

25th inst. for the purpose of discussing the means and advisability of the town aiding the development of a water power on the Assiniboine river here.

**AMHERSTBURG, ONT.**—Tenders are invited by John A. Auld until Saturday next, the 9th inst. for the erection of cheese factory buildings on lot 44, concession 5, Malden. Plans may be seen at the office of the Amherstburg Echo.

**KINGSTON, ONT.**—A citizen has offered the sum of \$1,000 towards the erection of a Masonic hall at the corner of Clergy and Princess streets. Dr. K. N. Fenwick will have a surgical amphitheatre constructed at the General Hospital, at a cost of \$2,500.

**MIDLAND, ONT.**—Arrangements are being made for the construction of a dry dock here, which will have capacity to receive the largest vessels that sail on Georgian Bay. The dock will be 400 ft. long, by 50 ft. wide, with 16 ft. of water on the mitre sill.

**GANANOQUE, ONT.**—Hon. J. C. Patterson, of Ottawa, was in town last week in connection with the proposed removal of the drill shed to another site. No decision was arrived at, but it is anticipated that the old building will be sold and a new one built on the site to be chosen.

**LEAMINGTON, ONT.**—At the last Council meeting, Alex. Baird, Town Engineer, read his report on the cost of establishing a gas plant. The cost was placed at \$14,000, and a committee was appointed to prepare a by-law for submission to the ratepayers to raise the necessary funds.

**MEGANTIC, QUE.**—The congregation of Notre Dame, Montreal, have decided to open a branch convent of their institution at this place, and are conferring with the School Commissioners with a view to complete the final arrangements to enable them to build their new convent at once.

**CREDITON, ONT.**—Tenders are requested until the 15th of March for the erection of a bank barn on the Industrial farm, of the County of Huron, one mile from Clinton. Plans may be seen at the Queen's Hotel, Wingham, from the 9th to the 15th inst. Henry Eilber, Chairman Building Committee.

**LONDON, ONT.**—The Trustees of the Dundas Street Methodist church are asking for plans for a new building to be erected on the old site. Particulars may be obtained from C. J. Beal, Secretary.—In the annual report of the Fire Chief, presented at the last meeting of No. 3 Committee, the erection of a fire hall in the north end, and the purchase of a chemical engine and hook and ladder truck is recommended.—The prospects for a fairly good building season in this city are somewhat bright. In addition to the three new churches, for which the contracts will be let shortly, and which will necessitate an expenditure of about \$150,000, there will be an unusually large number of private residences erected. Already local architects have considerable work in hand.—Tile drains will be constructed on Dean street and Duchess avenue, at a cost of \$470 and \$2,380 respectively.

**HAMILTON, ONT.**—The Dominion Construction Company have the line of the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo railway from Brantford to this city on a fair way to completion, after which the company will proceed with the Welland branch, which it is expected will be completed before the close of the present year. The T. H. & B. and M. C. R. directors have decided to build a larger and better station in Hamilton than was at first proposed.—Plans are being prepared and tenders will shortly be called for the erection of a residence at Winona, for J. E. Vandeizer. It is to be built of pressed brick with brown stone facings. W. A. Edwards, architect.—The Council proposes to construct a 15 inch pipe sewer

on Sophia street, at a cost of \$812, and a 12-inch pipe sewer on Florence street, at a cost of \$550.—Building permits have been granted as follows: John Temple, two storey brick dwelling on Gore street, cost \$1,000; East Hamilton Improvement Company, brick station at the head of Wentworth street, cost \$1,100.

**WINNIPEG, MAN.**—The city Masons have succeeded in raising nearly \$9,000 for the proposed Masonic temple, and when another \$1,000 is raised the scheme will be an assured success.—Mr. S. Frank Peters, architect, has returned from a trip to Toronto, where he completed the details for rebuilding the block of the Western Canada Loan Company, and tenders for the work will likely be called during the present week.—Mr. Barry, of the Royal Oak hotel, contemplates erecting a new hotel building this spring.—The city invites tenders until 8 p.m. on Thursday, the 14th inst., for paving Main street from Point Douglas avenue with cedar blocks, asphalt, brick or stone. Tenders are to be addressed to J. C. Sproule, Chairman Committee on Works. The time for receiving tenders for electric street lighting has been extended to Tuesday the 12th inst.—The Y. M. C. A. are making an effort to pay off the debt of \$3,000 on their lot, Mr. Whittle having made an offer that as soon as the lot was paid for, the directors would proceed with the building.—The City Council will seek power to raise the sum of \$100,000 for the improvement of the Red River.

**OTTAWA, ONT.**—The Finance Committee of the Public School Board will recommend the erection of a new four-roomed brick school on Mutchmor street, and an addition to Elgin street school. The board has not the means to build another school in St. George's ward, but it is proposed that a suitable building be rented for a year, by which time the board will probably be in a position to build a new school in that ward.—Tenders are invited by E. F. E. Roy, Secretary Department of Public Works, until the 15th inst., for work to be done in widening the outlets of Lake Couchiching, according to a plan to be seen at the post office, Washago, and at the Department of Public Works, in this city. Tenders are also invited by the above department until the 15th inst., for the construction of a landing pier at Phillipsburg, Missisquoi County, Quebec. Plans may be seen at the post office at Phillipsburg.—Hayter Reed, Deputy-Superintendent, is asking for tenders until the 9th of April for the delivery of Indian supplies at various points in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories for one year from 30th June next.—Dr. Grant purposes erecting a fine brick building on the corner of Elgin and Somerset streets.

**MONTREAL, QUE.**—It is reported that Sheriff Thibaudeau and Mr. C. N. Armstrong, who are now in London, Eng., have secured the \$2,000,000 necessary to build a bridge between Longueuil and Montreal.—Mr. Vanier, Engineer for the municipality of St. Louis du Mile End, has prepared plans and specifications for the erection of an electric light plant for the town.—At a recent meeting of the Municipal Council of the Town of Longueuil, it was decided to erect new water mains in the upper part of the town. It was also resolved to alter the machinery at the wheel house and to extend the present suction water main from its terminus 1000 feet farther, also to erect at the wheel house a large filter, and to build on the shore a tunnel running parallel with the river. It is estimated that the total cost of the improvements will be about \$75,000. Tenders will be asked for at once, as the work must be completed during the coming summer.—The Superintendent of Waterworks submitted a report to the Water Committee asking for \$38,500 for pipe laying, valves, hydrants and new

services the matter was referred to council.—The Catholic School Commissioners, of St. Henri were last week successful in obtaining authority from the Superintendent of Public Instruction at Quebec to float a loan for school purposes, and steps will at once be taken to borrow the sum of \$150,000, which will be used in building two new schools and in consolidating the present debt.—The Fire Committee has selected the Duverge property on Notre Dame street as a site for a new fire hall to replace No. 7 station, which will be torn down for the new East End depot.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—Notice has been given by the Council that a Court of Revision will be held on the 18th inst. for the bearing of appeals respecting the assessments for the following proposed local improvements: asphalt pavement on McCaul street from Queen street to College street, on either side track allowance, cost \$30,600; concrete pavement on the first lane south of King street from the east side of Leader lane to the end of the said lane, cost \$350.—It is reported that the School Board have purchased property at the north-east corner of Elm avenue and Glen road as a site for a new school, but the statement has not been confirmed.—At a meeting of the Separate School Board held on Tuesday last, it was decided that a two-roomed brick school be erected on the property recently purchased on Bolton avenue and a four-roomed brick school on Fern avenue. Messrs. Post & Holmes, Manning Arcade, were appointed architects for the Bolton avenue school, and Mr. J. P. Hynes, of 375 Berkeley street, for the Fern avenue school. The cost will be \$2,000 and \$4,000 respectively.—The Fire and Light Committee are asking for tenders until Monday, the 18th inst., for the furnishing of 4,000 feet of 2½-inch and 2,000 feet of 3-inch interior diameter fire hose; also for a water tower. Particulars may be obtained from the Secretary of the Fire Department, at Bay street fire hall, and tenders are to be addressed to the Chairman, Ald. McMurrich. The City Council has decided to advertise at once for a site on which to erect a central fire hall south of Queen street, between Yonge and York street, for repairing the Boustead fire engine, and for a chemical engine for Yonge street fire hall.

#### FIRES.

The premises of the Victoria, B. C., Electric Light Company were gutted by fire on the 27th of February. The building and machinery were damaged to the extent of \$15,000.—Van Zant & Co.'s hardware store at Markham, Ont., was destroyed by fire on Sunday last. Loss, \$7,000; insurance, \$3,500.—The warehouse of Samuel Harris, wholesale furrier, Montreal, was badly damaged by fire recently. The building was owned by Jesse Joseph and is damaged to the extent of \$5,000; covered by insurance.—The brick residence of W. T. Armstrong, at Listowell, Ont., was completely consumed by fire on the 2nd inst. Insurance, \$1,000.—On Sunday morning last fire broke out in R. Simpson's new building at the corner of Queen and Yonge streets, Toronto, which caused a loss of about three quarters of a million dollars, and destroyed about a dozen buildings. The losses and insurance on the burned buildings are as follows: R. Simpson, loss, \$125,000, insurance, \$120,000; Wanless & Son, loss, \$10,000, insurance, \$17,000; Agriculture and Arts Association, loss, \$20,000, insurance, \$12,500; R. H. Gray, loss, \$6,000, insurance, \$6,000; Mrs. M. G. Jones, loss, \$10,000, insurance, \$10,000; Mrs. A. Henderson, loss, \$10,000, insurance, \$10,000; Imperial Bank, loss, \$1,200, insurance, \$1,200; Confederation Life Association, loss \$6,000, insurance, \$5,000; Knox church, loss, \$7,500, insurance, \$22,500; James Mannell, loss \$2,100, insurance, \$2,100. Mr Simpson is said