

erection of a block of five stores for W. E. Roxburgh on the site of the buildings destroyed by fire last spring.

**SMITH'S FALLS, ONT.**—The Board of Education will spend over \$1,000 in improving the ventilation and sanitation of the Central school.

**STOUFFVILLE, ONT.**—Tenders for the purchase of \$25,000 of debentures are asked by J. H. Ratchiff, reeve, before Friday, September 24th.

**BROCKVILLE, ONT.**—A gentleman named Baumgarten has been in the city recently in connection with a proposal to construct an electric railway.

**GUELPH, ONT.**—The city council will probably purchase a road roller at an early date.—It is rumored that the G. T. R. intend building a new depot here.

**BEACHBURG, ONT.**—H. R. Dunn, township clerk, will receive tenders until the 25th inst. for the construction of a bridge over Fraser's Mill Creek.

**RAT PORTAGE, ONT.**—Reduction works are to be established on the old Dick & Banning water power by the Ottawa Gold Mining & Development Company.

**NAPINKA, MAN.**—Tenders are asked by A. Cates, secretary treasurer school district of Napinka, until the 17th inst., for the purchase of \$3,000 of debentures.

**ALMONTE, ONT.**—Several ratepayers are urging the council to purchase an electric light plant. The matter will probably be considered in the near future.

**LANARK, ONT.**—At a public meeting held recently, a resolution was passed favoring the granting of a bonus of \$10,000 to the Lanark County Electric Railway.

**CROWLAND, ONT.**—Tenders are asked by Orlin Kinney until Friday, the 17th inst., for the construction of a bridge, including earth and stone work and laying of pipe.

**ROSSLAND, B.C.**—The Merchants Bank of Halifax have purchased a site, corner Columbia avenue and Spokane street, on which a branch bank, to cost \$15,000, will be erected.

**DIGBY, N. S.**—Clarke Bros. have in contemplation the erection next spring of a three-story mercantile establishment, having plate glass and other modern improvements.

**ST. ANDREWS, N. B.**—Rev. Alex. P. Bowser, of Wilmington, Del., has purchased a site at this place on which he will at once commence the erection of a summer cottage.

**HULL, QUE.**—Mr. H. J. Beemer, president of the Gatineau Valley and the Pontiac Pacific Junction Railways, has requested a bonus of \$50,000 from the town. It is intended to erect workshops, wharf extensions, etc.

**WINNIPEG, MAN.**—Tenders will shortly be asked for work designed to lower the waters of Lake Manitoba, a scheme for which Parliament appropriated \$25,000 at its last session. Surveys of the proposed works have been made.

**LINDSAY, ONT.**—A deputation from the county of Haliburton have requested the Ontario government to grant financial aid to the township of Stanhope in rebuilding the Baskilonge bridge. The estimated cost of the work is \$1,200.

**GRENVILLE, ONT.**—Tenders are wanted by Monday, Sept. 20th, for cleaning and repairing the West Flamboro' swamp drain. Particulars may be obtained from Ira N. Binkley, township clerk, to whom tenders are to be addressed.

**VICTORIA, B. C.**—Hunter & Oliver, solicitors, have made application for the incorporation of a company to construct a railway from Portland Inlet, Cassier district, to a point near Teslin Lake, with power to construct bridges, wharves, docks, etc.

**KING, ONT.**—The ratepayers of King township have carried a by-law granting a bonus of \$12,000 to the Aurora & Schomberg Railway Co. This is said to ensure the building of the road at an early date, as the company hold both Dominion & Provincial charters.

**ST. THOMAS, ONT.**—At the last meeting of the School Board a motion recommending the Council to grant \$35,000 for a new school was carried.—Jas. A. Bell, city engineer, estimates that it will cost \$79,578 to build six and a half miles of electric railway in this city.

**ST. JOHN, N. B.**—Robert Ritchie has purchased property on Charlotte street and will erect thereon a large brick building containing tenements and stores.—Hon. A. T. Dunn was recently at Pisarino arranging for the construction of a new bridge there, to 1 300 feet long, with approaches.

**CHATHAM, ONT.**—The subject of repairs to the settling basin, which collapsed recently, is still under consideration by the city authorities.—Samuel Glenn, jr., is taking tenders this week for the erection of a frame residence. Powell & Carswell, architects.—Mr. Merritt, city clerk, writes that the council have received a proposition from the Essex Natural Gas Co. to pipe from the Essex Gas Wells to Chatham, and have the gas supplied to the city by Oct. 1st, 1898, at a cost of 25 cents per M until pumping is required; then to be 40 cents per M. The council have passed a by-law accepting same under certain conditions.

**QUEBEC, QUE.**—The water power of Shawenegan Falls, on the St. Maurice river, was sold last week to Mr. David Russell, of Montreal, representing a syndicate intending to manufacture calcium carbide for acetylene gas. One of the conditions of the sale was that the company shall expend \$2,000,000 within eighteen months in the erection of buildings and plant and otherwise developing the water power. Within two years thereafter an additional two million dollars must be expended.—The Bell Telephone Co. contemplates the erection of an eight-story building at the corner of St. John and St. Angele streets.

**KINGSTON, ONT.**—The city clerk has given notice that it is proposed to construct a tile sewer on King street, from Beverley street to Livingstone avenue, at a cost of \$3,948.—Tenders are asked by the church wardens of St. George's cathedral for the purchase of \$35,000 of debentures. The date limit is Oct. 1st. Particulars may be obtained from Walkem & Walkem, solicitors.—Lieut.-Col. Lake, quarter master general, was in the city recently and visited the several eligible sites for the proposed drill hall. He states that a decision regarding the site will shortly be made, when the preparation of plans will be commenced.

**OTTAWA, ONT.**—E. L. Horwood, architect, has been granted a permit for additions to a residence, corner Somerset and Metcalf streets.—The foundation for the new roundhouse to be built by the Canada Atlantic Railway has been commenced. The building will be of iron, stone and brick, and will accommodate 30 engines.—J. B. Fraser has taken out a building permit for a dwelling on Cooper street, to cost \$10,000.—The Protestant Hospital board of directors have instructed the architect to prepare plans for a laundry building to cost about \$2,000.—It is said to have been decided by the authorities of the Canada Atlantic Railway to construct both roundhouse and freight sheds immediately.

**LONDON, ONT.**—The schools of the city are overcrowded, and the ratepayers are urging the erection of a new building in the southern part of the city.—The Water Commissioners have decided to

put in a main on William street, south of South street.—The Board of Works have decided to invite tenders for sections L, M, N and O of the sewerage system, extending from the corner of Richmond and Mill streets to the corner of Dundas and Egerton streets. The total length of the four sections is 11,694 feet, and the average depth 15 feet 1 inch. The work must be completed in eight months if divided in two sections, and in one year if tendered for in bulk.—John Elliott, contractor, has purchased property, corner Jones and Wellington streets, on which to build a residence.

**HAMILTON, ONT.**—Notice has been given by the city clerk that a pipe sewer will be constructed on Argue street, at a cost of \$475.—It is said that a deal is being negotiated between the G.T.R. and the Hamilton & Dundas Railway, which will include the extension of the latter to the Beach, and the erection of a station at the corner of James and Main streets.—The City Engineer has estimated the cost of a sewer on King street west, from Pearl street to the T. H. & B. Railway, at \$3,600.—The following building permits have been granted. David Phillip, two-story brick dwelling on Liberty street, cost \$1,400; E. B. Patterson, two 2 story brick dwellings, corner James and McAuley streets, for Mrs. Hardy, cost \$2,400.—The police commissioners have asked the city council to purchase the property at the corner of King William and Catherine streets, to be used for police headquarters.—At a recent meeting of the directors of the Hamilton, Ancaster & Chedoke Railway Company, it was stated that the remaining funds necessary to build the road had been promised in two weeks.

**MONTREAL, QUE.**—The Jesuit Fathers have in contemplation the erection of a new college in Westmount. Plans for the building have been prepared, but the site has not yet been definitely decided upon.—The Grand Jury, in their presentment to Judge Wurtele, in the Court of Queen's Bench, recommends that a central prison be built in this city, also one at Quebec.—The Road Committee have decided to continue the paving of Notre Dame street west, and to ask the citizens to sanction a loan of \$40,000 for the purpose.—Architect Gauthier, of this city, has been instructed to prepare plans for an \$18,000 addition to the Catholic church at St. Thomas of Alfred. Rev. Father Lombard is the parish priest.—St. Stephens church is to be removed to the corner of Dorchester street and Atwater avenue, where a new building will be erected. Plans for the same have been prepared by Messrs. Taylor & Gordon, architects, and as soon as negotiations for the purchase of the property are completed, work will be commenced.—Macduff & Lemieux, architects, are calling for tenders for a store and six tenements to be built at the corner of Charlevoix and Chateauguay streets for Cyrille Pare.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—Building permits have been granted as follows: H. H. Fudger, residence on Maple avenue, cost \$7,000; Providence Loan & Investment Co., alterations north-west corner King and Victoria streets, cost \$2,000.—Prof. Ramsay Wright, of Toronto University, has recently returned from Algonquin Park, where he has been examining a site for the establishment of a station for biological purposes.—Mr. Keating, city engineer, was in Hamilton last week inspecting the sewage disposal works now in course of construction in that city. He gives it as his opinion that Toronto will shortly be compelled to adopt some system of treating the sewerage.—In his fortnightly report to the Board of Works, the City Engineer has recommended the construction of the following works: 15-inch tile pipe sewer on Dowling ave., from the north side of King st. to the south side of Leopold st.; cedar block pavement on lane south of Front st.;