

first reading in council last week. It is proposed to raise \$30,000 by debentures.

QUEBEC, QUE.—The Metis Telephone Co. is seeking incorporation, with a capital of \$2,500, and headquarters at St. Octave de Metis, to construct a telephone line in counties of Matane and Rimouski. L. F. Pinault, advocate, of this city, is interested. —The new company which is being formed to operate under the charters of the Quebec, Montmorency & Charlevoix Railway and the Quebec District Railway will double-track the railway to St. Anne and change the motive power to electricity. Another electric road will be constructed to Montmorency, and it is probable that a new hotel will be built at Montmorency Falls. —David Ouellet, architect, is preparing plans for two new buildings to be erected for the Hotel Dieu, Levis, with all modern appliances. —E. M. Talbot, architect, is preparing plans for the following work. Alterations to a store at St. Marie de Beauce for Thos. Dallaire; residence to be built on St. Vallier street for Jos. Bergeron; city hall, with fire station, at Limoilou.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The promoters of the Hamilton, Chedoke & Ancaster Electric Railway state that the line will be constructed to Hamilton provided the council buys the Beckett mountain drive. —The Intercolonial Railway Company will apply for an extension of time for the completion of its line to Guelph. It is said that work will be commenced as soon as the legislation is procured. —W. W. LaChance, architect, will receive tenders up to noon of the 24th inst. for the erection of a school house on lot 5, concession 11, Barton township. —As the present contract for electric street lighting expires in less than two years, Alderman McAndrew has given notice of his intention to move that a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of establishing a municipal lighting plant. —Brown, Boggs & Co. intend building a blacksmith shop and large moulding shop just north of their factory on Victoria avenue. —W. W. LaChance, architect, has completed plans for a residence for S. Kemp, to be built on Herkimer street. —John Stuart has been granted a building permit for a two storey brick dwelling, Wellington street north, cost \$1,100.

LONDON, ONT.—The Minister of Militia has promised to visit this city shortly for the purpose of deciding as to the advisability of erecting an armory here. —At the last meeting of the Sewerage Committee of the City Council, Mr. Willis Chipman, consulting engineer, and Mr. A. O. Graydon, city engineer, were asked to report as to the best method of dealing with the sewage after it enters the river, with special reference to the use of flood-gates in the waterworks dam. —The Hospital Building Committee held another meeting last week and considered matters affecting the proposed hospital. A resolution was passed asking the city engineer to prepare plans, in conjunction with Messrs. Moore & Henry, architects, for a new hospital capable of providing for 100 patients, leaving the present buildings as they are. —Building permits have been granted as below: Moore & Henry, architects, brick residence on Elmwood avenue for John McMartin, and tower and steeple on St. John's church; J. E. Boomer, brick addition, with felt and gravel roof, 181 Dundas street.

MONTREAL, QUE.—A deputation from this city and vicinity last week asked the Minister of Public Works for a subsidy for a bridge over the Ottawa river at Bout de l'Isle. —The Council have received a letter from the Minister of Militia and Defence asking if the city would be willing to contribute the sum of \$25,000 towards the erection of a barracks. —The churchwarden and syndics of St. John Baptist parish invite architects of the city to take part in the competition for the new buildings to

be erected for this parish. —James S. Smith, architect, has called for tenders for an extension to a house on St. Luke street for F. Gault. L. Z. Gauthier, architect, is preparing plans for extensive alterations to St. Patrick church at Ottawa, tenders for which will shortly be invited. —Jas. Wilson & Son, architects, are preparing plans for a residence on Upper Stanley street for James A. Gillespie, to be built of pressed brick, with bath-stone trimmings; hot water heating. Tenders will be called this week. Same architects have prepared plans for the enlargement of Bishop's College, Lennoxville; iron and terra cotta construction; hot water heating. —John McDougall, of the Caledonian Iron Works, will commence work this spring on a new machine shop, 175 by 80 feet. —It is understood that Mr. Berthelaine, proprietor of La Presse, will erect a large office building at the corner of St. James street and St. Lambert hill. The building will be seven stories high, with large dome.

TORONTO, ONT.—At a special meeting of the Board of Works held last week, Mr. McDougall, of the North American Sanitary Engineering Co., of Detroit, explained a method of sewage disposal, in view of the fact that this question is now being considered by the city council. —Mr. F. H. Herbert, architect, has invited tenders and will let contracts this week for the remodelling of store property at No. 92 and 94 Yonge street, for the Cawthra estate. —It is estimated that the proposed bridges across Blockhouse Bay at the Island will cost \$10,000. The city engineer will ask the Board of Works for an appropriation of \$29,000 to be expended in repairing the pavements between the street car allowance. —Tenders are invited by the city until the 30th inst. for the supply of 100 toise of unbroken stone. —The Assessment Commissioner has reported in favor of granting the concessions asked for to the Massey-Harris Co. for the proposed extension of their factory. —The Toronto Street Railway Co. have had plans prepared for several proposed extensions to their system, including a second line down Station street. This line will be built as soon as the bridge across the Yonge street track is built by the city. This bridge is estimated to cost \$200,000. —The city will invite tenders for a 2000 h.p. and also for 6000 h.p. electric light plant to be installed in the new municipal buildings. —Building permits have been granted as follows: W. V. Ecclestone, 48 Macdonell avenue, two brick dwellings, west side Close avenue, near Queen street, cost \$4,800; A. R. Denison, for the Cawthra estate, store building, corner Yonge and Temperance streets, cost \$50,000; T. Eaton Co., one story mansard addition, 198 Yonge street, cost \$2,500; Good Sheppard Retreat Monastery of Our Lady of Charity, addition, 14 West Lodge avenue, cost \$20,000.

OTTAWA, ONT.—E. F. E. Roy, secretary Department of Public Works, will receive tenders until Monday, April 4th, for the construction of pile work in the harbor of Meaford. —Frederick Bonney and John R. Tenant purpose starting a paper mill in this city. The building adjoining the street railway power house has been purchased, and will be fitted up with the necessary machinery, at a cost of \$60,000. —A company, in which Messrs.

James Perry, B. Slattery and R. J. Farley are interested, have made a proposition to the village of Rideauville to construct waterworks and electric light systems. A petition in favor of the proposition is being circulated for signature. The Council of Ottawa East will at its next meeting consider plans submitted by E. J. Rainboth for waterworks and drainage systems, also an offer for electric lighting from the Deschenes Electric Light Co. —Bate & Co. have commenced the erection of a large store on Rideau street, four stories, 33 by 99 feet, brick, with terra cotta and sandstone front and large bevelled plate glass windows. —A building permit has been granted to A. Duncan for a brick veneered house on King street, to cost \$1,400. —Mr. Fraser, of Guysboro, is looking after the bill to incorporate the Ottawa, Montreal & James Bay Railway. The applicants are Geo. H. Purley, Alex. Lumsden and Wm. B. Ross. The railway will start from Montreal, Labelle or Hull, and is to extend north to the sources of the Gatineau and St. Maurice rivers and thence through the Northeast Territory to James Bay. The capital stock is \$10,000,000. —The Calgary and Edmonton Railway Co. want a charter to build from Edmonton to a point on the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. —The Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, in a report just submitted to the Council, state that 8,000 feet of new hose is required, also two coal tenders, a chemical engine and hose wagon, 50 salvage covers, more capacity at the pump house, extra mains and additional hydrants. —The Main Drainage Committee have recommended outlet "E." at Rockcliffe Park, for the proposed eastern outlet. The cost of carrying out the work is estimated at \$172,186. —At a meeting of citizens a resolution was passed favoring the construction of the proposed bridge across the Ottawa river at Bank street.

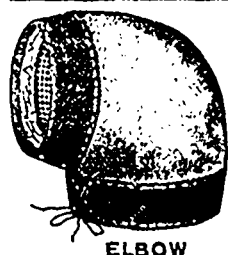
FIRES.

F. Ewer's residence at Welland, Ont., was burned last week. —St. Valentine Catholic church at Scottsville, Que., has been destroyed by fire; loss \$90,000, insurance \$15,000. —The residence of Edward Webb, at Peterborough, Ont., was burned recently. —At Drummondville, Que., on the 17th inst., fire destroyed the R. C. presbytery, at a loss of \$5,000. —D. McAllister's general store, the post office, and G. N. W. Telegraph office at Comber, Ont., were consumed by fire last week; partially insured. —A residence at Galt, Ont., owned by Wm. Caldwell and valued at \$5,000, was burned on Wednesday of last week; insurance, \$3,000. —The Lordly Furniture Manufacturing Co.'s premises at St. John, N. B., were burned last week, at a loss of \$10,000. —The dwelling of John Cook at Cookshire, Que., has been burned; insurance, \$1,500. —Coj's saw mill at Upper Gagetown, N. B., was burned on the 15th inst. —The new Grand opera house at St. Thomas, Ont., was gutted by fire on the 20th inst. The building is owned by Mr. Rothwell, of Detroit. —The school building in connection with the Provincial Agricultural farm at Bible Hill, Truro, N.S., was destroyed by fire on Monday last; loss \$6,000.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

MAGOG, QUE.—The town has purchased a stone crushing outfit, including rock crusher, screen and engine, from the

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