

OTTAWA, ONT.—The Ottawa Suburban Waterworks Co. have suspended operations on the waterworks in Ottawa East until spring. The agreement stipulates that the system, which will cost about \$30,000, must be completed by May, 1900.—The Ottawa Abattoir Co. have not yet secured a site for their proposed abattoir, but it is probable that it will be constructed at Skead's Mills. The cost of the buildings will be, approximately, \$40,000. George E. Kidd is acting for the company.—The time for receiving tenders for the construction of a power house and electric plant at the Soulanges canal has been extended by the Department of Railways and Canals to 1st December.—E. F. E. Roy, secretary Department of Public Works, wants tenders by Wednesday, December 7th, for construction of pile wharf at River Hebert, Cumberland County, N.S. Plans on application to C. E. W. Dodwell, Halifax, postmaster at River Hebert, and the above department.—The Baptist congregation of the Glebe expect to commence the erection of their new church early next spring.—Government engineers have commenced a survey of the Maria street bridge site, and the work of construction will be commenced at an early date.—The Department of Militia will shortly commence the erection of a new building for militia stores. It will be a four-story structure of considerable size.—Plans are being prepared for the new central depot, which is estimated to cost \$130,000.—It is reported that a Montreal syndicate is negotiating for the purchase of the Cardinal and Howe properties, with a view to the erection thereon of a large hotel.—Building permits have been granted as follows: David Headley, two brick veneer dwellings, Dufferin street, cost \$1,000; Miss Mary A. McDonald, frame double house, Hickey street, cost \$1,200; M. C. Kenney, three brick veneered houses, Gilmour street, cost \$3,000; F. H. Webb, brick veneered dwelling, McLeod street, cost \$900; Robert Holmes, brick veneered dwelling, Concession street, cost \$1,500; A. W. Fraser, three brick dwellings, O'Connor street, cost \$2,000 each; Thos. Cleary, three shops and dwellings, Somerset street, cost \$4,050; Taylor & Lackey, brick veneered dwelling, Blackburn ave., cost \$1,200.—In the event of the sale of the Lasalle school building to the Christian Bros., of Hull, the French Committee of the Separate School Board will be compelled to build another school building in Lower Town.

TORONTO, ONT.—Mr. G. N. Morang, publisher, has secured one of the old houses on the north side of Wellington street, immediately east of York street, and will reconstruct it throughout for business premises.—Tenders are wanted at 744 Yonge street for grading and laying 3,690 square feet of brick flooring, and supplying brick and other materials required.—Mr. J. H. Chewitt, president of the Rossin Hotel Co., announces that it has been fully decided to make improvements to the hotel, involving an expenditure of \$150,000.—Reinhardt & Co., 22 Mark street, want tenders for making and placing 25 vats of a capacity of 5,000 gallons each.—The authorities of the Western Hospital are looking for a site for a new hospital building, as the lease of the present building expires next May.—It is understood that the Postmaster-General has under consideration the erection of a large building adjacent to the Union Station for post-office purposes, in order to avoid the necessity of transporting mail matter from the depot to the post-office on Adelaide street.—At the seventh annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society held last week, the annual report presented pointed out the necessity of erecting a permanent building for the purposes of the society.—The Royal Canadian Bicycle Club have formed a

joint stock company and purchased property on Broadview avenue, near Queen street, on which to erect their proposed club house, estimated to cost \$5,000. Work will commence early in the spring.—Further stock is said to have been subscribed towards the proposed palace hotel on King street, and there is now a fair prospect of the undertaking being carried to completion.—At a meeting of the York county council held last week, the question of the erection of a bridge over the Rouge river, near the village of Markham, was considered. The village wished the county to construct the bridge, but the matter was deferred until the next session of council.—The Board of Works has deferred, until next year, consideration of the rebuilding of the Humber bridge, as recommended by the City Engineer.—The Queen City Yacht Club contemplate the erection of a new club house, and have asked the city council for a free site on the Island for the purpose.—The City Engineer has recommended that iron shelters over the sidewalk be built in both the Queen and King street subways, to protect the pedestrians from rain and snow falling through spaces between the railway ties. The cost is placed at \$3,850.—Macadam roadways are recommended on Gerrard street, from Yonge to Jarvis streets, and on Washington avenue, from Spadina avenue to Huron street, and concrete walks on Sussex avenue, from St. George to Huron street, and on St. George street, from Lowther to Bernard avenues.—Building permits have been granted as below: John Ewing, three two-storey brick houses, 30 to 34 Afton avenue, cost \$3,600; W. J. Parks, two-storey and attic brick residence, west side Delaware avenue, north of College, cost \$3,500; Chas. Stark, two-storey and attic brick dwelling, south side of Maple avenue, near Sherbourne, cost \$5,000; James Henderson, two-storey and attic brick residence, south side Maple avenue, near Sherbourne, cost \$4,500; John Morrison, two storey and attic brick residence, west side Jarvis street, near Bloor, cost \$6,000; Dr. G. S. Ryerson, two storey and attic brick residence, north side of Bloor street, near Spadina avenue, cost \$8,000 (F. H. Herbert, architect); Reinhardt & Co., three-storey brick and stone addition to brewery, 22 Mark street, cost \$5,000; Salvation Army, addition to barracks, 122 to 126 Lisgar street, cost \$1,200.—The city council has given notice of its intention to construct a cement concrete sidewalk on both sides of Madison avenue, from Bloor street to Bernard avenue, at a cost of \$3,647, and a 24 foot macadam roadway on Sword street, from Spruce to Gerrard streets, at a cost of \$1,052.—Mr. Henry Simpson, architect, is this week taking tenders on the new warehouse for the J. F. Brown Co.—The vinegar trust, known as the Wilson-Lytle-Badgerow Company of Ontario, have purchased a block of land at the corner of Front street and Spadina ave., and propose to construct thereon a new building, to cost \$16,000, and having a frontage of about 120 feet. Mr. W. R. Gregg, architect, has prepared the plans and let the contracts for masonry work to Orr Bros., of 123 Lippincott street. Tenders for the balance of the trades will be awarded immediately.—Matthew Sheard, architect, will this week present to the City Council his report on plans for remodelling St. Lawrence market.—R. M. Ramsay and C. M. Adams, of Chicago, and J. P. Wagner, of Buffalo, are considering the erection in this city of extensive works for the manufacture of girders and general iron work for buildings.—The marine section of the Board of Trade met on Monday last to consider harbor and water-front improvements. No scheme was decided upon, but the question will again be taken up at a later meeting.—The congregation of Asbury Methodist church, North Toronto,

destroyed by fire recently, is now considering the question of rebuilding.

FIRES.

Fires of the past week included the following: Lakeview Hotel, Phillipsburg, Que.—Large warehouse at Liverpool, N. S., owned by John Millard.—The air compressor buildings of the Wellington mines near Nanaimo, B.C., together with engine and boiler.—The abattoirs of the municipality of Delorimier, a suburb of Montreal; loss \$15,000, partially covered by insurance.—C.P.R. station at Viriden, Man., totally destroyed.—Gerow's cheese factory near Napanee, Ont.; loss \$2,700, insurance \$1,800.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

PRESTON, ONT.—C. Kress has just let the contract for the erection of a large hotel.

FERGUS, ONT.—\$2,800 of school debentures, running 15 years at 5 per cent., have been sold at \$3,060.

MOUNT ALBERT, ONT.—Woodcock Bros. have the contract for a building, 19 x 30 feet, for Mrs. I. McFarlane.

WATERLOO, ONT.—The contract for the brickwork on the Waterloo Mfg. Co.'s building has been let to John Letter.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The tender of Dobson & Jackson, at \$849, for a sewer on Henry avenue, has been accepted.

ST. CATHARINES, ONT.—The contract for remodelling the old Noy store for the Imperial Bank has been given to Newman Bros.

DUNDAS, ONT. The carpenter work for the new building for the Bertram Tool Co. will be executed by Joseph Bowman & Co.

GRAND FORKS, B. C.—The Canadian Investment Co., of Toronto, has purchased \$15,000 of city bonds, at 90 cents on the dollar.

EDMONTON, N.W.T.—Little & Co. have been awarded the contract for the brick required for the new R. C. church to be built here next year.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.—S. G. Tidy has been awarded the contract for building the new opera house, James Marshall securing the painting and decorating.

HULL, QUE.—Viau & Lachance, contractors, of this place, have obtained from the Dominion government a contract to build a quay at Baie St. Paul; price about \$15,000.

MERRITTON, ONT.—Tenders for rebuilding No. 2 ward school were received as follows: Samuel Pettigrew, \$610; John Livingstone, \$567; W. A. Logan, \$463.30 (accepted).

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.—Messrs. Ellis & Clark, architects, have let the contract for a residence on River road for A. T. Simpson, mail clerk, to James Harriman, for all trades. The contract amounts to about \$3,000.

CORNWALL, ONT.—W. W. Hendershott, of this place, has entered into a contract with the Ottawa & New York Railway Co. to rip-rap their St. Lawrence river bridge here with about 3,000 cubic yards of stone.

CHATHAM, ONT.—The town has sold \$21,385 of local improvement debentures to the Merchants Bank. The tenders received were as follows: Merchants' Bank, \$22,775.09; F. Marx, \$22,549.86; G. A. Stimson & Co., Toronto, \$22,540.73; R. Wilson Smith, Montreal, \$22,423.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—Geo. T. Fulford, of the Pink Pill Company, has let the contract for a \$75,000 residence on the property purchased from the Hon. W. J. Christie, situated on the banks of the St. Lawrence river. This will be one of the finest private residences in this town.