

tric Railway recently collected \$6,000 towards the enterprise in three days.—The City Engineer in his annual report will recommend that the Board of Works construct a piece of brick pavement as an experiment.

QUEBEC, QUE.—The Quebec Exhibition Committee, of which R. T. Legare is secretary, offer two prizes, one of \$100 and another of \$50, for the best two plans of buildings to be erected on the Gowen farm for the holding of the Provincial Exhibition. The buildings to be erected this year are not to cost over \$30,000.

SUSSEX, N.B.—The Roman Catholic congregation will erect a new church.—Mr. Mills is preparing plans for a residence to be built for Mr. George D. Moore, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia.—The Free Baptists are about to erect a parsonage, a committee having been appointed to arrange for the work.

HALIFAX, N. S.—Notification has been received from the War office to the effect that the construction of two quick firing gun batteries is to be commenced in the coming spring, for the better defence of the harbor. One battery will be located at George's Island, and the other at a point half way between the two forts on McNab's Island.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.—Improvements will be made to the Royal City mills, at a cost of \$20,000.—Mayor Owens, in his inaugural address, referred to the necessity of constructing a bridge across the Fraser river, and of increasing the electric light plant. It was also apparent, he said, that a second reservoir in connection with the waterworks system was required.

BURK'S FALLS, ONT.—A deputation from this vicinity waited upon the Ontario government on Tuesday and asked for aid to construct a railway one mile long to connect the town with the Magnetawan river. It was suggested that the bonus of \$7,500 already granted should be increased to \$12,000. The deputation also asked for an appropriation to defray the cost of dredging Ahmic Lake, so as to extend navigation into Negheick Lake.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Among the buildings to be erected this year will be an extension of the Grain Exchange block on Princess street. The building will include a warehouse for F. F. Fairchild.—During the present year the city council will be called upon to decide upon the following questions: The construction of a civic waterworks plant, the erection of a new central fire-hall, and the purchase of an electric light plant for street lighting. The contract under which the city is now lighted expires in April next, and tenders have been invited for an electric plant.

GUELPH, ONT.—The Mayor, in his inaugural address, stated that the following questions would be considered during the year: The buying of a steam roller and stone crusher; the making of good roads; the improvement of the fire protection, including the building of an addition to the present fire-hall, as per plan of George Bruce, at a cost of \$1,800; and the construction of a sewerage system. Regarding the latter he said: "The most pressing question that is before our citizens today is that of sewerage. I would suggest that a special committee be appointed to consult with our city engineer, and prepare a plan or submit some scheme whereby some headway could be made in this very important matter."

ST. JOHN, N. B.—At a meeting of the city council held last week, it was decided to grant a site to the New Brunswick Cold Storage Co. on which to erect a warehouse. Regarding the proposition made by Messrs. Hilyard & Spire to erect a pulp mill at Navy Island, the matter was referred to a special committee.—Mr. H. H. Mott, architect, representing a syndicate of local capitalists, has purchased the Crookshank property on Chip-

man's Hill. It is the intention of the syndicate to erect a large brick block, to contain apartments for from seventeen to twenty families, the entire building to be heated from one central heating apparatus and to be ready for occupancy May 1, 1899.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Hon. Mr. Stephens has given notice in the Quebec Legislature that he will move that the item of \$75,000 for a main sewer on St. Denis street be struck out.—It is learned that an English syndicate, for whom Mr. R. G. McGibbon, of this city, is solicitor, purposes erecting a number of hotels at various points in Canada. The first buildings will be erected at Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Niagara Falls. The plans therefor have been prepared by Mr. Bruce Price, architect, of New York. Regarding the hotel to be erected in this city, Mr. McGibbon stated that a site for the building had been secured, and that it would contain a first-class café and restaurant.—W. E. Doran, architect, is calling for tenders for an extension to a store, corner of St. Catherine & Montcalm streets, for F. J. Hart.—The G. T. R. are still negotiating with the City Council for the erection of a central depot. As yet no decision as to a site has been made.

OTTAWA, ONT.—F. W. Slack, contractor, has purchased a lot on Tackaberry avenue.—Mr. T. G. Shaughnessy, vice-president of the C. P. R., states that the company expect to be running into Ottawa in the spring, and that the station will be erected near the Russell House.—Chief Provost, of the Fire Department, will request the Fire and Light Committee to purchase 1,000 feet of new fire hose.—Elgin street will be paved from Wellington to Albert street. Property owners on Wellington street will petition that the pavement be continued as far as the foundry.—The Ontario Elevator Co. is seeking incorporation, to build elevators, telegraph and telephone lines and steamboats; capital, \$100,000; applicants, J. R. Booth, A. W. Fleck and others.—The Tobique Gypsum Co. is seeking incorporation, to manufacture calcined plaster, lumber, etc. Hon. John Contigan and John Heney, of this city, are interested.—H. J. Wickham is asking incorporation of a company to construct a railway from Cowichan Harbor, Vancouver Island, B. C., to the mouth of the Franklin river.—Mr. H. J. Beemer states that plans of the new interprovincial bridge will be brought to the city at once, arrangements having been made to commence work at an early date.—The company formed a short time ago to construct a bridge across the Ottawa from the end of Bank street has all preparations completed to commence the work as soon as the bill of incorporation passes Parliament. Tenders for the bridge have been decided on, and it will be rushed to completion next summer. It is said that Mr. William Gibson, M.P., will get the contract for the masonry, and the Hamilton Bridge Company for the superstructure.

TORONTO, ONT.—In his inaugural speech on Monday last, Mayor Shaw stated that the proposed remodelling of St. Lawrence market, the question of sewage disposal and water supply, and the scheme for the extension of the cribbing in front of Harbor square, would be considered during the year. The cost of the latter work is estimated at \$35,000. He further alluded to the necessity of some better means of conveying the water from the intake in the lake across the harbor to the main pumping station.—The Georgian Bay Ship Canal and Power Aqueduct Co. have submitted a new proposition to the council for the supply of electric energy.—Mr. H. J. P. Good is agitating a scheme for the erection of a large building in which to hold public exhibitions. Mr. Good estimates that the building would cost about \$1,250,000.—18

Mayor has commenced negotiations which may result in the establishment of large smelting works in Toronto. Mr. R. J. Tough, who has extensive nickel interests in the vicinity of Sudbury, is the principal mover in the proposal.—Strickland, Symons & Rae, architects, have been chosen to prepare plans for the new House of Refuge for the County of Peel, to be erected in Brampton, and to have accommodation for 40 inmates. This firm are architects of the new warehouse now being erected on Wellington street west for Park Bros. They are also engaged in making extensive repairs to the St. Charles restaurant on Yonge street.—Building permits have been granted as follows: J. McIvor, second story addition to store, 1,458 Queen street west, cost \$900; A. J. H. Eckhardt, two-story brick dry kiln, north side of Esplanade, west of Bay street, cost \$2,000; Park Bros. & Company, brick warehouse, 83 to 87 Wellington street west, cost \$3,500; Bickell & Wickett, two-story galvanized iron addition to tannery, corner Front and Cypress streets, cost \$1,000.—St. Paul's Presbyterian church has been removed to the corner of Bathurst street and Barton ave. It is the intention of the trustees to build a new church on this site as soon as the necessary funds can be secured.—At the Council meeting on Monday last, notices of motion were given as follows: By Ald. Davies, that a foot-bridge be constructed over the river Don about midway between Queen and Gerrard streets, and that St. Lawrence market be enlarged and improved, with railway, wharfage and cold storage facilities. By Ald. Hubbard, that the City Engineer be requested to interview the managers of the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific railways, with a view of having gates placed at the foot of Brock street. By Ald. Burns, that the Board of Works be requested to confer with the Harbor Commissioners with a view of discussing the question of the filling in of the eastern portion of Toronto bay, caused by spring freshets down the river Don, and if possible devise some means of preventing the same; also that the City Engineer be requested to prepare estimates of the cost of the different classes of pavements. By Ald. Woods, that a special committee be appointed to consider and report on the cost of an electric plant for lighting the streets and public buildings of the city, and also for the purpose of supplying electric energy to manufacturers.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company have taken tenders for about forty steel bridges, to be built in different parts of Canada. Contracts are expected to be awarded in a couple of weeks.

FIRES.

The residence of William Daly, contractor, of Faren's Point, Ont., was totally destroyed by fire recently.—W. E. Hall's furniture factory at Galt, Ont., was last week damaged by fire to the extent of \$2,500; partially covered by insurance.—The east wing of the Ottawa College was badly damaged by fire on the 5th inst. The entire roof was destroyed and part of the centre building injured. The damage is estimated at \$50,000, fully covered by insurance.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Hoodless & Son, of this city, have been awarded the contract for interior fittings of the Royal Hotel. The work is now in progress.

PETERBORO', ONT.—The Dominion Bridge Co., of Montreal, have been given the contract for the erection of a bridge over the Ouse river, in the township of Asphodel, at the price of \$650. Other tenderers were: Central Bridge Co., Peterboro', \$765; Weddell Bridge Co., Trenton, \$760; Hamilton Bridge Co., \$740.

TORONTO, ONT.—Messrs. John Hillock