

vited as soon as the necessary funds are raised.—The Board of Works has recommended that the City Council submit a by-law to the electors in January next to raise the sum of \$200,000 for road improvements.—The Board of Education will procure an estimate of the cost of the necessary alterations in the old Collegiate Institute building to convert it into a public school.—Richard Buscombe has secured a permit for a two-story brick dwelling on Eric ave., to cost \$1,800.—The International Radial Electric Railway Company have not yet commenced the construction of the proposed line to Guelph, and it is said that a different route than the one first proposed is being considered.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The City Council having decided to construct the asphalt pavement on Portage ave. by day labor, it will be necessary to purchase an asphalt plant at once. The cost of this is estimated at \$10,000.—The Northern Elevator Co., of this city, will erect an elevator at Solsgrith, Man.—The Canadian Bank of Commerce has purchased the Bannatyne block on Main street. It is the intention to erect on this property large bank premises, the plans for which are now being prepared by Darling & Pearson, architects, of Toronto. Mr. C. H. Wheeler, of this city, will superintend the construction.—The by-law to raise \$20,000 for a free public library building, \$50,000 for an electric lighting system, and \$18,000 for a crematory, has been given its second reading in Council.—Plans will be prepared at once by H. McCowan, architect, for a large addition to the Seymour hotel, owned by John Baird. Work is expected to commence in March next.—The council of the University of Manitoba have accepted the site given by the government for the proposed University building.

OTTAWA, ONT.—Bryson, Graham & Co. are building an addition to their departmental store.—It is rumored that the Moore homestead on the Aylmer road will be purchased by the Victorian Order of Nurses, to be used as a hospital.—The Railway Committee of the Privy Council has concurred in the application of the Pontiac and Pacific Junction railway for the extension of its line from Aylmer to Hull. The company will build an overhead crossing over the Hull Electric, C.P.R. and Aylmer road.—A Belgian syndicate has under consideration the establishment of an extensive glass factory in Canada, and may locate in this city.—A deputation from the county of Russell last week interviewed the Minister of Railways and Canals regarding the prevention of the Rideau floods. The question of building a bridge across the Rideau canal from Ottawa East to a point in the city of Ottawa was also considered, but no agreement was arrived at.—J. R. Booth is considering the advisability of lighting with acetylene gas the coaches of the Canada Atlantic and Ottawa, Arnprior & Parry Sound railways.—The promoters of the abattoir scheme expect to select a site at an early date for their proposed establishment.—J. R. Booth states that the new central depot will probably be located on the site of the present station, and that work will be commenced as soon as the Militia Department secure other quarters for militia stores now on the premises. The city has contributed \$50,000 towards the building of the station.—Over \$3,000 has been subscribed towards the proposed memorial to Dr. H. P. Dwight.—Rev. Father Mangin, parish priest of Masson, Que., has received a donation which will enable him to push forward the construction of the proposed convent on the Aylmer road.—The money for the new altar in St. Alban's church has all been subscribed, and steps will be taken at once to have it erected.

TORONTO, ONT.—Messrs. Darling &

Pearson, architects, are preparing plans for a new building to be built in Winnipeg by the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Construction will likely commence next spring.—It is reported that the Queen City Yacht Club have in view the erection of a new club house.—Mr. S. G. Curry, architect, 90 Yonge street, wants tenders by 5 p.m. 10-day (Wednesday) for an addition to a house on Carlton street.—Mr. David Roberts, architect, invites tenders up to noon on Thursday, 17th inst., for building a warehouse on Simcoe street.—The Vinegar Trust has made arrangements to secure a fixed present assessment of \$8,500 on the property which it proposes to improve at the north-east corner of Front street and Spadina ave., and of \$10,000 on such buildings as they may choose to erect.—The Royal Canadian Bicycle Club propose to erect a club building, on which work will likely be commenced within one month.—The Bell Piano Company, of Guelph, Ont., will probably locate in this city in the near future.—Dr. Sheard has recommended the enlargement of the Isolation Hospital. He considers that from \$20,000 to \$30,000 would be required for the purpose.—The Board of Control have appointed Mr. Matthew Sheard, architect, to report upon the most suitable plans for the enlargement of St. Lawrence market.—A proposition has been made to the city by Messrs G. P. Magann, C. S. Ransom and Dr. R. A. Pyne, on behalf of the Anglo-American Electric & Supply Co., for the supply of electric energy to the city. In a letter to the Council, the statement is made that the company propose to put in a 10,000 horse power plant, at a cost of about \$1,000,000.—Tenders were opened last week for the supply of an electric plant for civic and commercial lighting and power. The tenders were found to be incomplete, and as a result the city engineer has recommended that none of them be accepted, it being impossible, owing to the small number of tenders received, to arrive at even an approximate estimate of the cost of a plant.—Building permits have been granted as follows: William Murray, brick dwelling on Madison ave., cost \$4,000; W. F. Young, 2-story brick store and dwelling, 558 Queen west, cost \$1,400; P. J. Dillon, 2-story and attic brick residence, north side Paton road, near Symington ave., cost \$1,000 (R. Smith, architect); George St. Leger, addition to 214 Yonge street, cost \$1,000.—At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the National Sanatorium Association held on Saturday last, a committee was appointed to report on the question of building in this city a receiving home for free patients. It was stated that the part remaining unpaid of the subscriptions of the late H. A. Massey and Mr. Gage, amounting to \$10,000, could be used for this purpose. Mrs. J. M. Treble and several others expressed their willingness to build cottages in connection with the Toronto home, and Mr. Walter Massey offered to undertake the building of a laboratory at the Muskoka sanatorium.—The city engineer will be asked to report on the cost of reconstructing the roadway between the tracks on Queen street and King street, from River street to the Don, by day labor, also as to the cost of two large stone or brick culverts spanning the Don, 66 feet wide, at Queen street east, and of roadway and sidewalks above the same.

FIRES.

Recent fires included the following: Benoit's saw mill at Weedon, Que., totally destroyed.—At Deloraine, Man., the Queen's hotel, loss \$7,000; Rocket's harness shop, \$3,000; Henry Bros.' livery, \$2,000, and Boyd & Co.'s store, \$3,500.—Paul Bros.' paning mill at Midland, Ont.; loss \$5,500 insurance \$1,500.—The Brandon hotel property at Fenelon Falls, Ont.; loss \$1,000, partially covered by in-

urance.—Pillow & Hersey's extensive bolt and nut works on Mill street, Montreal; building and machinery totally destroyed; loss \$15,000, covered by insurance.—Grocery store of John Gibb, at Elora, Ont.; loss \$2,000.—The steam yacht Sophy, owned by Henderson Bros., of Kingston, Ont.; loss \$5,000, insurance \$3,800.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

BRANDON, MAN.—Sylvester Bros. have let the contract for a large office building.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The contract for the new Auditorium rink has been let to S. B. Ritchie.

MAGOG, QUE.—The tender of Francois Lassur has been accepted for a dwelling for the city electrician.

GRANBY, QUE.—The issue of bonds, amounting to \$50,000, has been taken by Frank Thompson & Co., of Sherbrooke.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—D. W. Clark & Son have received the contract for building wharf, 100 x 250 feet, at head of Rodney wharf.

KINGSTON, ONT.—The Canadian Locomotive & Engine Works have secured the contract to build six locomotives for the C.P.R.

WALKERTON, ONT.—The contract for building a sewer from the House of Refuge has been secured by Ald. Luzcombe, of Belleville; price, \$1,700.

COTTAM, ONT.—The township council has sold \$6,126 worth of drainage debentures to Mr. Morris, of Hamilton, receiving a premium of \$315.

BERLIN, ONT.—The heating and plumbing contract for the Isolation Hospital has been awarded to P. Gies, and the painting contract to H. Better.

TORONTO, ONT.—The Public School Board have let contracts as follows for a new room in connection with Dewson street school: Carpenter work, W. Hutchinson, \$190; painting, J. Plunemore, \$12; plastering, Thomas Ginder, \$50.—The Board of Control last week accepted the following tenders: 19 keyless doors for fire alarm boxes, Dean Bros., at \$10 each; 6 foot granolithic walk on the south side of Wellesley Crescent, between Homewood avenue and Sherbourne street, A. Gardner & Co., at 69 cents per lineal foot; 4 foot granolithic walk on Duncan street, City Engineer, at 45 cents per lineal foot (A. Gardner & Co.'s tender was 48 cents.)

BUSINESS NOTES.

The death is reported of F. Horton, plumber, Montreal.

Ross, Barry & McRae, contractors, have registered a partnership at Three Rivers, Que.

A meeting of the creditors of W. A. Bowers, marble dealer, Brockville, Ont., is being held to-day.

Amelia M. J. Kelly has registered proprietress of the business of W. Kelly & Co., builders, Montreal.

R. L. Hillman, painter, Leamington, Ont., is reported to be offering to compromise at 50 cents on the dollar.

The sash and door factory of the James Shearer Co., Limited, Montreal, was recently partially damaged by fire and water.

Thomas Orrell, painter and wall paper, Kingston, Ont., is announced to have assigned to E. V. Louchs.

Lead and zinc do not really unite. When melted together and allowed to cool slowly, the lead falls to the bottom. If kept together in fusion and repeatedly stirred, the zinc sublimes with great rapidity.