excelsior and veneer factory of Rider & Kitchener at Lindsay, Ont., partially destroyed; loss covered by Ont., partially destroyed; loss covered by

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

HULL, QUE.-The council has decided to purchase \$1,200 worth of waterworks pipes and valves from John McDougall, of

ARNPRIOR, ONT.—Waterworks and sewerage bonds have been sold to the Standard Life Assurance Co. at par; amount, \$75,000.

NORTH SYDNEY, N. S.—Reed & Archibald, of Halifax, have been awarded the contract for pile driving for the Nova Scotta Steel & Coal Co.'s pier.

PEMBROKE, ONT. - Edward Carswell, of Ross, has secured the contract for crection of new school house in S. S. No. 12, Westmeath; price \$850.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The Public School Board have accepted the tender of the

Canadian Bank of Commerce for \$50,00 debentures, at par, with allowance fo accrued interest.—The tender of the Can ada Sewer Pipe Co. for the supply o sewer pipe, at \$728.99, has been accepted by the council.

VANCOUVER. B. C.- Work shortly be commenced on the improvements to the C. P. R. Hotel Vancouver. The architect is F. M. Rattenbury, o Victoria, and the contract for building western wing has been awarded to Robert son & Hackett, at the price of \$100,000 When the new wing is completed all the old portion of the hotel will be torn down and the new hotel erected in its place.

TORONTO, ONT.—Wood fiber plaste is being used on the new palace hotel Upper Canada College, and J. W. Flavelle' residence in Toronto, the opera house is Kingston, and the buildings of the Coppe Cliff Co. at Copper Cliff, Ont.—Contract for new office building at the cattle marke were awarded last week by the Board o Control as follows: Masonry, Henry Lucas, \$3,946; carpenter work, A. B. Coleman, \$2,850; plumbing, James Sherlock, \$1,559. The lowest tender for the caretaker's house was \$2,335, which wa TORONTO, ONT.-Wood fiber plaste lock, \$1,559. The lowest tender for the caretaker's house was \$2,335, which was not accepted.

QUEBEC, QUE .- Five tenders were re ceived by the city council for construction of sewer in St. Sauveur, as follows: Walter Sharpe, \$21,389; J. B. Jinchereau \$23,380; Ign. Bilodeau, \$12,412; P. Boulanger, \$19,650; Emile Cote, \$12,054. The tender of Emile Cote was accepted. anger, \$19,650; Emile Cote, \$12,054. The tender of Emile Cote was accepted. The following tenders were received by the council for construction of a new first station in Montcalm ward: For the entire work—Fred Devarennes, \$15.501; J. B. Jinchsreau, \$14,022; Emile Cote, \$13,936 Paul Breton, \$12,222. The latter's tended did not include heating, plumbing, painting and glazing. For Masonry—Chas. C. Cote & Cie, \$7,450; Frs. Parent, \$7,330 Ign. Bilodeau, \$6,375. Painting and glazing—Gauthier & Frere, \$511.75; J. Copeman, \$466. Joiners work—P. E. Lamonde. \$7,600; P. Decourcy, \$7,492; (including painting and glazing)—Ls. Richard, \$7,075; Ed. Nadeau, \$6,595. Plumbing and heating—E Simard & Cie, \$1,736. Vaudry & Matte, \$1,696; P. Paradis, \$1,663; O. Samson, \$1,490; O. Picard & Fils, \$1,486; J. Maguire, \$1,365. The bulk tender of Emile Cote was accepted. The architects are Staveley & Staveley. The architects are Staveley & Staveley.

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