

at Victoria Corners, Ont., owned by James Brethour, was destroyed by fire recently.—H. P. Eckardt & Co., wholesale grocers, Toronto, suffered \$30,000 loss by fire last week. About \$1,000 will cover the loss on building.—The dwellings on the farm of John Owens, near Alloa, Ont., were burned last week, at a loss of \$1,500.—Fire at West Prince Albert, N.W.T., on the 26th inst., destroyed a brick block owned by E. J. Cann, of Fort Steele.—The following buildings at Teeswater, Ont., have been destroyed by fire. Frame buildings, owned by S. Sofley, Toronto, Caldecott, Burton & Spence, Toronto, and M. Hadwen, Toronto.—The factory of the Foisy Piano Manufacturing Co., Papineau road, Montreal, was recently damaged by fire to the extent of \$4,000.—The large departmental store at Garden Island, Ont., owned by the Calvin Co., was burned a few days ago. The building will be rebuilt.—The residence of Frank Wagoner, at Vienna, Ont., has been burned.—A building at Campbellford, Ont., owned by Matthew Galvin, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday of last week; insurance \$6,000.—Fire at Point du Chene, N.B., destroyed the following buildings: Point du Chene hotel, owned by John McDonald, Seaside hotel, owned by Mrs. James McDonald, store owned by Mrs. Johansen.—Anderson Bros.' saw mill in Sullivan township, near Chesley, Ont., has been destroyed by fire. Loss \$6,000, insurance \$1,800.

**CONTRACTS AWARDED.**

**NELSON, B.C.**—A sewer contract has been awarded to Edward Bragg.

**TILBURY, ONT.**—Charles Clark has secured the contract for the new Presbyterian manse.

**BERLIN, ONT.**—School debentures have been disposed of to G. A. Stimson & Co., of Toronto.

**DUNCHURCH, ONT.**—The contract for building a cheese factory has been given to John Burns, at the price of \$650.

**BLACKVILLE, ONT.**—Brown & Semple have been awarded the plumbing contract for Dr. Murphy's block of stores at Renfrew.

**CORNWALL, ONT.**—Larkin & Connolly have sub-let a mile and a half of the Iroquois canal to the Gilbert Blasting & Dredging Co.

**TILBURY WEST, ONT.**—The tender of O'Hara & Co., Toronto, for Big Creek and No. 4 government drain debentures, has been accepted.

**PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN.**—The town council has decided to purchase a fire engine from John McKechnie, of Winnipeg; price, \$2,500.

**MONTREAL, QUE.**—C. St. Jean, architect, has awarded the contract for reparations and decorations to the Church of St. Sebastien, all trades, to P. Boileau & Bros.

**WINNIPEG, MAN.**—The tender of Kelly Bros. has been accepted for macadamizing Princess street and McDermid avenue, at the price of \$20,319 and \$4,016.25 respectively.

**GUELPH, ONT.**—Charles Raymond is building a residence, 57x27 feet, two storeys. Chubb & Son have the contract for stone and brickwork and Mr. Mahoney that of the carpentering.

**OTTAWA, ONT.**—T. J. McLaughlin, of this city, has been awarded the contract for the building of a new swing bridge over the Rideau canal at Bank street. The sum of \$25,000 has been voted for this work.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—The Bennett & Wright Co. have secured the contract for heating and ventilating the new building, corner King and Yonge streets, for the Lawlor Estate; Darling & Pearson, architects.—The contract for heating and plumbing of S. F. McKinnon's new warehouse on York

street has been let to Purdy, Mansell & Mashinter.

**PETERBORO', ONT.**—The county council have let the contract for a bridge over Deer river to James Scott and A. Waller, at the price of \$1,125. The contract for building concrete abutments for Steele's bridge, over the Ouse river, in the township of Asphodel, has been awarded to J. Hayes, of this town, for the sum of \$890. The contract for superstructure will be let as soon as the abutments are completed.

**QUEBEC, QUE.**—Mr. St. Pierre is rebuilding his boot and shoe factory. Mr. Page, of St. Raymond, has the carpenter work, and Mr. Parent, of Beauport, the masonry contract. Building permits have been granted as follows. Brick elevation on Ste. Genevieve Hill for Mr. Legare, contractors, Flann & Bernier. Reparations of house, corner Notre Dame and Mountain streets, for M. Welsh, contractor, G. Brousseau. Reparations, corner St. Olivier and Tachereau streets, for A. Marois.

**HAMILTON, ONT.**—Leitch & Turnbull, elevator manufacturers, of this city, have just completed elevators in the following buildings: Hydraulic passenger elevator, hospital, Galt; steam belted freight elevator, Gutta Percha & Rubber Mfg. Co., Toronto; freight elevator, Geo. Foster & Son, Brantford; carriage elevator, John Temple, Hamilton; belt power elevator, Hollinger & Ball Chair Co., Hanover; elevator, C. C. Hamilton, Shediac, N. B.; elevator, Raymond Mfg. Co., Guelph. This firm have now on hand the following work. Fast speed passenger elevator and steam pumping plant, Spectator building, Hamilton; passenger elevator, Ladies' College, Hamilton; freight elevator, Riordon Paper Mills Co., Merriton; belted electric passenger and freight elevator, Butterworth & Co., Ottawa; belt power elevator, J. Duff & Son, Hamilton; belt power elevator, Sewage Dis-

posal Works, Hamilton; elevator, Chas. Fawcett, Sackville, N. B.

**BIDS.**

**TORONTO, ONT.**—The following are the tenders submitted for elevators for the new municipal buildings. Electric elevators—Jack & Robertson, \$29,875, Otis Bros. & Co., \$44,500, Standard Elevator Company, \$25,900, and with enclosures \$13,900 more; the Fensom elevator works, \$44,000. Hydraulic elevators—Otis Bros. & Co., \$46,500, Standard Elevator Company, \$31,600, and with enclosures \$45,500, the Fensom elevator works, \$48,000. The architect, Mr. E. J. Lennox, has recommended that electric elevators be used, as being more economical. For clocks for the same buildings the tenders were as follows. Ambrose Kent & Co., tower and office clock, \$7,126, if striking apparatus is left off, deduct \$1,100, if small striker used, a further reduction of \$800. Winding tower and electric office clocks—J. E. Ellis & Co., tower clock, \$6,242, office electric clocks, \$3,500, additional work already done, \$750; total, \$10,492. Winding tower clock only—W. Ashall, dials, \$4,401; striker, \$3,358, J. E. Ellis & Co., \$5,575, with 2,000 pound bell, \$8,575, according to specifications, but including striker only, \$6,242, including striker and bells, \$10,017, including chime of three bells, \$9,292. A comparison shows a difference in favor of pneumatic clocks of \$3,366.

The Gravel & Construction Co., of Toronto, Ltd., has been incorporated, to construct public works and deal in building and trading material; capital \$40,000. The members of the company are Archibald Campbell, M.P., Joseph Smith and R. L. McCormack, Toronto Junction; J. P. McIntosh, Toronto, and A. H. Royce, York township.

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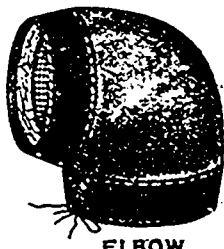
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  - THE ROYAL VICTORIA COLLEGE**, Montreal.
  - THE PROTESTANT INSANE ASYLUM**, Verdun, near Montreal.
  - THE GRAND HOTEL**, St. Hyacinthe, Que.
  - THE NEW CUSTOMS-APPRAISERS STORES, NEW YORK**, now building, which will consume 5,000 tons.
  - THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, OTTAWA**, portion of which was recently destroyed by fire and rebuilt.

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