

**CONTRACTS OPEN.**

**PRESCOTT, ONT.**—It is reported that the C. P. R. will build a new dock here.

**HALIFAX, N. S.**—Sewers are to be constructed on Louisburg St. and Jubilee road.

**PORT ESSINGTON, B. C.**—Messrs. R. Cunningham & Sons are building a large hotel.

**CHAMBLY, QUE.**—It is reported that the Yule bridge is to be re-built the present winter.

**SHERBROOKE, QUE.**—A site has been secured on Court street for the erection of a curling rink.

**NAPANEE, ONT.**—The Salvation Army will erect a new brick barracks here, at a cost of \$1,500.

**SHEDDEN, ONT.**—Mr. Warwick, of Southwold Station, is negotiating for the erection of a flour mill here.

**CHATHAM, ONT.**—Messrs. Hiram Walker & Sons will build a large bottling establishment in the spring.

**BARRIE, ONT.**—The erection of a grain elevator, creamery and hospital buildings is under consideration.

**ELMVALE, ONT.**—Mr. Kennedy, architect, Barrie, is preparing plans for additions to the Queen's Hotel.

**SPRINGFIELD, MAN.**—The council of the municipality is considering the construction of a bridge over the Red river.

**OWEN SOUND, ONT.**—A site has been selected for the Hay chair factory, and the buildings will be proceeded with at once.

**GALT, ONT.**—The Women's Hospital Aid Society will shortly build a cottage for the treatment of infectious diseases, at a cost of \$3,000.

**LONDON, ONT.**—McBride & Jones, architects, will receive tenders until the 25th inst. for the erection of a Methodist Church in East London.

**TORONTO JUNCTION, ONT.**—The town engineer will receive tenders for stone masonry work, particulars of which may be obtained at his office.

**WOODSOCK, ONT.**—The engineers of the South Ontario Pacific Railway are making surveys of the proposed new line through and east of this town.

**MIDLAND, ONT.**—A survey is being made for a branch of the G. T. R. five miles in length, to connect this place with the northern line at Perkinsfield.

**WATERLOO, ONT.**—The Ball Electric Light Company has purchased a site on which to erect a building for their engine, boiler and electric light machinery.

**BROCKVILLE, ONT.**—Mr. J. C. Judd, of this town, has purchased property on Little Cranberry Lake, on which he intends erecting a summer hotel, at a cost of \$4,000.

**KINGSTON, ONT.**—Morton's distillery on King street has been purchased by L. H. Clarke & Co., of Toronto. The buildings will be improved and a large warehouse and wharf built.

**WINNIPEG, MAN.**—Engineers have begun the survey of the water power on the westerly outlet of the Lake of the Woods. It is understood that an immense dam will be built below the lower falls. Only one tender was received for the construction of the electric street railway.

**VICTORIA, B. C.**—Messrs. Keefer & Smith, of this city, are preparing plans for a dyke to be constructed around Boundary Bay by the municipality of Delta. The estimated cost is \$20,000. Mr. John Teigue has prepared plans for the proposed Oddfellows' Hall to be erected here.

**NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.**—Plans have been prepared for a new brick building to be erected by Messrs. Duncan & Batchelor between the Public Library and the Y. M. C. A. Hall. New brick buildings are to be erected on the corner of Columbia and McKenzie streets by Messrs. Curtis and Burns.

**VANCOUVER, B. C.**—Mr. C. O. Wickenden, architect, is calling for tenders for the erection of the new Bank of British North America building. Tenders are shortly to be called for heating the

new wing to the city hospital. The City Engineer is preparing plans for a new school in the west end and a new High School. The Board propose to spend \$10,000 next year.

**OTTAWA, ONT.**—Mr. Thomas Munroe, engineer of the Soulages canal, is preparing specifications for the work, and it is expected that tenders will be called for during the approaching winter, so that construction will begin early in the spring. An appropriation of \$300,000 was made for this work at the last session of Parliament.

**HAMILTON, ONT.**—The Board of Works have decided to open Grant avenue southward as far as Ida street. Mr. Thos. Lawry has been granted exemption from taxation on buildings which he proposes to erect at a cost of \$10,000 to \$20,000. Mrs. Buttle has made an offer to the Government for the purchase of the old post office property, with a view of converting it into an hotel. A building permit has been granted to Mrs. C. Buttle for a two-story brick dwellings on Hughson street, between Gore and Cannon streets, to cost \$3,000.

**GUELPH, ONT.**—Thos. H. Gemmill, of the Guelph Steam Dye Works, has applied to the Council for exemption from taxation for the purpose of extending his works. The Waterworks Committee have recommended the construction of the following works: water mains on Perth street, Elora road, Nottingham street, Mill street, Chambers and Waterloo streets, at an estimated cost of \$5,000; two new steel boilers, cost \$2,000; enlarging boiler and coal house, cost \$1,500; sewer on York road and Neeve street, from engine house, cost \$7,000. The Medical Health Officer has recommended the construction at an early date of a system of sewerage.

**MONTREAL, QUE.**—A committee will shortly be appointed by the City Council to report on the construction of a subway under the Grand Trunk railway at the corner of Shearer and Congregation streets. The report of the Grand Jury to the Court of Queen's Bench contains a recommendation that a new jiff be erected at an early date. Mr. R. Bickerdike has presented a petition to the City Council asking permission to build a surface railroad from the Grand Trunk depot west to the city limits, and through St. Cune-gonde and St. Henri to Cote St. Paul. Tenders are invited by the town engineer of Maisonneuve for the construction of a sewer on St. Catherine street. Mr. L. J. Seargeant, General Manager Grand Trunk Railway, will receive tenders until the 25th inst. for grading, masonry, track laying and ballasting on the line between Vaudreuil and Brownville, Que. Plans at the Chief Engineer's office, this city. The City Council are considering the erection of a retaining wall on Seigneurs street, at a cost of \$10,000, and the widening of the street. Labelle street is to be widened, from Dorchester street to St. Catherine street. The City Clerk has received for presentation to the Council at its next meeting, a petition from proprietors for the widening of St. Antoine street to 60 feet throughout, that is, from Crmig street to the city limits. It is the intention at present to widen as far as Mountain street to eighty feet and thence westward to sixty feet.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—J. A. Fowler, 13 Victoria st., wants tenders for all trades for the erection of two houses on Spencer Ave. At the next meeting of the Council a motion will be presented for leave to submit a by-law to the ratepayers for the issue of debentures to the amount of \$300,000 for the purpose of constructing a high level swing bridge across the Don river. A sub-committee of the City Council has recommended the erection of a crematory on the lake front opposite Strachan Ave. The Museum Committee of the Public Library have recommended that the music hall be converted into a public museum, at a cost of \$9,000. Plans have been prepared and tenders will be called at an early date. The following building permits have been granted: H. & E. Hudson, eight attached stores and dwellings, s. w. cor. Dovercourt and Queen st., cost \$30,000; J. Watson, additions to factory, rear 115 Queen st. e., cost \$1,000; T. G. Keeping, pr. s. d. 2

story and attic bk. dwellings, e. side Manning ave., n. of College st., cost \$8,600; I. O. O. F., 4 story bk. building, cor. Yonge and College sts., cost \$30,000; Davidson & Scott, two pr. s. d. 2 story and attic bk. dwellings, w. side Huron st., s. of Bernard ave., cost \$24,000; T. Eaton & Co., 4 story bk. addition, James street, cost \$10,000. The Board of Works have approved of the extension of Royce Ave. The Medical Health Officer has recommended the establishment of a special hospital for the care of patients suffering from diphtheria, at a cost of \$1,500. Superintendent Hamilton has recommended the construction of mains on Bain Ave. and North Drive. The Sites and Buildings Committee of the Public School Board has been instructed to report on the advisability of erecting an eight-roomed school in Rosedale. It has been suggested that \$20,000 be placed in the estimates of the Council next year for the erection of two additional garbage crematories. The authorities of the Toronto University have under consideration the erection of a Chemistry Laboratory in Toronto. Mr. Van Horne, President of the C. P. R., states that an agreement has almost been reached with the Grand Trunk Railway for the erection of a union passenger depot. A by-law has been read the first time in the City Council for a swing bridge over the lines of the C. P. R. and Belt Line railroad at the Don river. Mr. J. S. Graham, of 355 Euclid avenue, is looking for a suitable site on which to erect several houses. Mr. H. J. Smith is excavating for one detached and pair semi-detached solid brick houses on south-west corner of Euclid avenue and Lennox street. Smallwood Bros. have the contract for brickwork. Other contracts not let. William Belshaw is excavating for a row of brick dwellings to be erected on the south side of Wilton ave. The City Council has decided to ask permission of the Railway Committee of the Privy Council to widen the Queen St. subway, and extend Dufferin St. at a cost of \$100,000, and to assess the different railway companies as well as the properties benefited for their proper proportion of the cost. Mr. Charles Carpmann, director of the Meteorological Service, has lately returned from the maritime provinces, where he selected suitable sites at St. John, N. B., and the south-west point of Anticosti, for the erection of tidal observation stations. Mrs. Roach has sold to Mr. Pepler a lot on Lippincott St. on which he intends erecting a couple of houses. E. Sexton is excavating for five solid brick houses with basements on the west side of Dalhousie St. Mr. Wm. Wany has the contract for brickwork—other contracts not let.

**FIRES.**

A saw mill at Richibucto, N. B., was burned on the 16th inst. Loss, \$28,000; insurance, \$12,000. The dwelling houses of E. Bougie and Charles Driscoll at Trenton, Ont., were burned on the 14th inst. Loss covered by insurance. The Carlton electric light station, together with Clarke's box mill, at St. John, N. B., were completely destroyed by fire on Thursday last. Loss \$15,000. Messrs. Wood & Bailey's factory and Mrs. Wm. P. Mach's residence at Smith's Mills, Que., were burned recently. Loss on factory and machinery, \$10,000; insurance, \$4,000. McCready & Son's vinegar works, near St. John, N. B., were burned on the 14th inst. Loss, \$14,000; insurance, \$10,000. They will rebuild immediately. Moses Gay's residence near Thorncliffe, Ont., was burned on the 15th inst. The planing mill belonging to Lawrence & Sons, at Sarnia, Ont., was totally destroyed by fire on the 17th inst. Loss on building and machinery, \$8,000; no insurance. The residence of Mr. Bortean, at St. Boniface, Man., was totally destroyed by fire on the 17th inst. Mr. John Gilmour's residence at Gatineau Mills was burned on the 18th inst. Loss, \$10,000; insurance, \$6,000. On the 18th inst. fire at Beamsville, Ont., destroyed the following buildings: A. Dodsworth's undertaking and furniture establishment, John Marr's tailor shop and livery, James McLaughlin's boot and shoe store, W. J. White's bakery and flour and feed store, and the express office and flour and feed store occupied by Arnes & Tweedle.

**CONTRACTS AWARDED.**

**HALIFAX, N. S.**—Mr. Samuel A. Marshall has been awarded the contract for making additions to the Victoria Hospital.

**LONDON, ONT.**—Mr. McBride, architect, has awarded contracts as follows for the construction of the Home for Aged People: Brickwork, John Layman; carpentry, Wright & Durand. Cost, \$13,000.

**CHATHAM, ONT.**—Out of a host of tenders ranging from \$4,000 to \$9,000, the Works Committee, in consultation with the City Engineer, decided on recommending the acceptance of that submitted by G. & J. Brown, Belleville, for the erection of the new 3rd St. swing bridge, the price to be \$5,500.