

to have decided to rebuild a four-story building, and the work will no doubt be carried out under the supervision of Mr. Edmund Burke, the architect of the burned building. Mr. Mannell will rebuild the Tremont House at once, and add another story. Mr. Mallory, architect, will have charge of the work.—The Collin's hotel at Glamworth, Ont., was burned a few days ago. Loss, \$2,000; insurance, \$1,000.—The Presbyterian church at Glenboro', Man., was destroyed by fire on the 4th inst. Loss, \$2,500; insurance, \$1,000.—John Goldstaub's store at Plum Coulee, Man., was destroyed by fire recently; loss, \$7,000; insurance, \$4,000.—Fire at Halifax, N. S., on the 27th inst., destroyed the Government immigration sheds; wharf, grain elevator and elevator shute at the deep water terminus. The total loss will reach about \$600,000, the elevator and shute being valued at \$250,000. It is said the Government will at once rebuild.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Lowe & Farrells' tender for electric light fixtures for the House of Refuge has been accepted by the Hospital Committee, at the price of \$260.

MADOC, ONT.—The contract for the restoration of the Presbyterian church here has been awarded to R. F. Houston, of Tweed. The price is \$4,000, exclusive of seating and windows.

QUEBEC, QUE.—Contracts for improvements to the Clarendon hotel, owned by Mr. Lizotte, have been let as follows: painting, Pouliot & Gervais; plumbing and heating, Vaudry & Matte. Estimated cost \$6,000.

KINGSTON, ONT.—W. A. Newlands, architect, has awarded contracts as follows for improvements to Corbett's hardware store: carpentry, A. Williamson; masonry, W. McCartney; plumbing, J. Jamieson; painting, Robinson Bros.; tin-smithing, Elliott Bros.

TORONTO, ONT.—The tender of the Central Bridge and Engineering Company, of Peterboro', for an iron bridge 164 feet long across the lagoon at Island Park, has been accepted by the Parks and Gardens Committee of the City Council. Contract price, \$3,660.

DESERONTO, ONT.—The Hastings County Council has awarded the contract for the erection of O'Brien's bridge over the Moira river to the Waddell Bridge & Engine Company of Trenton, the lowest tenderers, at the price of \$6,120 for the superstructure and the sub-structure.

COLLINGWOOD, ONT.—A contract was given to the Bryan Mfg. Co., to build and complete a brick cased cottage for Mr. Stewart Lyon, for the sum of \$2,000. Building to be completed by June 1st. Residence of Mr. Frank Nettleton, was let to the several contractors as follows: brickwork, Thos. Ternges, \$1275; woodwork, Peterman & Son, \$1250; stone work, Thos. Ternges, \$200; painting and finishing, Frank Munson, \$290; plastering and interior work, John Lockton, \$195; heating and plumbing, John Duman, \$600. The building is to be faced with No. 2 Milton pressed bricks. Fred. T. Hodgson, architect.

OTTAWA, ONT.—Messrs. Alford & Smith have been accepted by the Department of Public Works as contractors for the completion of the Public Buildings in Victoria, B. C. The contract was originally awarded to Mr. Toms, who died while carrying out the work. The amount involved in completion will be about \$200,000.—The contract which Hugh Sutherland, as President of the Winnipeg Great Northern Railway, recently entered into with the Government, has been approved by order-in-council. It provides for the construction of the railway from Winnipeg to Hudson Bay, at the rate of 200 miles per year. One hundred and eighty miles are to be built this year.

BUSINESS NOTES.

E. A. Everett, hardware merchant, St. John, N. B., has assigned with liabilities of \$25,000 and assets somewhat less.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Rhodes Curry & Co., Ltd., the well known contractors of Amherst, N. S., was held in that town last week, at which the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: N. Curry, president; N. A. Rhodes, vice-president; J. M. Curry, sec. treas.; J. C. Robertson, consulting director; J. M. Townshend, T. R. Black. M. P. P., Charles Archibald, directors.

NEW COMPANIES.

WOODSTOCK, N. B.—Small & Fisher Co., applying for incorporation; capital stock, \$60,000; to carry on general manufacturing and foundry business.

GUELPH, ONT.—Guelph Railway Co., applying for incorporation; to build an electric railway in this city, extending to adjacent towns. The promoter is George Sleeman.

TORONTO, ONT.—Mica Boiler Covering Co., incorporated; capital \$50,000; incorporators, H. Thorne, F. D. Benjamin, John Foy, H. C. Hammond and Nicol Kingsmill.

LONDON, ONT.—London Merchants and Manufacturers Steamship Co., seeking incorporation; capital \$50,000; applicants, John McClary, F. E. Leonard, W. R. Hobbs, of this city, and others.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Danville Asbestos and Slate Company, Ltd., applying to the Dominion Government for incorporation; capital stock, \$250,000; applicants, F. and M. Boas, of St. Hyacinthe, and J. N. Greenshields, Wm. Sclater, B. Shepherd and Wm. T. Costigan, of Montreal.

ROAD BUILDING ON A COTTON FOUNDATION.

The Massachusetts highway commissioners are trying an interesting experiment. The board has found in building macadamized roads that upon loose, sandy soil, much stone is wasted by being driven into the sand. In such cases, gravel, when accessible, has been placed upon the sand to a depth of three or four inches, and the stone laid on this. By so doing the cost is greatly reduced. There being no gravel at Martha's Vineyard, cheap cotton cloth has within two weeks been spread upon the sand, and over that the stone. It has been found that the sand does not work up through the stone and much less stone is required. Layers of tarred paper were tried, but without success, as the stone pressed through them. This is probably the first experiment ever made with cloth, and while the stretch on which it is used is not long, the showing will be valuable.

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