

Mickle-Dyment & Co. for lumber, and to James Reid, 22 South June Street, Dayton, Ohio, for sewer extensions.

COBOURG.—Tender for Cobourg Harbour Breakwaters will be received until Monday, June 29, 1908, for the construction of two breakwaters at Cobourg, Northumberland County, Ont.

GUELPH.—The contract for the construction of a bridge on Eramosa Road has been awarded to the Western Bridge & Equipment Company at \$6,400 for steel superstructure. The other tenders were as follows: Conn & Co., \$9,505 for reinforced concrete; J. A. Legrand, \$9,732 for reinforced concrete; Jenks-Dressel Co., Sarnia, \$8,670; Ontario Bridge Co., \$8,350; Stratford Bridge & Iron Co., \$9,500.

TORONTO.—The following companies' tenders have been accepted for fuel:—Milne's Coal Co. Hard coal, large egg, small egg, stove and nut sizes, per ton \$6.40 from June 1st to September 1st, 1908, and \$6.70 from September 1st, 1908, to May 31, 1909. Grate coal, best cannell, per ton, \$7. Blossburgh coal, per ton, \$6. Pine, per cord, long \$5.90; cut and split, \$6.40. Standard Fuel Company. Straitsville soft coal, lump size, per ton, \$4.40. Soft coal, slack, Pittsburg or Reynoldsville, per ton, \$3.24; Pocahontas, semi-bituminous, smokeless coal, per ton, \$5.85. Hardwood, per cord, long, \$6.80; cut and split, \$7.40. Slabs, per cord, long, \$4.60; cut and split, \$5.50.

PORT ARTHUR.—The Nepigon Construction Company has the contract for the 80 mile section of the Transcontinental Railway east of Nepigon. In order to get in material and supplies for the work, they are building a narrow gauge steam tramway of 18 or 20 miles over the portage between the lakes, up which they will operate a line of steamers. They are at present employing 200 men upon these preliminary operations, but this force will be increased to about 2,000 in the course of a few weeks.

TORONTO.—The Gutta Percha and Rubber Manufacturing Company have been awarded the contract for a supply of hose for the high pressure fire system as follows: 4,000 feet of 3½-inch eureka, four-ply cotton rubber-lined hose at \$1.68 per foot; 3,500 feet of 2½-inch paragon, three-ply cotton rubber-lined hose, at 95 cents per foot, and 500 feet of 2-inch eureka mill, cotton rubber-lined hose, at 43 cents per foot. The Canadian Rubber Company of Montreal will supply 1,500 feet of 2½-inch keystone, wax and gum treated fire hose, at 95 cents per foot.

WATERLOO.—Mr. E. Dermul received the contract for concrete sidewalks. The following tenders were received: John Schuetz, Berlin, 9¼ cents per sq. ft. E. Dermul, walk, 9c. per sq. ft.; driveways, 10c.; street crossings, 12c.; extra filling, 55c. per cu. yd. Moogk & Kumpf, walk, 10c. per sq. ft.; driveway, 10c.; street crossings, 12½c.; extra filling, 55c. per cu. yd. Mr. Sprague, Warton, walk, 11c.; driveways, 12c. per sq. ft.; street crossings, 15c.

Manitoba.

WINNIPEG.—In view of the report of the storekeeper of shortage in the cement supply, the controllers recommend that 1,000 to 5,000 barrels be purchased from the Winnipeg Supply Company, at \$2.76½ per barrel including sacks.

British Columbia.

VICTORIA.—The contract for the erection of additional buildings at the agricultural grounds was let by the association executive to DeRousie & Gibson. The buildings to be erected by this firm will be the restaurant, which will be built on the site of the old main building, the machinery and poultry halls north of the new main building and the stock judging pavilion west of the grand stand. The contract cost of these buildings will be in the neighborhood of \$15,000.

LIGHT, HEAT, AND POWER.

Nova Scotia.

SYDNEY.—A special committee are considering the erection of an electric light station here.

Quebec.

MONTREAL.—Plans are being prepared for a new steam plant of 2,000 horse-power capacity for the Saraguay

Electric & Water Company by Mr. Charles Brandeis, C.E., of Montreal. Tenders for the equipment of this plant will be issued shortly.

Ontario.

FORT FRANCES.—The announcement that President Roosevelt has permitted the passage of the bill to extend the time limit for the completion of the Rainy River dam at International Falls has raised many hopes here. It is now confidently expected that in another month or two, Mr. Backus will be in a position to have work resumed, and he is to be congratulated on the splendid fight he put up at Washington to secure the extension. There is no doubt but that the Ontario Government will give a still further extension in which to complete the work on this side of the river now that the obstacles at Washington have been overcome.

NEW HAMBURG.—At a special meeting of the village council, held May 30th, a resolution was unanimously adopted authorizing the reeve to sign the Hydro-Electric Niagara power agreement to contract for 250 horse-power for the use of New Hamburg industries and municipal purposes.

TORONTO.—Mr. Alexander Dow, the electrical engineer of Detroit, who has been advising the Board of Control of Toronto with reference to the construction of the electric power distributing plant, has suggested the names of Messrs. C. B. Smith, Professor R. B. Owens, of McGill University, and L. A. Ferguson, of Chicago, as men to constitute the Advisory Board of Electrical Engineers to superintend the construction of the plant. Mr. Dow suggests the name of W. G. Chace of Smith, Kerry & Chace, as a suitable man for engineer in charge. In the event of it being necessary to engage Mr. Dow as an expert his annual fee will be \$1,200 and his per diem allowance \$50, not including railway expenses.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Nova Scotia.

SYDNEY.—A lengthy report of the engineer in connection with repairs to Caledonian Road, Lake Road, Senator's Corner, Bridgeport, and the harbour bridge, totalling about \$2,500 was read recently.

Quebec.

MONTREAL.—Funds were voted at a recent meeting of the Finance Committee for new street pavements to the extent of three-quarters of a million dollars, which represents the bulk of the money available for this season's work. There has already been voted for new pavements the sum of \$36,000, and this, with the amount already voted, represents \$876,000. It is likely that in the course of a couple of weeks another two hundred thousand dollars will be voted, as the list of streets has not quite exhausted.

Ontario.

TORONTO.—In reporting to the Board of Control regarding the protection of the beach to the west end of Simcoe Park, the City Engineer stated that the best material would be mattresses loaded with heavy stone which would cost about \$45,000, for the whole distance of 5,000 feet, between Lee Avenue and the breakwater. For the portion east of the breakwater, on which are erected fourteen houses, it would cost about \$12,500.

TORONTO.—The value of the buildings for which permits were issued by the City Architect the first five months of this year was \$3,616,825 less than the value of the permits issued in the corresponding period last year. The figures a year ago were \$7,574,665, and this year \$3,957,840. The value of the buildings for which permits were issued last month was \$1,216,982, as compared with \$2,557,964 in May, 1907, or \$1,340,982 less this past month than in May, 1907. The number of buildings for which permits were issued, however, did not show a corresponding falling off.

TORONTO.—To heat all the buildings of Toronto University from one central heating plant is a large scheme which the university authorities are at present considering. The proposal is to erect this new plant near University College and convey the steam to the different buildings by means of underground pipes, protected by asbestos cover-