

M. J. E. Blizard.—Tenders are asked by Moore & Henry, architects, until Friday, 7th inst., for alterations and additions to St. James' Episcopal church, South London.—Several contributions have been received towards the proposed Victoria Jubilee hospital, and it is thought that arrangements for its erection will shortly be completed.—Tenders are invited until the 12th inst., addressed to J. W. McCallum, for fire department supplies, including 1,200 feet of 2½-inch fire hose, 50 feet of 4-ply rubber hose with couplings, rubber coats and boots, copper wire, etc.—The City Engineer has recommended that tenders be called for a steel highway bridge across the river at the foot of King street. The structure will have a span of 163 feet, with 305-foot steel approach on the east side and 153 feet on the west side.—James Lydiatt, formerly of the Wallaceburg glass works, will probably establish glass works in this city.—T. H. Devaney will erect a brick store and dwelling, corner Simcoe and Richmond streets.—The Masons of this district are taking steps to collect \$10,000 to erect a Masonic pavilion in the proposed Victoria jubilee hospital.

OTTAWA, ONT.—A deputation from the county and city has requested the Minister of Railways and Canals to build a bridge over the Rideau canal at Concession st.—It is announced that a convent for the Order of the Precious Blood will be built near Nepean Point.—The City Council has decided to purchase a small steam road roller.—At a recent meeting of the Waterworks Committee it was decided to at once commence the construction of new water mains.—The site is now being prepared for the new building for the Sun Life Assurance Company, the plans for which were prepared by E. L. Horwood, architect.—Robert Surtees, city engineer, will receive tenders until Wednesday, 12th inst., for the construction of an asphalt roadway on Banks street, between Maria and Ann streets.—A proposition has been made to change the Wellington ward market building into a central fire station. Should the idea meet with the approval of the City Council, an architect will be engaged to prepare plans and an estimate of the cost of the work.—It is probable that tenders will be invited at once for two steamers of a capacity of 750 gallons per minute; also for an 85-foot aerial ladder, 50 tarpaulins, and two four-wheel horse wagons.

MONTREAL, QUE.—A. Dubreuil, architect, is calling for tenders for two dwellings, to be erected at the corner of Cadieux and Ste. Agathe street, for Adolphe Mathiew.—A. Prefontaine, architect, is calling for tenders for the brickwork of a residence for El. Cote, to be built on Sherbrooke street.—Chas. Chausse is preparing plans for four residences to be built at Westmount for F. Mercier. Tenders will be invited shortly.—Ex-Senator Warner Miller, of New York, has purchased the water power of the Shewanigan river, near Three Rivers, Que., where he will erect a pulp mill the coming summer.—In view of arrangements being made for the erection of a sanitarium at Mount Tremblant, the C. P. R. purpose locating a station on their line this summer to accommodate passengers desiring to reach the sanitarium.—The city surveyor has reported that the proposed public works in St. Jean Baptist ward, the making of drains, construction of sidewalks, and macadamizing streets, would entail an expenditure of \$12,000, and the Road Committee has decided to so report to the City Council.—In response to a deputation from this city, Mr. Tarte, Minister of Public Works, has stated that he will shortly meet the business men to consider the question of harbor improvements.—The congregation of St. Stephen's Episcopal church have under consideration the question of selling their present property and erecting another building on an uptown

site.—It is announced that work will be at once commenced on the completion of the Baie des Chaleurs Railway from its present terminus at Caplin to Gaspe.

TORONTO, ONT.—The York County Commissioners invite tenders until the 13th inst. for the iron work of a bridge at York Mills. Plans at the office of Mr. Jas. McDougall, County Engineer. Debentures for \$20,000, to meet current expenses, will be issued.—E. J. Lennox, architect, has recommended that the electric plant for lighting the new city and county buildings be placed on the premises, instead of at the waterworks, as suggested.

Schlistig Bros., of Prooklyn, N. Y., propose starting a factory in Ontario for the manufacture of glue, combs, buttons, etc., and will probably locate in this city. It is their intention to erect a factory and plant costing \$500,000.—Strickland & Symons, architects, are receiving tenders this week for a brick residence on Huron street.—The Board of Control has referred the report on the Fort Rouille and Dufferin street sewer extensions to the city engineer and health officer, for the purpose of affixing the amount of damages to property.—The announcement is made that W. & D. Dineen have purchased property at the north-west corner of Yonge and Temperance streets, on which they propose erecting a four-story office and store building, at a cost of \$35,000, the plans for which have been prepared by Mr. F. H. Herbert, architect. The building will be built in pressed brick, with grey stone trimmings and carved ornamentation, steam heated, and wired throughout for incandescent lighting, with electric elevator, plate glass front, etc. The main floor and basement and a two-story show room will be occupied by the Dineen firm, the balance of the building to be divided into offices.—J. A. Ellis, architect, has prepared plans for remodeling the Methodist church at Acton, Ont. The East Toronto Public School Board have accepted the plans of the same archi-

tect for a brick school of six rooms, to be heated by three furnaces.—The city engineer has been instructed to report as to the probable cost of establishing and operating a civic telephone plant for 5,000 subscribers.—The offer of C. H. Stinson for property on Dufferin street has been refused by the Property Committee. It is understood that it was the intention of W. F. Lee & Co. to erect a wine factory thereon.—The Duryea Motor Wagon Co., of New York, will probably establish a factory in this city.—A sub-committee of the City Council are looking into the question of a site for the new Technical School building.—St. Paul's Presbyterian church on Euclid ave. will probably be removed to the corner of Bathurst street and Barton ave.—Building permits have been granted as follows: J. Lowther, 427 Euclid ave., det. 2 story and attic brick dwelling, Howland ave., w. side, west of Barton ave., cost \$2,500; Henry N. Williams, Rusholme rd., 2-story and attic brick dwelling, 229 Rusholme rd., cost \$3,600; Kemp Mfg. Co., Bell st., 4-story brick addition to factory, n. side Bell st., cost \$6,500; Toronto Conservatory of Music, 7 Wilton ave., large 1-story hall, also a 3-story addition and alteration at s. w. cor. of College and University ave., cost \$12,000.

**FIRES.**

The Empire block at Simcoe, Ont., owned by J. B. Jackson, has been burned.—The Commercial at Winnipeg, Man., was almost totally destroyed by fire on Monday last.—The wholesale warehouse of H. P. Eckardt & Co., Toronto, was recently damaged by fire to the extent of \$70,000. The building is owned by the Wm. Ramsay Estate of Scotland, and was damaged to the extent of \$5,000, covered by insurance.—The large flour and feed mill of George Reid at Dunnville, Ont., has been burned, loss \$3,000.—George Vick & Son's roller flour mill at Orillia, Ont., was destroyed by fire last week;

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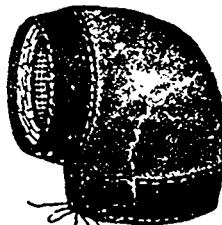
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