

tain streets during the present year, and for building a masonry wall at the west end of Sparks street.—The village of Ottawa East has made application to the City Council for a water supply. Should the Council grant their request it will necessitate a considerable enlargement of the present waterworks plant.—H. N. Bate, Charles McGee and F. X. St. Jacques will in all probability acquire a site on which to erect a new theatre. The building will be of brick, with ornamental stone cornices, pillars at the main entrance porch of carved freestone or marble.—Bills to incorporate the Hudson Bay & Pacific Railway Co. and the Montreal & Province Line Railway Co. have been passed by the Railway Committee of the Dominion parliament.—The City Engineer has estimated that a scoria block pavement can be constructed on Little Sussex street, at a cost of \$2,400 and the work will likely be carried out.—The following list of railway subsidies has been submitted to the Dominion parliament: Cobourg, Belmont and Northern railway, \$32,000; Cobourg, Northumberland and Pacific, \$156,800; Ontario and Pacific, \$172,400; Lindsay, Bobcaygeon, and Pontypool, \$102,400; Brockville, Westport and Sault Ste. Marie, \$86,400; Kingston, Smith's Falls and Ottawa, \$179,200; Bracebridge and Baysville, \$48,000; South Ontario Pacific, \$158,400; Strathroy and Western, \$80,000; Nipissing and James Bay, \$217,000; Central Ontario, \$64,000; Manitoulin and North Shore, \$115,200; Thousand Islands railway, \$30,000; Kingston, Napanee and Western, \$59,000; Pontiac Pacific Junction, \$73,172.—It is the intention of the Ottawa Saw Works Co. to immediately enlarge their present factory at the Chaudiere.

**HAMILTON, ONT.**—It is expected that work will be commenced on the spur line to join the Grand Trunk railway with the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo railway about the 1st of May. The length of the line would be about  $1\frac{3}{4}$  miles, and the cost about \$200,000. There will be a bridge about 200 feet long built over the Desjardines canal.—William and Walter Stewart, architects, have prepared plans for a new hotel on Market street for Chas. Hardy. It will be three stories, brick, with iron pillars and plate glass.—F. H. McGuigan, general superintendent of the Grand Trunk railway, when in Hamilton recently, discussed the question of double tracking the line from Stewart street station to Gage's spur, three miles east of Hamilton.—The Hamilton Radial Railway Co. state that the work of building a line to Burlington will be commenced very shortly. It is understood the power house will be located at Burlington.—E. A. C. Pew, one of the chief promoters of the Toronto, Hamilton & Niagara Falls Electric Railway & Power Co., states that it is the intention to construct a canal six miles in length from a point  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Wellandport, on the Welland river, to Jordan. A large plant will be established at Jordan, and power brought from there to Hamilton by overhead conduits. The estimated cost of the canal is \$400,000, and of the electric plant and outfit \$600,000.—Building permits have been granted as follows: K. Clohec, two-storey brick dwelling on John street south, cost \$2,700; James Balfour, ten two-storey brick dwellings, corner Robert and Mary streets, cost \$10,000; Coleman Lumber Co., brick dwelling on James street south, cost \$6,000.—A. W. Peene, architect, has prepared plans for a new building to replace the Emerald street Methodist church, and tenders for the work will be asked at once. It will be of brick, with stone trimmings, two towers, estimated cost \$12,000.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—The village of East Toronto is inviting tenders for \$10,000 of

debentures.—The by-law to authorize the issue of debentures for \$70,000 for a new six-foot steel pipe across the lake and for \$56,000 to cover the city's share of the York street bridge, was carried by the ratepayers on Saturday last.—Tenders are wanted by J. B. Leroy, 710 Queen street east, for roofing, plastering, papering and painting.—The City Engineer has recommended the laying of a brick pavement on concrete between the tracks on Dundas street, from Bloor street to the city limit; the construction of Cnerry street bridge, at a cost of \$6,000, the construction of a brick pavement on Prince Arthur ave., at a cost of \$4,250, and of a six-foot concrete walk on the Queen's Park crescent, west side, from College street to the biological building.—Six new houses are to be erected near Harris' glue works, East Toronto.—The City Council has given notice of its intention to construct the following works: sewer on Manchester ave., from Shaw street to Ossington avenue, cost \$712; cedi. block roadways on Station street, from York street to Simcoe street, cost \$6,400; on York street, from Front street to the railway tracks, cost \$3,170; on Simcoe street, from Front street to Station street, \$1,850; on Yorkville avenue, from Yonge street to Avenue road, cost \$5,430.—Tenders will be received by Morgan Baldwin, harbor master, until the 29th inst. for the dredging required in Toronto harbor.—Specifications are being prepared for the laying of the new steel conduit across the bay.—Building permits have been granted as follows: Chas. J. Gibson, architect, 10 Roxborough ave., 2 storey and attic bk. dwelling, east side Maynard ave., n. of King st., cost \$3,000; Dick & Wickson, architects, alterations to residence in Rosedale for James McLenaghan, cost \$1,600.

#### FIRES.

At Gananoque, Ont., on the 15th inst. the Ontario Wheel Co.'s factory was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$25,000, covered by insurance.—The store house of George Inglis, planing factory, Lindsay, Ont., was burned last week. Loss \$2,500.—The Slocan hotel at New Denver, D. C., was burned on the 17th inst. Loss \$8,000, no insurance.—The Toronto Electrical Works on Adelaide street, Toronto, was damaged by fire recently to the extent of \$2,500.—The general store of M. Dagg, at Rathwell, Man., has been burned. Loss, \$2,000; insurance, \$1,000.—Several buildings belonging to the Forest Canning Co. at Halifax, N. S., were burned on the 16th inst. Insurance, \$19,500.—R. Whitney's residence near Lethbridge, Man., has been consumed by fire. Loss \$2,000.—St. Andrew's Presbyterian church at Burnbrae, Ont., about six miles from Campbellford, was burned on Friday last. Loss, \$7,000; insurance on building, \$3,000.—The residence of Joseph C. Upper, at

Allanburg, Ont., has been burned. The building at Kingston, Ont., occupied by Nugent & Taylor, tinsmiths, was gutted by fire on Saturday last. The building is owned by Felix Shaw, and is insured for \$3,000.—A brick building at Cobourg, Ont., owned by W. L. Paine, was burned on Sunday last. Loss \$1,200, no insurance.—The planing mill of Coxhead & Co., 162 West Lodge ave., Toronto, was consumed by fire on Tuesday last. The building and machinery were owned by the Gutta Percha and Rubber Co., whose loss is \$4,000, largely covered by insurance.—The residence of Robert Stewart at Foxboro', Ont., was burned on the 21st inst.

#### CONTRACTS AWARDED.

**GREENBANK, ONT.**—The contract for the new Methodist church has been awarded to Reid & Thrisk, of Uxbridge.

**GLAMIS, ONT.**—The tender of Robert McFayden has been accepted for the new Presbyterian church, estimated to cost \$2,000.

**WATERLOO, ONT.**—John B. Sander, of this town, has been awarded the contract to seat the schools of Nanticope with Oxford school desks.

**QUEBEC, QUE.**—E. M. Talbot, architect, has awarded the masonry contract for one store on St. Valer street, for Mr. Elic Jobin to M. H. Doun.

**COLLINGWOOD, ONT.**—The Bryan Manufacturing Co., of this town, have received the contract for the new public school at Sault Ste. Marie.

**HULL, QUE.**—The Hull Electric Co. has let the contract for erecting a car barn to Richard & Black, of this town. It will be of stone, with metal roof.


**STRATFORD, ONT.**—The contract for erecting the House of Refuge has been awarded by the Perth County Council to McBeth Bros., of Strathroy, at \$14,263.

**ESSEX, ONT.**—Debentures to the amount of \$16,000 for alterations to the rail and county buildings have been purchased by O'Hara & Co., of Toronto, at \$16.475.55.

**HALIFAX, N. S.**—S. M. Brookfield has been awarded the contract for the supply of 2000 barrels of White's cement.—S. M. Brookfield has the contract for the Wright Building on Barrington street. It will be four stories, the front of white marble, trimmed with terra cotta and buff brick. Cost, \$20,000.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—The Fensom Elevator Works have secured the contract for placing two new passenger elevators in the T. Eaton Co.'s store. They will also entirely remodel the present elevator system. The cost of the work is about \$8,000.—The Metallic Roofing Co., Toronto, have lately been awarded the contract for supplying the ornamental

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