ders for tenement houses to be built on Mance street for Mr. McCarthy.-The Markets Committee will ask for \$5,000 for repairing the market buildings .- Mr. Laforest, waterworks superintendent, has requested an appropriation of \$14,500, to be expended as follows: Two new 30-inch valves, one 24-inch valve and one 20-inch valve, \$3,500; altering valves on pipe track, \$6,500; connecting the 30-inch main from No. 1 turbine to the two 24-inch mains in the tunnel at the wheelhouse, \$1,200; connecting the 30-inch main of No. 1 engine to the 30-inch main of No. 1 engine to the 30-inch main of No. 2 engine to the 30-inch main of No. 1 engine, \$1,-700.—Messrs. D. W. Karn & Company, piano and organ manufacturers, have piano and organ manufacturers, have completed arrangements for the erection of a building on St. Catharine street, be-tween Peel and Metcalfe streets. The building will be three stories, containing three store rooms, with large concert hall above.—The Road Committee will construct permanent pavements on the following streets : Notre Dame street, from Chaboillez square to Guy street ; Maisonneuve street, from Dorchester to St. Catherine street.

TORONTO, ONT.—The Dominion gov-ernment will this summer build fire groynes on the Island shore near the Sick Children's Hospital, at a cost of \$20,000. —It is reported that Mr. A. Davis, of Montreal, will submit plans to the city for the construction of a tunnel across the bay to the lake .- In connection with the Mayor's brick pavement policy, the city engineer has submitted the following estimate of the cost of brick sidewalks : Jarvis street, west side, King to Adelaide, cost \$670; Lom-bard street, south side, Victoria to Church, cost \$940; Brunswick avenue, College to Ulster, cost \$843; Wellington street, south side, Bay to Toronto Club House, cost \$815: John street west side King cost \$815; John street, west side, King to Adelaide, cost \$303; Queen street, south side, Tecumseh to Niagara, cost \$1,945; Adelaide street, south side, York to Bay, cost \$1,790; Commercial street, north side, Jarvis to Francis, cost \$76. The following brick pavements are recom-The following brick pavements are recom-mended on fully-signed petitions: Wellesley place, on concrete, cost \$2,560; Wilcox street, St. George to Robert street, on concrete, cost \$8,840; Collier street, from Park road eastward, on concrete, cost \$2,030; Nassau street, Spadina ave. to Bellevue, cost \$5,100. The following pavaments are accommended on the initia. to Bellevue, cost \$5,100. The following pavements are recommended on the initia-tive principle : Boswell ave., brick on gravel, cost \$4,220; Spencer ave., King to Huxley streets, brick on 4 inches of concrete, cost \$9,400, Euclid ave., Arthur to College, cedar block, cost \$2,780; Brunswick ave., Ulster to Bloor, cedar block pavement, cost \$3,830; Afton ave., Lisgar to Northcote ave., gravel roadway. Lisgar to Northcote ave., gravel roadway, cost \$1,030; Garden ave., Sorauren to Macdonnell ave., gravel, cost \$1,200. A brick pavement is also recommended on Dufferin street south, at a cost of \$7,500. The cost of repairing the roadway leading from Queen's Park crescent to Bloor street is given as \$3,500. The widening of the slip at the foot of Lorne street to 120 feet, and the construction of cribbing at a cost of \$6,000 west of Lorne street, is again recommended.—Notice of the following work has been given by the city: Asphalt pavement on Carlton street, from Parlia-ment to Metcalfe streets, cost \$2,700; gravel roadway on Melbourne ave., from Cowan ave. to Dufferin street, cost \$2,000; gravel roadway on Lansdowne ave., from Queen to Union streets, cost \$3,900.-Mr. F. H. Herbert, architect. acting for one of our large manufacturing concerns, has prepared plans and will receive tenders up to the 20th inst. for the erection of a new factory building on a site immediately south of the King street subway. The building will be 42 x 150 ft., 3-story, built of heavy mill construction, and must be ready for occupation by the company on the 1st day of August next.—J. F. Brown, architect, is receiving tenders this week for mason and brickwork of residence at Napanee.—Building permits have been granted as follows : J. W. Beatty, onestory rough cast meeting house, east side Gladstone ave., south of Argyle street, cost \$1,000; Daniel Conboy, 493 King st. west, two-story and attic brick dwelling, cost \$3,800.

FIRES.

The dwelling house of Captain Hamlyn, Lancaster, N. B., was recently burned; insurance \$2,000.—A warehouse beionging to Edgecombe & Sons, Fredericton, N. B., was destroyed by fire last week, at a loss of \$5,000; insurance \$1,000.—George Vick & Son's flour mill at Orillia, Ont., was consumed by fire recently; loss \$20,000, partially covered by insurance.—The residence of James Boyd at Belleville, Ont., was burned on the 6th inst; loss \$3,000. —Fire at Whitewater, Man., on the 5th inst., destroyed the elevator of S. S. Cole. —John Brennan's tannery at Chesley, Ont., has been burned; loss, \$14,500, partly covered by insurance.—The Livingstone block at Ridgetown, Ont., was damaged by fire to the extent of \$10,000.—E. A. Small & Co.'s clothing establishment at Montreal has been partially destroyed by fire. Loss, \$50,000.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

CHATHAM, ONT. — The contract for the Nurses' Home has been let to Robertson & McKie.

PEMBROKE, ONT.—The tender of Dunlop & Co. for waterworks supplies has been accepted.

LINDSAY, ONT.--Wm. Pedlar has let the contract for his factory to George Bryans & Sons.

GODERICH, ONT.—Contracts in connection with improvements to Knox church have been let as follows : Carpentry and brickwork, Buchanan & Rhynas ; heating, J. H. Worsell ; seats, Valley City Seating Co., Dundas.

ST. JOHN, N. B The tender of Aemilius Jarvis & Co., of Toronto, has been accepted for the purchase of \$274,000 of 4 per cent. bonds.

SMITH'S FALLS, ONT. – M. L. Ryan has secured the contract for the brick block to be built on the site of the McKenzie house; cost \$11,000.

OWEN SOUND, ONT. — The Owen Sound Portland Cement Company will supply 10,000 barrels of Portland cement for Dominion canals.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The tender of S. B. Ritchie for the construction of a grand stand at the exhibition grounds, at \$4,489, has been accepted by the city council.

CHATHAM, N. B.—The tender of Mr. McDonald, of this town, for the erection of a new brick town hall has been accepted. Cost, \$73,000; architect, G. E. Fairweather.

KINGSTON, ONT.--W. Newlands has accepted the following tenders for a double brick house for Mrs. A. Thornton : Masonry, G. Newlands; carpentry and joinery, R. N. F. MacFarlane; heating, Elliott Bros.; painting and glazing, A. McMahon; plumbing and tinsmithing, McKelvey & Birch.

TORONTO, ONT. — Mr. F. H. Herbert, architect, has accepted the following tenders for a large pair of semi detached residences on St. George street Mason and brickwork, I. Bedford & Bros., plastering, C. B. Simbson; painting, W. H. Robinson, galvanized iron, A. B. Ornsby & Co., roofing, Rennie & Son; plumbing and heating, Bennett & Wright.

FREDERICTON, N. B. Simmons & Burpee have the contract for the substructure of the bridge at Blackville. The price is \$7,300. They have also the contract for building a breakwater at Margaretville, N. S., at about \$11,000,

HE Authorities at Ottawa have been investigating the merits of the new Wall Plaster, known as

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which is nearly the pure product of Asbestos, and possesses all the remarkable qualities of that mineral, being Absolutely Fire-Proof, and as a Plaster, Cohesive and Elastic, besides allowing a Perfect Surface Finish. The result of such e. amination and investigation, from actual work done in Ottawa, and the opinions of eminent Architects, is to prove that it is all that it is claimed to be. A large order has been given for this material, which is to be used in the reconstruction of the Parliament Buildings, Intely destroyed by fire.

The Authorities have shown great wisdom in their choice, as the cost over ordinary plaster is very trifling, and the advantages so manifest to every Architect who has given this remarkable production careful attention, that it cannot fail to commend itself as a positive assurance of safety against fire risk, entailing the minimum of cost for such an object.

