

The city engineer is preparing an estimate of the cost of paving Wellington street with Massillon brick.—Robert Surtees, city engineer, will receive tenders until Tuesday, 30th inst., for the supply of oils, lead pipe, brass work, hardware, hydrants, valves, castings, cast-iron pipe and fire alarm supplies, also until the 31st inst. for supplying cedar plank and vitrified sewer pipes.—A committee has been appointed, of which ex-Ald. MacLean is chairman, to consider the question of erecting a building in this city in commemoration of the Queen's diamond jubilee. The estimated cost of a suitable structure is placed at \$80,000.—The Southern Counties Railway Company are seeking a charter to build a railway from Chambly to Sherbrooke, Que.—The Quebec Bridge Company ask authority from the Dominion Government to extend the time for the commencement of their work.—The congregation of Erskine Presbyterian church, of which Rev. Dr. Campbell is pastor, have decided to sell their present building and erect a new church at the corner of Arthur and Somerset streets, at an estimated cost of \$12,000.—Mr. John R. Reid, local manager of the Sun Life Assurance Company, has purchased property on Sparks street on which the company will erect a new office building, the plans for which will be prepared by Mr. E. L. Horwood, architect.—The bill authorizing this city to borrow \$60,000 for improving the waterworks system and \$55,000 for fire alarm apparatus, has been passed by the Private Bills Committee of the Ontario legislature.—J. H. Balderson, secretary of the Department of Railways and Canals, will receive tenders until Saturday, April 17th, for the enlargement of the Galops canal. Plans at above department and at engineer's office at Cornwall.—The Department of Railways and Canals asks tenders until the 10th inst. for improvement of the North channel, situated between Galops canal and Prescott. Proposals are also wanted until the 19th inst. for the enlargement of the Farran's Point canal.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Mr. Lewis Coste, chief engineer of the Public Works Department, Ottawa, was in the city recently surveying the proposed ground for the eastern harbor. It is said to be the intention of the government to make extensive improvements.—W. E. Doran, architect, has invited tenders for an extension to a house on Hubert street for Wm. Strachan; also for alterations to dwellings on Wellington street for J. P. Cuddy.—Tenders have been received at Mr. Robert Findlay's office for a residence to be built at Westmount for A. N. Paxton; also for Thos. Fraser's residence, to be erected on Prince Albert avenue, Westmount.—Robert Findlay, architect, is preparing plans for two residences on Cote St. Antoine road, Westmount.—Macduff & Lemieux, architects, are preparing plans for a convent to be erected at St. Henry for the Rev'd Sisters of St. Anne. Tenders will be invited shortly.—Gamelin & Huot, architects, are calling for tenders for four residences to be erected on Quiblier street for the Estate Masson.

TORONTO, ONT.—A permit has been granted to C. Evans for a brick house on the west side of St. George street, near Sussex avenue, to cost \$6,000.—Henry Simpson, architect, will prepare plans for a building at Parry Sound for the Odd-fellows Society.—T. B. Bagshaw has taken out a building permit for a detached brick dwelling, south side Marion street, east of Roncesvalles avenue, cost \$2,500.—Mr. Rawlinson has been granted a permit for an addition to his storage warehouse on Phipps street, to cost \$2,000.—The plans of Smith & Gemmell, architects, of this city, have been accepted for the proposed Presbyterian church at Portage la Prairie, Man.—Mr. Henry Darling, of the firm of Darling & Pearson, architects, has been commissioned by the solicitors

of the Lawlor-Estate to prepare plans for the new building to be erected at the north-west corner of King and Yonge streets. The new structure will be five stories, of brick and stone, and fire-proof as far as possible. The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$50,000.—G. M. Miller & Co., architects, are preparing plans for extensive barns to be built on the farm "Dentonia," East Toronto.—The trustees of the East Toronto public school are considering the question of erecting an additional story to the present school building.—The residents of St. Joseph street have petitioned for the construction of a pavement.—It is said to be the intention of the Ontario Radiator Co., which was recently organized, to erect this summer a factory building just north of the C. P. R. tracks on Yonge street.—Mr. J. W. Siddall, architect, is preparing plans for remodeling the store of Messrs. W. A. Murray & Co. on King street, which was recently destroyed by fire.

FIRES.

The saw mill of D. B. Barnhill at Two Rivers, N. S., was recently burned, at a loss of \$3,000; no insurance.—A large residence at Weston, Ont., owned by Mrs. Stong, was completely destroyed by fire on the 17th inst. Loss \$20,000; partially covered by insurance.—Fire at Magneta-wan, Ont., on the 18th inst., destroyed William McLachlan's steam lumber and shingle mills, at a loss of \$2,000; no insurance. It is the intention to rebuild at once.—H. S. Austin's saw, shingle and grist mills at Edwardsville, Ont., were recently burned. Loss \$10,000; no insurance.—A small public school at Minesing, Ont., was recently destroyed by fire, at a loss of \$1,200.—The Pembina street school building at Winnipeg, Man., was burned a few days ago, at a loss of upwards of \$4,000. In consequence of the fire, it is probable that the school board will recommend the erection of a more commodious building on another site.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

CHATHAM, ONT.—T. L. Pardo, M.P.P., has let the contract for a new residence at Cedar Springs, to cost \$10,000.

CARP, ONT. The contract for the Agricultural Hall has been let to William Cummings, of Hazledean, at the price of \$1,025.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—The C. P. R. have closed a contract with Thomas Tompkins, of this town, to build a large hotel at Revelstoke, B. C.

ST. VALENTIN, QUE.—The contract for the new wharf has been let by the Dominion government to Messier & Naylor, of this place.

MOLESWORTH, ONT. Blow & Nash, of Gorrie, have the contract for the brick and stone work of the new Presbyterian church to be built here.

HULL, QUE.—Joseph Bourque, of this town, has received the contract, at the price of \$10,000, for the construction of a chapel at St. Eustache.

WABIGOON, ONT.—T. A. Kennedy, of Toronto, has secured the contract for the erection of a large block here, to be used as a bank and post-office.

OWEN SOUND, ONT.—The contract for pipe for the waterworks extension has been let to The Gartshore-Thomson Pipe & Foundry Co., of Hamilton.

THOROLD, ONT.—The Estate of John Battle have received the contract from the Dominion government for the supply of 30,000 barrels of Portland cement.

COBOURG, ONT.—M. Williams has awarded contracts for additions to his hotel as follows. Mason and plaster work, Martin & Jex; woodwork, Henderson Bros.

SUSSEX, N. B.—Edward Fairweather has received the contract to erect a residence for Murray Huestis.—George H. White proposes erecting a large brick

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THE Authorities at Ottawa have been investigating the merits of the new Wall Plaster, known as

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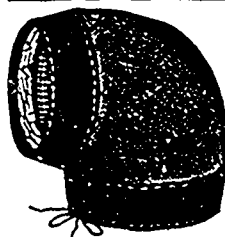
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