

and custom house here.—G. A. Parker, of Minneapolis, is promoting a scheme to erect a large flour mill here. The mill will cost \$200,000, and a bonus of \$50,000 is asked from the town.

HARRISTON, ONT.—Geo. Gray, architect, is preparing plans for the following buildings: Mr. John Bradley, three-storey brick block and stone basement, pressed brick and cut stone front; Jos. Meiklejohn estate, two-storey brick block with stone basement; M. F. Beck, two-storey brick residence and a wholesale leather warehouse.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Conversation with local architects goes to show that building operations in this city the coming season are likely to be on a much more extensive scale than for many years past.—Mr. Robert Clohocy, architect, invites tenders until 5 p. m. on the 7th inst. for the erection of a block of stores and residences, to be constructed of stock brick and heated by hot air.—E. Patterson has taken out a permit for erecting a two-storey brick dwelling on East ave. south, to cost \$2,000.

ST. CATHARINES, ONT.—Quinn Bros., proprietors of the Russell House, will build an addition of 30 rooms, with brick front, to their hotel during the coming summer. This addition will be heated by hot water. They have also let the contract to Cook & Son for new bar fixtures.—Plans are being prepared by W. B. Allen, architect, for an addition to the general and marine hospital. The material employed will be pressed brick, hot water heating apparatus. Cost about \$5,000. Tenders will be called for the 12th inst.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—Plans are invited by the Board of School Trustees until April 15th for a new High School building, to be erected on Union street, at an estimated cost of \$40,000. The building is to be of brick, with stone facings, the school rooms two storeys high, 28 x 32 feet. There will be an exhibition hall, with a seating capacity of 600 persons.—It is understood that the work of constructing the Restigouche and Victoria County railway will be proceeded with this summer. Mr. F. R. Boselly is president of the company.—The C. P. R. intend rebuilding 160 feet of North Rodney wharf and enlarging their flour sheds.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Coroner McMahon has requested the Mayor to endeavor to induce the city to co-operate with the Provincial government in constructing a new morgue.—The municipal council of St. Lambert has voted the sum of \$75,000 for the construction of an aqueduct, and tenders for the work will shortly be asked.—The annual report of the Harbor Commissioners recommends the construction of a pier and other improvements.—Work will shortly be commenced on the proposed additions at the hospital for the insane at Virden, plans for which have been prepared by Mr. A. T. Taylor. The addition will be 216 x 43 feet, built of La Prairie red brick and two storeys high.

LONDON, ONT.—Mr. C. G. Horetzky, sanitary engineer of the Provincial government, has presented a report to the city council on the construction of a sewerage system. It is probable the scheme outlined by Mr. Horetzky will be carried out. The cost of the disposal works alone, exclusive of sewerage, is estimated at \$51,000.—It is understood that the erection of the new Grand Trunk car shops will be commenced early in the spring.—Tambling & Jones have taken out permits for three brick residences, one on Wellington street and two on Horton street west. The former will cost \$2,500 and the latter \$3,500.—The Board of Education will ask the city council to grant \$58,000 for building a twelve-roomed school on Colborne street, two four-roomed schools in the northern part of the Second and Fourth wards, and an

addition to several of the present buildings.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The bill incorporating the Montreal & Ottawa Railway Company has passed the railway committee of the Dominion Government. The road must be completed in four years, and the company must build twenty-three miles the first year.—The Anglican congregation have purchased two lots on Mutchmor street and propose erecting a new church building.—The Government were last week requested to grant a bonus of \$3,000 per mile for the construction of 70 miles of the Rainy River railway from Antikokan Range to the head of navigation on Rainy lake.—J. E. Hanna, M. D., has purchased a lot, corner O'Connor and Maria streets, and proposes erecting an office and residence thereon.—The necessity of providing a steam plant for the waterworks is being urged upon the city council, and steps will probably be taken at an early date towards that end.—The congregation of the New Edinburgh Presbyterian church have decided to enlarge the church building and erect a new Sunday school hall. The cost will be about \$5,000.—Robert Surtees, city engineer, will receive tenders until the 11th inst. for the construction of plank sidewalks required during the year.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Additional school accommodation is required, and the School Board will probably be urged to complete at once the new Dufferin school.—The city engineer will be asked to lay before the council full particulars regarding the proposal by the city to construct its own system of waterworks.—Repairs to the Main St. bridge have been commenced. If the \$10,000 to improve the bridge is granted the new piers will be built next fall.—Charles H. Wheeler, architect, invites tenders until the 10th inst. for remodelling Cauchon block on Main St. Separate or bulk tenders will be received.—In the Provincial Legislature a resolution has been passed granting aid to the Lake Dauphin Railway. The proposed line will start at Portage la Prairie and extend about 150 miles north westward.—Plans are being prepared by Chas. H. Wheeler, architect, for a solid brick and stone residence for P. Burnett, to be erected on Notre Dame avenue west.—The city engineer has been instructed to prepare plans for a bridge over the Canadian Pacific railway tracks at Salter street.—The contract will be let about the middle of the present month for the proposed improvements to St. Mary's church, plans for which have been prepared by Samuel Hooper.

TORONTO, ONT.—The Property Committee of the School Board will ask for \$18,000 to cover the cost of repairs, alterations and improvements to buildings.—At a recent meeting of the ratepayers of school section No. 20, York county, in which is situated the village of Norway, it was decided to appoint a committee consisting of the trustees and Mr. J. W. Miller, to get alternative estimates on the cost of enlarging the present building, and of erecting an entirely new building. The report of the committee will be presented about the end of March.—The Fire, Water and Light Committee recently discussed the erection of a new central fire hall on Bay street. It is not probable, however, that funds for its erection will be forthcoming.—McKendry & Co. are making preparations to enlarge their dry goods store by the addition of the store to the north adjoining.—Aldermam Boustead has stated that the six-foot wooden conduit could be placed in proper repair, at an outlay of \$20,000.—By the will of the late H. A. Massey the following donations are made for the erection of new buildings: \$50,000 for the erection of a suitable boarding hall and home for lady students at Victoria college. Toronto; \$50,000 for

a new building at the Wesleyan Theological college, Montreal; \$100,000 to the Methodist church for erecting a Deaconesses' home, training school and hospital on the grounds of the Metropolitan church, Toronto, or at such other place in Toronto as the executors may approve of; 50,000 to the American University, Washington, D. C., to erect a building to represent Canadian Methodists in that university.—A deputation last week interviewed the Mayor in connection with the proposed monument to the memory of Governor Simcoe, the founder of this province. It was stated that the cost of the statue would be about \$20,000.—A communication has been received by the York County Council from J. Whitney & Son, on behalf of a Chicago client, asking for a sewer extension from Albert street to Mackenzie ave. It is understood an oil refinery is proposed to be erected, to cost \$37,000.—The report of Mr. James Mansergh, C. E., on the question of providing an ample water supply for the city of Toronto, has been received. Mr. Mansergh recommends that the supply be taken from Lake Ontario as at present, by improving the pumping system. The cost of the improvements is estimated at \$5,435,312, made up as follows: tunnel under bay and pipe across Island, \$486,000; subsiding reservoir, \$110,000; filter beds, \$2,055,000; pumping plant to filters, \$110,000; tramway across island, \$15,000; new pumping stations and engines \$450,000; 36-inch main from Bathurst and College to Rosehill reservoir, \$135,500; 36-inch main, Eglinton reservoir to Rosehill reservoir, \$89,250; 20-inch main from 36-inch main to high level pumping station, \$27,000; 24-inch main, high level station to Eglinton reservoir \$108,000; 36-inch main, pumping station to Rosehill reservoir, \$680,000; 24-inch main, Eglinton reservoir, to high level district, \$108,000; 24-inch main, Rosehill to Eglinton, \$320,000, contingencies and engineering supervision, \$741,562.—The Building and Sites Committee of the Separate School Board will recommend at the next meeting that two brick schools be erected, at a cost not exceeding \$2,000 each, one on Sackville street, and the other on Bathurst street.—A building permit has been granted to Jethro Worden, for a 3 story and basement brick hotel, s. w. cor. Adelaide and Johnson streets, cost \$9,000.

FIRES.

The residence of Mrs. L. Fortune at 909 St. Catharine street, Montreal, was destroyed by fire last week. Loss, \$4,000.—The Chemical Laboratory of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ont., was damaged by fire on the 26th ult. Loss on building \$7,500, on apparatus, \$1,500. No insurance. It is probable that a sum for rebuilding the college will be placed in the supplementary estimates.—The residence of George Elrick on Carey Road, Victoria, B. C., has been burned. Loss, \$3,000. Insurance \$1,000.—Henning's block at New Westminster, B. C., which was recently burned, was insured for \$7,500.—J. W. Drake's furniture factory at Windsor, Ont., was consumed by fire on the 25th ult. Loss \$5,000; insurance \$1,500.—A building at Halifax, N. S., owned by George T. Henry, has been damaged by fire to the extent of \$2,500.—A number of buildings at Burk's Falls, Ont., have been destroyed by fire. Among the losers are R. H. Manning, Wm. Wilson, Samuel Cross and Mrs. D. Wilson.—The furniture and musical show rooms of Gordon & Keith, at Halifax, N. S., were completely consumed by fire on Monday last. It was a six-storey building. The loss on the building amounts to \$7,000, partially covered by insurance.—The premises of Parrish & Lindsay, grain dealers, Brandon, Man., have been damaged to the extent of \$5,000.—W. H. Berkinshaw's frame dwelling at Trenton,