

Cobourg Road. C. J. Creighton will probably erect a dwelling at Dutch Village and C. C. Longard one on Gerrish street.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Tenders are invited by the Road Department, addressed to P. W. St. George, City Surveyor, until Wednesday, the 15th inst., for the construction of drains in different wards during the present year. A permit has been granted for the erection of the new Victoria street hotel. The building will be four stories high, with basement, containing sixty bedrooms, fitted with electric bells and lights, and an electric elevator. The hotel will be under the management of F. W. McKenny, of the Balmoral hotel. —Gamelin & Huot, architects, are preparing plans for one three-storey cottage, stone front, on Park avenue, for M. Lanson. Tenders will be called shortly. —J. H. Macduff, architect, is preparing plans for one three-storey tenement building, stone and brick front, on Sanguinet street, for G. Bail. —The annual report of the C. P. R., presented at the annual meeting last week, states that an extension of the Montreal and Ottawa railway for a distance of about 23 miles should be made during the present year, and its extension to Ottawa, a further distance of about 41 miles, should be made as soon as practicable. —At a vestry meeting of St. Mathias' church held on Monday last, it was decided to extend the church on the upper side, provided the strip of land could be acquired for that purpose.

HAMILTON, ONT.—T. Beasley, City Clerk, has invited tenders for the construction of sewers on Herkimer street and Stanley avenue. —A new Sunday school building, to cost \$5,000, will probably be erected this year in connection with the Erskine Presbyterian church. —The Saw Bill Lake Gold Mining Co., which is seeking incorporation, propose to erect a new mill north of Bonheur station. —W. P. Witton, architect, is receiving tenders for the erection of a brick residence on Hannah street. —At a recent meeting of the Markets, Jail and Police Committee, a recommendation was passed that a shelter be erected east of the market building, at a cost of \$6,000. —Joseph Hobson, chief engineer of the Grand Trunk railway, will recommend the reconstruction of the Barton street bridge. —Building permits have been granted as follows: A. W. Peene, two-storey brick dwelling on Maria street, cost \$2,300; Donaldson & Patterson, alterations to Knox church, cost \$1,200; Mrs. McGaigie, two-storey brick dwelling on Oak avenue, cost \$1,150. —Engineer Wingate, of the T. H. & B. Railway Company, has finished the surveys for the branch which is to connect the G. T. R. and the T. H. & B. It will run west of the city limits, following Beasley's Hollow. —A. W. Peene, architect, will receive tenders until Saturday, the 11th inst., for alterations and additions to the German Lutheran church manse on Hewson street north.

TORONTO, ONT.—The directorate of the National Club are considering a scheme for enlarging and remodelling the club premises. Plans have been prepared, and the matter will be laid before a meeting of the members for final action at an early date. —Tenders are invited by the Public School Board until noon on Friday, April 10th, for four hundred single desks and seats. —The City Engineer has recommended that the sum of \$6,000 be placed in the estimates to cover the cost of constructing a wooden draw bridge at Cherry street, crossing the Don. He estimates the cost of repaving Dundas street, from Bloor street to Toronto Junction, at \$17,000 for cedar, and \$15,700 for macadam pavements. A macadam pavement is recommended for Richmond street, from Bay to York street. Tenders for the repair of asphalt streets on which the guarantee has expired will be adver-

tised for. —Regarding the Queen street subway, the city engineer states that the plans have been mutually agreed upon between the city, the G. T. R. and the C. P. R., and there is now no obstacle to the carrying out of this work, except as regards the matter of land damages. —Ground has been broken for new dwellings on the west side of Huron street immediately north of Lowther ave., and on the west side of Spadina road, a short distance south of Lowther ave. —Plans have been prepared by R. J. Edwards, architect, under instructions from a company in which a large amount of Chicago capital is interested, for an uptown hotel, to be erected in the neighborhood of Queen's Park, at a cost of \$500,000. It is not yet decided whether the work will be carried out. —Mr. Peter McIntyre, of this city, is promoting a scheme to open summer resorts on Ferry or Vernon lakes, Muskoka, and erect cottages and other buildings. —The City Engineer has reported that it will cost \$1,500 to drain the walls of the King street subway, and \$2,500 to cover the top of the subway from drippings from the railway tracks. —A meeting of the Property Committee was held last week to consider the supplementary estimates in connection with improvements to fire halls. The items for new heating apparatus were struck out, the sum of \$1,000 for an addition to the Wilton avenue hall being allowed to stand. —At a meeting of the Parks and Gardens Committee Mr. S. H. Blake applied for a free site at the island on which to erect a working girls' summer home for the Young Women's Christian Guild. —The City Engineer will probably recommend the construction of an archway under the Arthur street bridge for the purpose of connecting Bellwood's Park with the property to the north of it. —For some time negotiations have been pending for the purchase of an electric railway franchise on the Niagara Peninsula. It is said that a syndicate composed of capitalists from Toronto, Montreal and New York is now being formed, to secure the franchise, the intention being to build the line at once. —The provincial treasurer has presented the supplementary estimates for the year. The total amount is \$87,905, which includes the following: Rebuilding Agricultural College, Guelph, \$10,000; addition to jail at North Bay, \$4,000; public works, \$1,200; colonization roads, \$18,700; crown lands, \$3,750; miscellaneous, \$24,586.27. The latter includes the Port Arthur mining school, \$5,000; Canadian Historical Exhibition, \$1,000. —The Ontario Government have granted bonuses to the following railways: the Irondale, Bancroft and Ottawa railway, a distance of five miles, \$3,000 per mile; the Ontario, Belmont and Northern railway, ten miles, \$2,000 per mile; the Pembroke Southern railway, fifteen miles, \$3,000 per mile; The Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound railway, \$3,000

per mile for two and one-quarter miles. —Building permits have been granted as follows: Thompson & Case, brick alterations to store, 82 Yonge street, cost \$3,000; W. A. Bradshaw, 2 story bk. add. to rear of dwelling, 27 Carleton st., cost \$1,500.

FIRES.

The Potter house block on Main street, Winnipeg, was destroyed by fire on the 1st inst., at a loss of \$10,000. The building was owned by ex Lieutenant-Governor Shultz and Mr. W. F. Alloway. —The residence of George Thompson, at Paisley, Ont., has been burned. Loss \$1,000. —The roller flour mill at Wellandport, Ont., owned by Heslop Bros., has been destroyed by fire. Loss from \$8,000 to \$10,000, partially covered by insurance. —The Roman Catholic church at Vinton, Que., was destroyed by fire last week. The building was valued at \$12,000, and was partially insured. —The Demill Ladies' College at Oshawa, Ont., was completely destroyed by fire on Monday last. Probable loss, \$20,000. —The College street Baptist church, corner College street and Palmerston avenue, Toronto, has been damaged to the extent of \$3,000, fully covered by insurance. —The dry kiln of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., at Keewatin, Ont., was destroyed by fire last week, at a loss of \$4,000. —The dry goods store of Barnstead & Sutherland, on Barrington street, Halifax, was gutted by fire on the 5th inst. The loss on building is placed at \$10,000, fully covered by insurance. —The Vulcan foundry at Lucan, Ont., owned by Haloran Bros., has been consumed by fire, loss \$1,000. —The Commercial hotel at Chapeau, Ont., was destroyed by fire on Sunday last. Loss, \$4,000 to \$5,000, partially covered by insurance. —At Halifax, N. S., on the 7th inst., fire destroyed the G. N. W. lumber yard, and residence of John Davidson & Son. Loss, \$5,000; insured. —Chestnut & Hipwell's furniture and carriage factory, Rev. George Hartley's store and house, and a residence owned by Joseph Crawford, at Woodstock, N. B., were burned recently.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

TORONTO, ONT.—G. W. Couinlock, architect, has awarded the contract for excavating for the addition to the Foresters' Temple on Bay st. to John J. Page.

HAVELLOCK, ONT.—A contract has been awarded to James Knox, of this place, for the building of a new Methodist church. Contract price, \$3,250, exclusive of seating, furnishing and heating.

ST. CATHARINES, ONT.—The Fire, Water and Light Committee received the following tenders for alterations to the fire hall: C. Leicester, \$1,900; Newman Bros., \$1,900; E. C. Nicholson, \$1,900; J. W. Carl, \$1,885; H. Milloy, \$1,771; James Tewsley, \$1,742; Cooke & Son,

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