

—A meeting of the directors of the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co. was held in this city last week, at which the enlargement of the company's hotel at Tadoussac was authorized. The number of rooms will be increased from 140 to 250, and the smoking and dining rooms will be doubled in size. The directors agreed to co-operate with Mr. George Warren in erecting a large summer hotel at Murray Bay.—Work is progressing favorably on the new Catholic high school, corner of LaGauchetière and St. Genevieve streets, and the laying of the corner stone will take place on the 18th inst. The building will be constructed of Montreal limestone, pressed brick and terra cotta. Mr. W. E. Doran is architect. The Harbor Board passed a resolution last week requesting the harbor engineers to proceed at once with the construction of the proposed dry dock.—Hutchinson & Wood, architects, are preparing plans for a new building for La Press Printing Co., corner of St. James and St. Lambert's Hill. Work will be commenced in the spring of 1899.—The Montreal Water and Power Company are seeking to obtain permission from the city to utilize the new drains to be opened by them to lay their pipes to extend the water supply from St. Denis ward to Maisonneuve, which it is understood they will shortly undertake to supply.

TORONTO, ONT.—Tenders are invited by the city up to Friday, 23rd inst., for supplying the furniture and carpets required for the council chamber in the new city buildings. Plans are on view at the office of Mr. E. J. Lennox, architect, corner King and Yonge streets.—Several changes are proposed by the management of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition looking to the improvement of the buildings. These include an extension of 50 feet to the main building, an hydraulic elevator, the renewal of the implement building, the enlargement of the fruit building, and an addition to the grand stand by which its seating capacity will be increased about 8,000.—Representatives of the National Cash Register Co., of Dayton, Ohio, were in this city recently looking for a suitable site for a branch of their manufacturing business.—The city engineer presented to the Board of Works on Monday last recommendations for the construction of the following pavements: Brick pavement on Balmuto street, from Czar to Bloor street, cost \$2,690; macadam roadway on Mackenzie crescent, from Dovercourt road to North Lisgar street, cost \$1,930; asphalt pavement on Major street, from College to Bloor street, cost \$27,290; macadam roadway on Sumach street, from Gerard to Wellesley street, cost \$6,440; brick pavement on Spruce street, from River to Sumach street, cost \$2,610.—Mr. J. F. Brown, architect, is preparing plans for alterations to a residence on Avenue road, for Mr. J. L. Spink, grain merchant. He is also engaged on the preparation of plans for a brick Baptist church at Cannington, Ont.—Building permits have been granted as follows: Lawrence Bros., extension to No. 40 Denison avenue, cost \$5,000; J. Westcott, residence on Fuller street, cost \$1,800; J. W. McMickle, two storey brick dwelling, east side Howland avenue, near Bloor, cost \$2,300; Mrs. Stewart, alterations to dwellings 13 and 15 Pembroke street, cost \$2,000; Mrs. G. S. Ryerson, pair s.d. brick dwellings, north side College street, cost \$6,000; Building Committee of Deaconess' Home, additions to building, 259 Jarvis street, cost \$8,000; Wm. G. Mitchell, two storey brick dwelling, Spadina road, near Bloor, cost \$4,000; Massey-Harris Co., three storey machine shop on Strachan avenue, cost \$8,000.—It is understood that an arrangement has been made by which the paving of Station street from Simcoe to York streets will be proceeded with at once.

FIRES.

The fires of the past week included the following: Carriage factory of John Finnegan & Son at Belleville Ont.; damage, \$1,000.—The Roberval Woollen Mills at Roberval, Que., totally destroyed; loss \$7,000, insurance \$3,500.—At Terrebonne, Que., a saw mill owned by the Masson Estate, the Electric Light Company's power house, and the I.O.F. hall. The losses are as follows: Masson Estate, \$10,000; Electric Light Company, \$1,500; I. O. F., \$150.—Hotel at Verona, Ont., owned by John Craig; loss partially covered by insurance.—Saw mill at Midway, B.C., owned by Messrs. William Powers and Barnard Lequime.—Cement mill of Wright & Co., at Hull, Que., damaged to the extent of \$2,000.—James Cobham's hotel and Bowen Smith's residence at Notre Dame, Kent County, N. B.; total loss, \$4,500, with little insurance.—The Brandon Felt Factory at Brandon, Man., completely destroyed by fire, including much valuable machinery.—Residence of J. Cook, on Goyeau street, Windsor, Ont.—Residence of Joseph Dietrich near Wellesley, Ont.; partially insured.—The business portion of the city of New Westminster, B.C., was completely destroyed by fire on Saturday, September 10th, the loss being over three million dollars and the insurance less than half that amount. The public and business buildings destroyed include the following: Market wharf, Brackman & Ker wharf (contents valued at \$10,000), New Vancouver Coal Co.'s wharf, Canadian Pacific Navigation Company's wharf, Sinclair Canning Co.'s building, Western Fisheries Company, with pack, No. 3 fire hall, Gilley Bros.' wharf and warehouse, Canadian Pacific Railway station, Caledonia Hotel, Quong On Wo Company's building, Welsh building, Brackman & Ker store, James Wise's building, Holbrook Hotel, Chas. McDonough's store, Armstrong-English block, Eichoff Hotel, McGillivray building, Occidental Hotel, Armstrong-Burke block, MacArthur building, Iron Works, Annandale & Fale's stores, Bank of Montreal, Douglas Hotel (Douglas-Elliott block), Hambly block, Westminster Club, Bank of British Columbia, New Westminster Columbian (newspaper), Beglie block, Wintermute's furniture factory, Baker's bakery, Y.M.C.A., No. 1 fire hall, library building, post-office, Customs building, Ellard building, Blackie building, Colonial Hotel, Globe House (Mrs. Rae), Mead building, Grotto Hotel, Burns-Curtis block, Central Telephone office, Trapps auction store, Masonic building, Oddfellows' building, Levis building, Cunningham houses

(four), Central Hotel, Depot Hotel, True building, Methodist church (\$10,000), Baptist church (\$10,000), Episcopal Cathedral (\$25,000), Presbyterian church (\$5,000), Court House, City Hall, Herrin's Opera House (\$20,000), Lewis block, Hotel Guichan, Merchants' Exchange, Chinese Mission, Ewan's residence (\$5,000). Besides the above, about two hundred residences were burned. The Dominion Minister of Public Works has telegraphed to Mr. Morrison, M.P. for New Westminster, that the government will rebuild without delay the public buildings destroyed.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

MIDLAND, ONT.—New Baptist church. J. H. Griffith, contractor.

CARTIERVILLE, QUE.—New Catholic church: W. L. Parker, of Scotstown, contractor.

LONDONDERRY, N. S. The London derry Iron Co. are supplying 150 tons of pipe for the town of Lichute, Que.

OTTAWA, ONT.—Bodsworth & McWhinney have secured contract for new roof for city hall, at \$8.75 per 100 square feet.

RAF PORTAGE, ONT.—Jacob Hose has secured the contract for brass fittings required in connection with the water works system.

NORWICH, ONT.—The tender of the King Bridge Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, has been accepted for superstructure of Stover street bridge.

OWEN SOUND, ONT.—The tender of the Owen Sound Granolithic Co. has been accepted for cement sidewalks, at 10 cents per square foot.

PRESTON, ONT.—The Canadian Office and School Furniture Co. has secured the contract for seating Her Majesty's theatre, Guy street, Montreal.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The tender of Dobson & Jackson has been accepted for boulevarding, as follows: McDermot avenue, \$980; Garry street, \$1,107.25; Vaughan street, \$695.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—The tenders of Waring, White & Co., Allan Foundry Co., and James Fleming have been accepted for various kinds of castings for the extension of the water works system.

ARNPRIOR, ONT.—The contract for superstructure of iron bridge has been let by the town to the Imperial Bridge Co., of Montreal, for \$6,905, the stone work going to Tobin & Keatney, of Ottawa.

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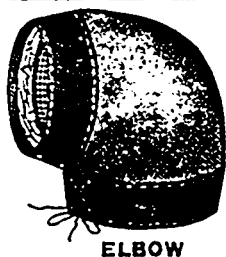
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