

sludge pump for the sewage disposal works.—The Imperial Vinegar & Pickling Co. have purchased a site at Burlington on which to build a salting establishment.

The city engineer has placed before the Water Committee plans for improvements to the filtering basin, by which he advocates the enlarging of the present basin and the laying of another intake pipe.

VANCOUVER, B.C.—McLennan & McFeely are about to build a warehouse, corner of Hastings and Abbott streets.—Innes, Richards & Akroyd have purchased property on Cordova street on which to build stores.—Plans will shortly be completed for the new Canadian Bank of Commerce building.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—It is announced that the C. P. R. will build a mammoth hotel here this year, President Van Horne having inspected several sites recently.—Walter Chesterton, architect, has taken tenders on a residence at Roslyn Place, Fort Rouge.—Johnston & Stewart, Grain Exchange, are taking tenders this week on erection of three-storey brick warehouse on Main street.—Tenders close on Friday of this week for wiring the municipal buildings for electric light, also for the supply of one 100 h.p. high speed engine, together with shafting, pulleys, bearings, belting, etc., for the electric light plant. Address, C. J. Brown, city clerk.—Col. Rutan, city engineer, has recommended that improvements be made to the General Hospital, including new basement, cost \$900, and improvements to drainage, cost \$600.—The Committee on Works have recommended that the following work be carried out: Cedar block pavements on lane between Ross and Pacific ave., cost \$1,775, on lane between Elgin and Ross ave., cost \$3,090; sewer on Austin street, cost \$1,350; macadam pavement on Clark street, cost \$3,060, and on Adelaide st., cost \$4,100; sewer on Main street, cost \$6,318, on St. Johns ave., cost \$21,399.50, and on Aiken street, cost \$4,950. Tenders for the above work will be invited.—It is believed that the Dominion government will grant \$50,000 towards the improvement of St. Andrew's rapids.

OTTAWA, ONT.—Surveyors are laying out the proposed board bicycle track at the college grounds. A grand stand, with seating accommodation for 3,000, will also be erected.—Prospects are bright for the construction of the Bank street subway, which is estimated to cost \$51,000.—The water power of the river Ottawa opposite the township of Onslow, comprising the rapids and falls of Les Chutes des Chats, is to be sold by the Quebec government on June 8th. The purchaser must agree to spend \$300,000 on improvements within three years.—The company formed in England to construct the Montreal, Ottawa and Georgian Bay canal has deposited \$200,000 in the Canadian Bank of Commerce in this city, in accordance with the provision of the statute incorporating the company. Mr. McLeod Stewart is the promoter of this scheme.—The city engineer has prepared specifications for the asphalt paving required this year. Work on Sparks and Sussex streets will be commenced immediately.—Contractors will shortly figure on the new geological museum building and the Maria street bridge.—Thos. Ahearn has purchased several lots at Tetreauville. It is understood that a factory will be erected there.—J. M. Cromwell, 27 Sparks street, wants tenders for the mason, carpenter, lath and plaster work on a number of veneered houses.—Building permits were last week issued as follows: Alexander Robertson, brick building on Queen street, cost \$5,000; Duncan Brown, brick veneered house, Gilmour street, cost \$2,000; W. H. York, brick veneered dwelling, Gilmour street, cost \$1,200; E. Gauvreau, brick veneered dwelling, St. Andrew street, cost \$1,000; James Heavey, five

brick veneered dwellings, Nepean street, cost \$6,000.—It is understood that an addition of about 300 feet will be made to the Canada Atlantic Railway workshops. The erection of a building for the making of boilers is also under consideration.

MONTREAL, QUE.—MacVicar & Heriot, architects, are building a Presbyterian church at Lachute, with seating capacity for 800. The block of five houses to be built in Weredale Park for J. B. O'Leary will be semi-detached, and will be done in brick and half timber work.—The Water Committee want tenders by June 13th for the annual supply of coal.—Inspector Champaine has made a report to the above committee regarding the pumping machinery at the high level reservoir. He recommends the addition of a pump of a daily capacity of 5,000,000 gallons, either worked by steam or electricity.—The Dufferin Falls Pulp & Paper Co., in which James Shearer, W. & F. P. Currie, and others, of this city, are interested, purpose establishing extensive pulp mills on the Du Lievre river.—Plans of sewers to be built by the corporation of Granby, Que., are on view at the office of McConnell & Marion, civil engineers, New York Life building.—Jos. Sawyer, architect, 621 St. Antoine street, will call for tenders this week for two stone houses to be erected on Souvenir street for Mr. Ledoux. Same architect has prepared plans for new fire station and market to be erected at West Farnham, Que.—W. E. Doran, architect, 180 St. James street, is about to call for tenders for interior finish and seating of the Catholic High School on Palace street, which is to be completed about September 1st. Same architect is calling for tenders for four houses to be erected on Tupper street for Mr. Collins.—The building inspector has granted a permit for alterations to two dwellings on St. Catherine street, Nos. 2357 and 2365, for A. T. Perrault, cost \$4,000.—H. Bergeron, architect, will build a house on St. Hubert street for the Loeurs de la Providence, to cost \$25,000.—The plans of Cox & Amos, architects, have been accepted for additions and improvements to the Church of St. James the Apostle. The new chancel will be constructed of pressed brick and Ohio sandstone, with marble mosaic flooring.

TORONTO, ONT.—S. G. Curry, architect, wants tenders by Saturday, June 3rd, for erection of factory building on Pearl street.—Gordon & Helliwell, architects, are taking tenders on building.—John Poucher, Arcade, wants tenders for excavating, plastering, plumbing, painting, roofing and galvanized iron work of four houses on Parliament street.—In the estimates of the Public School Board the sum of \$7,000 is included as the cost of changing the dry closet system recently condemned by Judge McDougall. It is proposed to replace it with the flush system.—An influential deputation will go to Ottawa shortly to urge the government to provide accommodation at the armouries for the artillery and cavalry of the garrison.—A deputation, consisting of Messrs. Clergue, Hamilton and McKay, of Sault Ste. Marie, waited on the Premier last

week and asked for a land grant towards the construction of the first 35 miles of a railway from Sault Ste. Marie to Missanibie.—The Board of Control has referred back the recommendation to purchase the Allen lot on Queen street to enlarge the Cowan ave. fire-hall. The Board has been asked to grant \$10,000 to erect an art building at the Exhibition grounds.—The council has given notice of its intention to construct asphalt roadways on the following streets: James street, Albert to Louisa, cost \$3,430; Spruce street, Parliament to Sumach, cost \$10,500; Crawford street, Queen to bridge, cost \$11,630.—Building permits have been granted as below: Capt. J. P. Beaty, pair two-storey and attic brick houses, Nos. 1550 and 1552 King street west, cost \$5,000; Albert Welsh, two-storey brick warehouse, rear 306 Queen west, cost \$1,800; A. A. McKay, one-storey brick addition to store, 294 Queen street east, cost \$1,000; B. Brick, two-storey brick stable, rear Nos. 137 and 149 Church street, cost \$1,700.—James Gunn, J. M. Smith, A. M. Mackenzie, and others, of this city, have been granted a provincial charter as the San Paulo Railway, Light & Power Co.—F. H. Herbert, architect, invites tenders up to Friday of this week for the carpenter work of factory, stores and dwelling for John Patterson, to be built at the corner of Queen and McCaul street.—Tenders are wanted at 106 Adelaide street west for carpenter work of small house.

FIRES.

Houses at Sault au Recollet, Que., owned by F. X. Turcot, J. D. Beauchamp, Chas. Newman, F. Cote, James Howton, Joseph Paquette and J. M. Peppin; loss \$25,000.—Premises of Pabst Brewing Co., 600 St. Paul street, Montreal, damaged to the extent of \$5,000.—Residence of Robert Carrie in Harwich township, near Chatham, Ont.; loss \$1,500.—Residence of Elias Reamer near St. Catharines, Ont.—A considerable portion of the city of St. John, N.B., was destroyed by fire on the 25th inst., the loss being about \$500,000. Among the burned buildings are the following: Store and warehouses of J. W. McClary Company, store and house occupied by John McCann, W. J. Horncastle's house, Lorne Hotel, D. D. Glasier & Son's offices, Wm. Hayford's residence, Nase & Co.'s large wooden block, containing several stores, Tapley Bros.' offices, Captain Keats' store, warehouse and residence, and Arch. Tapley's residence.—Residences at Etchimin, Que.; loss \$10,000.—Robertson, Lindsay & Co.'s departmental store at St. Thomas, Ont., completely destroyed; loss on building, \$25,000.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

TARA, ONT.—New school building: A. Gerolamy, contractor, \$5,253.

RENFREW, ONT.—Market building: S. McDougall, contractor, \$796.

PETERBORO', ONT.—For sub-structures of two bridges tenders were received by the town as follows: H. Evans, \$1,707.20 (accepted); R. Sheehy, \$1,752.; G. W. Ranney, \$1,852.; J. E. Hayes, \$1,909.20;

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