

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The Manitoba Trusts Corporation have decided to erect a large office building on the property recently acquired by them facing on Main street, and have retained the services of Mr. Geo. W. Gounlock, architect, Toronto, to plan and design the building, which will be five stories and basement in height and cost \$45,000. It is the intention to secure tenders and let the contracts this fall.—The city will carry out the following works: Sewer on Furby street, between Portage avenue and Nellie avenue, cost \$3,000; sewer on Lombard street, from end of present sewer to the river bank; 24 foot macadam pavement on Redwood avenue, from Main street to Aikins street; macadam pavements as follows: on Lombard street, from Main street to the Red river, cost \$4,100; on Graham avenue, from Fort street to Vaughan street, cost \$7,060, on Arthur street, from the north line of McDermott avenue to the south line of Bannatyne avenue, cost \$770, on Colony street, from Broadway to Proud street, cost \$2,283, on Proud street, from Colony street to Osborne street, cost \$1,780, on Edmonton street, from Portage avenue to Notre Dame avenue, cost \$5,780.—The Committee on Works has recommended that repairs be made to the Salter street bridge, at a cost of \$2,700.—E. Sidvall, of Ottawa, on behalf of a Swedish firm, has asked the council what assistance might be expected towards the establishment of a match factory.—The council of the University of Manitoba held a meeting last week, at which the question of a site for the proposed new building was considered. It is hoped to be in a position to secure plans for the building at an early date.

FIRES.

Recent fires included the following: Warehouse of the Parmenter & Bullock Co., at Gananoque, Ont.; loss \$25,000, well insured.—Cheese factory at Valentia, Ont.; insured in the Waterloo Mutual.—W. H. Lawson's saw mill, near Park Head, Ont., totally destroyed by fire.—Watson block at Woodstock, Ont., damaged to the extent of \$2,000.—Power house of the London Electric Company at London, Ont.; partially destroyed; loss \$3,000.—The Bertram shipyard and buildings, badly damaged; loss on machinery and buildings, \$70,000.—Carpenter shop of C.P.R. at Hochelaga, Que.; loss \$4,000.—Alexander Johnston's residence at Goderich, Ont.; loss \$1,500, no insurance.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

CHATHAM, ONT.—New building for Tighe's evaporator works: Rayment Bros., contractors.

SACKVILLE, N. B.—New school house: Rhodes, Curry & Co., Amherst, contractors; price \$6,000.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Brick dwelling for Hope & Graveley: H. Carter, contractor; two stories, 25 x 122 feet.

DUNDAS, ONT.—The Guelph Pavement Co. were successful tenderers for granolithic walk on King street.

ST. HYACINTHE, QUE.—Messrs. Blondin have obtained the contract for heating apparatus for the church at Montmagny.

OWEN SOUND, ONT.—The council has resolved to purchase a 15-ton steam road roller from a Harrisburg firm, at the price of \$3,000.

WELLAND, ONT.—The contract for laying cement walk on Muir street was let to Marcus Vanderburgh, at 15 cents per foot.

ANTIGONISH, N. S.—The contract for rebuilding St. Bernard's convent has been

awarded to Messrs. Angus McDonald & Son, of Truro, at \$11,342.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Construction of the Ogilvie ditch: Walter E. Wood, contractor; price \$1,800.—Vincent Dufresne, architect, has awarded the contract for the Longueuil fire station to Chapleau & Leboruffe; cost \$5,720.—Robert Findlay, architect, has awarded contracts as follows for a library at Westmount: Masonry, Heggie & Stewart; brickwork, A. Leger; carpenter work, A. Strang; roofing, Campbell & Gilday; plumbing, W. J. Graham; plastering, J. Morrison & Son; steel beams, Dominion Bridge Co.—Same architect has let contracts for Mr. R. Harvey's house as follows: Masonry, Wm. Oman; brick work, V. H. Boom; carpenter work, R. Sharp; plumbing, J. W. Hughes; painting, G. S. Kimber; electric work, H. E. P. Bulmer; iron work, Dominion Bridge Co.—For the building of the Westmount stables the contractors are: Masonry and brickwork, E. Riel; carpenter work, Bowie & Jackson, plumbing, Wm. Graham, painting, J. Murphy, electric work, Canadian General Electric Co., steel beams, Dominion Bridge Co.

TORONTO, ONT.—The Board of Control last week accepted tenders as follows: Asphalt pavement—Sussex avenue, Spadina avenue to St. George street, Warren-Scharfe Paving Company, \$6,775; cedar block pavements—Clarence square, north, east and south sides, Dominion Contracting & Paving Co, \$1,376; Bolton avenue, Gerrard to Queen street, Dominion Contracting & Paving Company, \$3,969; Gwynne avenue, King to Queen street, Dominion Contracting & Paving Company, \$1,695; macadam roadway—Givens street, Queen to Argyle street, D. McKnight, \$2,197; tamarac pavement—Scott street, Esplanade to Front street, Dominion Paving & Construction Company, \$4,493; brick sidewalk—Front street, south side, from Bay to 116.7 feet west of Yonge street, Constructing & Paving Company, \$1.18 per lineal foot; Concrete sidewalks—Front street, south side, from Lorne street to 101 feet east, \$1.41 per lineal foot; Front street east, north side, in front of Nos. 36 to 50, \$1.68 per lineal foot; Bay street, east side, Adelaide to fire hall, \$1.54 per lineal foot.

BIDS.

WILLOWDALE, ONT.—Three tenders were received for building the iron chord bridge over the Black Creek in township of York, near Weston, viz.: Thos. Tire, Lambton Mills, \$359; J. H. Hamlyn,

Toronto, \$325; Henry Sylvester, York Mills, \$294. The lowest tender has been accepted and contract entered into. Work will commence at once.—Three tenders were received for constructing the iron work of two spans for steel bridge over the River Rouge, in township of Scarborough, viz.: Stratford Bridge & Iron Works Co., \$814, Hamilton Bridge Works Co., \$660; Dominion Bridge Co., \$625. This structure will not be built, as the council has decided to repair the old bridge for the present. Tenders for repairs closed on 1st Sept. P. S. Gibson & Sons, engineers.

BUSINESS NOTES.

Andrews & Robinson, contractors, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership, Wm. T. Andrews continuing.

At a meeting of the creditors of Douglas Bros., galvanized iron and metal workers, Toronto, held last week, the statement presented showed the liabilities to be \$14,209.54, while the assets were \$11,057.41. An offer to compromise at 30 cents on the dollar was made and accepted.

A difficult excavating undertaking has recently been accomplished by Mr. H. H. Edgerton, of Rochester, N. Y., on the Jordan level of the Erie canal, where the conditions were unusually bad. The deepening of the canal prism was undertaken by Belden & Seeley, of Syracuse, and involved the removal of marl, clay and quicksand too soft in many places to support a man. Thirty-foot piles would sink 25 feet in it under the weight of the hammer and then encounter a very hard stratum, believed to be cement gravel. The material would rise when an attempt to excavate it was made, and both banks of the canals settled several feet in places, in spite of piling and sheeting used to prevent the movement. New plans were accordingly prepared and Mr. Edgerton entrusted with their execution. Piles have been driven close together along the bottom of the canal and embankments, and braced together by caps bolted to their tops. Struts 12 inches square and 40 feet long, made by bolting 2 inch planks together, were then laid across the bed of the canal at distances of 8 feet, and the bed of the water thus finished much after the model of a timber drydock.

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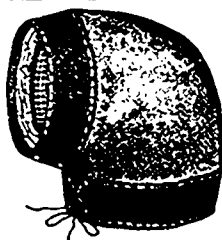
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