

tions for next year. The sum of \$10,000 will be asked for new apparatus, \$90,000 for new stations, and \$1,500 for machinery and tools for repair shop. The Market Committee will ask for \$59,483 for general repairs.—A meeting of the directors of the Great Northern Railway Co. was held at the Windsor hotel last week, at which the building of an elevator at Quebec was discussed. It will probably be commenced early in the spring. The advisability of building a branch road from Montreal to Joliette was also considered, but nothing definite decided upon.—The National Lacrosse Club have decided to purchase property, corner Bennett and Ontario streets, to be used as lacrosse grounds. A grand stand will be erected.—The Artificial Lumber Co. of America, recently incorporated in New Jersey, purpose erecting a branch establishment at some point in Canada.—The Harbor Commissioners have accepted the offer of the Connors syndicate for the construction of grain elevators and freight warehouses along the harbor front. This syndicate, composed of Buffalo capitalists, agree to erect a steel or combination elevator of 3,000,000 bushels capacity and freight warehouses on the lower portion of the harbor, and similar buildings on the southerly side of the Windmill Point slip, the total cost to be about \$2,500,000.—It is the intention of the Young Irishmen's Literary and Benefit Association to erect a new building next year on Drummond street, near Dorchester.

OTTAWA, ONT.—Tenders are invited by the Dominion government up to December 30th for construction of Trent Valley canal from Trenton to Frankford, a distance of nine miles. The work includes the deepening of the river and the construction of seven locks and seven dams.—The Walker mining property at Buckingham has been purchased by Ald. D'Arcy Scott, who, it is said, will at once put in machinery and take other steps to develop the property.—The C.P.R. have acquired a right of way along Patterson's creek, and it is said to be their intention to build a branch line from Rochester-ville to Ottawa East.—The city engineer has recommended that tenders be invited for the construction of a traveling crane for the waterworks pumping station, to be used in repairing machinery. It will cost about \$4,250. The matter will be taken up early in the new year.—A delegation from the city of Hull and the township of West Hull interviewed the Minister of Public Works last week and asked for assistance towards the reconstruction of the Alonzo Wright bridge over the Gatineau river.—Application will be made to parliament for the incorporation of the Alaska & North Western Railway Co., to construct a steam or electric railway from Pyramid Harbor, on the Lynn canal, through the Chilkat Pass, and thence by way of the Dalton trail to Fort Selkirk, in the Yukon district.—The Dominion Carbide Co. have decided to build a totally new furnace department.—Geo. R. Roe, of the Baldwin Iron Works, has purchased the Levi Young estate property on Lloyd street and purposes erecting thereon next spring a large three-storey foundry.

TORONTO, ONT.—A movement is on foot to erect a large hotel building on the north side of Queen street, taking in the greater portion of the block from Simcoe to University street. The money, it is understood, will be provided by Barlow Cumberland.—R. J. Edwards & Wagner, architects, invite tenders up to 5 p.m. of Friday, 8th inst., for erection of dwelling on Waverley road.—Building permits have been granted as follows: Ontario Power and Flats Company, rear 103 Niagara street, brick factory, cost \$2,000; J. Hoskin, Q.C., two-storey brick meeting house, 47 Buchanan street, cost \$600; John F. Urquhart, two-storey and mansard brick dwellings and stores, corner of

Huxley and Dunn ave., cost \$3,000; F. R. Gregory, two-storey brick-cased dwelling, north side Simpson ave., near Howland road, cost \$1,200; York County Loan & Savings Company, four detached two-storey and attic stone and brick dwellings, 212 to 224 Wright ave., cost \$10,000; S. H. Graydon, two-storey brick and stone residence, 51 Madison ave., cost \$8,000; O. Newcombe, one storey brick and rough-cast addition to kiln on Bellwoods avenue, cost \$2,000.—W. H. Pearson, manager of the Consumers Gas Company, will build a large residence on Sherbourne street, Rosedale, from plans by F. H. Herbert, architect. Work will be started at once.—Considerable improvements will be made to the store of H. A. Taylor, King street west, for the Rossin House Hotel Co. F. H. Herbert, architect, has the work in charge.—The American Air Power Co., of New York, are said to be considering the establishment of a branch of their works in Toronto.—At the annual meeting of the Working Boys' Home, it was stated that the new site on Church street had been secured, but that extensive alterations were necessary to make the building serviceable.—The Commissioner of Public Works is having plans drawn for a large circular pond to be constructed in front of the Parliament buildings in Queens Park.—A sub-committee of the Fire and Light Committee inspected the city hall on Saturday last for the purpose of deciding what steps should be taken to protect the building against fire. The committee will likely recommend that the rafters be covered with galvanized iron, that several large electric lights be placed there, that a steam pump with a capacity of pumping 1,000 gallons of water a minute be placed in the engine room, and that fire escapes be built from the attic into the court yard. These improvements will cost about \$25,000.—The city engineer has estimated that it will cost \$13,000 to replace the wooden bridge on Shaw street, near College street, with a steel structure.—The following works are recommended by the city engineer as local improvements: Asphalt pavements—North street, St. Mary's to Bloor, cost \$6,010; Wilton ave., Yonge to Sherbourne, cost \$33,640; Huron street, St. Patrick to College, cost \$17,310. Brick pavements—Pearl street, York street to a point 633 feet east, cost \$4,570; William street, Queen to Caer Howell, cost \$15,660. Cedar block pavements—Angus ave., Nissau to College, cost \$1,350; Argyle street, Dundas to Shaw, cost \$1,450; Dovercourt road, Dundas to Churchill, cost \$1,770. Macadam roadways—Eten place, Bathurst street to a point 334 feet east, cost \$920; Walseley street, Esther to Bathurst, cost \$5,380; St. Mary's, Yonge to the west end, cost \$7,450. Concrete walks—Huron street, west side, Bloor to Lowther, cost \$744; Howland ave., both sides, Bloor to Barton, cost \$1,673; Tyndall ave., east side, from a point 354 feet south of King to a point 456 feet further south.

FIRES.

Parish church of St. Charles of Limoilou, near the city of Quebec, totally destroyed; loss \$45,000, insurance \$25,000.—M. Kinnon's summer hotel at Point aux Pins, nine miles above Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; loss \$10,000, no insurance.—Dilworth's elevator at High Bluff, Man.; loss on building and contents, \$12,000.—141 Wyld Hotel on Rice Lake, Ont., owned by James Duty and leased by J. Macdonald; insurance, \$1,800.—Three storey brick building at Moncton, N.B., owned by McSweeney Bros., damaged to the extent of \$7,000; covered by insurance.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

COLUMBIA, B.C.—Power dam for Granby Smelter Co.—Porter Bros. and McArthur, contractors.

ST. THOMAS, ONT.—The Bell Telephone Co. have been awarded the contract for fire alarm system.

AMHERSTBURG, ONT.—Sidewalk debentures for \$5,100 have been sold to G. A. Stimson & Co., at premium of \$75.

WINDSOR, ONT.—Wm. Englander has let contract for erection of dwelling house and store, corner Windsor and Wyandotte streets, frame, cost \$2,000.

ORILLIA, ONT.—The council has disposed of \$75,000 of debentures to the Central Canada Loan & Savings Co., of Toronto, for \$77,625, or at the rate of 103½.

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.—Residence for J. J. McCartney; Carpenter work, Niagara Falls Planing Mills Co.; brick and stone work, John Blair; plumbing, Cole & McMurray; painting, J. A. Vandersluys.

VICTORIA, B.C.—Building on Yates street for Thos. Earle, M.P.; James Baker, contractor. The architect is Thos. Hooper. Building will be stone and brick, pressed brick front, three storeys and basement, cost \$12,400.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The Canadian Rubber Company, of Montreal, have let contracts for warehouse 180x170 feet.—W. F. Lee has secured contract for supply of sewer pipe, at \$1,890.70.—For construction of sewer the tender of Dobson & Jackson, at \$1,318, has been accepted.—A. E. Wells & Co. have secured contract for heating apparatus for waterworks building, cost \$4,495.

TORONTO, ONT.—Residence on Sherbourne street, Rosedale, for W. H. Pearson; Masonry, Wicheil Bros.; carpenter work, R. Dinns & Son; other trades not let.—Detached residence on Maple ave., Rosedale, for Jas. Henderson, Q.C.; Brickwork, Thompson Bros.; carpenter work, T. V. Gearing; roofing, Rennie & Son; galvanizing iron, A. B. Ormsby & Co.; painting, J. A. Berridge; plastering, C. B. Simpson. F. H. Herbert, architect of above.

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