

for the lease of several Island lots, on which his clients propose to erect summer residences.—The Mayor is endeavoring to secure the construction of a first-class bridge over the Don river at Queen street.—At the last meeting of the York County Council a petition was received asking for a 30-foot span bridge over the Mimico creek at the Etobicoke.—The City Council has given notice that it is proposed to construct the following works: 32-ft. macadam pavement on Victoria street, from Queen street to Gerrard street, cost \$6,160; 21-ft. macadam pavement on Spadina avenue, from King street to Queen street, cost \$12,000; 24-ft. cedar block pavement on Bellwoods avenue, from Queen street to Mansfield avenue, cost \$5,900; 24-ft cedar block pavement on Harbord street, from St. George street to Bathurst street, cost \$6,260; 24 ft. cedar block pavement on Sumach street, from Gerrard street to Amelin street, cost \$4,100; 24-ft asphalt pavement on Baldwin street, from McCaul street to Beverley street, cost \$5,200; 12-ft. cement concrete sidewalk on south side Adelaide street, from Yonge street to Bay street, cost \$1,248

FIRES.

Davis & Potter's mill near Novar, Ont., has been burned. Loss \$2,500.—A. K. Evans' boat houses at the foot of Sherbourne street, Toronto, were totally consumed by fire last week. Loss about \$5,000. The western block of the Parliament buildings at Ottawa was badly damaged by fire on Thursday last. The loss is estimated at \$100,000, although it is said a quarter of a million dollars will be spent in making the repairs. It is understood the Minister of Public Works has decided to have a consultation of well known architects to consider a plan of rebuilding.—The Soho cheese factory near Princeton, Ont., was destroyed by fire last week.—A fire at London West, Ont., resulted in the destruction of a brick dwelling occupied by J. R. Gurd and George Finnigan.—James Crawford's saw mill at Robb, Ont., has been burned. It is said that Mr. Crawford will not rebuild.—Dr. Craft's store and the Royal Hotel at Plainfield, Ont., were consumed by fire on the 10th inst. The loss is heavy.—The opera house at Port Hope, Ont., was completely gutted by fire on Sunday last. Loss \$3,000; partially covered by insurance.—The Cumberland railroad station house at Springhill, N. S., was destroyed by fire last week.—The hotel of Mr. Stafford, at Orwell, Ont., was burned on Monday last. Loss \$2,000.—The paint warehouse of Sanderson, Percy & Co., Adelaide street west, Toronto, was gutted by fire on Tuesday last, at a loss of \$45,000. The building was damaged to the extent of \$5,000; covered by insurance.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

PERTH, ONT.—The township of Wallace has disposed of \$10,000 of debentures to G. H. Gillespie, of Hamilton.

L'ORIGNAL, ONT.—The contract for the construction of a new wharf here has been let to Heney & Smith, of Ottawa, at \$12,800.

STRATHROY, ONT.—L. R. Richardson has closed a contract with Andrew Thomson to erect a cheese factory here, 75 x 32 feet, with brick foundation.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The contract for the annual supply of lumber was let by the Board of Works on Tuesday to the Reid Lumber Co., of Toronto. About 1,200,000 feet will be required.

TORONTO, ONT.—The Metallic Roofing Co., of this city, have been awarded the contract for embossed metal doors, metal wainscoting, etc., required for the new Foresters' building on Bay street, Toronto, at the price of \$28,000. This is be-

lieved to be the largest contract for goods of this character which has yet been awarded in America.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Mr. McLea Walbank has awarded the following contracts for alterations and additions of a house, corner of St. Catherine and Metcalfe streets, for B. A. Boas—masonry, Wighton, Morison & Co.; carpenter and joiner's work, Beckham & Scott; steel work, Dominion Bridge Co.; plastering, Knott & Gardner; roofing, F. F. Powell, plumbing, F. O'Connell; electric wiring, J. E. Scott; painting, W. P. Scott.

QUEBEC, QUE.—Tanguay & Vallee, architects, have awarded the following contracts for the sacristy of the Basilica Quebec: Masonry, Frs. Parent; carpenter and joiner's work, Edward Paquet, roofing, P. Lachance.—Building permits have been granted as follows: Reparatons of a house on Napoleon street for Mr. Savard; contractor, T. Pepin. One house on Richardson street for V. P. Hortie, three stories, 33½ x 32 ft., wood lined with brick; contractor, T. Mongeau.

OTTAWA, ONT.—P. G. Powers & Co. have been awarded the contract for building eight steel boilers for the E. B. Eddy Co. These boilers will be 60 inches in diameter and 14 feet long, to carry 125 lbs. steam pressure per square inch.—Contracts for the new Butterworth block on Sparks street have been let as follows: Masonry and brickwork, Holbrook & Sutherland; carpentry, J. & C. Low; steel beams, E. C. Arnoldi; concrete floor and sidewalk, J. Foley; prismatic glass, Prismatic Glass Co., Toronto; painting and glazing, Geo. Howe; plumbing, J. A. Maunder.

CHATHAM, ONT.—The City Council have accepted tenders as follows for annual supplies: Porous tile, James Cornhill, 4 inch, 1½ cents per foot; 5 inch, 2 cents; 9 inch, 3 cents; 7 inch, 4 cents; 8 inch, 5 cents; 9 inch, 7 cents; 10 inch, 8 cents; 12 inch, 14 cents. Wire nails

and spikes, Morton & Adam, \$2.41 per keg. White pine plank, S Hadley Lumber Co., \$13, white oak, D. R. McGarvin, \$23. The tenders for cement were as follows: J & J Oldershaw, Thorold cement, 80 pound sack, 33 cents; Buffalo, 90 pound sack, 43 cents; best English Portland, barrel, \$2.75; second grade, \$2.60 O B Hulin, best English Portland, \$2.78; Buffalo, 40 cents; Thorold, 31 cents. There were three tenders for sewer pipe No. 1 was from Glenn Bros., on behalf of the Standard Drain Pipe Co., of St. Johns; No. 2 from O. B. Hulin, for the Ontario Sewer Pipe Co., and No. 3 from J. & J. Oldershaw. The prices were:

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.
	cents.	cents.	cents
4 in. pipe.....			5½
6 " ".....	12	9	8 1/10
8 " ".....	18	13½	13 1/10
9 " ".....	—	16	14 9/10
10 " ".....	26	19½	17 1/10
12 " ".....	34	25½	22
15 " ".....	50	36½	33 1/10
18 " ".....	68	51	47

The tenders for cement and sewer pipe were referred to the Board of Works for a report.

Callahan & Brown, bricklayers, London, Ont., are reported to have assigned to H. M. Douglas.

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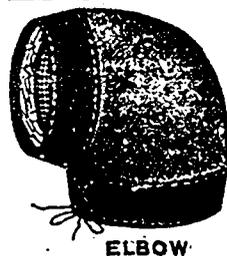
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