

latter railway to Hull. It is announced that the Hull Lumber Company will not rebuild their saw mill recently burned.

VICTORIA, B. C.—Tenders are invited for the erection of a brick building, 54 x 34 feet, on Cole's Island, Esquimaux. Plans on application to the assistant civil engineer, H.M. Naval Yard, Esquimaux. The Dominion authorities invite tenders until Monday, October 25th, for the construction of fittings in the post-office in this city.

INGERSOLL, ONT.—A site for the new post-office building has been secured at the corner of Thames and Charles street. The building is to include post-office, customs and gas inspector's offices, and will cost about \$20,000. The waterworks system is not proving satisfactory, and it is probable that the council will decide to erect a duplicate set of pumps at the station.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—Plans are now being prepared for extensive improvements to be carried out by the Dominion government on the east side of the harbor, at the terminus of the Intercolonial Railway, which will include the erection of a grain elevator, warehouses, etc., and involve an expenditure of about a million dollars. A new abiteau is to be built on the western side of the Grand Pre dyke, at a cost of about \$3,000.

DUNDAS, ONT.—James Moore, town clerk, will receive tenders up to noon on Saturday, 9th inst., for the construction of a dam. Plans at the town clerk's office. The Toronto Carpet Co., of Toronto, have been negotiating for the removal of their factory to this town, where they propose to purchase the Dundas cotton mill. According to agreement the company would spend some \$20,000 on improving the property.

HAMILTON, ONT.—W. C. Brennan, Secretary Parks Committee, will receive tenders up to the 15th inst. for a fountain to be erected in Woodlands Park, to cost \$500. The City Council have adopted the report of the sewers committee recommending that an overflow sewer be constructed on Catherine street north, at a cost of \$20,000. An agitation is on foot to improve the drain from near the Mountain View Hotel to Mount Albion, the cost of which is estimated at \$10,000.

WALKERVILLE, ONT.—Mr. Joseph De Gurse, chief engineer of the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway, writes that the company have decided to ask for new tenders for dredging, sheet piling, etc., at Port Stanley, the work to be completed on or before the 1st day of August, 1898. The work consists of 400 linear feet of crib work, sufficient dredging to obtain 15 feet of water, and the necessary sheet piling, with the construction of an apron, to enable car ferries to ply between Port Stanley and the south shore of Lake Erie.

RAT PORTAGE, ONT.—The Willow Creek Gold Mining Company, of which Mr. E. Todd, of Brantford, is president, are about to undertake the construction of an electric railway from Bell City to Island Bay, on Bad Vermillion lake. The railway will be four miles in length, and will be extended as occasion demands. It is proposed to utilize the water of the falls on the Vermillion river and Grassy lake for power purposes, and to put in sufficient electrical machinery to operate a custom stamp mill as well as the railway. Mr. M. W. Hopkins, electrical engineer for the company, will shortly make a report on the water power.

LONDON, ONT.—Tenders are invited by A. O. Graydon, city engineer, up to 5 o'clock to-day (Thursday), for the supplying and laying of 966 feet of 15" and 2,075 feet of 12" glazed or concrete sewer pipe. Building permits have been granted as follows: William Kerr, brick residence on Central avenue, between Adelaide and William streets; J. A. Gauld, architect.

Mrs. Welper, two-storey brick residence on Talbot street, cost \$2,000. It is understood that the board of Centennial Methodist church will shortly consider the question of erecting a parsonage. The water commissioners have secured the Griffith property, on the south side of the river at Byron, and propose to utilize the same for waterworks purposes.

QUEBEC, QUE.—The directors of the Baie des Chaleurs Railway are said to have succeeded in raising money for the construction of the road, and hope to commence work at once. The line will be opened to Paspébiac this fall. We are advised by the manager of the Chateau Frontenac that the architect of the proposed improvements to the hotel is Mr. Bruce Price, 150 5th avenue, New York. Tenders have been closed and the ground will probably be broken this week. The extension is a continuation of the original building, which completes the chateau circular court; it will mean 106 additional rooms, with baths connecting, a power house in new building for 320 horse power, sufficient to heat the present building and addition, and, if necessary, run the dynamo. It is expected the extension will be finished and equipped for summer business.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Tenders are being taken this week for cedar block and macadam pavements. Some local capitalists contemplate building a pleasure steamer to ply on the Red river. J. L. Doupe, C.E., of the C.P.R., has left for Wabigoon to finally locate the route of the steam tramways on the portages between Lake Wabigoon and Lake Manitoba, and from thence to Rainy River. It is intended to commence construction this season. Plans have been prepared for improvements to the Oriental Hotel. The question of erecting a new church or repairing the present building is being considered by the Wesley church congregation. D. W. Alton, secretary treasurer of the municipality, has invited tenders for the erection of a new brick school house at Sydney. At the last meeting of the city council, Mr. Hering's report on the proposed waterworks system was considered, but no definite action was taken.

MONTREAL, QUE.—J. Alcide Chausse, architect, is preparing plans for three dwellings on St. Denis street and three on Drolet street for Mr. H. St. Pierre, nine dwellings on Sussex street for Mr. Alexandre Hogue, and four dwellings on Mance street for Mr. Joseph Hogue. The G. T. R. have decided to build 1000 freight cars, of which 500 will be built at the shops in this city and at London. The engineers appointed to report on the pollution of the Little Riviere St. Pierre have recommended that steps be taken to induce the government to deepen the bed of the river and straighten the banks. Tenders have been invited by the Sewers Committee for the construction of sewers on Albina street, from St. Denis street eastward, and on Chamibord street, from Gifford street northward. The city council requested the Grand Trunk Railway to establish a city office. In reply the manager stated that for some time the question of erecting a large building in the centre of the city had been under consideration, and that a definite answer would be given at an early date. G. A. Monette, architect, is preparing plans for a residence to be built at Cote St. Antoine. Gamelin & Huot, architects, are preparing plans for a house, two tenements, to be built on De Lorimier avenue for Mde. C. E. Forest, also for a residence on same avenue for Mde. T. Gagnon.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The schools of the city are becoming overcrowded, and it may be found necessary to increase the accommodation next year. The Hull & Alymer Electric Co. purpose erecting more car sheds and a new station at

Deschene. The buildings will be of stone, the plans for which are now being prepared by an Ottawa architect, and tenders will shortly be invited. E. F. E. Roy, secretary Department of Public Works, will receive tenders until Monday, October 25th, for the construction of fittings in the post-office building at Victoria, B. C. Plans at the public works office, Victoria, and at the above department. Hon. R. W. Scott, Secretary of State, has invited designs, from Canadian artists only, for statues of the late Hon. Alex. McKenzie and Her Majesty, the Queen, for which the sum of \$10,000 was voted by parliament last session. These statues will be erected in the grounds of the parliament buildings in this city. The Bank of Ottawa is said to be looking for a suitable property in this city on which to erect a branch bank, and are considering a site at the corner of Rideau and Nicholas streets. Two tenders were received for the new fire station, corner Albert and Lyon streets, as follows: Wm. Stuart, \$18,577; J. Burgess, 16,600. The Fire Committee considered these tenders too high, and the architect has been instructed to prepare plans for a building one storey lower, and to invite new tenders for construction.

TORONTO, ONT.—Ground has been broken for a new residence to be erected on the east side of St. George street, just north of Lowther ave. Mr. A. Davis, of Montreal, was recently in this city in connection with the proposed new tunnel, for which he is consulting engineer. In response to a resolution of the council, the City Engineer has reported that the cost of cribwork necessary to carry out Harbor Park to the new windmill line would be \$35,000. The Board of Control have adopted the report of the Parks and Gardens Committee recommending the erection of a cottage at the Island for the caretaker. The general council of the Toronto Bible Training School have appointed a committee to take steps to secure a permanent building. A site will be selected and plans obtained this fall, and it is hoped to commence work in the spring. The president of the school is Rev. Elmore Harris. A sitting of the Court of Revision will be held on the 15th inst. for the hearing of appeals respecting the following local improvements: Cement concrete sidewalk on King street, north side, from Simcoe street to University street, cost \$670; on Bay street, east side, from Wellington street to 77 Bay street, cost \$380; brick sidewalk, Gould street, from Mutual street to Church street, cost \$474; on Bond street, west side, from Shuter street to Wilton avenue, cost \$817. Mr. G. H. Stinson, real estate broker, reports the sale of several lots on St. George street, on which the purchasers intend erecting residences. The Ontario government will at once reconstruct the broom and rope factories at the Central prison.

FIRES.

The Central Prison at Toronto was damaged by fire on Monday last to the extent of \$60,000. The loss is divided as follows: On the cordage factory and machinery, \$30,000; on the broom factory and machinery, \$9,000; on the stock in the broom factory, \$15,000; on the lumber, \$4,000, on the conservatory, \$2,000. All this is the property of the Ontario government, with the exception of the stock in the broom factory, which is owned by Messrs. H. A. Nelson & Sons. The brick residence of G. Suggitt, of Blackstock, Ont., was burned last week, together with the post-office block owned by R. H. Prust; loss, \$5,000. A large frame building occupied by Mr. Labrecque, cigar manufacturer, of Levis, Que., was gutted by fire recently, at a loss of \$3,000. The residence of Rev. James Metcalfe, at Grimsby, Ont., has been destroyed by fire; loss \$5,000, covered by