

cost \$2,500; G. Weston, 103 Sullivan st., 2 story bk. bakehouse, dwelling and store, n. e. cor. Spno and Phoebe sts., cost \$8,000; Wm. Booth, 115 Bedford rd., det. 2 story and att. bk. dwelling, w. side Bedford rd., near Beruard ave., cost \$3,000; J. W. Magee, 2 story and attic bk. dwelling, e. s. Brunswick ave., nr. Lowther ave., cost \$3,000. Since the first of the present month building permits have been granted reaching in value \$115,000, against \$81,635 for the whole month of April last year.—Property owners on Euclid ave. have petitioned for a cedar block pavement on that street.—Tenders will be invited this week for extending the Fort Rouille and Dominion street sewers and for an 18-inch steel extension from the Dufferin street sewer into deep water.—W. J. Douglas, town clerk of North Toronto, is receiving tenders this week for sinking a circular well at the waterworks 8 feet in diameter and 27 feet deep.—The City Engineer will shortly present a report in reference to the establishing of a civic electric light plant for the new city buildings.—A sub-committee of the property committee have recommended that exemption from taxation be granted to William Harris on his proposed building and plant for the dead meat trade.—The congregation of East Toronto Baptist church have purchased a site at the north-east corner of Gerrard street and Enderby road, on which they will erect a new church.—Plans for enlarging the East Toronto public school will be submitted to the School Board at its next meeting.—Mr. G. A. Stinson desires to secure from the city some property on Dufferin street, south of King, on which a client proposes to erect a wine factory.—The City Engineer has recommended that the asphalt pavements on track allowances on several streets be replaced by brick.—Tenders will be asked early in May for the erection of the new building at the north-west corner of King and Yonge streets, the plans for which are being prepared by Messrs. Darling & Pearson.—Mr. J. F. Brown, architect, is receiving tenders for a brick addition, 75 x 48 feet., to Firstbrook Bros.' factory, King street east.—The contract for the bridge at York Mills, for which tenders were recently asked by the County Engineer, will likely be awarded this week.

FIRES.

The carpet factory of G. A. Burrows at Guelph, Ont., was gutted by fire on the 22nd inst.: loss \$4,500, insurance \$2,000.—C. Norsworth & Company's foundry and machine shop at St. Thomas, Ont., was damaged by fire recently to the extent of several thousand dollars, fully covered by insurance.—R. Ripley's saw mill, situated on the Short Line Railway near St. Stephen, N. B., was burned on April 16th; loss \$5,000, insurance \$4,000.—The T. H. & B. railway station at Smithville, Ont., has been burned.—At Appleton, Ont., on the 22nd inst., the residence of A. W. Cram was destroyed by fire; insurance \$5,200.—Arthur Harvey's residence at Sawyerville, Que., was burned to the ground on Saturday last.—The match factory at Drumbo, Ont., has been partially destroyed by fire.—The Queen's hotel at Haliburton, Ont., owned by D. Kelleit, was burned on Sunday last; insured.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

HALIBURTON, ONT.—The contract has been let for the erection of a new town hall, to cost \$2,500.
RICHMOND HILL, ONT.—Innis & Son have secured the contract to erect a dwelling near Aurora for J. Hutchinson.
LEAMINGTON, ONT.—John Elhott, principal of the high school, has given a contract for erecting a large residence on Marlborough street.
DELORAIN, MAN.—The contract for

the new Methodist church has been let to Laird & Flynn, at the price of \$6,525, exclusive of heating and seats.

PETERBORO, ONT.—James Bogue, of this town, has been awarded the contract for the pivot pier and abutments of the railway bridge over the Trent Valley canal, near Little Lake.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The contract for the addition to the Water street hospital has been awarded to J. Fauteux, exclusive of plumbing, heating and elevator. The following were the tenders received: Poulin & Fitzpatrick, \$28,450; John O'Connor, \$27,100; J. Lyons, \$25,890; Charlebois, \$25,050; J. Bourque, \$22,825; J. Fauteux, \$22,665.

MONTREAL, QUE.—J. B. Resther & Son have awarded contracts as follows for reparations and modifications of a house on Sherbrooke street for the Estate Victor Beaudry: Masonry, Boucher & Huberdeau; brick, Jos. Beland; carpenter and joiner's work, Chapleau & Leboeuf; roofing, heating and plumbing, Jacotel & Bros.; plastering, J. Lefebvre; painting and glazing, O. M. Lavoil.

QUEBEC, QUE.—Building permits have been granted as follows: One house on Parent avenue for J. E. Trépanier, contractor, P. Belanger, cost \$4,500; one building on Palace street, four stories, 135 x 60 feet, contractors, F. Parent, J. H. Gignac and Vandry & Matte, estimated cost \$11,000.—The tender of George Fortin has been accepted for the wooden pontoon; price \$8,960.

LONDON, ONT.—Tenders for supplies have been accepted as below: Sidewalks, Wm. Howie, jr.; Credit Valley stone, C. Beckett; St. Mary's stone, P. Mulhall; stone curbing, S. H. Craig; gravel, C. Beckett, W. Donahue, M. Baldwin & Son, T. B. Fox and Oliver Jarvis; lumber, Mickle, Dymont & Son; iron castings, London Foundry Co.; paving crossings and gutters, M. Baldwin; laying cedar

block crossings, M. Baldwin; concrete pipe, E. North and W. Anthistle.

HULL, QUE.—The School Board have let the contract for heating the new school to McKinley & Northwood. The tenders were as follows: McKinley & Northwood, \$1,081; G. J. Julien, \$1,149; Butterworth & Co., \$1,298; F. A. Cote & Co., \$1,475; E. J. Laverdure & Co., \$1,300; Wilson & Couturier, \$1,800; St. Jacques & Normand, \$1,199.20 and \$1,280.55.

TORONTO, ONT.—J. Francis Brown, architect, has let contracts as below for a pair of houses on Sumach street: Brickwork, Wickett Bros.; carpentry, Wm. Williamson; painting and glazing, Egles & Lington; plastering, Hannah & Nelson; furnace, Wheeler & Bain. Same architect has accepted tenders for alterations to Dr. Britton's house on Isabella street as follows: Masonry, Elgie & Co.; carpentry, Francis Bice; plastering, J. C. Jorden.—Tenders have been accepted by F. H. Herbert, architect, for a new hotel, corner King street and Strachan ave. The successful contractors are: Masonry, Henry Lucas; carpentry, Hutchins & Burns; plastering, Geo. Rudlen; painting, H. W. Johnston; roofing, R. Rennie & Son; galvanized iron, A. B. Ormsby & Co.; plumbing and heating, W. J. Maguire & Co.

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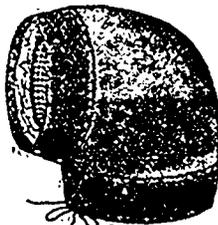
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