

Dundas st., cost \$1,750, architect, W. A. Gauld; Mas. Downs, bank barn and shed on Hamilton road; Geo. Crew, cottage, Elias st., cost \$700; E. Gage, stable on Colborne st.; Fox & Brown, 2 bk. veneered cottages on Pall Mall street, cost \$1,400 each; Mrs. Angles, bk. veneered one and one half story residence, cost \$800; Geo. Kettle, residence on Maitland st., W. A. Buffy, architect, cost \$1,500; J. A. Thomas, rebuilding store and dwelling, Craig & Wortley streets, cost \$1,000; W. Thompson, addition to oatmeal mill, cost \$3,000, architects, Moore & Henry; Geo. Howe, residence, Maitland st., cost \$2,000; Jno. Esson, residence, Hyman st., cost \$2,000; J. F. Madden, bk. residence, Central ave., cost \$1,200; Wm. Copp, bk. cottage on Elmwood ave., cost \$1,200; W. A. Westland, 2 frame cottages on Bruce st., cost \$700 each.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The Board of Trade has approved of the proposed grant of \$40,000 by the city towards the improvement of the Central Fair grounds and the erection of new buildings.—A new home is required for friendless women, which, it is estimated would cost in the vicinity of \$20,000. The directors of the Y. W. C. A. are moving in the matter.—At the coming session of Parliament the Pontiac Pacific Junction Railway Company will apply for an act to revive its power to extend its railway to Pembroke and to build over the Ottawa river the bridges necessary therefor; also to extend the time for the construction by the company of a bridge over said river.—The Ottawa Amateur Athletic Club propose to increase their accommodation, and are considering two schemes, one being the erection of an entirely new building, and the other of extensive additions to their present premises. The latter scheme is likely to be carried out, and is estimated to cost about \$18,000. Among the members of the club are David Maclaren, J. W. Macrae, and D. P. Ross.—Plans were last week submitted to the building committee of the Protestant Hospital for the proposed addition to the institution. The architects are Messrs. Arnoldi & Ewart, and the execution of their plans will entail an expenditure of \$58,000.—The Dominion Government has been requested by the City Council to construct a bridge over the Rideau Canal at Concession street.—Local capitalists have under consideration the erection of a large hospital on which it is said about \$100,000 will be expended. The promoters have been in communication with D. D. Wilson, of Toronto, to secure his co-operation in the undertaking.—Tenders are invited by N. Champagne, until the 24th inst. for supplying 300 toise of syenite or granite stone.—The Lindsay, Bobcaygeon and Pontypool Railway Company will ask for an extension of time in which to complete their line.—Incorporation has been asked for the Queenston Heights Bridge Company, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating a bridge across the Niagara river at or near Queenston Heights, in the County of Lincoln. Application has also been made to incorporate a company to construct a canal from Nelson River to Hudson Bay.

FIRES.

A large frame building at Teeswater, Ont. owned by Thos Weir, was burned on the 5th inst. Loss, \$3,000.—The Roman Catholic Church at Beloeil Village, Que. was destroyed by fire on the 7th inst. The church was recently repaired at a cost of \$30,000, and was valued at \$75,000.—The residence of James Loudin, at Peterboro, Ont., was destroyed by fire recently. Loss fully covered by insurance.—Begin & Lemieux's tannery at Sherbrooke, Que., has been badly gutted by fire.

Fred. Reid, builder, London, Ont., is reported to have assigned.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

PETERBORO, ONT.—The contracts for the erection of an addition to the Oriental hotel have been awarded, Mr. J. J. Hartley receiving the contract for the brick work and excavating, and Mr. T. Rutherford that for the carpenter work.


CARLETON PLACE, ONT.—F. McEwan, proprietor of the Dominion Quarry, Beckwith, has received the contract for the cut stone for the new town hall. About 2,000 feet will be required.

ROSSLAND, B. C. Charles King, of Tacoma, has been awarded the contract for building a narrow gauge railway from Trail Landing to this village, at a contract price in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

TORONTO, ONT.—The Fire and Light Committee have adopted the report of the Chief of the Department recommending the purchase of a Waterous engine at \$5,300, guaranteed for five years, and in the event of a second engine being purchased the La France engine, guaranteed

for ten years is recommended, at \$4,900.—The tender of Britnell & Co. has been accepted by the City Council for the supply of 100 toise of stone for the House of Industry, at \$9,60 a toise.

ASPHALT PAVEMENTS IN BERLIN. At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of Berlin, Germany, September 18, a very important decision was rendered. It was decided that in the years 1896-97 no other than asphalt pavements should be laid, except where the condition of grade or extraordinary heavy traffic made stone necessary; that the extension of asphalt pavements should be encouraged in every way, and that the bids in the future should be open to any contractor, and not as in the past, only to a certain number of them. This decision was arrived at principally through the large number of petitions sent in by citizens in favor of asphalt.



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