

HALIFAX, N. S.—Extensive improvements are being made to the various fortifications in and about the city. It is understood here that the work of erecting the fortifications at St. Johns, Nfld., will be commenced at an early date.—J. C. Dumaresq, architect, is calling for tenders for a bank building in Moncton for the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, to be of stone, with hot water heating. Same architect is preparing plans for a brick and stone building, 62 x 65 feet, for Peter McSweeney, of Moncton, and residences for Mr. Boulton, John McInnes, and Mr. Whetman, this city, all to have hot water heating. Henry Busch, architect, has invited tenders for alterations and additions to a dwelling house for W. Irwin, to cost, including hot water heating, \$3,000. He is also preparing plans and will invite tenders this week for a brick block for H. W. Barnes.

VICTORIA, B.C. The Victoria Metallurgical Works purpose erecting a smelter at Alberni. The Boards of Trade of the different cities in British Columbia have passed a resolution requesting the Dominion government to grant \$100,000 for improvements to the Fraser river.—The provincial supplementary estimates were presented to the House last week. They include the following appropriations. Jail at Vernon, \$12,000, furniture at court house, Vancouver, \$2,000; registry office at court house, Victoria, \$7,000; recorder's office and lock-up at Teslin Lake, \$10,500; lock-up at Stikine river; protection to town of Golden, \$1,100; protection work, Columbia river, near Revelstoke, \$16,000; dredging and dyking plant, \$8,000; new wing to Asylum for Insane, \$16,000.—It is proposed to submit a by-law to the ratepayers to raise \$15,000 for completing the waterworks reservoir.—It is reported that the Equitable Insurance Co. will expend \$150,000 in the erection of an office building here.—F. M. Rattenbury, architect, has been instructed to prepare plans for a large bank building at Rossland for the Bank of Hamilton, to be 116 x 30 feet, with basement, three stories high, of granite and pressed brick and fire proof construction.

MONTREAL, QUE.—J. Emile Vamer, architect, will invite tenders at an early date for the construction of the new St. Jean Baptiste church, for which his plans were recently accepted.—Tenders for building workshops for the Health Department on the Amos property have been invited by the city clerk. The plans were prepared by L. R. Montbriand, architect.—The Railway Committee of the Privy Council at Ottawa last week considered the bills for electric railways in the neighborhood of Montreal. A charter was granted to the North Shore Electric Railway Co., which proposes to build a railway from Three Rivers along the north shore of the St. Lawrence. The Montreal & Southern Counties Railway Co. was given power to extend its operations to the county of Beauharnois, Chateauguay, Huntingdon and Napierville. The promoter of both undertakings is Mr. A. J. Corriveau.—L. R. Montbriand, architect, is preparing plans for two stores on St. Denis street for A. R. Archambault.—C. St. Jean, architect, is taking tenders for a granite monument at Notre Dame des Neiges Cemetery for the Doheny family.—The projected fire station to be built at the corner of Notre Dame and Beaudry streets will be 49 x 81 feet, three stories, built of brick and cut stone front. In rear will be erected a hose tower and stables, cost \$15,000, tenders to be invited at once.

OTTAWA, ONT.—E. F. E. Roy, secretary Department of Public Works, will receive tenders up to Saturday, 28th inst., for construction of laboratory at Experimental Farm, near this city. Plans at above department.—A grant of \$5,000 has been made for a new fire station in St.

George's ward.—The government has extended the time for receiving tenders for drill hall at Windsor, N. S., to Wednesday, June 1st.—William Rea, secretary School Board, has invited separate or bulk tenders for the erection of an 8-room school building on First avenue, from plans by E. L. Horwood, architect. It will be of stock brick, with terra cotta trimmings, steam heating and metallic ceilings. Mr. Horwood is taking tenders for a brick store building for Robert Kennedy, and will shortly invite tenders for a new residence for himself. He is also preparing plans for alterations to a residence for Charles Read, of the Hull Lumber Co., and has let the masonry and carpenter work of a pressed brick residence for F. Healey, to be three stories, hot water heating, cost \$15,000. Tenders for the other trades have not yet been asked.—John Bruce, contractor, Bay street, is building a row of houses on the corner of Bay and Nepean sts.—George Edwards, of the W. C. Edwards Co., has taken the foundation for a large residence, corner Mackay and Charles streets, New Edinburgh.—The municipality of Ottawa East has granted a franchise for a waterworks system to E. J. Rambold, and work will be proceeded with at once.—The Dominion supplementary estimates were submitted to the house last week, and include the following appropriations. Intercolonial Railway—Improvements to Dalhousie wharf, \$3,600; increased accommodation at Moncton, \$40,000; to pay for replacing a wooden trestle by masonry culvert and solid embankment, \$2,450; dredging at deep water terminus at St. John, \$5,000; snow plough for Cape Breton district, \$2,500; lengthening engine stalls and turn table, \$5,000. Windsor, N. S., public building—reconstruction of building destroyed by fire on 17th October, \$15,000; drill shed—reconstruction of building, \$3,000. Prince Albert, N.W.T., court house and jail accommodation—new works and repairs, \$6,900. Public buildings, Ottawa—for increased heating apparatus and gas fixtures, &c., Langevin Block, \$1,700. Coteau Landing—dredging, \$11,000. Dredging Kingston harbor, \$6,000. Examinations, &c., Stikine river, \$14,000. Dredging—Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, \$10,000; Quebec and Ontario, \$10,000. Bow River bridge at Banff, repairs, \$2,500.—T. Cleary is erecting several brick houses on Concession street, near Somerset street.—E. F. E. Roy, Department of Public Works, wants tenders by Monday, June 13th, for heating and ventilating apparatus

for drill hall at Halifax, and by June 15th for repainting and strengthening the break-water at Souris, P.E.I. A. A. Fournier & Co. have had plans prepared for an addition to their premises on Wellington street.—The O'Meara property is to be improved by the Ottawa Land & Investment Co. It is intended to modernize the front and add another story.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—S. Frank Peters, architect, is preparing plans for a three storey block on Main street for Messrs. Osler Hammond & Lambton.—J. H. Rogers, of Toronto, has purchased property on Main street and will probably erect a business block thereon. It is his intention to convert his present block into a modern office building.—The Provincial government have obtained a portion of the old driving park in this city as a site for a Provincial University.—James O'Donoghue, of the Occidental Hotel, is erecting a double dwelling house, corner Maple and Henry streets.—The city council will advertise for plans for a new fire hall, to cost not more than \$23,000. The architect whose plan is accepted will be appointed to superintend the work at a certain commission, while the author of the plan given second place will be paid \$100.—The Vulcan Iron Works Co. will build a warehouse, 40 x 60 feet, corner Point Douglas avenue and Maple street.—The city will construct a macadam pavement on Colony street, from Broadway to Portage avenue, cost \$17,500, and on Rupert street, from Main street to Victoria Park, cost \$2,800.—It is estimated that commercial buildings will be erected in Winnipeg this year to cost not less than \$700,000. Below will be found brief particulars of some of the principal buildings: McIntyre block, 174 x 91 feet, five storeys, ground floor divided into eight stores, with central rotunda, upper six storeys to comprise offices and lodge rooms, the front of the building to be faced with Bedford blue stone, windows of plate glass and interior finish in white oak, the executors are considering the advisability of putting in a first class fan system of heating and ventilation, Barber & Barber, architects, cost \$125,000. New grain exchange building to be built by N. Bawlf; S. Hooper, architect; 60 x 100 feet and 90 feet high, front to the third storey of native stone and remainder of red brick with stone trimmings and terra cotta moulding, oak finish, electric elevator, large glass cupola, etc., cost \$30,000. E. F. Hutchings' harness factory, 137 x 50 feet, five storeys, stone basement and brick superstructure, electric

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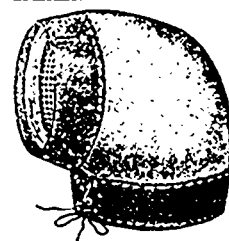
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