were damaged to the extent of \$30,000 and \$10,000 respectively. The loss on the building is placed at \$8,000, covered by insurance.

## CONTRACTS AWARDED:

CALGARY, N.W.T.—The contract for rebuilding the C.P.R. bridge east of this place has been given to J. W. Munro, of Pembroke, Ont.

SHERBROOKE, QUR.—The tender of the Dominion Bridge Co., of Montreal, for the erection of a new bridge over the St. Francis river, has been accepted by the

QUEBEC, QUE.—The interior finishing of the cathedral at Alexandria, from the plans of Messrs. Tanguay & Vallee, architects, of this city, is being executed by J. R. Chisholm, of Alexandria.

CHATHAM, ONT.—J. Piggott & Sons have awarded contracts as follows for a brick addition, 54 by 60 feet, to their mill. Brick work, Geo. Fielder; gravel roof, Geo. Morgan, of Blenheim.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Contracts have been let as tollows for alterations to the Royal Hotel: carpenter work, R. Ross; masonry, George F. Webb; interior wood work, John Hoodless & Son; plastering, J. Chapman & Son.

OTTAWA, ONT. - The Department of Railways and Canals has awarded to Mr. Railways and Canals has awarded to Mr. Laporte, of Montreal, the contract for the construction of a collecting drain on the Chambly canal. Charles Raynor has been awarded the contract for extra work upon a section of the Soulanges canal.—Hon. Mr. Tarte, Minister of Public Works, has awarded the contract for four Worthington pumps and four 40 horse power Westinghouse motors for the Parliament buildings, to Ahearn & Soper, of this city, to Ahearn & Soper, of this city.

#### BIDS.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN.—Tenders were opened last week for the erection of the new Cowan block. On Mr. Griffith's plan Spencer Bros., of Winnipeg, put in the lowest tender, at \$16,500, and on Mr. Silverthorn's plan the lowest tender was made by Mr. Neuart, viz., \$16,537. The contract will probably not be awarded for several weeks, as work will not be comseveral weeks, as work will not be commenced before the spring.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Tenders were opened last week for electric street lighting for a period of years, also for furnishing an electric light plant. The following companies submitted tenders: Goldie & McCulloch submitted 'tenders: Goldie & McCulloch Co., Galt, steam plant, \$10,310; Western Electric Company, Chicago, \$20,850, \$21,-950 and \$21,800; Robb Engineering Company, Amherst, N.S., \$19,330, \$20,480 and \$21,200; McDonald Bros., Winnipeg, poles, wiring, etc., \$22,500, steam plant, \$9,068; Manitoba Electric Light and Gas Company, Winnipeg, from 47c. to 45c. per light per night for 121 lights for one year, for a period of from two to five years, and for a period of from two to five years, and for 200 lights, 39c. per light per night; Northwest Electric Light Company, Winnipeg, 121 to 200 lights, 40c. per light per night; W. A. Johnson Electric Company, Tronto, 200 lights, \$19,265, including everything for supplying 250 lights, \$33,366; Fort Wayne Electric Corporation, Fort Wayne, Ind., electric plant, \$9,285; Royal Electric Company, Montreal, electric plant, \$10,000; installing and bricking in, \$0.500 \$10,000; installing and bricking in, \$9,500 extra. This company submitted a supplemental tender of \$12,050; Canadian General Electric Company, Toronto, electric plant, \$13,540. The tenders were referred plant, \$13,540. The tenders to a committee for a report.

#### BUSINESS NOTES.

E. Doidge, contractor, Winnipeg, Man., is reported to have assigned.

Robert Etienne & Frere, builders, Montreal, have dissolved partnership.

Spencer & Ball, tinsmiths, Nelson, B. C., have dissolved, Mr. Spencer continu-

Soucisse & Brouillet, contractors, ontreal, have assigned. A meeting of Montreal, have assigned. A creditors was held yesterday.

## CANADIAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.

TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers convened, as per circular, on Tuesday, Jan-11th, at 9.30 a.m., in the rooms of the Society, 112 Mansfield street, Montreal. In the absence, through ill health, of Mr. T C. Keefer, president, Mr. G. H. Duggan, vice-president, occupied he .hair.

Among those present at the meeting were: W. McLea Walbank, Montreal; G. H. Mountain, Ottawa; Thomas Breen, Quebec; Willis Chipman, Toronto; T. G. B. Allan, Napanee Mills; F. Mills, Napane-; C. H. Rust, Toronto; T. S. Somerville, Stuart Howard, George Holland, J. R. Barlow, Jas. W. Heckman, C. B. Smith, H. Irwin, W. McNab, Duncan K. W. Blackwell, Percival W. St. George, Herbert Wallis, L. G. Papineau, Thomas Pringle, H. B. Stuart, Prof. McLeo.l, James Ewing, E. P. Hannaford, John MacCann, R. Forsythe, J. McCarthy, John Kennedy, F.W. Lesage, L.O. Amos and C. de B. Leprohon, all of Montreal; R. B. Rogers, Peterboro; Prof. Butler, Military College, Kingston: Henry A. Gray, Toronto; Armitage Rhodes, Quebec; R. W. Leonard, Brantford; L. Panseau, St. Johns, P.Q.; C. E. W. Dodwell, Halifax, N.S.; Henry Wickstead, Cobourg; H. S. Greenwood, Peterboro; E. C. Amos, Montreal; Dean Bovey, Mont-K. W. Blackwell, Percival W. St. George, C. Amos, Montreal; Dean Bovey, Montreal; C. H. Keefer, Ottawa; Prof. Durley, Prof. Nicholson and R. S. Lea, of Montreal, and others.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read by the secretary, and confirmed, the following were elected scrutineers of the several ballots:

1. For officers and members of council

Messrs. J. W. Heckman, T. W. Lesage,
and James Ewing.
2. For Nominating Committee —
Messrs. H. B. Stuart and E. G. Mathe-

3. For amendment to by-laws proposed by council—Messrs. J. M. McCarthy, T. J. Marieu and L. O. Amos.
4. For amendment to by-laws proposed by mem ers—Messrs. F. S. Somerville, J. S.

Vindin and L. G. Papineau.

The meeting was then adjourned until the following day, in order that the members might avail themselves of the invitatation of the Royal Electric Company to visit the electric power works now being completed at Chambly, Que. The Grand Trunk and Central Vermont railways provided special trains for transportation, and upwards of 130 members took part in the excursion and were sumptionally entertained at luncheon. The superstructure of the enlarged Victoria Bridge, now in progress of erection, was visited and inspected en route. spected en route.

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