

Labery, of this city, and Damase Jalbert, of Lake Bouchette.

**CORNWALL, ONT.**—A deputation from Ottawa and this town recently waited upon the Ontario government asking for a bonus of \$2,000 per mile towards the construction of the Ottawa and New York Railway, also for \$50,000 towards the construction of a bridge across the St. Lawrence at this place.—The Town Council is negotiating with the Toronto Rubber & Shoe Company, of Port Dalhousie, with a view to the removal of their factories to this town. The company desire to secure a site where they can enlarge their present business, and at the same time obtain a water power of 300 or 400 horse-power.

**LISTOWEL, ONT.**—W. E. Binning, architect, is preparing plans for a pressed brick residence for McKinnon & Co., of Blyth, having tower and slate roof, tiled gables, mantles, plumbing, and a combination system of heating. Contracts will be let about 1st February. Same architect is preparing plans for brick and stone farm residences for Jas. Dickson and Geo. Maybury, of the township of Helmo. Both will be substantial farm houses, supplied with all modern comforts.—It is probable that a by-law will be submitted to the ratepayers this summer to acquire and control the waterworks and electric light systems, now in the hands of a company.

**WINNIPEG, MAN.**—At the last meeting of the Board of Works the question of a site for the proposed central fire hall was considered. A communication was received from the Secretary of the municipality of Rosser offering to join with the city in improving the roads leading into Winnipeg. It was stated that 273,000 feet of lumber would be required for overhead bridges.—It is reported that Toronto and New York capitalists have formed a syndicate to build a line of railway from Winnipeg to Duluth. The names of Senator Cox and William McKenzie, of Toronto, are mentioned in connection with the project.—The Fire, Water and Light Committee have decided to ask for tenders for a new boiler for the "Alex. Brown" steamer.

**MONTREAL, QUE.**—Mr. A. J. Corriveau states that the Montreal and South Shore Railway will be proceeded with early in the spring.—Plans submitted by Perreault & Gordon, architects, for improving the sanitary condition of the city hall, have been accepted by the City Hall Committee.—The City bill has passed the council of the Quebec Legislature.—Tenders have been opened for a site for the proposed new morgue, but no selection has as yet been made.—The Chambre de Commerce has forwarded to the Dominion Government and the Harbor Commissioners the report of the committee on navigation concerning improvements to the ship channel and pilotage system.—Roy & Contant, architects, are calling for tenders for the finishing and decorations of the St. Alphonse de Liguori Church at Chapeau Iles aux Allumettes.—Jos. Venne, architect, is taking tenders for the interior decorations of St. John Baptist church.—W. E. Doran, architect, has invited tenders for an extension to a house on Alexander street, for P. Wright.

**LONDON, ONT.**—Building permits have been granted as follows: John Perdom, residence for the Dominion Savings Society; two brick houses on Talbot street, near the High School.—The City Engineer is said to be opposed to the erection of a new city hall. He advocates the remodelling of the present building.—In his inaugural address to the city council, Mayor Wilson stated that a committee should be appointed to procure all possible information regarding the question of electric light. He thought it might be advisable to submit a by-law to the ratepayers at an early date to provide for the

corporation installing its own electric light plant. The present contract for lighting the streets will expire next year.—The Ontario government have appropriated the sum of \$25,000 to commence the building of the new Normal School in this city. The building will cost \$60,000, and will probably be ready for occupancy next year.

**OTTAWA, ONT.**—Alfred St. Laurent has secured the premises at 52 Rideau street, and will remodel the same, at a cost of \$3,000. A new front will be put in the building.—Dr. Robillard is of the opinion that steps should be taken at once to erect the necessary hospital buildings on Porter's Island.—Mr. G. C. Dunn, chief engineer of the Ottawa & Gatineau Valley and Pontiac & Pacific Junction railways, states that work on the interprovincial bridge will be commenced in the course of a few days, and that \$50,000 will be spent on the work by the middle of March.—In view of the legislation passed by the Dominion government prohibiting mill men from dumping sawdust into the Ottawa river, preparations are being made at several of the mills to erect burners to consume the refuse.—It is probable that during the coming summer an addition will be built to the First Baptist church.—A rumor has been current that the property at the corner of Elgin and Sparks streets had been purchased by the Imperial Life Insurance Co., and that a new building would be erected on the site next summer. The report, however, lacks confirmation.—L. K. Jones, secretary Department of Railways and Canals, will receive tenders until the 31st inst., for the masonry, etc., in substructure of swing and stationary bridges, the erection, maintenance and removal of a temporary timber bridge, and the removal of the present swing and fixed bridge in St. Gabriel Locks, at the intersection of Seigneur street, Montreal, Quebec. Plans may be seen at the office of the Chief Engineer of the Department of Railways and Canals, this city, and at the office of the Superintending Engineer, Lachine Canal, Montreal.—The Church of England will erect a new church in the parish lying south of Patterson's Creek and north of the Rideau Canal.—The C.P.R. has decided to build a large saw-mill at the Crows Nest Pass, at a cost of \$50,000.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—The Ontario government has made a grant towards dredging at the mouth of the river in the Temiscamingue district.—Tenders will be received by Mr. F. H. Herbert, architect, until noon Friday, the 21st inst., for the erection of a new detached residence on South Drive, Rosedale. Plans may be seen at the office of the architect.—Messrs. Jessop & Sons, the well known steel manufacturers of Sheffield, England, through their Toronto agent, Mr. C. M. Bayley, have arranged to erect a building at No. 80 Bay street, suited to the requirements of their business, and to cost about \$20,000. It will be 27 x 110 feet in size, and consist of two stories and basement, so designed as to permit of additional stories being imposed in the future.—In his fortnightly report to the Board of Works, presented on Monday last, the City Engineer recommends the construction of an asphalt pavement on Carlton street, from Yonge street to Jarvis street, at a cost of \$15,450, and a brick pavement on gravel foundation on Huron street, between College street and Grange ave., at a cost of \$12,700. Brick sidewalks are also recommended on the following streets: King street, south side, between Strachan ave. and Walnut street, cost \$508; Carr street, north side, between Esther and west end of street, cost \$595; Elm street, south side, Chestnut to Elizabeth streets, cost \$142; Stewart street, north side, Portland to Bathurst, cost \$510; Carlyle, east side, St. Patrick street to Bellevue place, cost \$200.—Property owners on

Shaw street have petitioned for the construction of a brick pavement with concrete foundation and stone curbs.—The Ontario government has decided to erect a new Boy's Reformatory in North Oxford.—Ald. Hanlan will move in council for the construction of a sidewalk and bicycle path to extend around the entire Island shore.—At the next meeting of the Public School Board the proposition to erect a new school on the Winchester street site will be considered.—The City Clerk has received a petition for the construction of an asphalt pavement on McCaul street, instead of brick, as recommended by the City Engineer. Residents on Elgin ave. and Davenport road have petitioned against an asphalt pavement and macadam roadway respectively.—A deputation, consisting of Rev. Mr. Pady and others, have requested the co-operation of the Baptist Home Mission Board in securing the erection of a new church in East Toronto.—In all probability new tenders will be invited by the City Council for elevators for the municipal buildings. Tenderers will also be required to state the cost of a plant to generate power for the electric elevators, and the additional cost of so enlarging this plant as to supply light for the building also.—Ald. Leslie will move at the next meeting of the Council that a special committee be appointed to arrange for the fitting up of the new municipal buildings. The cost of the fittings will be about \$30,000.—The supplementary estimates of the Ontario government contain the following appropriations: James Bay Railway, \$270,000; Ontario and Rainy River Railway, \$120,000; Pembroke Southern Railway, for a line between Pembroke and Golden Lake, a distance of 3½ miles, \$10,500; Irondale, Bancroft and Ottawa Railway, for 10 miles of road, \$30,000; Bay of Quinte Railway, \$90,000; deepening the Canard river in Essex County, \$5,000; site for Boy's Reformatory in Oxford County, between Woodstock and Ingersoll, \$7,500; to improve, by dredging, etc., the Moose, Payne and Maitland rivers, \$9,500.—Building permits have been granted as follows: W. Davies Co., Beachell street, brick smoke stack 130 ft. high, also 2-story brick addition to factory, east side Beachell street, cost \$30,000; Mr. Harwood, 2-story and attic brick dwelling, north side Marion street, cost \$2,000; Givens Bros., 69 Queen st. ave., 3 attached, 2-story rough-cast brick front, dwellings, east side Givens street, south of Bloor, cost \$1,500; Geo. Bertram & Co., 2-story machine shop and 1-story shed, south side Esplanade, east of Queen's wharf, cost \$3,000; People's Coal Co., coal shed and hoppers, 120 x 120 ft., on Esplanade st., foot of Bathurst st., cost \$4,000.

#### FIRES.

The Napierville woollen mills, at Napierville, Que., owned by A. Merizzi, were destroyed by fire on Tuesday. The loss will be about \$10,000.—The Commercial Hotel at New Hamburg, Ont., has been burned. The building was owned by Benjamin Spahr, of Clifford, and was valued at \$10,000.—The Turner block at Gananoque, Ont., was damaged by fire on the 16th inst.—The Loyola College, on St. Catherines st., Montreal, was recently damaged by fire to the extent of \$5,000. The loss is fully covered by insurance.—The saw-mill and cheese box factory of W. J. Moses, at Vernon, Ont., in Osgoode township, was burned to the ground last week. The loss is estimated at \$8,000. The residence of James A. Tufts, of Upper Corner, Sussex, N.B., was burned last week. The building originally cost over \$25,000, and was insured for \$8,000.—A building on Adelaide street west, Toronto, owned by C. A. Hubbard, was gutted by fire recently. The stock and machinery of the Dominion Paper Box Company and the Toronto Electrical Works, tenants of the building,