

Fairhead, 43 Esplanade st., large ice house, cost \$1,250.—Property owners on Walmer road have petitioned for a brick pavement, laid on gravel.—At a meeting of the House of Industry board held on Tuesday last the Building Committee recommended that the present east wing be raised to three stories in height, and that there should be an extension to the rear of the centre of the present building for an upstairs dining room. The cost was given at \$17,500.—The ratepayers of East Toronto will shortly be asked to raise \$5,000 for additions to school building. The question of lighting the village is now under consideration. The cost of an electric light plant would be about \$15,000.

OTTAWA, ONT.—G. M. Baily, architect, invites tenders until to-morrow (Friday) for the erection of a building, corner Cooper and Kent streets, for John Lebett. Plans at the office of the architect, 22 Metcalfe street.—The members of Welcome Zion Congregational church intend enlarging the edifice. Rev. Mr. Horsey is now making arrangements for the proposed improvements.—George Harris has been granted a building permit for six houses on Sweetland ave.—The proposed improvements to Knox church have been postponed until the spring of 1898.—A proposal has been made to build an elevated platform at the O.A.A.C. grounds.—Alderman Hasteley recommends the purchase of another hook and ladder truck; also the improvement of No. 3 fire station.—Hon. J. I. Tarte, Minister of Public Works, has sent out invitations for tenders for terra cotta fire-proof flooring and iron joists necessary in connection with the reconstruction of the western block.—It is said that Mr. J. R. Booth, of this city, is interested in a scheme to build a railway from Winnipeg to Duluth.—The new St. Joseph's orphanage to be built at New Edinburgh will be 100 x 50 feet, three stories, with two wings 75 x 60 feet, and slate roof; estimated cost \$13,000. Ald. Durocher can give particulars.—A deputation from Glengarry county requested the Dominion government to proceed with the completion of the reformatory at Alexandria. In reply the Minister of Public Works stated that the government had not yet decided what course would be adopted, as the establishment of a reformatory in each province was being considered.

FIRES.

An elevator and grain warehouse at Haycroft, Ont., owned by J. B. Springer & Co., of Chatham, was burned on the 15th inst.; loss \$5,000.—Davidson's old saw mill on the Allandale road, near Barrie, owned by John Strathy, was recently destroyed by fire; insurance \$1,000.—Fire at St. Anne's, a village near Smithville, Ont., destroyed the flour and grist mill owned by S. Morley, at a loss of \$7,000.—The Nova Scotia Lumber Company's mills at Sherbrooke, Que., were burned on the 13th inst., at a loss of \$20,000; insurance \$15,000.—The saw mill at Bornholm, Ont., belonging to William Ryan, of Mitchell, was burned last week.—A portable saw mill at Three Mile Brook, near Dorchester, N. B., owned by Robert Kay, was burned last week.—St. Patrick's R. C. church at Sherbrooke, Que., was recently gutted by fire, at a loss of several thousand dollars.—At Thurso, Que., on the 16th inst., fire destroyed two stores, a carriage shop and four houses, at a loss of \$20,000.—Curry, Watson & Company's drug warehouse on St. Jean Baptiste street, Montreal, was recently damaged by fire to the extent of \$4,000.—The warehouse of the William Slater Company, on Foundling street, in the same city, was damaged to the extent of \$10,000.—The C. P. R. station at West Selkirk, Man., has been destroyed by fire.—Cyr's

block, corner Delmelle and St. James sts., St. Henri, Que., containing six dwellings, was burned on Tuesday. The loss will be about \$6,000.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

BELLEVILLE, ONT.—George Reeves has secured the contract for rebuilding the Haines & Lockett block.

CHAPLEAU, ONT.—Gordon & White, of Pembroke, have secured the contract for the erection of a new parsonage here.

MERRITTON, ONT.—The tender of Alex. Anderson, of Toronto, has been accepted for an electric fire alarm system; price \$950.

FREDERICTON, N. B.—Contracts for laying and connecting street services for the year has been let to the plumbing firm of O'Brien & McGoldrick.

HALIFAX, N. S.—The contract for the Roy building, corner Barrington and Granville streets, has been let to M. E. Keefe, at a figure above \$40,000.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Tenders have been accepted as below by the Exhibition Association: Erection of pig pens, R. D. Johnston, \$650; grand stand, S. B. Ritchie, \$4,489.

HUNTSVILLE, ONT.—Whole tenders for the new Methodist church were received as follows: Mr. Eaton, Orillia, \$4,186; Irons & Booth, Huntsville, \$4,100; Geo. Hutchison, Huntsville, \$3,900. The latter has been accepted.

PARRSBORO, N. S.—Fifteen tenders were received for constructing the water-works system here. The laying of the pipe has been given to McIntosh & McGregor, of Stellarton, and the building of the dam to McManus & Davidson, of North Sydney.

TORONTO, ONT.—Tenders for public library improvements have been accepted as follows: Interior halls and passages, M. O'Connor, \$47.30; Alexander & Son,

balance of interior, \$669, exterior work, Percy Taylor, \$237.—The York County Commissioners have let the contract for the superstructure of the York Mills bridge to the King Bridge Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, at \$1,675.15.—The Board of Control have accepted the tender of Smith Bros., of this city, for a two horse hose waggon, at the price of \$258. Tenders for bridges required for the widening of the Queen street subway were received as follows: No. 1, to carry G. T. R. tracks, \$14,589, to carry C. P. R. tracks, \$8,950; No. 2, \$16,464 and \$6,990 respectively; No. 3, \$12,025 and \$7,163 respectively. The tender of the Hamilton Bridge Company, No. 2, has been recommended for acceptance.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Arthur J. Cooke, architect, has let contracts as follows: Residence on Dorchester street for Dr. T. P. Shaw—masonry and cut stone, R. Sharp; brickwork, E. Gauthier; carpenter and joiner's work, R. Sharp; steel work, Dominion Bridge Co.; roofing, Campbell & Gilday; plumbing, H. Creed & Son; plastering, H. Contant; painting, W. Knowles; electric wiring, C. W. Henderson. Residence on Rosemount ave., Westmount, for Mr. L. H. Packard—masonry and cut stone, R. Sharp; brickwork, E. Gauthier; carpenter and joiner's work, M. Desantels; steel work, Dominion Bridge Co.; roofing, Campbell & Gilday; plumbing, H. Creed & Son; plastering, H. Oram; painting, W. J. Ryan.—James Wright, architect, has awarded the following contracts: Apartment houses on Clarke avenue, Westmount, for R. Neville, jr.—masonry, F. Deslauriers; bricklaying, M. St. Aubin; plumbing, Geo. R. Woodburn; plastering, H. Contant; carpentry, R. Neville, jr. Apartment house, corner Lewis avenue and St. Catharine street, for James King—masonry, E. Desjardins; bricklaying, M. Carriere; carpentry, F. Marcotte; iron work, Dominion Bridge Co.—Building

THE Authorities at Ottawa have been investigating the merits of the new Wall Plaster, known as

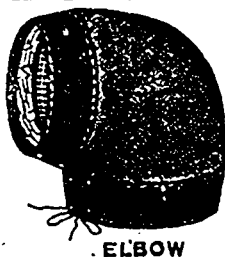
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