

by Engineer Peters. The lower part of the wharves, below low water, will be of birch, and the upper part of hemlock. It was decided to recommend that tenders be asked for, the first of the birch to be delivered by March 15, and a further quantity by May 15, 1897.

LION'S HEAD, ONT.—C. N. Kennedy contemplates building a woollen mill here.

BRANTFORD, ONT.—The Board of Trade are considering the question of constructing radial electric railways. Mayor Elliott states that his company propose building a road from Brantford to Ayr, and another from Brantford to Port Dover.

TORONTO, ONT.—The City Engineer in his last fortnightly report recommended the construction of a macadam pavement, with stone kerbs and brick gutters, on Huntley street, south from Bloor street, at a cost of \$7,400. The cost of making an underground entrance to the lavatory at the head of Toronto street is estimated at \$2,500. The acceptance of the offer of the Weeks-Eldred Company to install Jones under-feed mechanical stokers at the high level pumping station under two boilers, at a cost of \$2,472, is recommended.—Mr. H. H. Williams, on behalf of a client, has requested a lease of a lot on the island, on which it is proposed to erect a residence to cost \$7,000.—The City Engineer has reported on the proposed extension of the street car system to the island by means of a bridge extending across the Bay from Bathurst street. The estimated cost of the swing bridge is \$61,000, and of the entire work about \$300,000. A bridge across the tracks at Front and Bathurst streets will cost \$20,000, and a permanent pavement on track allowance on Bathurst street, \$9,200.

MONTREAL, QUE.—An agitation is on foot to build two new fire stations in St. Henri.—It is probable that the proposed viaduct from St. Henri to Bonaventure depot will be constructed. The matter has been referred to Mr. Hobson, chief engineer of the Grand Trunk railway, and Mr. Stuart Howard, C. E., of the Road Department, to prepare a report for a subsequent meeting of the City Council.—At the last regular meeting of the Board of Health a sub-committee was appointed to memorialize the government to erect a suitable morgue in this city.—The Harbor Commissioners invite tenders until the 5th of January for the construction of a steel tug boat. Plans may be seen at the office of John Kennedy, chief engineer, and tenders are to be addressed to Alexander Robinson, secretary.—The Road Committee have decided to ask the City Council for an appropriation of \$8,500 to purchase 250,000 feet of lumber for the construction of sidewalks.—The School Commissioners of St. Henri will shortly commence the erection of a new convent, at a cost of \$120,000, and a parish school, to cost about \$48,000.—The Bell Telephone Company intend erecting a building at the corner of Metcalfe avenue and Sherbrooke street, Westmount, to be used for the purpose of an exchange. The foundations have been built, and in the spring the balance of the work will be carried out.—It is stated that the Grand Trunk Railway Company have in contemplation the erection of a commodious building at Point St. Charles for the convenience of railway men. The building will be equipped with all latest improvements, including a gymnasium.—The Fire Committee will ask the City Council for the following appropriations: \$10,000 to purchase 12,000 feet of hose; \$7,000 for a large steam engine, and \$7,500 for a new water tower.—A. Prefontaine, architect, is preparing plans for the enlargement of St. Eustache church. Tenders will be invited shortly.—C. St. Jean, architect, has invited tenders for St. Sauveur church.—

Gamelin & Huot will invite tenders in a few days for two houses to be erected on Quiblier street, Westmount.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The Department of Public Works is preparing estimates for improvement works on the St. Andrew rapids, and a scheme will be laid before the House at the next session.—An agitation has been commenced to secure the removal of the Dominion Meteorological building from Toronto to this city, in which case a new building will probably be erected by the government.—The superintendent of the government telegraph service is preparing for the construction of a government telegraph line from Esquimaux Point towards Belle Isle. Next year it is intended to add about eighty miles of line, which will carry the wires as far as Natishquan, 666 miles below Quebec.—The chief of the fire brigade has recommended that additional hydrants be provided.—The Calgary & Edmonton Railway Company are making application for an act extending the time for the completion of the unconstructed portions of their railway.—The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York have completed the purchase of the premises at the corner of Metcalfe and Queen sts., formerly occupied by the Ottawa Club, and will immediately undertake extensive improvements.—Plans have been prepared for enlarging St. Barnabus church. The work will be carried out next spring.—At a meeting of the building committee of the Protestant hospital held last week, the plans for the proposed addition, prepared by Mr. A. C. Hutchison, of Montreal, were considered and adopted. They will be presented to the directors at a special meeting to be held at an early date.—The Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Railway Company have purchased property in Ottawa East and will shortly commence the construction of their workshops.—The village council of Ottawa East have been asked by the School Board to provide the sum of \$1,200 for building a new school.—A railway project has been laid before Mr. J. R. Booth by Major Hughes, M. P. The proposal is to build a line from Haliburton to Whitney, a distance of twenty-five miles. Mr. Booth now has the scheme under consideration.—The City Engineer has stated that the city should provide fire engines for the district bounded by Sussex, Slater Lyon and Wellington streets.—In response to an invitation from the Dominion Rifle Association, eleven sets of plans have been sent in for the proposed Canadian headquarters at Bisley. The building is to be constructed of and finished with Canadian woods.

FIRES.

On the 17th inst. E. B. Dolloff's sash and door factory at Fitch Bay, Que., with contents and machinery, was destroyed by fire. Estimated loss, \$8,000; insurance, \$4,000.—The tug Metamora, used by James Playfair & Company, of Midland, Ont., and valued at \$10,000, was burned a few days ago.—The tanning factory of Frank Mungar at St. Thomas, Ont., has been consumed by fire.—The residence of Matthias Carpenter, near Cornwall, Ont., has been burned. Loss partially covered by insurance.—The east end school house at Petrolea, Ont., was damaged by fire on the 20th inst., to the extent of \$1,500, covered by insurance.—At Brighton, Ont., on Saturday last Thomas Webb's block of stores, including Nesbit's grocery and store house, was badly damaged by fire. The loss is heavy and is partially covered by insurance.—B. McCamby's hotel at Manotick, Ont., was burned to the ground on Saturday last. The total loss is about \$9,000.—Fire at Colborne, Ont., on the 20th inst., destroyed J. S. Yeoman's block, Chase Bros. Co.'s block, and damaged W. J. Bur'igh's dwelling. The loss in each

case is largely covered by insurance.—The Toronto Engine Works on Front street, Toronto, were damaged by fire on Tuesday last. The loss is \$8,000, covered by insurance.—The Canada Jute Company's premises at Montreal, Que., have been damaged by fire to the extent of \$6,000.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

BELLEVILLE, ONT.—\$50,000 of 4 per cent. debentures, running forty years, have been sold to C. Ernest Gault, of Montreal, at 104.

STRATFORD, ONT.—The successful tenderer for the purchase of the House of Refuge debentures was G. A. Stinson & Co., of Toronto, at \$15,271.50.

ST. JEROME, QUE.—Over fifty tenders were received for the construction of the new church here. The contract has been awarded to Mr. Boileau.

TORONTO, ONT.—The contract for heating the Bay street fire hall has been awarded to the Pease Furnace Company, of this city, the price being \$700.

QUEBEC, QUE.—Joseph Couture, of this city, has been awarded the contract for constructing a church and sacristy in the parish of Montmorency, at the price of \$2,000.

ROSSLAND, B. C.—The contract for the construction of 20 miles of railway, from Trail to opposite Robson, was let yesterday to Parson, Winters and Boomer, of Butte, Montana. The contract price is nearly \$600,000, and the road is to be built by May 1st, 1897.

PAKENHAM, ONT.—The contract for erecting the Presbyterian church here has been awarded to Moffat & Co., of Carleton Place, the figure being in the neighborhood of \$9,000. John McDowal & Son are the sub-contractors for the mason work. The architect is B. Dillon, of Renfrew.

HALIFAX, N. S.—The following tenders were received for the erection of a crematory: Fred P. Wakeley, Samuel McManus and D. Joy, of Finlay, Ohio, offered to construct a Dixon sanitary crematory for the sum of \$15,000. It will be 78 feet long, 10 feet high and 10 feet wide. The building in connection with the same will be 96 feet long and two stories high. They offered to erect a smaller one for \$12,000. S. M. Brookfield offered to erect a garbage reducing plant (the Holthaus system) for \$59,000. John McDougall, of Montreal, representing Messrs. Goddard, Massey and Warner, of Nottingham, England, offered to erect a Warner's patent destructor for \$29,000. No action has as yet been taken.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Contracts have been awarded as follows for new interior fittings and fixtures for R. E. T. Pringle: Painting and glazing, L. Z. Mathieu; wood work, Mr. Robert.—Messrs. A. Sincennes & E. Courval, architects, have let contracts as follows: One house, cor. Pine and City Hall avenues, for C. Charbonneau—masonry, Valin & Allard; carpenter and joiner's work, Legare & Son; plumbing, David Ouimet; painting and glazing, Hurubise & Desjardins. Four cottages, forming four tenements, to be erected on Mackay street, for Paquette & Gueneite—masonry, Latour, Goulet & Co.; carpenter and joiner's work, D. Gajore; plumbing, Girard & Co.; brick, N. Major; plastering, Alf. Levert; painting and glazing, G. Roy.—Webster Bros. & Parkes have been awarded the contract for mosaic floors, marble lavatories, urinals, etc., for the chemistry and mineralogical building of McGill University.

J. E. Meddaugh, manufacturer of bricks, Wheatley, Ont., has assigned to Joseph Julien.