

posal to light public buildings in Levis, and to convey the electric current across the St. Lawrence for the purpose by means of a cable laid at the bottom of the river.

HALIFAX, N. S.—A syndicate has been organized to erect a large departmental store in this city. Toronto and English capitalists are the promoters. The plans of J. C. Dumaresq, architect, of this city, have been accepted for the Lefebvre memorial hall to be erected in connection with St. Joseph's college, Memramcook, N. B. The building will be of freestone, 80x60 ft., ground floor fitted up for museum and laboratories, with opera hall above, having seating capacity for 800, including balcony.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The Markets, Fire and Police Committee have decided to place in the estimates the sum of \$4,000 for the establishment of a fire station in the west end.—W. A. Edwards, architect, has taken out a permit for the erection of a dwelling and store at the corner of Locke and Melbourne streets for F. Wright, to cost \$1,800.—St. Paul's Presbyterian church trustees have been granted a building permit for a mission building on Mary street, between King and King William streets, to cost \$2,000.

TORONTO, ONT.—It is understood to be the intention of the T. Eaton Co. to build a new front to their departmental store on Yonge street. A sub committee of the Property Committee will recommend the erection of new buildings at the Yonge street wharf and the putting down of new planking, at a cost of about \$7,000.—The Parks and Gardens Committee have resolved to secure the construction of a system of waterworks for the Island at once, and the Council will be asked to provide \$15,000 for the work.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—N. F. Hagel, Q. C., and Col. Scoble have gone to Ottawa to further the interests of the Winnipeg and Hudson Bay canal scheme, which is being promoted by Mr. Archibald Wright, Col. Scoble and others.—Incorporation will be asked for by the Ked River Improvement Co., to improve the navigation of the Red River and to build a canal connecting Lake Manitoba with the Assiniboine river.—The project of reconstructing the burned buildings of the Cauchon block into a first-class opera house is being discussed, but no definite action has as yet been taken.

OTTAWA, ONT.—Dr. F. W. Strange, and Messrs. J. C. Stokes, L. E. Hambly and A. B. Armstrong, of Toronto, had an interview last week with the Premier regarding the granting of a charter for the proposed electric or steam railway between Aurora and Schomberg.—Tenders for the erection of immigrant buildings at Halifax, N. S., are invited by E. F. E. Roy, Secretary of the Public Works Department, until Wednesday the 15th inst. Plans may be seen at the above department and at the office of C. E. W. Dodwell resident engineer, Halifax.—F. S. Rathbun, secretary of the Thousand Island Railway Co., has made application to Parliament for an extension of time in which to complete their railway and for power to further extend the line from Gananoque to Rockport.—The Secretary of the Public Works Department invites tenders until Monday, the 27th inst., for the construction of a block at the outer end of the breakwater at Souris, P. E. I. Plans at the Custom House, Souris, and at the above department.—Mr. Rochester, lumber merchant, is promoting a scheme to erect a creamery here.

FIRES.

The store occupied by Mr. Ormsman and owned by H. Casselman, at Wyebridge, Ont., was destroyed by fire last week. Fully insured.—A large church at Harvey Station, N. B., has been burned.

—The premises of Houston & Co., at Glencoe, Ont., were entirely destroyed by fire last week. Loss on building, \$1,800, covered by insurance.—Holland's mills in the township of Portland west, Ottawa county, were recently destroyed by fire. Loss, \$10,000.—S. F. Glass' pottery at Pottersburg, Ont., a frame structure, 54x240 ft., was completely consumed by fire on the 28th December. Total loss, \$12,000, loss on building, \$4,000.—The residence of Napoleon Gosselin, at St. Sophie de Halifax, Que., has been burned.—The steam saw mill at Andover, N. B. owned by J. E. Porter, was burned on Saturday last. Loss, \$5,000. Mr. Porter will rebuild.—Hepworths clothing factory, at Leeds, Ont. has been burned, entailing a loss of \$30,000.—Buildings at Orillia, Ont., owned by George Tipping and George Thompson, were destroyed by fire on Monday last. Loss, \$3,500 and \$5,000 respectively.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

SOUTH WOODSLEE, ONT.—John Murray & Son have let the contract for a new flour mill.

TORONTO, ONT.—The ceilings of D. S. Perrin & Co.'s extensive offices in London, have just been covered with embossed metallic ceiling supplied by the Metallic Roofing Co., Ltd., of this city.

AMHERST, N. S.—Rhodes, Curry & Co. have been given a contract by the Intercolonial railway management for two large snow plows. They are at present engaged on seven cars and two sweepers for the Halifax Electric Street Railway Company.

OTTAWA, ONT.—Tenders for the supply of syenite for paving purposes were received by the Board of Works as follows: Wm. Kilt, unbroken, \$15.95 per toise; C. C. Roger, Canadian Granite Co., unbroken, \$10.50, broken, \$15 per toise; T. G. Bingham, \$17.50 for broken per toise; Peter McVeigh, \$15.90 for unbroken and \$21.70 for broken per toise; T. J. Nash, \$15.77 per toise, broken; C. McDougall, \$11.59 for unbroken, and \$18.59 for broken per toise. The tender of C. C. Roger has been accepted.

NEW COMPANIES.

SARNIA, ONT.—Hub, Stoke and Bent Goods Mfg. Co., seeking incorporation.

MILLBROOK, ONT.—Millbrook Electric Light Co., incorporated; capital, \$6,500; to carry on general lighting business.

FRASERVILLE, QUE.—Fraserville Electric Power Co., applying for incorporation; capital \$25,000; to operate telephone lines, electric light plants, etc.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—McDonald Nut Lock Co., applying for incorporation; capital, \$60,000; promoters, E. G. Evans, of Hampton, C. N. Skinner, of St. John and others.

GUELPH, ONT.—Raymond Manufacturing Co.; incorporated; capital \$130,000; to manufacture sewing machines, and carry on business as iron and brass founders, woodworkers, etc.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Peters Gold Mining Co., applying for incorporation; capital \$25,000. Objects, general mining.—West Coast Packing Co., incorporated; capital \$30,000; trustees, Thos. Cooper, of Victoria, R. V. Winch and G. M. Macdonald, of this city. Objects, to deal in lumber, fish, etc.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Northern Electric and Manufacturing Co., incorporated; capital stock, \$50,000; to manufacture brass, copper, etc.—Dominion Woolen Manufacturing Co., seeking incorporation; capital \$30,000; to manufacture textile fabrics, etc. Stockholders, W. C. McIntyre, D. McIntyre, E. A. Small and C. H. Doblin.

TORONTO, ONT.—Pine & Hardwood

Co., incorporated; objects, to carry on business as lumber dealers and manufacturers.—John Ritchie Plumbing and Heating Co., incorporated; capital \$75,000; to manufacture boilers, furnaces, plumbers' supplies, etc. Among the promoters are John Ritchie, James H. Wilson and A. H. Richardson.

BUSINESS NOTES.

Marson & Robichon, contractors, Montreal, have dissolved.

James Johnston, brick manufacturer, London, Ont., is dead.

Hansen & Tressider, contractors, of Montreal, have dissolved.

F. Lefebvre & Co., decorators, Montreal, have dissolved partnership.

E. A. Spencer, builder, Rossland, B. C., is reported to have left the country, leaving liabilities of about \$4,000.

Theobald & Co., painters, Union, B. C., have dissolved, G. H. Scott retiring, and H. J. Theobald continuing.

F. Lefebvre, of Montreal, is doing business alone as painter and decorator under the style of F. Lefebvre & Co.

The firm of Post & Holmes, architects, Toronto, has been dissolved, Mr. Post retiring, and the business will be carried on by Arthur W. Holmes.

Mr. Joseph R. Douglas has retired from the firm of Douglas Bros., roofers, etc., Toronto and Ottawa, and has commenced business on his own account in the latter city.

The Gartshore-Thomson Pipe & Foundry Co., of Hamilton, is seeking incorporation, with a capital stock of \$50,000. The promoters are A. Gartshore, James Thomson, J. G. Allan, W. J. Thomson, of Hamilton, and W. M. Gartshore, of London.

The system of heating and ventilating provided for the new Pabst theatre in Milwaukee is elaborate and possesses some unique features, says Heating and Ventilation. All the heat will come in through openings in the proscenium arch which appear to be part of the decorative scheme. Each is oval and is filled with a wrought iron screen. The heating apparatus is in the roof, but there is no fire there, the steam used for heating coming from the Pabst power house, from which place the electricity used for light and power also comes. The air is taken in from above the building and is "washed" by being conducted through a shower of water. After being purified it goes through steam coils which heat it to any degree that may be desired and then two big fans, each thirteen feet in diameter, force it through the openings in the arch and into the auditorium. While the heating is done through the ceiling, so to speak, the ventilating is through the floor. Under each seat, or rather behind each seat, is a ventilating hole, which lets the foul air through into the basement, which is a big ventilating chamber. In one corner are two more big fans of the same size as those in the roof, and they suck out the foul air below as fast as the others force fresh air in. An electric motor of 50 horse power drives the fans, but a very gentle action will accomplish the desired end, and Architect Strack says that he could produce a draft, with the machinery at his command, strong enough to take the ladies hats off their heads.