

Clare Manufacturing Co., wholesale warehouse.—The city engineer is completing arrangements for the construction of the proposed waterworks system.—Mr. White, of the C.P.R., who recently returned from Montreal, states that engineers will shortly be sent out to estimate the cost of double tracking the railway between this city and Fort William. A number of wooden bridges will also be replaced by steel structures.—President Melten, of the Northern Pacific Railway, visited this city last week to confer with the Board of Trade regarding the rebuilding of the Manitoba hotel.

OWEN SOUND, ONT.—The application of the Owen Sound Portland Cement Company to increase its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$200,000 is now before the Ontario legislature. With the increased capital it is contemplated to double the capacity of the works.—The R. J. Doyle Manufacturing Company will erect, during the coming summer, an addition to their buildings at Shallow Lake.

It is probable that the Eaton Bros. Brewing Company will erect a new building, and make other improvements to their plant.—The Owen Sound Saw and Planing Mills will add new machinery.—Messrs. Hay, of the North American Bent Chair Co., purpose erecting a main building 500 x 45 feet, three storey high, with wings 144 x 45 feet, and a large one-storey bending room, all of brick.

MONTREAL, QUE.—At a meeting of the parishoners of St. James parish on St. Denis street, R. Bellemare, F. N. St. Charles, and others, were appointed a committee to devise means of carrying out the required improvements to the church.—Saxe & Archbald, architects, Imperial building, have prepared plans for a large apartment house to be erected by M. S. Foley at the corner of St. Catherine and Metcalfe streets. A wide passage finished in marble will extend from St. Catherine street to Dominion square. Eight stores will occupy the ground floor. The building will be of brick and stone and steel frame construction.—James Smith, architect, has prepared plans for a red sandstone building to be erected by Mrs. A. Mackay, at the corner of Sherbrooke and Durocher streets. Operations will be commenced almost immediately.—The Harbour Commissioners want tenders by the 7th inst. for the supply of castings, iron spikes, bolts, oils, paints, and other stores.—Mr. Jannin, acting superintendent of waterworks, has reported regarding the utilization of electric power at the high level pumping station. He states that a scheme could be evolved for altering the motor from steam to electricity, and will make a further report on the matter.—Plans have been completed by the Road Department for a subway under the C. P. R. tracks at the head of St. Denis street. If carried out the work will cost \$60,000.—A large insurance company is said to have in view the erection of an up-to-date building on the Barron Block property, adjoining the London and Lancashire building. Mr. H. L. Putnam, real estate agent, is negotiating the deal.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The Mica Manufacturing Company intend enlarging their factory on Sussex street.—The West End Methodist Church authorities contemplate the purchase of a lot adjoining their present property, with a view to enlarging their church.—The Gall Schneider Oil Company, represented in this city by T. K. Foster, intend erecting large works here, including the construction of oil tanks.—The plans for the bridge over the canal at Maria street have been approved by the Minister of Public Works, and tenders are about to be called.—It is said that J. R. Booth has decided upon the erection of two large car shops in addition to those now in course of construction. The buildings will be 300 x 150 feet, and the machinery will be operated by elec-

tricity. The fan system of heating will be used.—The Ottawa Electric Company have just commenced a large addition to their power house, which will necessitate the removal of about 5,000 cubic yards of rock. A new flume 20 feet wide will also be built.—The city council has granted the request of the Central Canada Fair Association for a grant of \$30,000 for erecting new buildings.—The Separate School trustees have decided upon building a three storey brick school, containing twelve class rooms. It will be 72 x 52 feet, fitted with modern conveniences, including fire escapes. Plans will be completed this week.—P. Hogan, of the Ottawa Electric Railway Company, is about to build a residence on McLaren street. The City Engineer will shortly report to the Board of Works whether a subway or overhead bridge is preferable at the Parry Sound crossing on Bank street. The Waterworks Committee has prepared its estimates for the year. Maintenance and repairs represent an expenditure of \$35,113, made up as follows. Pump house supplies and machinery, \$4,000; street service pipe charges, \$10,000; pipe castings and extensions, \$12,000; contingencies, \$9,113. G. M. Bayly, architect, wants tenders by 4th instant for the erection of a residence on James street for George Potham.—A meeting of scientists was held here last week to consider the question of establishing a marine biological station. Parliament has already voted \$7,000 for the purpose.—Tenders are wanted by the city clerk by March 2nd for alterations to the city hall. Plans at office of M. C. Edey, architect.—Fourteen tenders have been received by the Metropolitan Electric Company for the crib work of their proposed works at Britannia. A report on same will be made by the company's engineer, Jno. Ayles.—James Gibson intends erecting a dwelling house on Daly avenue, plans for which have been prepared by E. L. Horwood, architect.—Kenneth McDonald purposes erecting an agricultural building, brick and three storeys.

TORONTO, ONT.—An amalgamation has been effected between the W. A. Johnson Electric Company and the Toronto Electric Motor Company, under the name of the United Electric Company. Mr. W. A. Johnson will be president. The new company is making arrangements to extend the manufacturing plant.—Mr. Alexander Manning is about to build a block of buildings at the corner of Queen and Terauley streets.—Mr. J. McMillan, steward of the jail, has asked the council for a new 70 h.p. boiler for heating the building.—Messrs Stapleton Caldecott, Robert Kilgour, J. J. Cassidy and others, waited upon a committee of the Ontario Cabinet recently in connection with the proposed Missanabie railway, which is to extend from Missanabie to Long Portage, on James Bay, a distance of 200 miles. The deputation asked for a grant of \$3,200 per mile.—The City Engineer has recommended construction of the following local improvements: Macadam roadways—McKenzie crescent, Dovercourt road to Beaconsfield avenue, cost \$2,531; Margueretta street, Dundas to Bloor streets, cost \$8,411. Brick pavement on concrete—Spadina avenue, from Adelaide to Queen, cost \$10,824; College street, from Spadina avenue to Bathurst street, cost \$22,434; Garden ave., Roncesvalles to Sorauren ave. Cedar block pavement—Nassau street, from Lippincott to Bathurst, cost \$531. Asphalt pavement—Front street, from York to Bay street. Cement concrete walks—St. George st., east side, College street to Hoskin ave., cost \$1,482; Church street, west side, Queen to Shuter, cost \$703.—In a supplementary report, the city engineer recommends the laying of new 12 inch water mains on the bed of the Don river at Queen street and Eastern avenue.

The cost is placed at \$2,062.—The question of a site for the new fire hall in the west end is under consideration by the Fire and Light Committee.—A building permit has been granted to John Macdonald for a rough-cast dwelling on Oak street, cost \$1,000.—The Grand Trunk Railway Company purpose laying a second track on the middle division between St. David's and Hamilton. It is also the intention to lay about 250 miles of new rails on the same division.—E. J. Lennox, architect, has prepared a report showing the approximate cost of completing the municipal building. The estimates are as follows. Permanent fittings—civic offices, \$23,133; court rooms, \$8,000; council apartments, \$2,968; mantels, \$4,800; blinds, \$2,500; fire hose, \$575; city treasurer's cash vault, \$2,000; iron gates for court yard entrance, \$400; metallic vault fittings, \$9,354; iron staircases in city clerk's vault, \$485; tower clock and clock system, \$10,000; water mains and pumps for proper fire protection of building, \$10,375; connecting ventilating flues, \$6,200; terrace to entrances, lamp posts, steps, and curbing, \$11,500; brick work and curbing, \$3,500; completion of third floor, \$12,490; completing and seating the assembly hall, \$17,780; carpets, \$5,000; police department, \$6,817. Portable fittings—civic offices, \$6,800; court rooms, \$2,500; judges' room, \$1,288; witness rooms, \$250; council apartments, \$5,025; committee rooms, \$700; fire hose, \$1,300; police department, \$3,233.—In this issue Mr. George W. Gounlock, architect, invites tenders for the erection of a building on King street for the National Trust Company of Ontario, to be five storeys, 64 x 135 feet, with brown stone front, mosaic floors, marble dadoes, electric elevators, etc., estimated cost, \$60,000.—The vestry of St. Clement's church, North Toronto, have adopted plans of a new Sunday school which it is proposed to erect, at a cost of \$1,800.—Mr. F. H. Herbert, architect, invites tenders in this issue for the erection of three detached residences on Madison avenue.—Extensive alterations will be made to Bingham's drug store, 100 Yonge street, by the Cawthra Estate. Mr. F. H. Herbert, architect, has charge of the work. Mr. Herbert is also preparing plans for two detached residences to be erected on the north side of Lowther avenue, cor. of Huron, to cost \$7,000 each, tenders for which will be asked shortly.

#### FIRES.

Seguin's Hotel at Fortune, Que.; loss \$3,000, insurance \$2,000.—William Law & Co.'s wharf property and freight sheds at Yarmouth, N. S.; loss, \$10,000, no insurance.—The Green block at Port Rowan Ont., owned by Mrs. S. P. Maybee.—Residences of E. Mason and Mr. Miners, at Tilsonburg Ont. Both houses were owned by Dr. Sinclair, and were uninsured.—The machine shops of the Dobbie & Stuart foundry, Thorold, Ont.; loss on buildings and machinery, \$10,000.—Presbyterian church at Minnedosa, Man., totally destroyed.—Flax mill at Harrison, Ont., operated by the Harrison Flax Mill Company.—Residence at Simcoe, Ont., owned by E. B. Varrey.

#### CONTRACTS AWARDED.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—The town council has let the contract for constructing granolithic sidewalks to Booth & Dolan.

TORONTO, ONT.—Mr. F. H. Herbert, architect, has awarded contracts for the remodelling of store at 123 5 Yonge street for the Cawthra estate as follows. Brickwork, Ed. Gearing; carpenter work, R. G. Kirby; painting, F. E. Phillips; galvanized iron, A. B. Ormsby & Co.; roofing, Hutson & Son. Plumbing and heating not let.