

brick fire hall, to cost from \$1,400 to \$1 600, has not yet been voted upon.

CHATHAM, ONT.—The City Council will appoint a permanent City Engineer.

HENRYVILLE, QUE.—Tenders are invited until the 3rd of February, for alterations and additions to the church here. For plans, etc., address L. H. Trudeau.

RAT PORTAGE, ONT.—It is said to be the intention of the Ontario Government to proceed in the spring with the erection of a steel traffic bridge over the west branch of the Winnipeg river.

ORILLIA, ONT.—The Thompson-Lipping block will be rebuilt. Kennedy & McVittie, architects, Barrie. —W. H. Croker, architect, is preparing plans for a residence for D. Quail. The cost will be \$3,000.

TRAIL, B. C.—Application is being made to the Legislature for the incorporation of a company to construct a railway from Trail to Penticton, and another railway from Christiana Lake to Copper Creek.

ST. THOMAS, ONT.—James A. Bell, C. E., is preparing plans for a new steel bridge, with concrete foundation, to be built west of Belmont. The cost will be borne equally by Elgin and Middlesex counties.

VICTORIA, B. C.—The supreme court has refused to grant the injunction applied for by the Kaslo and Slocan railway to prevent the Nakusp and Slocan Railway Company from building between Three Forks and Sandon.

SANDWICH, ONT.—A by-law to raise the sum of \$16,000 for the purpose of remodelling and repairing the court house and jail, and to issue debentures therefor, will be considered by the Council on the 16th of March.

OTTAWA, ONT.—Geo. White, C. E., has gone to Calgary, N. W. T., to consult over a proposed waterworks scheme.—It has been decided by the school board to replace the structure on Cedar street with a new building.

DIGBY, N. S.—Engineer Farnsworth has presented his report on the proposed pier. The work is a large drop 120 feet long, and about 15 feet wide. It will be built in one piece and of sufficient strength to stand railway traffic.

SAULT STE MARIE, ONT.—Mr. T. H. Elliott, government fishery inspector, proposes to erect a brick residence to cost about \$3,000. It will be heated with hot air. Mr. J. A. Ellis, architect, Toronto, is preparing the plans.

LITTLE CURRENT, ONT.—Application will be made at the next session of the Ontario Legislature to incorporate the Manitoulin & Pacific Railway Company, with power to construct a steam or electric railway from a point in Manitoulin Island to Little Current, also a bridge connecting the two points.

HULL, QUE. T. Viau, of the Hull Electric Co., which proposes to construct an electric railway between Hull and Aylmer, writes that he has a first-class water power, and is forming a joint stock company to build the line, which will be seven miles in length. In the electric lighting 3000 incandescent lights and 100 arc lamps will be used. Probable cost of the work, \$65,000.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—W. Blackmore, architect, has prepared plans for the Griffith block on Cordova street, and work will be commenced immediately. The front will be of cut stone and pressed brick, with iron trimmings. Ground floor will contain two stores, one 23 x 100 feet, and the other 20 x 100 feet. The contract for the stone and brickwork only has been let.—The Board of Works is considering the question of constructing a number of wood block pavements.

HAMILTON, ONT.—W. A. Edwards

architect, has in hand the erection of three houses on Barton street.—A company is being formed to open a summer resort at Cheate Park and to build a double track electric railway on Herkmer and Queen sts. The capital stock will be \$10,000.—E. Depew has been granted a permit for two two-storey brick dwellings on Kinrade ave., to cost \$1,600.—The special committee on sewerage disposal has recommended that the scheme outlined by engineer Kuchling, of Rochester, be endorsed.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—J. J. Golden will offer for sale by public auction on Saturday, 8th February, bonds to the value of \$100,000.—T. H. Livingstone has returned from Ottawa, where he interviewed the Dominion Government on the question of improving Red River navigation by building a lock at St. Andrews. The Government has declined to undertake the work as a public improvement, but will give substantial aid to any private company prepared to go on with the enterprise. A company is now being organized of Winnipeg citizens.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—H. C. Secord and F. R. Bossel, of Toronto, are promoting a colonization railway in this province, to extend from Campbellton across the counties of Restigouche, Victoria and Madawaska, giving a through line from Bay Chaleur to Bangor, Boston, etc. It will be about 106 miles in length.—T. McAvity & Sons contemplate making some extensive additions and improvements to their buildings.—The local Government intends during the coming summer to replace the present bridge at College Bridge, Memramcook, with a new steel one.

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.—Charles H. Mitchell, Town Engineer, writes that he is the engineer for the proposed sewerage extension, having made all the preliminary plans and estimates. He is now preparing the plans with a view of commencing the work as soon as possible. \$60,000 of the \$109,000 will probably be spent this present year, in which two of the trunk sewers will be included.—Dr. McGarry is having plans prepared by Messrs. Ellis & Co., architects, for an office and residence to cost about \$4,000. The exterior will be built of pressed brick, with plate and art glass windows. Hot water heating will be employed and electricity for lighting and call signals.

QUEBEC, QUE.—The Great Northern Railway Co. is contemplating the construction of two new sections of ten miles each, one running west from St. Flore and the other east from Montcalm.—Mr. Beemer, the promoter of the electric railway scheme, is said to have made arrangements for the immediate construction of the road.—The Cold Storage Co. have appointed Mr. St. George Boswell as their engineer, and he will shortly visit the different refrigerating systems in Montreal, Toronto and elsewhere.—It is probable that an iron bridge will shortly be erected to replace Scott's bridge.—The question of renewing the heating apparatus and putting in new pews in the church of Cacouna is talked of. Building permits have been granted as follows: M. Giroux, restorations on St. Peter street, Athletic Association of St. Roch, brick veneering; E. Rochon, 2 story building, St. Vallier st.; G. O. Grenier, two story building, St. Octave street.

TORONTO, ONT.—Specifications are being prepared by the City Engineer's Department for the island waterworks. The pumping house will be erected on the shore crib near the Sick Children's Hospital and the water will be taken from the intake pipe.—The T. Eaton Co. has secured possession of the two-story building on Queen street immediately west of their present premises, and are having plans prepared to increase their frontage by the addition of this store.—

The Toronto Electric Light Co. have invited tenders for pile driving and excavating necessary for the foundation of their new power house.—The sum of \$20,000 has been given to the Board of Works for the purpose of opening the Rosedale ravine from the Don to Yonge street.—A new steam fire engine will be purchased for the western section of the city, the cost not to exceed \$4,400.—The improvements to the Yonge street wharf will be carried out immediately, at a cost of \$8,650.—An asphalt pavement on Berkeley street, from Gerrard street to Carlton street, has been sanctioned.—Twenty-one English manufacturing firms are said to have examined the specifications for the new steel conduit to extend across the bay.—The mayor-elect, in his inaugural address, calls attention to the necessity of immediately carrying out the following works: The reconstruction of the buildings on Yonge street wharf, the completion of filling in on the water front, the construction of Harbor square to the Windmill line, and the erection of a bridge across the Don river at the intersection of King and Queen streets. (A low level bridge, 66 feet in width, would answer all purposes) the widening of the Queen street subway, and the erection of the York and John street bridges.—The plans for the widening of the Queen street subway will be completed this week at the Engineer's Department. The work will cost about \$130,000.—McKendry & Co., dry goods merchants, are having plans prepared for enlarging their store, taking in the store to the north adjoining.

FIRES.

The York Woolen Mills near Harvey Station, N. B., were destroyed by fire on January 14th. Loss \$7,000; insurance \$1,500.—Z. B. Dunphy's dwelling house and out-buildings at Keswick, N. B., have been burned.—C. F. Smith & Co.'s hardware store at Belleville, Ont., was seriously damaged by fire recently. The loss is covered by insurance.—At Winchester, Ont., on the 15th inst., Washburn and Brownell's furniture factory was burned. The building was owned by Jacob Erratt, of Ottawa. Loss, \$5,000.—Theophile Plondin's residence at St. Polycarde, Que., was consumed by fire on the 19th inst. Loss partially covered by insurance.—An hotel at Odessa, Ont., owned by Mr. Storms, has been burned.—The grist and carding mill of Benjamin Asslin, Barabois, N. B., was burned recently. Loss \$4,000.—At Newmarket, Ont., on the 13th inst., the Friend's Meeting House was destroyed by fire. Insurance \$2,000.—McDonald's hotel, at Greenfield, Ont., has been burned.—On the 21st inst. fire at Newcastle, Ont., destroyed property to the value of \$50,000. The owners of buildings were: Daniel Allen, loss \$5,000; James Parker, loss \$2,000; Thos. McClung, loss \$4,000. The Royal hotel, valued at \$6,000, was also burned.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

QUEBEC, QUE.—The Quebec Central railway have given a contract to Rhodes, Curry & Co., of Amherst, N. S., for the construction of 100 25-ton box freight cars.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Mr. P. B. Williams, architect, has awarded the contract for the masonry, brickwork, roofing and plumbing of a large five-story factory for the Standard Shirt Co., on Delorimier ave., to Heggie & Stuart.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The contract for a granolithic walk on east side of Main street, from Banatyne to Water streets, has been awarded to the Crystal Ice Co., at the price of \$6,928.10, or at the rate of \$2.55 a square yard.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The contract for the new swing bridge at the Beach is said