

FIRES

G.T.R. station, elevator and other property at Caledonia, Ont., loss \$15,000.

Foundry building of Stevenson Doiler Works, Petrolea, Ont., loss \$4,000.

Factory building of A. L. David, Montreal, Que. loss \$2,000.

Store and dwellings of H.E. Landry and others at Casselman, Ont., loss \$16,000.

BUSINESS NOTES.

In connection with the scheme for developing tremendous power on the Shuswap, in the district of Kamloops, B. C., notice is given that application will shortly be made for the incorporation of a company under the name of The Western Improvement Company.

Application will also be made for the incorporation of the Dominion Lumbering and Power Development Company, Limited, notice of which is given by L. J. Beique, solicitor, Montreal.

The Saskatchewan Power Company will seek incorporation for the purpose of generating electricity from the River Saskatchewan in the Saskatoon District.

A charter has been obtained by A. McCall Company, Limited, general contractors and builders, capitalized at \$20,000, with head office at Toronto.

The Brandon school board have disposed of \$49,000 worth of five per cent debentures to the Neeven Company, of Chicago, at 90.

A thirty-day option has been given to Wood, Gundy & Co., Toronto, on \$250,000 thirty-year debentures of the City of Calgary at 89 net. In the event of the sale going through the money will be spent upon the completion of public works.

It is reported that the contracting firm of Beaton & Hallett, Edmonton, Alta., have dissolved.

Limoges & Carrieres, builders etc., Montreal, have registered.

The assets of George R. Tomlinson, Kingston, Ont., dealer in electrical supplies, are advertised for sale.

C. J. Barrett's planing mill at Weyburn, Sask., has been purchased by L. J. Walstead & Co.

The efforts of the shareholders of the Raven Lake Portland Cement Company, Limited, of Raven Lake, Ont., to save the concern from liquidation proved futile. A winding-up order has been granted and the Trusts & Guarantee Company, Ltd., have been appointed provisional liquidators.

Late registrations of building firms at Montreal, Que., include E. Godman & Co., Labelle & Neven, and A. Lemaire and Company.

BUILDING NEWS.

The Portage la Prairie school board recently received an application for a new school building from the Galicians of that town. This they were disposed to consider. Upon enquiry however, it was discovered that while a few progressive spirits were really anxious to get the school, the greatest apathy was evinced by the majority, who, if anything, seemed to prefer the present limited means of educating their children, and so the application was accordingly set aside.

Western enterprise has been well illustrated by the town of Langham, Sask., who quite recently purchased a site for municipal buildings and entered upon construction work last week. The new buildings will include a town hall, fire hall, police station and town clerk's office.

In real estate circles at London, Ont., and in many other cities throughout the Dominion, it seems to be the general consensus of opinion that the number of small houses now being erected is entirely inadequate to meet the growing demands of the settler. "It I had 50 small houses," said a prominent real estate agent of the Forest City, "I could rent them in no time. Everybody who comes along these days is asking for small houses. By a small house I mean one for which the rent does not exceed ten or twelve dollars a month."

Tenders have just closed for the construction of Calgary's street railway system which it is hoped will be completed within a year.

October building permits at Victoria, B.C., eclipsed the figure for September by \$20,000. The total was \$81,875 against slightly over \$60,000 for the previous month.

That the city of Vancouver is rapidly expanding is evidenced in the report recently submitted to the civic water commission by Superintendent Madison showing that during three months no less than 500 new water systems were installed and nearly seven miles of mains laid.

So great is the demand for medium-priced houses in Vancouver, that, according to a leading real estate man of that city, syndicates are being formed for the construction, next season, of whole blocks of the desired class of property. Many new arrivals have been coming in from the North West and in addition to these there is

a constant influx of the better class of immigrants. While for the present these people are contented with renting and rooming it is anticipated that a hitherto unprecedented demand for homes will be made next year and it is thought that the proposed syndicates will be a great relief to the situation.

In order to divert new industries to Peterborough, Ont., the Central Ontario Power Company, who own the power rights at Burleigh Falls, have made an advantageous proposition to the municipal committee for the supply of power. Negotiations that have been laid aside will be re-opened and it is expected that if the project is realized quite an impetus will be added to manufacturing in this locality.

The contractors of Vancouver during the past season have had to contend against a serious shortage of brick, which has considerably delayed their building operations. There is every probability, however, that next year will see a greatly improved situation owing to the mammoth plant which the newly-formed Sechelt Brick and Tile Company are constructing. The plant will be the finest on the Pacific coast and will have a daily capacity of 40,000 by next April, and an ultimate output of 80,000 bricks a day.

During the transit of a freight train over the C.P.R. bridge last week at Eastman, Que., the structure collapsed with fatal results to the engineer and fireman of the train.

The Moncton, N. B., Board of Trade have passed a resolution expressing their unanimous approval of the scheme to construct a tunnel beneath Northumberland Strait. It is estimated that this project would cost ten million dollars.

Contractor F.G. Wilson, of London, Ont., whilst superintending work on the Adelaide street Baptist church, met with what might have been a serious accident by falling nearly 30 feet from a scaffold. Fortunately his descent was checked by the braces and he escaped with a severe shock and bruising.

The new C.P.R. bridge at Parry Sound has just been completed. The structure is 120 feet high and 1,900 feet long without the approaches.

At a meeting of the Montreal Business Men's League held last week it was generally conceded by the members that the great lack of hotel accommodation was a serious impediment to the work of the league and that many large conventions were lost to the city on this account; also that the condition of the streets and thoroughfares in Montreal have militated strongly against the support of the league.