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FIRES.

The large grist mill and elevator of the Consolidated Milling Co., at Peterboro', Ont., were completely consumed by fire on Tuesday last. The loss will total between \$60,000 and \$70,000, with an insurance of about \$55,000.—The Grand Theatre at Winnipeg, Man., including the offices below, was destroyed by fire last week. Loss \$40,000; half covered by insurance.—Two frame houses at Hamilton, owned by John Ronan, have been burned.—The loss to the Betty block at Wallaceburg, Ont., which was referred to in our last issue, is estimated at \$80,000, and is partially covered by insurance.—The establishment of Doswell Bros., at Hamilton, Ont., was damaged by fire on the 13th inst. to the extent of \$4,000. The loss to the building was \$1,500.—Crathern & Caverhill's hardware warehouse on Colborne street, Montreal, was completely destroyed by fire on Thursday of last week. The total loss is about \$300,000. The building was insured for \$20,000.—Three dwelling houses on Metcalfe street, Ottawa, Ont., were burned last week. Loss \$15,000; small insurance.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The contract for three new boilers for the eastern block of the Parliament Buildings has been let to William Campbell, of this city.

FREDERICTON, N. B.—The contract for a road plant will be let to either the Austin Company, of Chicago, Ill., or the Climax Company, of Philadelphia.

QUEBEC, QUE.—Contracts for the annex to the Montmorency Electric Co.'s works have been let as follows. Woodwork, Alex Cummings; masonry, Mr. Sharpe.

OSHAWA, ONT.—The Pedlar Metal Roofing Company, of this town, are putting an imitation stone front in Charles McGinn's property on Pleasant street, Halifax.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The Provincial Department of Public Works have awarded the contract for construction of a bridge over the Assiniboine river at Le Clare to D. F. Patterson, of Birtle.

CORNWALL, ONT.—The contract for building the new general hospital was let last week by the executors of the estate of the late John Purcell. The contractor is J. C. Johnstone, of this town, and the contract price \$18,000. The hospital will be a brick structure, three stories high, and fitted with all modern improvements.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The contract for the supply of lumber for the city has been awarded to the Reid Company, of Toronto, at \$12.57 per thousand feet, and cedar posts at 8 cents. The other tenderers were. W. J. McAllister, lumber, \$12.69, posts, 8 cents each; M. Brennan & Sons, lumber, \$12.75, posts, 7½ cents; R. Thompson & Company, lumber, \$13.25, posts, 8 cents.

BUSINESS NOTES.

W. D. Coates, carpenter and builder, Amherst, N. S., is reported to have assigned.

The Canadian Bridge & Iron Company, of Montreal, has gone into liquidation, Mr. J. W. Ross being appointed liquidator. The liabilities are about \$100,000, and assets nominally the same.

REDUCTION IN WIRE NAILS.

The Canadian nail manufacturers held a four days' session in Toronto last week, and one result of their deliberations is a revision of the discounts. These have been advanced nearly 10 per cent., which means, of course, a corresponding reduction in the price of nails. The discounts in the various provinces are now as follows:

Ontario, 80 per cent., delivered in 10 keg lots or over.

Quebec, 80, and 2½ per cent. f.o.b. Montreal.

Maritime Provinces, 80 per cent., delivered in 10 keg lots or over.

British Columbia, 80, and 2½ per cent. f.o.b. factory.

Winnipeg, 75, and 5 per cent. f.o.b. Winnipeg.

At the present price it is said that wire nails cannot profitably be imported into Canada from the United States. The manufacturers say that at the present price of wire nails in Canada very little margin is left for profit. The chief reductions are on nails of the small sizes. No change was made in the price of galvanized and plain wire and cut nails.

CANADIAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers was called to order at 10 o'clock, a.m., Tuesday, January 12th, 1897, Mr. Herbert Wallis, president, in the chair.

Among those present were Messrs. Herbert Wallis, president; C. H. McLeod, secretary; E. P. Hannaford, Montreal; Thomas Breen, Quebec, Armitage Rhodes, Quebec; C. H. Rust, Toronto; G. E. Robertson, Cardinal; Ernest Mareau, Montreal; L. S. Parizeau, St. Johns; Alfred Brittain, Montreal; Stuart Howard, Montreal; Charles J. Armstrong, Montreal; J. M. McCarthy, Montreal; Charles E. Goad, Toronto; Robert Surtees, Ottawa; C. H. Pinney, Ottawa; R. B. Kenrick, Lachine; Jas. A. Douglas, Montreal; G. B. Papi-neau, Montreal; C. Beaudry, Montreal; Thomas Drummond, Cariboo, B. C.; T. H. White, St. Thomas, Ont.; J. Ewing, Montreal; Duncan McPherson, Montreal; John Heckman, Montreal; C. de B. Leprohon, Montreal; T. W. Lesage, Montreal; A. R. Dufresne, Montreal; C. H. Keefer, Ottawa; S. M. Lovelace, Montreal; W. Chase Thompson, Montreal; J. M. Shanley, Montreal; W. G. Warner, Toronto; W. T. Jennings, Toronto; E. Berryman, Montreal; Henry Holgate, Montreal; W. McNab, Montreal; E. A. Hoare, Quebec; St. George

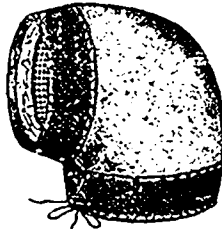
Boswell, Quebec; H. Carry, Nelson, B. C.; E. H. Drury, Sherbrooke; A. L. Hertzberg, Toronto; Chas. Baillarge, Quebec; H. J. Cambie, Vancouver.

Prof. McLeod read the minutes of the last annual meeting, after which Mr. Wallis read a telegram of congratulation and good wishes from the Earl of Derby, and a letter from Sir Casimir Gzowski, A.D.C. The following scrutineers were appointed.—For election of officers and council—Messrs. W. Angus, W. C. Thompson, and Garden, for election of nominating committee—Prof. Umney, Messrs. Crompton and Berryman; for balloting on amendment to by-laws—Messrs. Duff, Copeland and Smith. The members then drove out to Lachine to inspect the works of the Lachine Rapids Hydraulic and Land Company, where they were entertained by Messrs. W. Davis & Sons, the contractors. Brief addresses were made by Messrs. W. H. Davis, G. B. Burland, W. McLea Walbank, John Crawford, and others.

In the evening a member's dinner took place in the Windsor Hotel, which was presided over by the retiring president. The dinner was well attended by members, a notable feature of the attendance being the presence of five of the six living past presidents of the society, namely, Messrs. T. C. Keefer, John Kennedy, E. P. Hannaford, P. A. Peterson, Thomas Munro.

Upon re-assembling on Wednesday morning, the report of the council was read. The chairman, Mr. Herbert Wallis, drew attention to the references with regard to the status of members of the profession. At the last session of the Quebec Legislature, a bill which aimed to make the society a close corporation was introduced, but before it could be put through the House was prorogued. He thought that this measure could be made to fit the requirements of the measure if the new council was given authority to push the matter, and it might then be once more presented at Quebec, and also in the Legislative Assemblies of the other provinces. By the terms of this proposed bill it is intended to prohibit from practice those who are not corporate members of the society, or who are entitled to practice by some act of the Dominion or Provincial parliament, unless such persons who are not at present members shall become members within a term of twelve months.

It also provides for the formation of a board of examiners, who shall meet every six months to grant certificates to those wishing to be permitted to study, and those who have in due course rendered themselves fit to commence practice. A great deal of discussion followed, many little difficulties being shown. One of these was the question of reciprocity between the recognized professional men of different provinces who might wish to practise in cities or towns outside their



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