four-room public school at Tara, red brick, with stone triminings, galvanized steel shingles, metallic ceilings, slate black-boards, furnace heating, with a thorough system of ventulation; English church and brick butch lended near Milverton, red brick, with leaded windows, furnace heating, etc.; alterations and additions to residence of J. C. Burt, of this town, and preliminary drawings for the proposed furniture factory to be erected here.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.-A. McL. Hawks, consulting engineer, has presented to council a report on the waterworks system and the necessary improvements thereto. He recommends, among other things, the construction of a dam at the intake, the building of a low surface reservoir and an 18 inch wooden conduit, together with smaller mains.—The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works is calling for tenders for the completion of the interior of the court house.

ST. JOHN, N. B .- The committee appointed by the council to report regarding harbor improvements at Sand Point will Timmerman, general superintendent of the Atlantic division of the C.P.R., is believed to approve of the plans prepared by the city engineer. The cost of carrying out these is estimated as follows: Dredging, \$250,000; wharves, \$235,000; warehouse, \$28,000.—Neil Turner, of London, Eng., and A. Wahlstein, of Norway, have been in the city recently looking into the question of establishing a pulp mill.

LONDON, ONT .- The City Engineer has recommended that the market be asphalted, at a cost of \$21,000.-Herbert Mathews, architect, is just completing plans for the new St. James' Presbyterian church, which will cost about \$26,000. Tenders will likely be invited in a few days.—It is believed that a new armory for the city will be constructed at an early date, the council having accepted the proposition of the government to coniribute \$10,000 towards the purchase of a site — Wm. Malloch will erect a residence, corner of St. James and Waterloo streets. — Thomas Smallman has had plans prepared for a brick house on Ridout street south, to cost about \$2,000.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Wm. & Walter Stewart, architects, are preparing plans for an up-to-date hotel, which will probably be built by the same company that will control the stock yards. It will be of brick, containing thirty rooms, restaurant and bar, and extensive stabling in con-nection. Tenders will likely be invited at an early date. The city council has granted permission to Hon. W. E. Sanford to erect the building across the alleyway leading from John to Catherine streets, and also to construct a subway or area underneath and across said alleyway. - A by law has passed its third reading in council to provide for the construction of permanent sidewalks .- John Shroud has purchased the premises at 28 and 281/2 Merrick street, and intends remodelling the building for the purposes of a firstclass hotel.

OTTAWA, ONT .- Several agents of United States paper manufacturers have been in this city recently looking for suitable sites for pulp and paper mills.—The Minister of Public Works has in contemplation the carrying out of repairs to the interior of the Parliament buildings .- A by law wiil be submitted to the ratepayers to provide for funds to crect a fire station and slaughter house.— It is expected that the company having in view the construction of a bridge at Bank street will be successful in securing their charter this session.—The Finance Committee of Separate School Board have decided to build no schools this year, as the financial condition of the board will not permit of the issue of debentures.—Lieut, Col, Mac-

pherson proposes to form a joint stock company to build a large skating and hockey rink, to cost \$25,000. The plans for same, prepared by Mr. Rodden, architect, of Montreal, show a building 125 x 85 feet.—Robert Hastey, Chairman Free and Light Committee, wants tenders by 4 p.m. of 27th inst., for the supply of two hose waggons and 2,000 feet of cotton rubber lined two and one-half inch hose.

MONIREAL, QUE.-The Health Committee has received a communication from Mr. Maurice Perrault, architect, in reference to plans for the proposed hospital building. Some years ago he, with Mr. Eric Mann, visited hospitals in Boston and prepared plans for the construction in Montreal of buildings to cost nearly \$250,000. He wishes to revise these and proportion them to the money now voted for the new civic hospital.—The Road Committee has recommended that tenders be called for the supply of materials required by the Department during the year, also that a statement of the cost of a sewer on Massue street be prepared. A deputation have asked the committee that Congregation street be connected with Shearer street by means of a bridge or subway.—It is probable that the city will purchase a water-tower.-The city veyor will report on the feasibility of putting underground all the overhead wires on Craig street, from St. Lawrence to St. Antointe streets, before paving Craig street with asphalt.—The Montreal Ware-housing Co. have asked for 200 additional feet of space on Windmill Point Basin to extend their grain carrier—The Cana-dian Pacific Railway Co. contemplate making extensive improvements this year. A double track will be constructed from Western Junction to St. Anne, a distance of fourteen miles. A new roundhouse and turn-table will be erected at McAdam, N.B., and amongst the bridges to be undertaken will be one over the Thames river at Galt. New stations will be built at Woodstock, Ont., and Joliette, Que. Additional siding room will be provided at Toronto Junction and Havelock.

TORONTO, ONT.-R. J. Edwards & Wagner, architects, desire tenders by the 23rd inst. for the erection of a factory on Dundas street, and by the 25th inst. for the excavation and brickwork of a pair of houses in Parkdale.-E. & S. Currie have acquired the property extending from 60 to 64 Wellington street west, and also the building in the rear of this block and fac-ing Millstone lane. The interior of these buildings will be rearranged, and it is also the intention of the new proprietors to extend the main building to take in the vac-ant land in the rear.—Tenders close tomorrow (Thursday) at the office of J. F. Brown, architect, for eight-roomed school at Shelburne.—F. W. Walker, 9 Toionto street, has invited tenders for building a pair of six-roomed houses, brick fronted and mansard roof, north of city limits.-James Rae, 1432 Queen street west, has taken tenders on excavating for a building to be crected on Queen street.-John Mc-Dougall, York county engineer, has been surveying a route for the Aurora & Schomberg Electric Railway. - The Board of Harbor Commissioners will likely invite tenders shortly for dredging required this season.-The city engineer has submitted specifications for the proposed bridge over the Don at Eastern ave. The Fire and Light Committee have still under consideration the enlargement of the Cowan ave, fire hall.—The city clerk has forwarded to the Board of Control the following list of requirements for the new municipal buildings not already provided for: Fittings and furniture for court rooms, fittings and furniture for police court, prisoners' iron cells for police and other courts, mantels, grates, etc.; opaque linen blinds, fire hose, racks, nozzles, etc.; Treasurer's cash vault, water mains, fire pumps, sprinklers, etc.; fire extinguishers,

portable furniture, ventilating galvanized iron duct flues in roof, tower clock, completing offices third floor (portion), iron gates, prilles, etc., for courtyard entrance; electric light plant, granite entrance steps, curbing, etc. - Sufficiently signed petitions have been received by the city clerk for an asphalt roadway on Huron street, from Bloor to Lowther, and a concrete side-walk on east side Huron street, from Bloor street to Prince Arthur avenue. Building permits have been granted as J A. King, brick and stone residence, south east corner Bathurst and Harbord streets, cost \$5,000; J. F. Brown, pair semi detached three storey brick houses, 95 and 97 Rose avenue, cost \$4,000; McGregor & McIntyre, one storey brick workshop, 69 and 71 Pearl street, cost \$1,000; Soo. - The town council of North Toronto is considering the building of a residence for the town engineer. - Darling & Pearson, architects, invite tenders in this issue for the erection of an office building in Winnipeg for the Dominion Bank.-Gordon & Helliwell, architects, want tenders by the 27th inst. for erection of semidetached houses on Ross street.

WINNIPEG, MAN. - The provincial government have decided to construct twentytwo miles of main drains, connecting with the Joe and Rosseau rivers, in Franklin municipality, at a cost of \$50,000.-C. A. Baskerville, hardware merchant, will this year erect a new building, stone and brick, two stories and basement .- C. H. Wheeler, arch tect, is taking tenders this week for the construction of a building on Main street for the Canadian Bank of Cammerce.-The building committee of the Board of Education have recommended that the plans of H. S. Griffith, architect, for a school building on the Machony site, be accepted, and that alternative tenders be invited for the completion of the building and for the finishing of the lower four rooms only. The committee will pur-chase desks for the Isbister school.—Tenders will be invited by the city for the supply of an electric lighting plant, subject to the approval of the ratepayers, who will vote on the question of a municipal plant on April 5th.-The Committee on Works has recommended the construction of the following pavements: Macadam, with stone curb, on St. Mary's ave., cost \$930; on Kennedy street, cost \$2,3000; asphalt on Main street, from Graham ave. to Assiniboine bridge, cost \$81,350.-C. H. Wheeler, architect, is reported to be preparing plans for the reconstruction of the Manitoba hotel.-Geo. Browne, architect, is this week taking tenders on stone foundation and improvements to Fraser Terrace, Yonge street .- A statement has been submitted to council of the works to be carried out this year by the city. These carried out this year by the city. include between one and two miles of cedar block pavement, about eight miles of macadam, asphalt on Portage ave. and Main streets, four miles of sewers, twenty miles of water mains, and some granolithic blocks.

## FIRES.

Building at London, Ont., occupied by the R. Greene Mfg. Co.; loss \$8,000.— Bird & Co.'s drug store and the adjoining brick block at Whitewood, N.W.T., damaged to the extent of \$15,000. - The Enterprise printing office, Geo. Hawkins' boot and shoe store, the Bell Telephone office, and the Opera House at Colborne, Ont.; building insured.—Carpenter and machine shops of the Ottawa Car Co., at Ottawa, damaged to the extent of \$10,000.—The Lyceum theatre building at Halifax, N.S., totally destroyed. It was owned by the Young Men's Liberal Association, and was valued at \$25,000.—Building at Cornwall, Ont., owned by Geo. McDonell.

The sale of the Tara, Ont., village debentures has been postponed for a time to enable printed copies of the confirmation of the by-law to be forwarded to applicants,