

disposal works, also to build a sewer on Catherine street from Strachan to Wood streets, at a cost of \$20,000.—It is said that the promoters of the proposed stock yards have secured stock to the extent of \$50,000, and that work will be commenced early in the spring.—The Wentworth county council will likely issue debentures for \$20,000.—Contracts have been given out for the Hamilton and Toronto Sewer Pipe Company's new factory, which will cost \$10,000.

**MONTREAL, QUE.**—The Fire Committee consider that a new central fire station should be built immediately, and the matter will be brought to the attention of the city council.—L. O. David, city clerk, desires tenders by noon of February 4th for numbers for carriages, bicycles and dogs.—The city surveyor has submitted to the Road Committee a statement of the special works which require to be carried out this year, as follows: Paving, \$278,450; bridges, \$2,200; sidewalks, \$65,322; crossings, \$10,000; macadam, \$30,000; relieving sewers to prevent flooding property, \$377,200; pumping plant, Craig street, \$50,000.—The question of the bridge at Viger square station has been finally settled, the Road Committee deciding to adhere to the original plans.—The Finance Committee of the City Council have decided to have specifications prepared of the boiler requirements at the pumping station, in order that new tenders may be invited.

**WINNIPEG, MAN.**—Plans are being prepared for a warehouse to be commenced in the spring for R. J. Whittle & Company.—The Pipestone branch of the C.P.R. is to be extended this year from the end of the track 50 miles to Moose Mountain. The Rockwood branch will be extended from Toulon to a point on Lake Winnipeg, approximately 50 miles.—It is reported that the Sisters of Charity have purchased the entire block on the south side of Broadway, between Edmonton and Carlton streets, the intention being to erect a convent thereon in the near future.—Plans for a new tile bridge over the White Mud river at Gladstone have been completed by the Public Works Department.—Mr. George Browne, architect, desires tenders by Monday, February 20th, for the erection of a stone and brick office building for the Manitoba Trusts Company.—It is understood that a new wholesale warehouse is to be built on Princess street for the Bole Drug Company. Clare Bros. also contemplate erecting a warehouse in this city.—The Fire, Water and Light Committee have decided to invite tenders, to be received by April 3rd, for engines and boilers in connection with the new waterworks system. The city engineer has suggested that a single 5,000,000 gallon pump be purchased, instead of 4,000,000 gallon duplicate pumping apparatus.—The Minister of Interior is being urged to erect a building in this city for a representative Canadian exhibit in connection with the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition.—It is reported that McKenzie & Mann will erect a large block at the corner of Portage avenue and Main street.

**OTTAWA, ONT.**—The county council has decided to engage an engineer to report on the question of the Rideau river floods.—J. R. Booth will shortly commence the building of a new power house at the Chaudiere, on the site of the old saw mill. A large dynamo will be installed therein, capable of running all the machines in the Deep Cut car shops and supplying the light required.—The Separate School Board have selected a site at the corner of Cumberland and St. Andrew's streets on which to build a new school, which will comprise 12 classrooms.—The Ottawa Street Railway Company will probably extend their road to the new rifle range next summer.—The directors of St. Patrick's Orphan's Home have

decided to build an extension, work on which will be commenced in the spring.—The Fire and Light Committee will shortly invite tenders for annual supplies for the department.—There is likely to be keen competition for the contract for the construction of section 3 of the main drainage scheme. Already over 20 tenders have figured on the work.—Captain D. Noonan states that the construction of his new steamer will not commence until next summer.—The Russel, Dundas and Grenville Counties Railway Company is seeking incorporation, to construct a railway from South Indian through several townships.—The Central Counties Railway Company desires to construct two sections of railway from Hawkesbury, to connect with the Rockland branch, or with the Canada Atlantic Railway.—The Portage du Fort and Bristol Branch Railway Company will apply to Parliament for an act to authorize the extension of the line from Guyon to Hull, and to build a bridge at Deschenes.—A. E. York has been granted a building permit for a brick veneered dwelling on Third avenue, to cost \$2,000.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—The sum of \$700 has been subscribed towards rebuilding Ashbury church in North Toronto, but work will not be commenced until the estimated cost, \$1,200, is obtained.—The Toronto Bicycle Club will hold a meeting to-night to discuss the question of building a club house.—Applications are wanted by W. J. Douglas, town clerk, Eglinton, up to noon on Thursday next, for the position of engineer of the water and electric light works of North Toronto.—Plans will be prepared at an early date for several residences to be built in South Rosedale. Particulars may be obtained from J. L. Scarth, 11 Toronto street.—At the annual meeting of St. Enoch's Presbyterian church, Winchester street, it was stated that the congregation had increased to such an extent that extra accommodation would soon have to be provided.—John Holmes, 222 Carlton street, wants tenders for extending and concreting of the Boswell House, corner Spadina avenue and Adelaide street.—The question of providing additional fire protection for the Parkdale district is being considered by the Fire and Light Committee. An addition may be made to the Cowan avenue fire hall.—A sub committee of the public school board has recommended that increased school accommodation be provided as follows: six rooms to relieve the overcrowding in Bolton avenue, Hamilton street and Morse street schools; two rooms in Rosedale; two additional rooms in Wellesley school; three rooms in Huron street school; two rooms in Palmerston avenue school; two rooms in Perth avenue school, and two rooms in Dovercourt school.—The Board of Control has decided to advertise for alternate tenders in wood and iron for the vault fittings for the new city building.—The city engineer has recommended the construction of the following pavements: 24-foot asphalt pavement on Bedford road, from Lowther avenue to Bernard avenue, cost \$8,536; 24-foot cedar block pavement on Oxford street, from Augusta avenue to Lippincott street, cost \$1,702; 24 foot brick pavement on Manning avenue, from College street to Harbord street, cost \$10,612; 24 foot macadam roadway on Sworl street, from Spruce street to Gerrard, cost \$1,059.—The Metropolitan Railway Company want tenders for 1,000 cedar telegraph poles, 65,000 cedar ties and 300 cedar trolley poles.—A building permit has been granted to George Farhall, for a brick store, north side of Bloor street, west of Ossington avenue, cost \$1,500.—Representatives of the city council and the Board of Trade will probably go to Ottawa this week to consult with the Dominion government regarding proposed improvements to Toronto harbor.

The deputation will ask that the channel be dredged to a depth of 20 feet and the south piers extended into the lake 300 feet.—The National Sanitarium Association, at a meeting held on Saturday last, decided to ask the city council for a free site for the erection of a Toronto home for consumptives.—The city engineer has been instructed to advertise for tenders for the supply of 500 tonse of stone.—Architects in general will be invited to submit plans for the proposed St. Lawrence market improvements, which are estimated to cost \$150,000. The architect whose design is accepted will receive a commission on the total cost, and to the authors of the plans given second and third place \$200 and \$100 respectively will be paid.

### FIRES.

Recent fires included the following: Residence of Byron Jameson at Wellandport, Ont.; partially destroyed.—Residence of Mrs. Butchart at Owen Sound, Ont.; loss \$8,000, insurance \$4,000.—C. P. Wright's hardware store at Aylmer, Que.; damaged to the extent of \$18,000.—Building at Sudbury, Ont., owned by the C.P.R., loss \$3,000, partially insured.—Residence of W. L. McDonald and large warehouse of Samuel Leach at DeLoraine, Man.; totally destroyed.—Machine shop of the Montreal Gas Company, damaged to the extent of \$4,000.—Residence at Peterboro', Ont., owned by the Chamberlain Estate; fully insured.—The Oddfellows' building on Princess street, Kingston, Ont., totally destroyed, together with furniture and fittings; loss \$35,000, insurance \$20,000.—Residence of Schuyler Giffin near Port Stanley, Ont.

### CONTRACTS AWARDED.

**YMR, B.C.**—The municipal council has awarded to D. C. Cummings the contract for a waterworks system.

**HUMBERSTONE, ONT.**—Charles Richman has secured the contract for a residence to be erected by William Deeks.

**LIVERPOOL, N. S.**—Rhodes, Curry & Co., of Amherst, have secured the contract to build a new post office at this place; cost \$12,000.

**LONDON, ONT.**—Contracts have been let as follows for building the cold storage boiler house: Brickwork, H. Lucas, Toronto; carpenter work, Hilliard & McKinley; cost, \$2,500.—The county council has accepted tenders as follows: Erection of bridge over Mud creek, between townships of East Williams and McGillivray, William L. Bice, \$473; bridge at Sebce flats, between East Williams and McGillivray, J. F. Nichols, \$178.

**BARRIE, ONT.**—Thomas Kennedy & Co., architects, of this city, have awarded contracts as follows for a residence for Rev. Father Gerain: Stonework, etc., D. J. Kennedy, Elmvale; brickwork, A. F. Stewart, Elmvale; carpenter work, painting, glazing, tinsmithing and galvanized iron, A. Tessier, Penetang; heating and plumbing, Purdy, Mansell & Co., Toronto.

**ST. JOHN, N. B.**—The Board of Public Works received the following tenders for the construction of four watering carts: George Haman, London, Ont., \$255 each; Price & Shaw, \$257 each; J. A. Kelley, \$260 each; George Murphy, \$275 each. Tenders were also submitted as follows, the city to supply the sprinklers: E. Murphy, \$225 each; Price & Shaw, \$800 for four carts (accepted); J. A. Kelly, \$185 each.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—The tender of the Polson Iron Works Company has been accepted for the building of a passenger steamer for the Richelieu Navigation Co.—The tender of A. J. Brown for the construction of a chain ferry, at \$4,378, and that of Medler & Arnott, for cribwork, at \$2,784, have been accepted by the Board of Control.