

ward, and a third in St. Antoine ward, cost \$15,000, \$15,000, and \$30,000 respectively. The committee has also decided to purchase a new steamer to cost \$8,000, a ladder to cost \$1,500, runners and reels to cost \$1,000, and toils to cost \$1,500.—It is proposed to spend \$30,000 in cementing the waterworks reservoir.—A deputation last week waited upon the C. P. R. authorities here and urged the building of a branch line from Guelph to Goderich, Ont., a distance of 75 miles.—The Quebec & Lake St. John Railway Co. has a bill before the Quebec Legislature to issue bonds to the amount of \$170,000. The proceeds are to be used in improving the road-bed, terminals and rolling stock of the Quebec-Roberval section.—Tenders have been taken for grading a race track at Cote St. Luc; earth excavation, 42,500 cubic yards. Dupont and Leduc, 35 St. James street, engineers.—The Water Committee has asked for an appropriation of \$191,000 for permanent improvements, including the following: Purchase of 20 hydrants; to complete installation of divided sections of the second 30-inch main on Atwater avenue, \$48,180; new service pipes, \$32,963; subdivision of old service pipes, \$10,000; laying mains, \$19,616; high level pumping station, \$11,500; levelling McTavish reservoir, \$32,329.—The proposed improvements to be made to the Bonsecours market, including the utilization of the Champ de Mars as a market place, will cost about \$122,000.—The Reinhardt Brewing Co., of Toronto, has purchased property, corner Dupree lane and St. Paul street, on which to build a large brewery. Work will be commenced in April.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The Department of Public Works invites tenders up to Wednesday, 21st inst., for construction of wharf at Lameque, Gloucester county, N. B. Plans at above department and on application to E. T. P. Shewen, resident engineer, St. John, and the postmaster at Lameque. Cheque for \$1,300 to accompany tender.—The city is seeking authority to issue \$80,000 of debentures for sewerage purposes.—The Dominion Government has approved of the plans proposed by the Ottawa Improvement Commission. The work of preparing the plans for the canal drive way is well under way. The total expenditure, including the King street improvements, will be about \$175,000.—Contracts will be let very shortly for the masonry of the new bridge over the Rideau river.—The Commission has invited tenders for the supply of 500 toise of limestone.—The Government has offered to grant \$10,000 to the Ottawa Improvement Commission to assist in improving the city streets.—Work will likely be commenced at an early date on the subsidiary drainage system for the Glebe, the estimated cost of which is \$60,000. It has not yet been decided whether the work will be done by day labor or contract.—The C.P.R. is making a survey of an alternative route for reaching the Central depot.—The Ottawa & New York Railway Co. will this year build new stations at Newington and Cambridge.—The two companies applying for charters to build an electric railway from Ottawa through the Winchester district to some point on the St. Lawrence have amalgamated.—The residents of Janerville are desirous that a system of sewerage for that municipality should be constructed.—Tenders are invited by the Department of Railways and Canals up to March 23rd for construction of steel highway swing bridge over the Welland canal, in the township of Humberstone, Ont. Plans at above department and on application to the superintending engineer at St. Catharines. Cheque for \$1,700 to accompany tender.—After the present session of Parliament the Senate chamber and offices will be refitted and a new system of lighting installed.—It is expected that the Government will invite tenders

immediately for the proposed militia stores building, for which plans have been prepared by the Public Works Department. As soon as this building is erected work will be commenced on the proposed central station to be built by J. R. Booth.

**FIRES.**

Works of the Montreal Gas Co., Harbor street, Hochelaga, damaged to the extent of \$5,000.—Store, dwelling and deposit office of Laurence Hager at Palermo, Ont; loss \$5,000, covered by insurance.—Warerooms of T. F. Harrison, furniture dealer, Kingston, Ont; loss \$2,500.—Grocery store and residence of E. Brunet at O tremont, Que; loss \$2,000.—Gordon Nail Works at Carleton, N.B., partially destroyed.—Furniture factory of Geo. McLagan and planing mill of David Easson at Stratford, Ont; total loss, \$18,000.—Store of Brannen Bros. at Clarke's Harbor, N. S.—Stores of the McFarlane-Wilson Co. and Geo. Matthews Co., at Peterboro, Ont.; completely gutted. The building was owned by Thos. Bradburn.—Planing mill of Geo. Wilson & Sons at St. Catharines, Ont.; loss \$25,000.—The Methodist church at Alvinston, Ont., almost totally destroyed.

**CONTRACTS AWARDED.**

TRURO, N. S.—Stanfield Knitting Mills. Fronk Wilson, contractor.  
 MASSON, QUE.—New public school. O. Beaudry, of Ottawa, successful tenderer, price \$2,600.  
 PORT COLBORNE, ONT.—Residence for F. F. Brown, of Buffalo: Augustine & Son, contractors.  
 ANTRIM, ONT.—Stone bridge over creek at this place: Mr. Bradford, of Almonte, contractor.  
 WINNIPEG, MAN.—1,000 cords cedar paving wood: T. D. Robinson, successful tenderer, \$10.25 per cord.  
 MAPLE GROVE, ONT.—Residence for W. G. Richardson: Arthur Rounding, of Bowling Green, contractor.  
 MCADAM JUNCTION, N. B.—C. P. R. station buildings: Joseph McVay, of St. Stephen, contractor. Building will be brick and stone, cost \$30,000.  
 BRANTFORD, ONT.—Building for Farmers' Co-operative Packing Co.: Stone, brick and wood work of main factory, Schultz Bros. & Co.; price about \$40,000.  
 VANCOUVER, B. C.—Building for Hudson's Bay Co.: C. P. Shindler, contractor. Building will be 100x120 feet, stone and brick, four stories and basement, with elevator.  
 QUEBEC, QUE.—The Harbor Commissioners have disposed of \$200,000 of

debentures, A. Jarvis & Co., of Toronto, and Bartlett & Smith, of Montreal, each taking \$100,000.

LONDON, ONT. - Following are the successful tenderers for cement walks. No. 1 section, north of Dundas street and west of Wellington street—A. Graham, London, 10 1/2 cents per square foot. No. 2 section, south of Dundas street and west of Wellington street—P. L. Marden & Co., London, 11 1/4 cents. No. 3 section, north of Dundas street and east of Wellington street—W. J. Anthistle, London, 10 1/2 cents. No. 4 section, south of Dundas street and east of Wellington street—Silica-Battic Co., Ingersoll, 11 1/2 cents. The unsuccessful tenderers were Harding & Leathorn, Wm. Taylor, Chas. Barfit and Wm. Buileigh & Co.

TORONTO, ONT.—The property committee of the city council have accepted the tender of Ambrose Kent & Son for 40 clocks in the new city hall, at price of \$1,145.—The Board of Control last week awarded contracts as follows: Cedar block pavements—Claremont street, Robinson to Arthur street, \$2217; Lippincott, Nassau to College, \$1341; Henderson, Manning avenue to Clinton, \$435; Manning avenue, Arthur to college, \$2466; Berryman, Davenport road to Hazelton avenue, \$945; Belwoods, Queen to Mansfield, \$4851; Claremont, Arthur to Mansfield, \$1615; Mansfield, Clinton to Bellwoods, \$498; Arthur, Euclid avenue to Dundas, \$5407; all to Dominion Paving and Contracting Co. Asphalt pavements—Sussex avenue, Spadina to Borden, \$8640, Constructing and Paving Co.; Howland avenue, Bloor to Barton, \$7843, Warren Scharf Co.; Lowther avenue, Spadina to Walmer road, \$2021, Constructing and Paving Co.

**DOMINION GOVERNMENT ESTIMATES.**

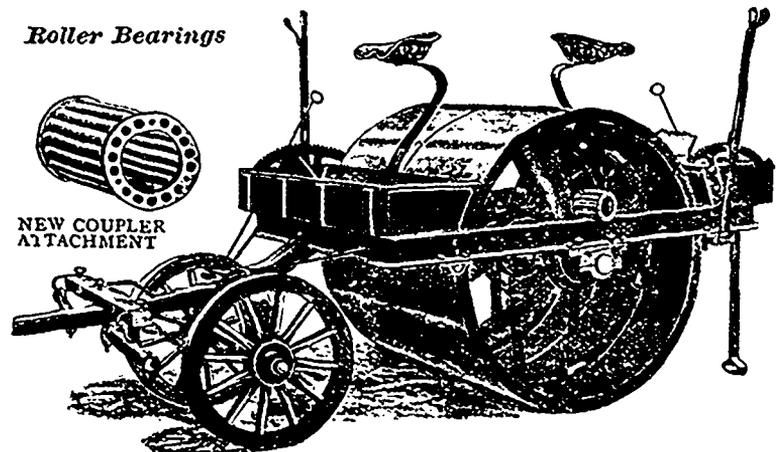
The estimates of the Dominion government were submitted to the House last week. The appropriations for railways, canals, harbors and rivers include the following:

**RAILWAYS AND CANALS.**

Soulanges canal, construction, \$350,000; Sault. Ste. Marie canal, construction, \$40,000; Lachine canal, construction of lock, \$500,000; Lachine canal, dredging between locks 2 and 3 and basin, \$21,000; Lachine canal, building slope walls, \$11,000; Lachine canal, building a quadrant pontoon gate, \$20,000; Lachine canal, installation of electric light, \$40,000; Lake St. Louis, forming channel, \$14,000; Grenville canal, enlargement, \$5,000; Lake St. Francis, removing shoals, \$5,000; Cornwall canal, enlargement, \$60,000; Farran's Point canal, enlargement, \$69,500; Galops canal, enlargement, \$441,-

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