

—Mr. Molyneau St. John gives notice in the Canada Gazette of application to parliament for the incorporation of a company to construct a tramway between the head of Lake Lindemann and the mouth of the Lewis river.—Lafleur & Macdougall give notice for a company to operate a railway from Fort Selkirk to a point on the international boundary on a route towards the mouth of the Stickeen river, by way of the Hootilingqua river and Teslin lake, with branch lines.—A company has applied for a charter through Geoffrion, Dorion & Allan, of Montreal, to build a railway from a point on the Lewis river, between Five Fingers and Fort Selkirk, and a point on the international boundary, on a route towards the mouth of the Lynn canal, with branch lines.—Notice is given of application for an act to incorporate a company to build a railway from the head of the Lynn canal northward along Dalton's Trail to Fort Selkirk, N.W.T.—During the coming winter the Upper Ottawa Improvement Co. will build another steamer to ply on Chats lake.

FIRES.

McDougall & Co.'s saw mill at Maxville, Ont., was consumed by fire on Friday last. Loss, \$2,250; insurance, \$1,000.—The Victoria Block at Brandon, Man., owned by the Confederation Life Insurance Co., was lately destroyed by fire.—The loss by the Stratford fire, referred to in our last issue, is placed at \$15,000. The city hall was almost completely destroyed.—J. C. Dance's residence at Kingsmill, Ont., has been burned. Loss, \$3,000.—A disastrous fire occurred at St. Johns, Que., last week. The buildings burned were owned by V. Mailloux, L. Dubois, H. Black and M. Guillet.—A two-story brick structure at St. Catharines, Ont., owned by Mrs. Chas. Lobb, was damaged by fire last week. Loss covered by insurance.—The Niagara Steam Laundry at Niagara, Ont., was recently gutted by fire. Loss to building \$800; plant, \$1,500; partially insured. The building was owned by Mrs. C. A. Hill.—Lawrence's tannery and Larrigan's factory at Burt's Corner, fifteen miles above Fredericton, N.B., were burned last week. Insured for \$5,500.—The felt factory at the Government Indian Industrial school at Qu'Appelle, N.W.T., was totally destroyed by fire on Saturday morning last; loss, \$5,000.—The Merchants' Hotel at Brandon, Man., was badly damaged by fire on Friday of last week.—Richardson & Sons' large elevator at Kingston, Ont., has been totally destroyed by fire. Loss, \$60,000.—A serious fire broke out at Carberry, Man., on the 30th ultimo. Among the losers are: Massey-Harris Co., Sylvester Bros., E. Morton, H. Robertson, J. B. Henderson, James McFetridge and Logan & Co.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

HAWKESBURY, ONT.—The town has purchased a Ronald fire engine for \$3,200.

TILBURY NORTH, ONT.—Tilbury North council has let the contract for two steel bridges on Tremblay creek, for \$235 each, to the Stratford Bridge Co.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The Fire and Water Committee have awarded the contract for an aerial truck to the Ronald Fire Engine Company, of Brussels, at \$1,950.

KINGSTON, ONT.—J. O'Shea, of Prescott, has been awarded the contract for pile-driving for the foundations of the new grain elevator of the Montreal Transportation Co., and has commenced work.

GATINEAU POINT, QUE.—William Smith has been given the contract for waterworks and electric light systems. The electric light plant will be installed at once, but operations on the waterworks system will not commence until next spring. The plans were prepared by Mr. Dupont, C.E., of Montreal.

LACHINE, QUE.—The Central Bridge Company have just erected a 100 foot girder bridge for C. P. R. here, over the G. T. R. and Montreal Island railway tracks. In the last issue of the RECORD this item was erroneously given under Lachute news.

MAISONNEUVE, QUE.—J. Alcide Chausse, architect, of Montreal, has awarded contracts for all works for the repairs to the city hall, chief of police residence, and the erection of a public hall, to Messrs. Hamel & Blean, of this town. Work will begin at once.

DUNDAS, ONT.—The town debentures, amounting to \$9,000, issued for erecting a fire hall and building a dam, have been sold to Stimson & Co., of Toronto, at \$226 premium.—Contracts for improvements to the H. & D. railway station have been let as follows: Carpenter work, Owen Hodges; brickwork, Walter Holmwood; painting and glazing, John Taylor.

QUEBEC, QUE.—E. M. Talbot, architect, has awarded contracts as follows for a villa restaurant for Elzear Savard: Masonry, Francois Parent; carpentry, J. H. Gignac.—The contract for the construction of St. Victor de Tring church has been awarded to Mr. Page, contractor, of St. Raymond. The church will be of Whitton granite, and will cost \$30,000. Messrs. Tanguay & Vallee are the architects.

WINDSOR, ONT.—Six bids were received for the purchase of \$20,000 of debentures, as follows: Canadian Bank of Commerce, \$20,212; Hanson Bros., brokers, Montreal, 101.16 p.c.; Jas. A. Meldrum, Toronto, \$20,153 and accrued interest; Geo. A. Stimson & Co., Toronto, \$20,232, with accrued interest; C. E. Gault & Co., Toronto, 101.55 per cent. and accrued interest; G. V. G. Grenhill, for the Standard Life Insurance Co., Montreal, \$20,400 and accrued interest or 102 per cent. The latter was accepted.

LONDON, ONT.—The council here finally awarded the contract for sections "L," "M," "N" and "O" of the sewerage system to A. J. Brown, of Toronto; price \$39,060.—Contracts for the new ambulance building at the police station have been let as below: Carpenter work, W. R. Scott, \$375; brickwork, Josiah Garratt, \$300.—A spire, to cost \$2,000, will be built on the church of St. John the Evangelist. The contractors are Win. Hayman & Son, the sub-contractors being Wm. Gerry for the carpenter work and Stevely & Son for the galvanized iron.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Mesnard & Daoust, architects, have let the masonry contract for a building on Cathedral street for Messrs. Perrault to Martineau & Pronoveau. Same architects have accepted tenders as follows for a cottage to be built on Laval avenue for J. B. G. Perrault: Masonry, Martineau & Pronoveau; carpenter and joiner's work, J. Binette. Cost \$6,000.—A. St. Louis, architect, has accepted the following tenders for three houses on St. Denis street for Theo. Lessard: Carpenter work, Bernard & Son; bricklaying, Major & Leroux; other trades not let.

MARKET CONDITIONS.

Much interest is now centred around the cement market. The stock in the hands of dealers is unusually light, and as navigation is drawing to a close, it is doubtful if any more will be received, as the two last steamers that cleared from Antwerp with large quantities met with mishaps and were obliged to put in at the nearest point for repairs, which has delayed them too long in order to proceed, as they are both very slow vessels. In consequence of the above and the fact that Belgian makers have been over-

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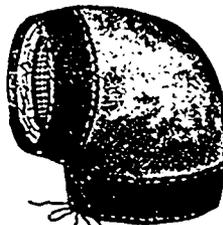
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