

FIRES.

Building of the Hamilton Brass Works at Hamilton, Ont., almost totally destroyed; loss \$30,000.—Commercial Hotel owned by Frank McInerney and store and dwelling owned by Edward McInerney at Rexton, N.B., totally destroyed.—Gas elevator at Ruscombe, N.W.T., owned by H. B. Knister.—St. Luke's Anglican church, corner Somerset and Bell streets, Ottawa, almost totally destroyed; loss \$8,000.—Boot and shoe factory of Laniel & Co. at Maisonneuve, Que., completely consumed; loss \$50,000.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

COLLINGWOOD, ONT.—Alterations to Bank of Commerce building; Bryan Mfg. Co., contractors.

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.—Sewers on Epworth Circle, Clarke avenue and Park street; Sheppard & Co., successful tenderers, \$5,500.50.

GODERICH, ONT.—The contract for heating the Huron House with steam has been given to Charles Lea. About 40 radiators will be required.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—Improvements to the Canada Life Insurance Co. building on Prince William street; Masonry, R. A. Corbett; carpentry, Andrew Myles.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Alterations to the Thompson-Ogle block on Hastings street; Parr & Fee, architects; Thomas Hunter, general contractor. Darling Bros. will supply the elevator and W. Ralph the heating apparatus.

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT.—The contract for new public building here has

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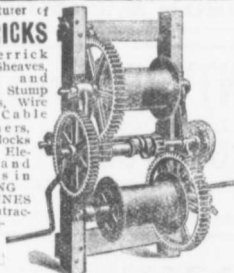
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been awarded to McPhail, McCarthy & Kenneth Wright at \$54,000.—Hickler Bros., of this place, have been awarded the contract for dredging the upper entrance to the Canadian canal.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—William White and J. G. Chapman secured the contract for new buildings for the Cossitt Mfg. Co. at \$7,712, exclusive of plumbing, roofing and steam fitting. The James Smart Mfg. Co. have secured contracts for warming and ventilating the public school at Southampton and Knox church at E. ora, Ont., with Kelsey warm air generators.

TORONTO, ONT.—Two-storey bakery for W. H. Snell, East Toronto; Seilers Bros. contractors.—Tenders have been accepted as follows for new fire hall on Berkeley street: Carpenter work, Wilson, Gearing & Co., \$9,328; painting, S. J. Baridge, \$699; plastering, John M. Gander, \$1,050; roofing and galvanized iron work, A. B. Ormsby & Co., \$1,014; plumbing and heating, Toronto Furnace & Drainage Co., \$4,174; steel work, Dominion Bridge Co., \$2,916; electric

wiring, James Morrison Co., \$275; glass tiling, Toronto Plate Glass Importing Co., \$266; masonry, Holtby & Co., \$13,533. The work will be carried out under the supervision of A. F. Wickson, architect.—Sewer tenders have been accepted as follows: Natalie street, E. Asexworthy, \$619; Dan Esplanade, City Engineer, \$374.—Fred Armstrong has been awarded the contract for plumbing work at Yonge street fire hall.

UNITED STATES CEMENT IMPORTS.

Figures published by the Cement and Engineering News show that the importations of cement into the United States have this year been much larger than in 1902. For the eight months ending August 31st there were imported 696,138,524 pounds, as compared with 300,856,595 pounds in the corresponding period of 1902. Of the quantity imported this year Germany supplied 408,018,374 pounds, or nearly three-fifths of the total. Belgium comes next with 245,324,337 pounds, followed by the United Kingdom with 25,255,545 pounds.

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