

the Strait Shore road, 125 x 50 feet in size. —The Board of Works have decided to erect a warehouse on the city pier, at a cost of \$5,000. The City Engineer has prepared the plans.

OTTAWA, ONT.—A petition is being circulated in St. George's ward asking the City Council to build a bridge across the canal at Somerset street.—The Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Railway Company have submitted to the Department of Railways and Canada, plans for the central station which the company propose to build on the canal reserve in this city. The design shows a substantial as well as ornamental structure.—The City Council has given notice of its intention to construct a number of artificial stone sidewalks.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The Road Committee is receiving tenders this week for the construction of a large number of sewers.—The Catholic School Commissioners have received a report from W. E. Doran, architect, approved by Dr. Beaudry, of the Provincial Board of Health, and J. E. Dore, sanitary inspector, recommending alterations and improvements in Montcalm and Sarsfield schools, and the work is likely to be carried out at an early date.—The Town Council of St. Henri have decided to urge upon the Grand Trunk Railway the necessity of erecting a large station at that place.—J. A. Chausse, architect, is preparing plans for a Catholic church and parsonage to be erected at St. Lambert.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Work has commenced on a new bakery building and store for J. T. Spiers. It will be solid brick, with stone foundations, and will cost \$5,000.—Mr. Chesterton, architect, has prepared plans for improvements to the Winnipeg hotel, owned by Mr. Montgomery. These will include a substantial stone foundation, cellar with concrete and tile floor, a front of red brick and cut stone, and various interior improvements, including steam heating apparatus and the work is estimated to cost \$10,000.—The erection of a disinfecting room in connection with the general hospital is agitated.—A committee of the Board of Trade has been appointed to interview the Premier of Canada in respect to the improvement of navigation on the Red River and at St. Andrew's Rapids.—The Selkirk-Winnipeg electric railway scheme is said to have been abandoned for the present.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The Board of Education will shortly consider the question of a new Collegiate Institute and home for the School of Pedagogy. The board will likely ask the City Council to issue debentures for \$75,000 to build the new building.—A movement is on foot to dispose of the Hamilton Ladies College and erect a new building on another site.—A largely signed petition will be presented to the President of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, asking him to recommend to the Board the erection of a large up-town station at the corner of King street and Ferguson avenue. It is said the president is favorable to the project.—The directors of the International Radial Railway Company have ordered a survey of the proposed route from Hamilton to Guelph, and the prospects for building the road are said to be good. The various localities through which the line will pass will be asked for financial assistance. The new sewer to be laid on Main street will be of eighteen-inch pipe and will extend 1,250 feet east of Sanford avenue.

LONDON, ONT.—The Barber Asphalt Co., of Buffalo, who were recently given a paving contract in this city, are said to have decided to build a factory here for refining asphalt.—W. J. Lashbrooke has taken out a building permit for a brick veneer cottage on Richmond street north,

to cost \$1,000.—Herbert Matthews, architect, has in hand a brick dwelling and shop for W. D. Thomas, to be built at the corner of Colborne and Piccadilly streets.—The Electric Street Railway Co. have not yet decided upon definite plans for Victoria bridge. Under the charter, the company have the option of building an entirely new superstructure to be used jointly, or of building an independent bridge of their own.—At a meeting of the Board of Directors held on Monday last, various improvements to the London and Port Stanley railway, involving an outlay of \$17,000, were asked for by Engineer DeGurse, on behalf of the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway Company, lessee of the road. The proposal was referred to a committee. The Lake Erie Company also want a new freight station, round-house and turntable.

TORONTO, ONT.—It is the intention of the Canada Cork Company, which has recently been incorporated, to erect in this city a large brick building 60 x 100 feet, with solid stone foundation and a glass roof. The directors of the company are: L. V. Dusseau, J. A. Gendron, J. E. Howard and C. R. Rochereau de la Seblere.—The City Council has given notice that it is proposed to construct the following works: asphalt roadway on Wellesley place, from Wellesley crescent to Wellesley lane, cost \$3,315; macadam roadways on Adelaide street, from Spadina avenue to Bathurst street, cost \$2,500; on Elizabeth street, from Queen street to College street, cost \$3,460; on Sheppard street, from Adelaide street to Richmond street, cost \$520; on Anderson street, from Simcoe street to McCaul street, cost \$400.—The Property Committee has decided to advertise for tenders for hot water heating apparatus for the addition to Lombard street fire hall.—The City Engineer has returned from Montreal where he interviewed the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific railway authorities regarding the John street and York street bridges. The Grand Trunk Railway Company has promised to have the plans of the York street bridge prepared by Sept. 9, and the company will proceed with the work as soon as the plans have been approved of by the City Engineer.—Building permits have been granted as follows: Atlas Loan Co., St. Thomas, pr. 2 story and attic bk. dwellings, Nos. 11 and 13 Cowan ave., cost \$4,000; Dr. John Hoskin, 21 Dale ave., 2 story bk. add., cost \$2050.

FIRES.

The Askin residence at Windsor, Ont., was burned on the 23rd inst. Loss over \$1,000.—The dwelling house of Mr. Tilton, near Tilsonburg, Ont., was destroyed by fire last week.—The sheds at the agricultural grounds, Belleville, Ont., owned by the Freehold Loan Co., of Toronto, were burned on Monday last. Loss, \$2,500; covered by insurance.—Patterson's planing mill at Winnipeg, Man., was damaged by fire on the 25th inst. to the extent of \$5,000.—At Florence, Ont., last week, fire destroyed Wm. Milton's tailor shop, Webster & Gordon's general store, the I. O. O. F. lodge rooms and Wm. Thompson's store. The loss is placed at \$12,000, partially covered by insurance.—The Agricultural hall at Galt, Ont., owned by the South Waterloo Agricultural Society was destroyed by fire on Tuesday last. The building was 80 x 185 feet in size, and the loss will be about \$8,000.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The Electric Railway Co. have awarded the contract for building the Cedar street bridge to Mr. Hibbard, C. E.

LONDON, ONT.—The contract for widening the York street bridge has been

awarded to the Central Bridge and Engineering Co., of Peterboro'.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.—J. B. Elliott will rebuild the Aberdeen cannery on Skeena river. The main building will be 400 x 40 feet, and two stories high.

WINDSOR, ONT.—The tender of Hume, Brown & Co., of Toronto, for \$100,000 of waterworks debentures has been accepted by the Finance Committee. The premium offered is \$605.25.

RENFREW, ONT.—The Board of Education have given the contract for building the new High School to Moffat & Hilliard, at the tender of \$5,042, exclusive of heating apparatus.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The contract for the masonry of the Burlington bridge has been awarded by the Dominion Government to Geo. F. Webb, of this city. The structure will cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The Dominion Bridge Co., Montreal, and the Hamilton Bridge Works Co., Hamilton, were the only tenderers for the superstructure of the Osborne street bridge in this city, the former securing the contract at the price of \$8,749.

KINGSTON, ONT.—Tenders for the erection of a stone house and stable on Bagot street, 20 x 66 feet, have been accepted as follows: masonry, A. Newlands; carpentry, A. Williamson; painting, Savage Bros. The architect is W. Newlands.

MONTREAL, QUE.—A. C. Hutchison architect, has awarded contracts for a residence at Westmount, Que., for Robt. Mitchell, as follows: carpenter and joiners' work, Jas. Shearer; brick work, Wm. Lavers; plumbing and heating, R. Mitchell & Co.; roofing, Montreal Roofing Co.; plastering, J. Morrison & Son; painting, Geo. Dezonche & Sons.

OSNABRUCK CENTRE, ONT.—Tenders for drainage in the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th concessions, Township of Osnabruk, were opened on Monday last, the contract being awarded to Clarke & Connolly, Toronto, at the following prices: earth excavation, 14 3/4 cents per cubic yard; loose rock, 60 cents per cubic yard; solid rock, \$1.45 per cubic yard; stone culverts, \$200.

TORONTO, ONT.—The Board of Works last week awarded contracts as follows: scoria stone set pavement on track allowance on Station street, from Simcoe to York street; on Simcoe street from Front to Station street, and on York street, from Front to Station street, to the construction and Paving Company, at \$2,697; the concrete sidewalk on both sides of Isabella street, from Jarvis to Sherbourne street, to J. H. McKnight, at 85 cents per lineal foot; concrete sidewalk on both sides of Adelaide street, from Yonge to Bay street, to A. Gardner & Co., at \$2.75 per lineal foot.

The Carrara marble quarries, which are 400 or 500 in number, are situated far above the town, and in the midst of the grandest and most savage scenery. The soft aerial hues which distance lends to the mountains disappear on nearer approach. The great peaks stand up against the sky in fantastic forms. No trees or verdure clothe their naked sides, no flowers grow, no water flows to fertilize that soil. The 6,000 quarrymen who are busy there appear as ants crawling on the vast hill-sides. The marble is quarried by dynamite. Every moment explosions rend the air, and huge fragments fly up as if expelled from a volcano. Often the mine has to be placed in the perpendicular face of a precipice. Then the workman is lowered by a rope and hangs suspended "like the sapphire gatherer, 'twixt earth and heaven—dreadful trade." About 160,000 tons of marble are annually exported, of which most goes to England. The quantity is inexhaustible.