

company intend building during the coming year large flour and corn meal mills and wharves in this city.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The sewers committee last week considered the proposal to establish a west end sewage disposal works. The city engineer submitted three propositions, a bacterial plant to cost \$28,963, and \$3,000 extra for septic tanks; a chemical plant, cost \$35,300; and the extension of the present sewer through the marsh to deep water, cost \$40,000.—A sewer is wanted for the Imperial Cotton Co., length 1100 feet, cost \$900.—The finance committee have approved of route No. 1 for the Hamilton, Guelph & Galt electric railway, and a by-law will be submitted to the ratepayers to provide for the expenditure of \$40,000 for the widening of York street westerly from Queen street, and \$35,000 for right of way.—J. J. Buchanan, of Pittsburg, has given instructions for the building of a vestry to the McNab street Presbyterian church, to cost \$2,000.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—It is understood that McKenzie & Mann are taking tenders for the building of an interprovincial bridge across the Rainy river at the junction of the Beaudette.—Manager McNichol, of the C. P. R., announces that his company will construct a new railway bridge over the Red river at this point.—The following works have been recommended for construction: Asphalt pavement on Carlton street, from Portage avenue to Qu'Appelle avenue, cost \$10,000; macadam pavement on Spence street, from Portage avenue to Notre Dame avenue, cost \$9,736; cedar block pavement on Tache street, cost \$1,550; sewer on Gunwell street, from Logan to Henry avenue, cost \$1,040; on Nena street, from William to Elgin avenue, cost \$1,270; on Elgin avenue, from Nena street for distance of 400 feet, cost \$1,160.

PICTOU, N.S.—Tenders will be called for by the town in two or three weeks for installation of a new system of water works, which is expected to cost about \$100,000. The plans and specifications are now being prepared by engineers Lee and Coffin, the former of McGill College, Montreal, the latter of Boston. The supply will be from artesian wells one mile from the town, seven in number, varying from 100 to 300 feet in depth, in gray sandstone. A supply of 1,000,000 gallons a day is expected. The standpipe will contain from four to five hundred thousand gallons. The system is expected to require between 900 and 1,000 tons of piping, there being about 9 miles; sizes, 14, 12, 10, 8 and 6 inches. There will be about 60 hydrants. After the water works system is installed the town will have two good fire engines to dispose of, both in good order, one a Sillsby and the other an Amoskey engine.—The Copper Crown Mfg. Co. are about to enlarge their present works. The cost of the proposed improvements, including machinery and apparatus, will be about \$40,000. The work will be done by themselves.—An electric lighting plant is greatly needed, and next year the town may take steps in this direction.

TORONTO, ONT.—Duncan, Grant Skeans & Miller, solicitors, 25 King street west, have for sale \$7,500 4½ per cent. debentures, to be issued by the village of East Toronto.—Mr. Noxon, provincial inspector of prisons and asylums, suggests that in view of the present crowded condition of the Queen street asylum, a new building should be erected. A deputation of prominent Toronto citizens will probably memorialize the Government to provide the increased accommodation.—Work has commenced on the tearing down of the old Walker building on King street to make way for the new palace hotel. It is understood that the promoters have made arrangements with a New York syndicate to erect the building, and that the latter

are now taking tenders for the work.—The Ontario Department of Public Works is being urged to install an electric light plant in the Parliament buildings—A motion was carried in council on Monday last that a by-law be submitted to the ratepayers at the coming municipal elections to provide \$403,000 for waterworks purposes.—Building permits have been granted as follows: Wm. Murray, two pair semi-detached brick dwellings on Howland avenue, cost \$10,000; Jas. D. Allen, pair semi-detached brick dwellings, 494-96 Euclid avenue, cost \$5,000; Wm. Davies Co., one storey brick store, 1113 Yonge street, cost \$3,500; Nasmith Company, interior alterations to store, 64 King street east, cost \$2,000; A. Horton, two storey brick residence, Rosedale road, cost \$7,500; M. Rawlinson, three storey brick storage warehouse, St. Joseph street, cost \$7,000.

FIRES.

Residence of Jos. Meggison in Sidney, near Belleville, Ont.—Barns and stable of the R. W. Kinsman Co. at Canning, N.S.; loss on buildings, \$7,000.—Davidson block at Hansport, N. S.; totally destroyed.—Cheese factory at Ste. Agathe, Man., owned by Banes & Co.; loss \$3,000.—McCaskill's steam saw mill at Little Narrows C. B.; loss \$2,000, no insurance.—Electric light plant at Welland, Ont., owned by C. J. Page, totally destroyed; insurance \$5,000.—Saw and grist mills and hotel at Marysville, N. B., owned by Alex. Gibson & Co., and valued at \$25,000.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

OTTAWA, ONT.—Residence on Augusta street: P. Geneau, contractor.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Sewer on Qu'Appelle avenue: J. F. Lee, successful tenderer, \$1,265.

HUMBERSTONE, ONT.—Residence of John Clark: Anthes & Reichman, successful tenderers.

GALT, ONT.—Wm. Sibly is doing the mason and brick work on Mr. Cunningham's house.

ROSSLAND, B. C.—Thos. Bradbury, of Vancouver, has secured contract for the erection of court house here.

WIARTON, ONT.—The tender of G. W. Ames & Co., for the purchase of town debentures, has been accepted; price, \$16,453.19.

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT.—Completion of sewer on Woodward avenue and Church street. O'Boyle Bros., successful tenderers, at \$1,043.65.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—The county council have accepted the tender of Hanson Bros., of Montreal, for purchase of debentures; price, \$15,166.50

KINGSTON, ONT.—Alterations to residence of E. Cook, Carataqui. Masonry, Geo. Haffner; carpentry, Henry Henzy; plumbing and painting not let.

STELLERTON, N. S.—The new I. C. R. roundhouse just contracted for by Rhodes, Curry & Co., is to be of brick, to accommodate 15 to 20 engines, cost \$50,000.

ST. CATHARINES, ONT.—Captain Garson is about to commence work on the new drill shed. The building will be 220x117 feet, of stone, brick, iron and slate.

CAYUGA, ONT.—The contract for heating and ventilating the High school here has been awarded to the Jas. Smart Mfg. Co., of Brockville. Their largest "Kelsey" warm air generator will be used.

TORONTO, ONT.—The John Ritchie Plumbing & Heating Co. have secured the contract for alterations to the plumbing and heating of the old Brown Bros. premises on King street east, which will

be occupied by the Nasmith Co. for a restaurant.

COLLINGWOOD, ONT.—The tender of the Central Canada Loan & Savings Co., of Toronto, has been accepted for the purchase of \$16,000 debentures; price, \$16,153. For \$50,000 ship-building debentures the highest tender received was par, which was not accepted.

BIDS.

VICTORIA, B. C.—Tenders for an electric light plant at pumping station have been received as follows. Murray Iron Works, \$548; B. F. Sturtevant, Boston, \$594; Canadian General Electric Co., Vancouver, \$850, \$800 and \$385; Hinton Electric Co., \$475. Referred to a committee.

DECISION UNDER THE MECHANICS' AND WAGE-EARNERS' LIEN ACT.

In a case brought under the Mechanics and Wage-Earners' Lien Act (R.S.O., Ch. 153), by a person entitled to a lien for material furnished to the contractor, the owner was made a defendant and appealed to the Divisional Court from a decision of the official referee ordering him to pay a sum of \$94.56 under the following circumstances.—The agreement of the contractor with the owner was for the carpenter work upon a building, and the contract price was \$2,200. So far as appeared no work was done upon the building, nor were any materials furnished later than August 10, 1899. At that date the contractor had done all the contract work excepting a few trifling matters estimated by the architect at \$25, and he had done \$45 worth of work in respect of extras. So that the total amount then earned by him was \$2,200. The payments made by the owner were \$1,770.70, leaving a balance unpaid of \$429.30. The contractor had been in default to his workmen in paying their wages on July 22, 1899, and the owner on that day had paid to the contractor \$50 for the express purpose of paying these wages, and it had been so applied. On July 31 the workmen notified the architect that, unless their wages were paid, they would stop working and register liens, and the architect thereupon paid them \$54.70 on the owner's behalf. Both these sums were included in the \$1,770.70 above mentioned. The only material furnished after the payment of July 31 was of trifling value, and was charged by a lien-holder on August 10, 1899. The last work done upon the building appeared to have been done on August 11, 1899. Three days afterwards four of the workmen whose wages remained unpaid, and (as was admitted) were entitled to liens for \$94.56, brought to the solicitor for the owner liens for that amount, and informed him that, unless they were paid at once, they would register the liens. Thereupon, in order to save expense, the owner paid the amount and \$4 additional for preparing the liens. Under these circumstances the official referee held that the owner was not entitled to deduct this sum of \$94.56 from the twenty per cent. which he is required by the 11th section of the Act R.S.O., Ch. 153, to retain to answer liens, and directed him to pay into court