

WHITBY, ONT.—The town council has appointed a deputation to proceed to Ottawa with a petition signed by all the leading residents of the town and riding, praying for the erection of a new post office and custom house building.

W. TORONTO JUNCTION.—Mr. Ellis, architect, is preparing plans for residences for Mr. Peake, Mr. John Turner and Mr. Pim.—The Presbyterian congregation is contemplating the building of a new church at a cost of about \$25,000.

GALT, ONT.—The water works committee have decided to engage Mr. Chipman, C. E., Toronto, to prepare plans and report as to the best system of water works for the town, and, if adopted by the town council, will be submitted to the ratepayers for approval.

GRANBY, QUE.—A large number of new buildings are to be commenced this spring, among which may be mentioned a new block on Main street, to include post office and other offices. The Granby Rubber Company also purpose erecting a new and more commodious warehouse in connection with their factory.

KINGSTON, ONT.—At the Easter vestry meeting it was decided to enlarge St. George's Cathedral.—Mrs. Nickle has placed at the disposal of the hospital board \$10,000 left as a bequest by her husband. A new wing will be built, to be called the Nickle wing.—A site is said to have been selected between Clarence and Johnston streets for a depot for the Kingston and Smith's Falls Railway.

MONCTON, N. B.—Tenders are asked until the 19th inst. by D. Pottinger, Superintendent Intercolonial Railway, here, for the construction and delivery of one pair of steel plate girders for a deck bridge of sixty-five feet clear span; also for one pair of steel plate girders for a through bridge of sixty feet clear span. Also for the construction of a stone arched culvert of fifteen feet span, near Sackville, N. B. Plans and specifications at the Chief Engineer's office, Moncton.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The Street Railway Company contemplate the construction of an electric belt line on James street south, Herkimer and Locke streets, and King street west.—Mr. Balfour, architect, has completed plans for a new building for the Bell Telephone Co., and tenders will be asked immediately for its erection.—The Sewers Committee recommends the construction of sewers on the following streets: Pipe sewer on Oxford street, between York and Barton streets; pipe sewer on Barton street, from Queen to Locomotive streets, thence on Locomotive street, from Barton to York streets; pipe sewer on Cannon street, from James to Macnab streets; pipe sewer on King William street, from Ashley to Wentworth streets; pipe sewer on Main street, from the west end sewer to Pearl street.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The city council will grant \$3,000 towards the cost of erecting on Place D'Armes a statue to Maisonneuve, the first Governor of Montreal.—A new fire station is to be erected in St. Gabriel Ward.—Funds are being raised to increase the seating accommodation of Calvin Presbyterian church.—Mr. W. C. McDonald has given to McGill University the sum of \$400,000, the half of which is to be spent in the erection and equipment of a building for technical education and physics.—The parish church and presbytery of St. Monique, 81 miles east of this city, was destroyed by fire a few days ago. The loss is about \$50,000.—A committee has been appointed to further the project to establish an industrial home or training school for girls.—The City Surveyor recommends that the following permanent work be done on the streets this year at an estimated cost of \$44,920:—Victoria square and St. James street, asphalt; St. Catherine street, in three sections, wood; Notre Dame street, from Papineau road to Frontenac street, granite; St. Lawrence, from Craig to Lagachetiere, wood; St. Lambert, granite; Place D'Armes hill, granite; Wellington street, from St. Patrick to Mullins street, granite; Sherbrooke street, from St. Denis to Union avenue, asphalt; St. Peters street, from Craig to St. James, granite; and from Notre Dame to Commissioners, asphalt, Papineau square and road to St. Catherine, wood. Sidewalks: Victoria square, St. James, St. Lawrence and Craig streets.—It has been decided that the first section of the permanent paving of Main street shall be done this year, commencing not sooner than the 1st of August.—Col. Gzowski, of Toronto, and Mr. John Page, Chief Engineer of Canals, have been appointed by Government to report on the plans for the improvement of Montreal harbor, with a view to ascertaining whether the south shore would be flooded as the result of carrying out the work on proposed lines.—The Superintendent of Water Works asks tenders until the 15th inst. for brass castings and lumber.

TORONTO, ONT.—Mr. E. J. Lennox, architect, has prepared plans for a five storey brick and stone athletic club house. The estimated cost is in the neighborhood of \$100,000. The citizens will be asked to subscribe stock for the erection of the building.—The congregation of St. John's Presbyterian church, at the corner of Bolton avenue and Gerrard street, have decided to enlarge the church.—The sum of \$21,750 appears in the estimates of the Public School Board for school furniture.—Extensive alterations are to be made in the residence of the engineer of the high level pumping station.—New water mains will be laid on Castle Frank avenue, Cottingham street, Elmsley place and Frizzell avenue.—\$1,250 has been subscribed towards the purchase of a site and erection of a Presbyterian mission church on Well's Hill.—At a meeting of the vestry of St. Stephen's Church, College street, held on Monday night last, it was decided to enlarge

the present building.—New tenders will be asked for sand required by the Board of Works.—The Property Committee has approved of a renewable lease being granted the promoters of a new hotel on the Island. The project will therefore go ahead.—A sub-committee of the Property Committee of the city council recommends that an appropriation of \$25,000 be asked for the purpose of erecting a new market building at St. Patrick's market.—Tenders will be received by Mr. R. A. Smith, 18 King St. west, until noon to-day, (Saturday) for the construction of wharves at Hanlan's Point on the Island.—Morgan Baldwin, Harbor Master, will receive tenders until noon of the 21st inst., for dredging in Toronto harbor.—Ex-alderman Pells is said to have purchased a site near St. Andrews market on which to erect a theatre with a seating capacity of 2,000. He is also said to be contemplating the erection of a similar structure on Yonge street north.—The following building permits have been granted: R. T. Brown, four two-storey and attic bk. dwells, on Wood St., and nine three-storey bk dwells on east side Simcoe St., north of Queen, \$37,000; Dorset Mission school, three-storey bk. building on Nelson St., near John, \$7,500, George Williamson, three-storey store on north-west corner of College and Ossington Aves., \$1,500; M. A. Wiggins, pr. s. d. two-storey and attic bk. dwells., Birch Ave., \$3,200; Dr. Clouse, two-storey and attic bk. residence, College St., east of Markham St., \$2,800.—The vestry of St. John's Anglican church, Norway, have resolved upon the erection of a new edifice at once.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

AMHERSTBURG, ONT.—The contract for re-building the town hall has been given to Mr. P. Davin, the price being \$4,587.

WOODSTOCK, ONT.—Mr. Wm. Griffiths, of this town, has been awarded the contract for the erection of a large hotel at Dallas, Texas, to cost \$315,000.

W. TORONTO JUNCTION.—The contract has been let for the building of the Disciples' church. Mr. J. W. Butchart will do the carpenter and joiner work and Mr. T. Aris the brick and mason work, and the plumbing and gas-fitting will be done under the personal supervision of Mr. J. A. Ellis, architect.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The Hamilton Bridge Company have been awarded the contract for the iron work on the new Bothwell bridge. The total cost of the bridge will be about \$25,000.—The tender of John Nicholson for constructing the sewer on King William street, between Ashley and Wentworth streets, at 35 cents per foot, has been accepted.—The Board of Works has awarded the following contracts to the lowest tenderers: Lumber, Mickle, Dymont & Son, Barrie, \$12 per 1,000; laying sidewalks, John Nicholson, \$14.85 and \$14.25; laying tamarac blocks, James Rogers, 50 cents per square yard.

PERSONALS.

Messrs. La Montague & Engen, contractors, Montreal, have assigned, with liabilities of \$28,600.

Mr. R. P. Mitchell, well-known throughout Canada as a railroad contractor, died at Belleville, Ont., on the 7th inst., from a complication of troubles following an attack of la grippe. Mr. Mitchell was in his 36th year. His son is a prominent civil engineer in St. John, Nfld.

PLANS FOR ELEVATOR CONSTRUCTION.

There is absolutely no reason whatever why an elevator shaft should not be built in such a manner that in the event of fire it would lead the flames directly upward through the roof without spreading them through the other floors of the building. It is perfect nonsense to say that the present incendiary construction of most of these elevator shafts is necessary. They can and should build with substantial brick walls, with practicable fire doors at each landing, should be carried above the roof, and should be covered with glass, after the manner which has been adopted in the most modern theater construction for skylights above the stage. It is a simple question of money, and in the common interests of humanity the owners of property should be compelled to build in this manner. The quick and destructive communication of the fire to every storey of the Maillard building on Union Square, and the leap of the flames from bottom to top of McKesson & Robbins' big drug warehouse, on Fulton street, New York, was directly due to the same agency, involving heavy losses, most of which, had the shaft been differently built, would have undoubtedly been averted. In the case of existing unenclosed elevators and hoisways, the use of automatically closing hatches at each floor should also be made compulsory.—*Fire and Water.*

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