

for the erection of a new church for the congregation of St. John the Evangelist.

**LONDON, ONT.**—Mr. James Reid, 30 St. James street, will erect a brick and stone cottage on George street, at a cost of \$1,200.—Messrs. Robinson, Little & Co. contemplate the erection of a new building on the site of the old Connor building on Richmond street.—Mr. Joseph Young is about to build a brick house on Elmwood avenue, to cost \$1,500.

**AMHERST, N. S.**—Messrs. Crossman & Laws, founders and machinists, have purchased property adjoining their present foundry, and in the spring will extend their works. They will build a new moulding shop 55x110 feet, a building for iron and coal, 26x28 feet and a fitting shop 28x75 feet, two stories high with an engine room at the end of the fitting shop.

**HAMILTON, ONT.**—Messrs. Wm. Stewart & Son, architects, are asking for tenders until to-morrow (Friday) for the erection of a power house at Stoney Creek, for the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Electric Railway Company.—Tenders are invited by Mr. W. A. Edwards, architect, until Saturday next, the 24th inst., for the erection of a brick residence on the Plains Road, East Flamboro.

**PORT ARTHUR, ONT.**—A proposition has been made to the towns of Port Arthur and Fort William, on behalf of an American syndicate, represented by Cap. Thos. Hooper, to construct a blast furnace of 40,000 tons capacity, a rolling mill of 2,500 tons capacity per month, also to construct the Ontario and Rainy River Railway to the mouth of Rainy River. The towns are asked to give assistance to the extent of \$200,000. At a recent joint meeting of the Councils of both towns, the proposition was favorably received.

**WINNIPEG, MAN.**—Reports indicate that a number of buildings costing from \$25,000 to \$100,000, will be erected during the coming season, including a large number of high class residences. A number of contracts are already let and operations will commence as soon as the weather will permit.—Whole or separate tenders are invited by Mr. J. A. M. Aikins, Chairman of the Executive Committee, until Wednesday, the 7th of March, for the erection of the proposed Wesley College building. Plans may be seen at either the office of Messrs. George Browne, or S. Frank Peters, architects, Donaldson Block.

**OTTAWA, ONT.**—It has been decided by the Trustees to erect a new school building at Rainsay's Corners, near this city.—The Board of Trade have appointed a committee to draw up a memorial asking the Ontario Government for aid in building a railway and traffic bridge from Nepean Point to Hull, across the Ottawa river.—The City Council has decided to ask power from the Legislature to issue debentures to cover the cost of purchasing an electric light plant, and constructing a trunk sewer in Dalhousie ward, the cost of the latter being estimated at about \$500,000.—At a public meeting held last week, it was definitely decided to proceed with the erection of the Maternity Hospital. A considerable sum has been promised towards the cost of construction.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—The Public School Board in outlining their requirements for the current year have concluded that about \$75,000 should be expended on the enlargement of school buildings. It is probable that this sum will be included in the estimates of the Board for this purpose, and that the work will be carried out. More definite information will be afforded two or three weeks hence.—The question of filtration for purifying the water supply is receiving considerable attention by the City Engineer. It is his intention to secure, if possible, plans of the works in Berlin, Paris, and other places, for the purpose of preparing a report on the suitability of the system for Toronto.—The City Engineer has recommended the construction of a sewer on MacKenzie avenue, at a cost of \$2,000.—

At the request of the Property Committee the City Engineer has been instructed to report to the Committee on the practicability of operating an electric railway from Hanlan's Point to Wiman's Baths, along the south and west shore of the Island.—Mr. W. E. Redway has written to the City Council requesting that a site be set apart somewhere near the foot of John street for the construction of a commodious dry-dock, where large vessels could be repaired. The Engineer will be asked to report on the matter.

**MONTREAL, QUE.**—Plans are being prepared for a new church in Cote Ste. Antoine, to cost \$30,000.—It is reported that Mr. Felix Labelle will prepare the plans for the new east end depot, to be erected by the C. P. R.—The plans for the new building of the Canada Life Assurance Company, to be erected at the corner of St. James and St. Peter streets, have been completed, and tenders will be asked for during the month of March. The architect is Mr. Richard A. Waite, of Buffalo. The building will consist of a basement and ground floor story and seven stories above. It will have a frontage on James street of fifty-eight feet, and on St. Peter street will extend to Fortification lane.—Plans have been prepared by Mr. Taylor, architect, and submitted to the Board of Governors, for the complete remodelling of the General Hospital, at a cost of \$50,000. An effort will be made to raise the necessary sum to have the work carried out.—It is said that the Provincial Government has in contemplation the construction of a railway from La Chute aux Iroquois to the Lake Temiscamingue region. Mr. L. H. Garden, is at present surveying the country with a view to locating the line.

**FIRES.**

A large frame building on King street east, Gananoque, Ont., owned by J. B. Turner, was burned on the 18th inst; insured.—The residence of Mrs. James Dunlop, at Picton, Ont., was destroyed by fire recently. Loss, \$2,500; insurance \$1,700.—The Queen's Hotel at White River, Ont., owned by Ike Cottom, and the Pacific Hotel, owned by Mr. Hogan, were totally destroyed by fire on Thursday of last week. Insurance on Queen's Hotel, \$2,000; on Pacific hotel, \$4,000.—The Byng roller mills at Dunnville, Ont., owned by T. Drake, were burned on the 18th inst. Loss, \$12,000; insurance, \$1,300.—The establishment of F. McRae, 2098 Notre Dame street, Montreal, was damaged by fire recently to the extent of \$5,000.—John Heath's flour mill at Wardsville, Ont., was destroyed by fire recently. Loss, \$4,000; no insurance.—The saw and chopping mills of Joseph Graf, at Chepstone, Ont., were burned on the 14th inst. Loss, \$2,000; no insurance.—H. Paxton Baird's dwelling at Woodstock, N. B., with all its contents, was destroyed by fire last week. Insurance, \$1,500.—The brick residence of A. Schwaller, at Thorold, Ont., was burned on the 15th inst. The building was insured for \$4,000 and the furniture for \$1,500.—The residence of Mrs. Peppiat on Louisa street, Toronto Junction, was burned on Tuesday last. Loss \$2,500, covered by insurance.—A building at Trenton, Ont., occupied by T. D. Kinsella, harnessmaker, was destroyed by fire on the 19th inst. Loss, \$4,000, fully covered by insurance.

**CONTRACTS AWARDED.**

**TORONTO, ONT.**—The Canadian General Electric Company have been given a contract by the Toronto Railway Company for 80 street car motors and about 3,000 horse power of generators.

**VANCOUVER, B.C.**—Contracts have been let as follows for a three story building to be erected by Mr. Thos. Dunn on the west side of Granville street: excavation, stone and brick work, Geo. Fuller; stone cutting, David Gibb; plumbing, gas and steam fitting and electric wiring, C. McCalmon; woodwork, Alex. Strathy. Painting not yet let.

**OTTAWA, ONT.**—Contracts for the erection of the Young Women's Christian Association building have been awarded as follows: Mason and brick work, Alex. Garvock, \$4,987; carpentering, J. & C. Lowe, \$4,997; plastering, C. J. Delvin, \$925; plumbing, McKinley & Northwood, \$1,897; painting and glazing, Wm. Howe, \$947; electric wiring and bells, R. Anderson, \$83.

**BIDS.**

**LONDON, ONT.**—The tenders for the supply of the new water-works pumps are: Mr. H. R. Worthington, New York; Mr. Snow, of Buffalo; Blake Manufacturing Company, Boston; Holly Manufacturing Company, Lockwood; Messrs. John Inglis & Son, Toronto; London Machine Tool Company; Messrs. E. Leonard & Sons and Messrs. Steven and Burns, London. For necessary boilers the tenders are: Mr. Whittan, of Woodstock; Messrs. Geo. White & Sons, Mr. E. Leonard and Messrs. Stevens & Burns, London; and Messrs. Cowan & Co., Galt. The amount of tenders have not yet been made known, as the awarding of contracts will not take place until a later date.

**NEW COMPANIES.**

**HAMILTON, ONT.**—Hamilton Hardware Co., Limited, seeking incorporation; capital stock, \$75,000; applicants, James Freres, C. A. Whitwam, W. J. Swanson, R. B. Baker and E. O. Bull.

**MONTREAL, QUE.**—Alaska Feather & Down Company, Limited, seeking incorporation; capital, \$20,000.—Manufacturing Exchange Company, seeking incorporation; capital, \$20,000.—Montreal Island Belt Line Company, seeking charter of incorporation.—The Wm. J. Matheson Company, Limited, incorporated; capital, \$25,000; to manufacture and deal in dyes, drugs, chemicals and medicinal apparatus. Wm. J. Matheson of New York, President.—The Holmes electric Protection Co., seeking incorporation.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—The Toronto Portable Oven Co., Ltd., incorporated; capital stock, \$15,000; to manufacture and sell bakers' portable ovens, and machinery in connection therewith.—The Merchants' and Traders' Collecting and Protective Company of Ontario, Limited, incorporated; capital stock, \$25,000.—The John Abell Engine and Machine Works Company, Limited, incorporated; capital, \$500,000; incorporations, John Abell, Christina Abell, Henry Abell, Charles James Agar, Alexander Williams, and James McMillan, all of Toronto.—Toronto Aqueduct Company, seeking incorporation; to construct a ship canal or power aqueduct from Toronto to Georgian Bay and to generate electricity and supply heat, light and power; applicants, Henry Comstock, David Booth, and Geo. M. Mallory, of Brockville, Emerson Coatsworth, Peter Ryan, J. L. Hughes and others, of Toronto.—Portlock and Desert Lake Iron Mine Railway Company, seeking incorporation from Provincial Legislature, to construct a railway from Portlock harbor on Lake Huron to Desert Lake, in District of East Algoma; Wm. Chisholm, applicant.

**BUSINESS NOTES.**

F. L. Labelle & Fils, contractors, Montreal, have assigned at the demand of Joseph A. Labelle, with liabilities of about \$16,000.

The stock of the estate of Frank Squibb, plumber and dealer in electrical supplies, Hamilton, Ont., is advertised for sale by tender.

Joseph Cusson and H. Therien have formed a partnership in Montreal to carry on business as plumbers under the style of Cusson & Therien.

A suit for \$20,000 has been filed against James Connee, M. P. P. for Algoma, and J. D. McLennan, contractor, by John D. Robinson, of Toronto, a former sub-contractor under defendants. The plaintiff claims \$10,000 for balance due him for work done on the C. P. R. in Algoma and a similar amount for material

supplied and for his railway plant, which he claims was used by the defendants.

The *Legal and Commercial Exchange* report the following: E. T. Nesbitt, contractor, Quebec, is offering to compromise at 50 cents on the dollar.—Hoffman & Fraser, contractors, Montreal, have dissolved partnership.—Wm. O'Dell, contractor, Nanaimo, B. C., has assigned to Gen. Haig.—A demand of assignment has been made on Thos. Feeney, contractor, of Coteau Landing, Que.—Lavoie & Co., masons, Cote St. Louis, Que., have dissolved partnership.—The stock of J. Lecompte & Fils, plumbers, Montreal, was slightly damaged by fire recently.—Jos. Galipeau & Fils, joiners, Montreal, have dissolved.—L. M. Jette, contractor, of Montreal, has compromised at 40 cents on the dollar on liabilities of \$11,000.

**MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.**

**LEGAL DECISIONS AFFECTING MUNICIPALITIES.**

**COLEMAN V CITY OF TORONTO.**—Judgment by Mr. Justice Rose on question of damages accruing to the plaintiffs, Charles Coleman and Selina Ann Coleman, by reason of the evil condition of Ashbridge's Bay in the City of Toronto. The liability of the defendants was established by a previous judgment, and the learned Judge consented to assess the damages, which he now does, after argument by counsel. "Having regard," the learned Judge says, "to the fact that the plaintiff erected his buildings, and thus notified the defendant that he wished to use his premises for the purpose of carrying on the ice business, the further facts as to the great nuisance existing and which continued until recently, even if now removed, the preventing the plaintiff establishing a business, the loss of rental value after the expiry of a reasonable time after notice, the financial loss consequent upon the noxious odors, rendering the plaintiffs' house uninhabitable, the loss of time and expenses incurred in and about the very lengthened and tedious litigation, which cannot be taxed in the ordinary bill of costs, and the matter having been left to me to assess the damages according to my best judgment, as a jury might fairly have done, I assess such damages down to this date at the sum of \$5,000, for which sum the plaintiff may have judgment."

A collection of road-building materials is being made by the Massachusetts Highway Commission, and is designed to include rocks, gravels, sands, and clays of the State, so that by turning to their cabinets the Commissioners can tell at once what sort of material is at hand for building a road in any particular town, how far it must be hauled, and how abundant it is. Experiments are also being made to determine the value of different binding materials and the physical properties of the rocks in the State.

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Thorold, Ontario.