

CONTRACTS OPEN.

NORWICH, ONT.—A new public school building will be erected here, to cost \$8,000.

STANLEY, N. B.—W. L. McDiarmid is making preparations to erect a cheese factory.

HUNTINGDON, QUE.—The Council will probably purchase a new steam fire engine.

PRICEVILLE, ONT.—A new manse will be erected in connection with the Presbyterian church.

RENFREW, ONT.—The Mayor advocates the erection of a new town hall and post-office building.

VICTORIA, B. C.—The erection of several large business blocks is in prospect for the present year.

PAKENHAM, ONT.—The congregation of St. Andrews' church are considering the erection of a new edifice.

FREDERICTON, N. B.—D. W. Hoegg & Co. have decided to rebuild their canning factory recently burned.

NANAIMO, B. C.—A stone court house to cost \$35,000 will probably be erected from plans of F. M. Rattenbury, architect, Victoria.

BELLEVEILLE, ONT.—George Wallbridge has purchased the Sills block on Front street and will make extensive improvements at once.

HORNBY, ONT.—A new Presbyterian manse will probably be erected here. Messrs. Tusker, Kennedy and Hornby are canvassing for subscriptions.

SEAFORTH, ONT.—Tenders are invited until the 15th inst. for erecting a brick school house in School Section No. 6, Tuckersmith. Address Wm. G. Broadfoot, box 100, Seaforth.

PORT ELMSLEY, ONT.—The Presbyterian congregation of Oliver's Ferry will build a new church, over \$1,000 having already been subscribed. Work will be commenced early in the spring.

KNOWLTON, QUE.—The by-law authorizing the construction of a system of waterworks was carried by the ratepayers on Tuesday of last week, and the work will now be carried out without delay.

SARNIA, ONT.—The erection of a large hotel just below the present Grande Pointe club house on the St. Clair Flats, is said to be receiving consideration. The names of the promoters of the enterprise have not transpired.

THORNDALE, ONT.—Tenders are invited until the 1st of March for the erection of a brick school house on lot 1, concession 9, London Township. Plans at the residence of W. B. Harding, lot 15, concession 1, Nissouri.

MILTON, ONT.—At a meeting of the Halton County Council held last week it moved that a special committee be appointed to report at the next meeting of the council on the question of erecting a county house of industry.

COLLINGWOOD, ONT.—The Municipal Council are asking for tenders for the supply of a large quantity of square timber for repairing the town wharf and for 152 pieces of heavy square timber for crib over intake pipe of waterworks. A large amount of hemlock and tamarac plank is also required for the wharf.

YARMOUTH, N. S.—Tenders are invited by Geo. G. Sanderson, Chairman Building Committee, until Saturday the 9th inst., for the erection of a brick and stone church at the corner of Parade and Second streets. Plans may be seen at the offices of H. H. Mott, architect, St. John, and Geo. G. Sanderson, of this town.

BEAUHARNOIS, QUE.—A meeting of the County Council was held recently for the purpose of further considering the erection of a new manse, estimated to cost \$10,000 for the

improvement and extension of the water course from Lake St. Francis through to St. Louis de Gonzague and Ormstown. Addresses were delivered favorable to the scheme, but no definite action was taken.

KINGSTON, ONT.—John McKay will erect a new store on Brock street.—Mr. Booth, C. E., is drawing plans for an English church, to be built in the parish of Rev. W. J. Bate at Sydenham.—The Chairman of the Waterworks Committee estimates that the sum of \$20,000 will be required for improvements to the waterworks system, including the purchase of a new pump.

PRESTON, ONT.—Mr. Cherry has had plans prepared for the rebuilding of his flour mill and for a large warehouse.—Mr. H. J. Powell, architect, Stratford, Ont., has prepared plans for an opera house to be erected here between the present date and the 1st of August. Tenders for the construction work have already been invited. Mr. Otto Homuth, of this town, is the promoter of the enterprise.

NORTH AUGUSTA, ONT.—Tenders are invited by R. L. Joynt, Chairman Building Committee, until Wednesday, the 20th inst., for the hot water heating and plumbing of the House of Industry now being erected near Athens, also for building a frame barn with stone basement in connection therewith. Plans may be seen at the offices of G. A. Allan, architect, at Brockville and Isaac C. Alquire, at Athens.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.—At a recent meeting of the Surrey ratepayers a resolution was adopted requesting the Legislature to pass an act amending Act Chapter 16, 1894, in such a manner that in the event of the failure or inability of the city to proceed with the construction of the combined traffic and railway bridge that the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works be authorized to have plans prepared, invite tenders, and award contracts for the construction of a traffic bridge at New Westminster.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The special committee appointed by the Masonic bodies to take the preliminary steps in connection with the erection of a Masonic temple have commenced a canvas for the necessary funds. The proposition from the Y. M. C. A. that a building be erected jointly by the association and Masons is not likely to meet with approval. It is the desire of the Masons to have a building exclusively for their own members.—Osborne street bridge will probably be repaired at a cost of \$7,000.

HALIFAX, N. S.—It has been decided to tear down the present Victoria Infirmary building on Barrington street and erect in its place a handsome brick and stone structure. The new building will be 40 x 90 feet, and will cost \$25,000.—The erection of a public slaughter house has been agitated for some time by the Board of Health, and a committee of the City Council has recommended that authority be asked from the Legislature to borrow the sum of \$15,000 to erect a suitable building.—The Council will probably purchase another chemical engine.

MONTREAL, QUE.—A new school is to be erected by the Catholic Board of School Commissioners, in place of the present one on Cadieux street, near Roy. The building will be erected by the parish St. Louis de France, and will be of brick with stone foundation, and three storeys in height.—The Road Committee has recommended that the sum of \$10,475 be granted to the City Surveyor for paving the Brock street tunnel.—At the last meeting of the Council of the municipality of St. Louis du Mile End, it was decided to light the municipality either by gas or electricity and a committee was appointed to secure tenders.—It is expected that next summer the new parish church of St. Louis de France will

be completed. The total cost will be in the vicinity of \$300.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Wm. Stewart & Son, architects, tenders until noon on Monday, the 12th inst., for the erection of a Sunday school building and for extensive alterations for Centenary Methodist church building.—At the last meeting of the Jail and Court House Committee of the City Council, a sub-committee was appointed to secure plans and an estimate of the cost of constructing a new jail.—The City Engineer will recommend the Council to expend a sum of \$28,054 in the construction of works as follows: Robinson street, \$7,300; Wood street, \$4,600; Sanford avenue from Cannon street to the Mount, \$13,990.—The Victoria Yacht Club has been granted permission by the City Council to erect a new club house at the foot of Wellington street.

OTTAWA, ONT.—It is reported that C. P. R. engineers will shortly complete the survey for the unfinished portion of the Montreal and Ottawa road west of Point Fortune, with the intention of pushing construction work as soon as weather permits.—The cost of constructing an asphalt roadway on Bank street for which tenders are now being asked is estimated at \$25,646.—A meeting of the Road and Bridges Committee of the City Council has been called for the purpose of making preparations for the opening of the new Hurdman's bridge. Tenders will likely be called for immediately.—The Winter Trotting Club will probably erect a permanent floating house and boathouse at Leamy's Lake.—The City Engineer is preparing his annual report on the waterworks system of the city. In it he will recommend an expenditure of \$42,000 on enlargement of mains and new hydrants. The attention of the Council is also drawn to the fact that in the near future it will be necessary to secure additional power for the pumping house.

TORONTO, ONT.—The Kemp Manufacturing Co., of Gerrard street east, are opening up a new department for the manufacture of granite ware, and asking exemption from taxation on the buildings which they propose to erect.—The Parks and Gardens Committee have decided to call for tenders for the erection of a bridge across the lagoon at Island park. The work having already been authorized. Tenders are to be for wooden or iron structure.—The necessary improvements to the Queen's Park are again being considered by the Council, and an interview has been arranged with Hon. Mr. Harty, Commissioner of Public Works, with a view to arriving at a settlement regarding the amount of cost to be borne by the Government and the city. The work will cost upwards of \$25,000.—The Council are taking steps regarding the selection of a site for the proposed hospital for consumptives.—A proposal is being considered by the Council to build a bridge over the Don at the foot of Cherry street. Its erection is said to be very desirable.—The Parkdale Curling Club are desirous of securing a large lot in Parkdale, with an area of 30,000 square feet. It is the purpose to erect a new building. The secretary is W. Webb, jr., 162 Jameson ave.

FIRES.

The residence of Julien Guimond, at St. Louis, N. B., has been burned. No insurance.—The building occupied by the Peoples Bank of Halifax, at Edmunston, N. B., was destroyed by fire on the 1st inst. Insurance on building, \$2,000.—Gibb, Franchoy & McLaren's chemical works at Basin de Lievre, Que., were entirely consumed by fire a few days ago. Loss, \$20,000; insurance, \$8,000.—The flax mill at Elora, Ont., has been burned. The building was owned by the Grand