

of building a bridge over the Ottawa river at this place.

WOODSTOCK, ONT.—O. G. Anderson has severed his connection with the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and will likely build a furniture factory at some other point.

KINGSTON, ONT.—This winter Davis & Sons will build a 40-ft. gasoline launch for Rev. Charles H. Eaton, of New York, and two steam launches for Wilson Miller, of Allegheny, Pa.

SHERBROOKE, QUE.—It is said that the Militia Department at Ottawa have completed plans for a new rifle range at this place, and that tenders for construction will be invited at once.

MONCTON, N.B.—P. S. Archibald, C.E., of this place, has been engaged to make a survey for the proposed cantilever bridge across the Straits of Casco, in which Montreal and Boston capitalists are interested.

ST. CATHARINES, ONT.—A company composed of Toronto, St. Catharines and Windsor capitalists has been formed to build a new dry dock at this end of the lake. The company is capitalized at \$50,000. — Plans have been prepared by a local architect for the proposed Carnegie library to be built in this city.

CARGILL, ONT.—On behalf of the trustee board, A. Nelson, secretary, invites tenders up to 11th inst. for erection of brick Methodist church here.—George Sirrs is calling for tenders up to same date for erection of brick English church.

HALIFAX, N. S.—Harvey Paton, of Albany and F. C. Smith of New York are reported to have purchased extensive timber properties in the Gaspereaux district, with the object of carrying on the business of manufacturing lumber, pulp and paper.

WINCHESTER, ONT.—W. H. Perrin, of Smith's Falls, was in the village last week looking for a site on which to establish a plough factory.—A by-law to raise \$2,000 for the purpose of building a town hall and fire station will be placed before the ratepayers on January 18th.

OWEN SOUND, ONT.—The C.P.R. roundhouse here was wrecked last week by an acetylene gas explosion.—The surveying party of the Manitoulin & North Shore Railway have completed the preliminary survey. Robert McDowall, town engineer, who is attached to the staff, states that no engineering difficulties were encountered along the route.

VICTORIA, B.C.—The city council has instructed the city engineer to report on the question of building a stone bridge at Point Ellice instead of an iron or steel structure, as first proposed.—The by-law to borrow \$100,000 for the purpose of installing a septic tank system was defeated by the ratepayers on December 30th for the second time.

QUEBEC, QUE.—Capt. Wolvin, grain shipper, of Buffalo, recently discussed with the harbor commissioners the subject of terminal facilities at this port for the transportation of grain to Europe. He stated that if given some assistance, he would undertake to commence forthwith the building of ten steel ships, each of 2,000 tons capacity. Capt. Wolvin will build a grain elevator if granted a site.

GUELPH, ONT.—The Winter Fair Board have instructed an architect to prepare plans for additions and alterations to the Fair building.—Sir William Macdonald, of Montreal, has placed at the disposal of the province the sum of \$125,000 to be used for the erection of buildings, etc., in connection with the

Agricultural College in this city for the purpose of giving instruction to teachers in the elements of nature study and domestic science.

OTTAWA, ONT.—City engineer Ker is securing information in connection with the contemplated purchase of incinerators by the corporation.—The new hall to be built by LeCircle Champlain, a social organization in Lower Town, will be located at the corner of Murray and Dalhousie streets. It will be of brick, cost \$10,000. A. Larocque is secretary of the building committee.—W. King is building a brick veneer residence and shop at 7 Bank street, to cost \$2,100.

SHELBURNE, ONT.—A. J. Marks & Son, of Toronto, have leased the stone quarry from Charles Hall and intend putting in a steam plant, at a cost of \$3,000.—Dr. McFaul, of Collingwood, and C. W. Hartman, of Clarksburg, have purchased the Blue Mountain Mineral Springs and 100 acres of land adjoining. It is their intention to establish a sanitarium there.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The Hamilton, Ancaster & Brantford Railway Co. will apply to the legislature for an extension of time for the commencement of the construction of their proposed railways, also for power to construct an incline railway in this city.—Jabez Tetton is building a brick cottage on Bredalbane street, to cost \$900.—W. & W. Stewart, architects, have secured a permit for two brick dwellings on Markland street, between Hess and Caroline streets, to cost \$2,400.

MONTREAL, QUE.—It is stated that negotiations are on foot for the purchase of 600 acres of land in the east end by the Canadian Pacific Railway, upon which they propose building new works, their present locomotive and car shops being too small.—The Montreal Union Bridge Co. is applying for incorporation, to construct a bridge across the St. Lawrence river from Montreal to Longueuil, also a line of railway within the two municipalities.—Three local firms of architects have been asked to submit sketches for the proposed building to be built by the Guardian Fire & Life Assurance Co.—The C. P. R. are preparing to extend their telegraph system over the Midland Railway built from Truro to Windsor.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The committee appointed by the Provincial Board of Health to report on the establishment of a sanitarium for the treatment of consumptives have recommended that the scheme be proceeded with. The cost of building, furnishings and site is placed at \$30,000.—The construction of sewers on Langside street, cost \$2730, and on Nena street, cost \$2025, has been recommended.—The city clerk is asking for tenders up to 9th inst. for construction of asphalt pavement on Princess street, from Notre Dame avenue to Banantyne avenue, and a macadam pavement on Lorne street, from Austin street to Beaconsfield street.—It is reported that the Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co. are behind the scheme to build an electric railway between this city and Headingly.

TORONTO, ONT.—The Minister of Public Works last week made an inspection of some of the Government buildings in this city. He stated that the post office was too small and also somewhat antiquated, having no elevator. It is understood that improvements and additions will be undertaken at an early date.—At a meeting of the Women's Historical Society held last week, it was decided to call a conference of officers of the various women's societies to discuss the proposed building of a memorial hall to the late Queen.—Building permits

have been granted as follows: Corporation of Toronto, brick chimney stack at Western Crematory, Strachan avenue, cost \$2,000 (A. R. Denison, architect; Teagle & Son, builders); Mrs. McMullin, two storey and attic brick dwelling, 31 Murray street, cost \$2,500 (Henry Simpson, architect; Chalkley & Son, builders); Christie, Brown & Co., five-storey brick and stone warehouse, corner Duke and George streets, cost \$50,000, (Gouinlock & Baker, architects; Dancy Bros., builders); Mrs. Rose Ann Harrison, two storey brick dwelling, 771 King street west, cost \$1,900; E. A. Drummer, two storey and attic, detached brick dwelling, 331 St. Clarens avenue, cost \$2,200 (John Drummer, builder); George Lasher, pair two storey buildings, to be used as store and dwelling, 262 and 264 Dundas street, cost \$2,500.—G. M. Miller & Co., architects, have been commissioned to prepare plans for the new building to be erected in connection with the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, for the purpose of giving instructions to teachers.—Mr. Jones, street commissioner, recently visited Detroit and Toledo to inspect incinerators and different systems for the disposal of garbage. It is the intention to install new incinerators for this city in the near future.—Plans for the construction of a spur line of railway from the main line of the Northern Railway to Burk's Falls have been filed at the Public Works Department in this city.

FIRES.

Saw mill of W. W. Carter at Fesserton, Ont., totally destroyed last week; loss \$30,000.—Nickerson & Mood's lobster factory at Woods Harbor, N. S.; loss \$2,000.—Grist mills near Rockwood, Ont., owned by James Gray.—Hotel on Sarnia Road, London, Ont., owned by J. H. Ross; loss \$3,300.—Factory of the Morden Mfg. Co. at Ganonoque, Ont. New machinery had lately been placed in the factory, and the loss will be about \$30,000.—Block of buildings at Dunnville, Ont., owned by J. E. Scott, damaged to extent of \$6,000.—Farm house of D. E. Pickard, near Thamesville, Ont., totally destroyed.—Block of frame buildings on Poulett street, Owen Sound, Ont., owned by George Holmes and A. J. Crichton; heavy loss.—Spencer's Arcade, the largest departmental store in Victoria, B. C., was totally destroyed by fire on December 21st, at a loss of \$250,000.—A large portion of the business district of Portage la Prairie, Man., was wiped out by fire on January 2nd. The losers include F. L. Newman, brick store; B. A. St. John, jewellery store; Grand Central Hotel; A. W. Bailey, saddlery store; H. L. Alton, auction rooms; C. A. Newman & Bros., wholesale liquors and grocers; A. W. Bailey, shoe store. The loss is estimated at \$750,000.—The building of the Excelsior Wrapper Co. in Montreal was damaged by fire a few days ago to the extent of \$60,000.—Hammell Bros. confectionery store, 73 King street east, Hamilton, damaged to the extent of \$5,500. Building was owned by Mrs. W. Spohn, of Toronto.—Redford's saw mill at Ingersoll, Ont., totally destroyed.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

ARNPRIOR, ONT.—A. T. Budd has let the contract to George Grant for erection of two large stores, with plate glass front.

WELLAND, ONT.—M. Beatty & Sons, of this place, are building a large clam derrick for Phinn & Co., contractors, of Toronto, and a No. 4 ditcher for the government of the North-West Territories.