

FIRES.

The residence of G. Ouimet, 1284 St. Hubert street, Montreal, was burned a few days ago. Loss \$5,000.—A large stave mill at Jericho, Ont., owned by John Middleton, was consumed by fire recently. Insurance, \$1,000. The mill will likely be rebuilt.—Two houses at Hull, Que., owned by St. Pierre, have been burned. Loss partially covered by insurance.—The residences of Wm. Bowes and C. L. Smith at Grafton, N. B., were burned last week. Small insurance.—The residence, barn, stables and granary of Israel Desjardines at Stoney Point, Ont., were burned on the 9th inst. Loss about \$4,000.—Wm. Wright's evaporator at Conway, Ont., was destroyed by fire recently. No insurance.—Mr. C. McKutcheon's large five-storey flour mill at Alton, Ont., was totally destroyed by fire on Friday last. Loss \$4,000, partially covered by insurance.—At Collingwood, Ont., on the 11th inst., the residence of Capt. Geo. Collins, with all contents, was consumed by fire. Insurance, \$700.—A large store and office building at Orillia, Ont., owned by Mr. Mulcahy, was totally destroyed by fire on Monday last. The loss is estimated at \$8,000, fully covered by insurance.—John Murray's residence and bakeshop at Ayr, Ont., has been burned. Insurance, \$1,500.—Fire at Coldwater, Ont., on the 13th inst., destroyed two brick stores owned by Geo. R. Gray, and a brick store owned by Sawyer Bros. The loss is nearly covered by insurance.—Sixty-five buildings at Chatham, N. B., were destroyed by fire on the 10th inst., entailing a loss of \$60,000, only a small portion of which is covered by insurance. Among the buildings burned are Gillespie's foundry and machine shop, loss \$12,000, Alex. Robinson's carriage works, loss \$3,000, and about 35 dwellings and 30 barns.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

WALKERTON, ONT.—W. J. Whittock is the successful tenderer for plumbing in the public buildings.

COLLINGWOOD, ONT.—The Silica Barytic Stone Co., of Ingersoll have been awarded a contract for 25,000 square feet of pavement to be laid in this town.

PETERBORO', ONT.—At the last meeting of the Town Council the contract for section No. 3 of the outfall sewer was awarded to Robert Grant, of Toronto, who has just completed section No. 1.

KINGSTON, ONT.—The Finance Committee of the City Council has accepted the tender of the Bank of British North America for the purchase of \$48,927.73 debentures. The price offered is \$52,070.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—The contract for the erection of Vanwart Bros.' new building has been awarded to B. Mooney & Sons and John Duffy. It will be built of wood and will contain two dwellings and a drug store.

KINCARDINE, ONT.—The Ontario People's Salt & Soda Co. have awarded the contract for a steel stand pipe, 60 feet high by 3 feet diameter, to Hunter Bros., of this town, also the contract for 2 steel scrubbers 18 feet high by 4 feet in diameter.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The tender of the Bushnell Oil Co. to supply the city with cylinder oil at 50 cents per gallon and engine oil at 33 cents per gallon, has been accepted by the Waterworks Committee.—David Newlands has been awarded the contract for a sewer on Main street, at 89 cents per foot.


MONTREAL, QUE.—R. L. Strathy & Co., of this city, have been awarded the contract by the Coast Line Railway Company for fencing from Yarmouth to Belleville, N. S.—David Ouimet, of this city, has been awarded the contract by the Dominion Government for placing heating

apparatus in the Tracadie, N. B., lazaretto. **TORONTO, ONT.**—The Board of Works on Saturday last awarded the contract for a brick pavement on Dovercourt road, from Bloor street to Union street, to the Construction and Paving Co., at the price of \$11,218. Wm. Moss, of Bathurst street was awarded the contract for 7,000 feet of fencing in the Rosedale ravine, at 48 cents per foot. For 22,000 yards of sodding in front of the Parliament buildings three tenders were received at 3¼ cents per yard, and it was decided to divide the work between G. Perfett, J. Stother and Collins & Campbell. For a concrete ce-

ment walk on south side of Bloor street, the tender of A. Gardner & Co., at \$1.04 per lineal foot was accepted.

Shirley & Hoy, tinsmiths, New Westminster, B. C., have been succeeded by H. T. Kirk.


A machine for bending railway rails by power has been invented by George E. Smith, contractor, of Sherbrooke, Que. It was used in the construction of the Megantic branch of the Quebec Central railway, and proved a success, rails weighing 60 and 70 pounds per yard being curved in perfect uniformity.

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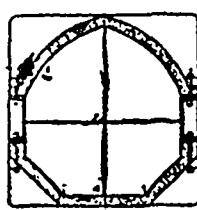
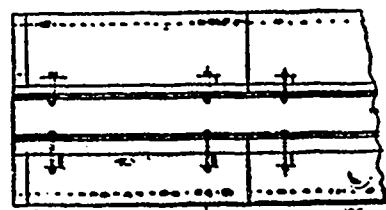
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