

by the ratepayers granting the sum of \$10,000 towards the building of a town hall.

KINCARDINE, ONT.—The ratepayers are considering the advisability of erecting a new iron bridge across the river in this town.

COURTSHIRE, ONT.—Mr. P. Bendor has purchased the site of the McGregor house, and will erect thereon a three storey brick hotel.

ST. TSVILLE, ONT.—The Council are talking of lighting the village by electric light. A system of waterworks is also under consideration.

LINDSAY, ONT.—Mr. Blackwell, architect, of Peterboro is preparing plans for an opera house to be built in this town, to cost about \$10,000.

EGYPTIAN, ONT.—The Port Dover & Lake Huron railway intend constructing an iron bridge across the big creek to replace the wooden one.

CALGARY, N. W. T.—A by-law was carried by the ratepayers on Thursday last granting the sum of \$10,000 for the erection of a general hospital.

TORONTO JUNCTION, ONT.—The C. P. R. are going to erect a club house for their employees here. It is estimated that it will cost about \$5,000.

PORT ELGIN, ONT.—Plans have been prepared for a system of water works, and will be considered at a public meeting of ratepayers to be held shortly.

ALMONT, ONT.—The congregation of St. John's church, have decided to enlarge their building. Over \$2,000 has already been subscribed.

ST. THOMAS, ONT.—The Provincial Provident Institution will erect a fine brick office building, the ground floor to be fitted up for a business college.

BELLEVIEW, ONT.—Messrs. Gillen & Gillen, architects, of Kingston, have received instructions to prepare plans for an Oddfellows' hall to be erected here.

LEAMINGTON, ONT.—A by-law will be voted on to raise the sum of \$6,000 to build a storage tank or elevated reservoir in connection with the water works system.

SARNIA, ONT.—A meeting was held recently to consider the advisability of erecting a new skating rink, and a committee was appointed to make final arrangements.

COUNCIL HAS DECIDED TO CONSTRUCT WATER WORKS
NORTH BAY, ONT.—The North Bay town for the town, the supply for which will be taken from Lake Nipissing.

PRESBYTERIAN, ONT.—Mr. J. D. Purkis, Chairman Building Committee, will receive tenders until noon to-day for the erection of a Presbyterian church at this place.

BETHEL, ONT.—Mr. Buffy, architect, of London, has prepared plans for a church for the Methodist congregation of this place. The estimated cost is \$3,600.

GOVERNMENT, ONT.—The Public Works Committee have recommended that a competent engineer be engaged to prepare a plan for a sewerage system for the town.

MACDONALD, MAN.—A committee has been appointed to form a joint stock company with a capital of \$20,000, to build a grain elevator, with a capacity of 100,000 bushels.

BRAMPTON, ONT.—T. J. Blain, Town Clerk, will receive tenders until the 18th inst. for the supply of planks, scantling, lumber and nails required by the corporation during the present year.

WARWICK WEST ONT.—Rev. C. C. Couzens, this P. O., will receive tenders until the 23rd inst. for the erection of a brick Methodist church. Mr. L. Buffy, London, Ont., is the architect.

ARROW RIVER, MAN.—William Howard, Clerk, will receive tenders until the 19th inst. for building a bridge across the Assiniboine River. Plans at the Department of Public Works, Winnipeg.

GALT, ONT.—The members of the Galt Hospital Trust have decided to erect an infectious cottage, to cost in the neighborhood of \$3,000. The plans will be submitted to the Inspector of Hospitals of the Ontario Government for approval.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Building permits have been granted as follows: Mrs. McDonald, two storey brick dwelling on Aurora street, cost \$1300; O. A. Horning, warehouse on Hughson street, cost \$1,000.—W. A. Edwards, architect, will receive tenders until Tuesday, the 19th inst., for the erection of three brick houses in the town of Dundas.

STRATFORD, ONT.—The City Council has granted exemption from taxes to the proposed turning company. From \$8,000 to \$10,000 will be invested in new machinery and buildings.—It is understood to be the intention of the Rev. Mr. Leach to erect a residence to cost about \$2,000.—Mr. A. Hepburn, architect, is calling for tenders for a residence for Mr. James Crim, Mornington.

KINGSTON, ONT.—Mr. P. Fallon intends building a couple of brick houses on Picard street.—Mr. McAnnon, Harbor Master, has received instructions to call for tenders for the piling of spar and platform buoys in the harbor.—The Montreal Transportation Co., will shortly build a new barge in this city.—Mr. W. Newlands has been instructed to prepare plans for the new \$20,000 school building.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—A railroad survey from

Comox to Alberni is said to be in contemplation, and also surveys from other points on the Island to that place.—The City Engineer is preparing estimates of tunnelling the Narrows for the water pipe line. The work will cost about \$60,000.

OTTAWA, ONT.—A movement has been commenced towards securing the erection of a maternity hospital.—Messrs. A. W. Ross and H. J. MacDonald had an interview with Mr. Oimmet recently, urging that the Government should undertake the task of improving the channel of the Red river. They submitted a plan by City Engineer Ruttan, of Winnipeg, placing the cost at \$500,000. Mr. Oimmet proposed that a new survey should be made and a report submitted.—The plans for the proposed interprovincial bridge between Nepean Point and Hull have been submitted to the Government for approval. The drawings show a structure 1,420 feet in length to the last pier on the Hull side. There will be five spans, the first of which will measure 540 feet, the others being respectively 240, 240, 200 and 200 feet.—A deputation from St. Mary's, Ont., recently waited upon the Minister of Public Works and the Postmaster-General, and urged the erection of public buildings in that town, to include post-office and customs house. There is a strong prospect of the request being granted.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The C. P. R. will erect new stations at Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Regina and Calgary this year.—The following is a partial list of new buildings to be erected in this city during the present year: Residences for Messrs. R. O'Loughlin, Wm. Bathgate, James Burridge, W. D. Pettigrew, H. S. Westbrook, John Galt and Thos. Waddell; addition to Manitoba College, cost \$40,000; addition to the General Hospital, cost \$20,000; block on the corner of Market and Princess streets, cost \$22,000; new Baptist church; warehouse for Messrs. Carsenden & Peck, cost \$30,000; warehouse for Messrs. Miller, Morse & Co., cost between \$8,000 and \$10,000; new boat house; new church for St. George's congregation; completion of the Deaf and Dumb Institute, and extensive improvements to the buildings tenanted by the Merchant's and Montreal banks.—Messrs. Webster & Curtis, of Portage la Prairie, have the plans nearly ready for submission to the Ottawa authorities for permission to bridge and dam the Assiniboine river at Pratt's Landing.—At a meeting of the School Board held on Monday last, it was decided to call for tenders for the erection of a new public school in the north end of the city, to cost in the neighborhood of \$40,000.—Mr. Wm. McKenzie, one of the syndicate who have secured the contract for the electric street railway, has purchased the Queen's Hotel property. He states that next spring he will erect a magnificent six-storey building, covering the entire block from Main to Notre Dame streets.—It is reported that the C. P. R. will shortly locate a new line from Macleod to Medicine Hat.

TORONTO, ONT.—The City Engineer has been instructed to report as to the cost of extending the Winchester street sidewalk from its present terminus to Danforth avenue.—Mr. Simpson, architect, is preparing the plans for the isolation hospital, to cost \$20,000.—Plans have been completed for the new hotel to be erected by Mr. H. A. Knowles, on the corner of Yonge and Alexander streets. The building will cost about \$12,000.—A special meeting of the Board of Works was held recently to consider the advisability of opening up entrances into High Park. The city engineer presented a report showing the cost of the various schemes as follows: Extension of Queen street, \$83,000; extension of Duncan street, \$55,000; extension of College st., \$90,000. The Committee decided to recommend the adoption of the College street entrance, the cost of bridge construction and purchase of land to be assessed on the properties benefitted.—Building permits have been granted as follows: John Price, alterations to four dwellings and store, Nos. 99 to 107 Baldwin st., cost \$2,500; F. M. Pickering, two pair s. d. 2-storey and attic, bk. and stone dwellings, e. side Spadina rd., n. of Lowther ave., cost \$16,000; Culbert & McCarthy, one det. and pair s. d. 2-storey and attic bk. dwellings, s. side Wellington pl., n. of Draper st., cost \$16,000; Langmuir Mfg Co., 3-storey bk. add. to trunk factory, King st. w., cost \$5,000; H. A. Knowles, 3-storey bk. hotel and store, s. e. cor. Yonge and Alexander sts., cost \$30,000; Mrs. Birnie, 501 Bloor st. w., 2-storey bk. store and dwelling 503 Bloor st. w., cost \$17,000; Thos. Davis, coach house, rear of residence, River st., cost \$1,800.—C. Gibson, architect, has prepared plans for a warehouse to be erected on York st., for Messrs. Hemming Bros.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The straightening of the Lake St. Louis channel, above Lachine, will be proceeded with this summer, at a cost of about \$15,000.—Messrs. A. W. Godson, Arthur Ardagh and Arthur Leonard, representing the Construction and Paving Company, of Toronto, are in the city arranging for the erection of an asphalt refinery in this city. The building, together with the necessary machinery, will cost from \$50,000 to \$75,000.—L. J. Sergeant, General Manager Grand Trunk railway, will receive tenders until Saturday, the 23rd inst., for the clearing, earthwork and fencing required in the construction of a branch line from Glencoe to Kingscourt Ont. Plans and specifications at the office of the Chief Engineer of the Great Western division of the Grand Trunk Railway at Hamilton.—W. H. Hodson, architect, is preparing plans for dwellings

fronting on Roy lane, and for stores to be built on the homestead line of Bleury street.—Chris. Clift, architect, is preparing plans for the following works: house and farm buildings at Point Clair, church at Missoumeau, houses at Montreal Junction and St. Lambert.—A. C. Hutchison, architect, is preparing plans for a store and dwelling on St. Lawrence st. for Mr. Geo. Irvine.—J. R. Gardner, architect, is preparing plans for house at Montreal Junction, and for mission church for St. James the Apostle at Cote St. Antoine, also for a building containing rooms for members of the St. Lawrence Yacht Club, at Dorval.—J. B. Resther & Son, architects, are preparing plans for a residence in Cote St. Antoine, to be built of pressed brick.—Ald. Thompson will erect some tenement houses at Point St. Charles.—The Minister of Public Works for the Dominion has promised to have plans prepared for the construction of a pier at Father Point, as requested by a deputation recently.

FIRES.

The Paris Manufacturing Company's premises and plant, at Paris, Ont., was totally destroyed by fire on Monday last. The plant consisted of considerable valuable machinery. Loss, \$100,000; insurance, \$70,000.—McKelvey's & Dunwoody's dry goods store at Brandon, Man., was destroyed by fire on Saturday last.—The wholesale flour and feed store of P. McIntosh & Son, at 109 Front street East, Toronto, was damaged by fire to the extent of \$15,000 on the 10th inst.—The Eureka planing mill at Owen Sound, Ont., owned by Mr. S. J. Parker, with all machinery, was completely destroyed by fire on Sunday last. Insurance, \$2,800.—W. W. Carter's saw and shingle mill at Crookston, Ont., was burned on the 8th inst. Loss, \$11,400; insurance, \$1,000.—The Michigan Central Railway station at Cayuga, Ont., was burned on the 7th inst.—The residence of Mr. George Arnold at Mount Albert, Ont., was destroyed by fire on the 12th inst. Loss, \$11,500.—The Walker block at Aylmer, Ont., was seriously damaged by fire on Wednesday last.—Fire at Yarmouth, N.S., on the 13th inst. destroyed W. H. Homer's confectionery store. T. H. Knight's bookstore and Geo. F. Parker's photo studio.—On Friday last the Palace Rink at St. Catharines, Ont., together with five dwelling houses, was destroyed by fire. The loss on rink is estimated at \$12,000.—The Clyde Milling Company's flour, oatmeal and barley mills and A. Caldwell's saw mill at Lanark, Ont., were totally destroyed by fire on the 15th inst. Insurance on Clyde Milling Company's mills, \$6,000.—Hubson Bros. grain warehouse at Glencoe, Ont., was burned to the ground on Thursday last. Loss, \$3,500; partially covered by insurance.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

GALT, ONT.—W. & F. A. Scott have the contract for extensive additions to Mrs. Dietrich's residence.

WOODSTOCK, ONT.—Mr. Brown has been awarded the contract for a residence for John Ormstown.

SANDWICH, ONT.—The School Board has awarded the contract for a new school house to Wm. Walker at \$2,400.

ST. THOMAS, ONT.—Messrs. McMurty & Co. have been awarded the contract for water works supplies for the present year.

WOODSTOCK, N. B.—Mr. George Kitchen has been awarded the contract for the piers of the new bridge. His tender was \$62,000.

ALEXANDRIA, ONT.—The society of St. Joseph, will erect a new church in the summer. The contract has been let to Mr. A. F. Bichman.

BLOOMINGTON, ONT.—Mr. M. Flint has been awarded the contract for the erection of a brick church, contractor to supply materials for a slate roof.

LONDON, ONT.—The School Board have accepted the tender of Messrs. Tambling & Jones for re-building the Talbot street school. The contract price is \$4,247.

BRAMPTON, ONT.—Messrs. J. Perry and W. B. McUlloch have been awarded the contract for the erection of a brick building on Queen street West for Messrs. Quinn Bros.

TORONTO JUNCTION, ONT.—Messrs. Davey Bros. have been awarded the contract for the construction of the Ontario street sewer, at \$3,500, and Charles Farquhar that of the subway pavement, at \$2,527.

LINDSAY, ONT.—The contract for heating the Dominion Bank with a combination of hot water and steam has been awarded by the architects, Darling, Curry & Co., Toronto, to the Pease Furnace Co., of Toronto.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The street railway company have accepted the following tenders for the erection of their power house: Brick work, George E. Mills; carpenter work, Donaldson & Patterson; painting, Holcombe Bros.; iron work and roofing, T. Irwin & Son.

PORT WILLIAM, ONT.—Mr. F. Mireault has awarded the contract for the erection of a new hotel to W. R. Graham. The building is to be brick veneered, 30x50 feet, and three stories high, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$6,000.—Lawrence & Co. have been awarded the contract for the erection of a brewery here.

TORONTO, ONT.—The Pease Furnace Co. have been given the contract for heating the branch of the Dominion Bank to be erected at the corner of Jarvis and King streets. A combination of hot air and hot water will be employed.—The

City Council has decided that the tender for cast iron pipe of the St. Lawrence Foundry Company be accepted at the price of \$31.50 per ton.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Mowat free stone imported by Thos. Samuels & Son, Montreal and Toronto, has been selected for the new Board of Trade building.—A. C. Hutchison, architect, has awarded the contract for a residence for M. W. Watson on Reith street, as follows: Masonry, N. Nicholson; brickwork, M. W. Peel; carpenter, John Allen; plasterer, W. Lear; roofing and tiling, G. W. Pend; plumbing and heating not let. Also for a residence in Cote St. Antoine, as follows: Masonry, R. Wilson; brickwork, W. Lavers; carpenter, Simpson & Peel; plasterer, John McLean; roofing, Montreal Roofing Co.; painting, W. P. Scott; plumbing and heating, Hughes & Stephenson. Also for a house on Pine avenue, Estate Joslin. Brickwork, W. Lavers; carpenter, Beckham Estate; plasterer, John McLean; painting, J. B. Owens; plumbing and heating, Garth & Co.; roofing, Campbell & Co.—Chris. Clift, architect, has awarded the contracts for a house on Seymour avenue, as follows: Masonry, Gauthin & Cote; brickwork, A. Gauthin; woodwork, Geo. Roberts; plasterer, Morrison & Son; roofing, G. W. Reed; plumbing and heating, Booth & Hillantyne; painting, Jas. Kimber & Son. Also for alterations to a house on Dorchester street, the following tenders have been accepted: Stone and brickwork, Gauthin & Cote; woodwork and plastering, E. Morin; plumbing and heating, F. Horton. Also for a house at Montreal Junction to E. Morin.—G. De G. Languedoc, architect, has awarded the contracts for a house on Laval avenue, as follows: Masonry, Chapleau & Lemay; brickwork, Clavel & Frere; roofing, Borden & Lessard; plumbing and heating, Brodeur & Lessard.—Fowler & Bowe, architects, have awarded the contracts for a house on Park avenue for W. H. Smith, as follows: Masonry, W. Oman; brickwork, Alex. Wand; carpenter, J. T. Henderson; heating and plumbing, H. Horton; plasterer, W. Bremner; painting and glazing, L. Usherwood; roofing, Campbell & Co.—Perrault & Mesnard, architects, have awarded the contracts for the monument National, as follows: Stone work, Plante & Dubuc; brickwork, Jos. Brunet & Son; ironwork, Dominion Bridge Co.; fire proofing, Montreal Terra Cotta Co.; woodwork, Lambert & Son.—Also for the stone, brick and terra cotta of the College of Philosophy. Other trades not let yet.

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

STREET CONSTRUCTION.

Whenever it is sought to lay out and improve new streets in the suburbs of cities and to pave the roadway of its new streets there is usually a fight, says the *Journal of Building*, Pittsburgh, Pa. Some property-holder usually objects to the city laying out and paving the streets with brick, on the ground that the streets are chiefly for the public good, and if they are to be built at the expense of the land-owner, the land-owner might build them at a presumably lower cost than the city, without interference on the part of the latter. It seems to us that the land-owner is considerably behind the age, both in his notions of benefits and responsibilities. In point of fact there is not one new street in ten laid out and built in a city which is not laid out and built for the direct and almost exclusive benefit of the owners of the abutting property. The contingent public interest is almost invariably a remote interest, and is hardly as the dust in the balance compared with the gain accruing to the owner of real estate. It is true that the owner of the land might lay out the street at his own expense if he so desired, but when the street is laid out it ought at the time of its building contain the sewer, water pipes, and other additions that are necessary in a residential district, and that at the present time lead by their postponed introduction to the semi-destruction of the most newly built streets. The city should go to the expense of introducing water mains even where there is no absolute present call for them, and force the gas companies to do likewise.

It is the province of a city to determine how its streets shall be laid out, if these are to be accepted as public highways, and this in future should not, as it has been in the past, be left to the varying whims of various owners. The intent of a law recently proposed by the authorities of Boston, Mass., is that the cost of this improvement shall stand as a lien on real estate, to be settled by annual payments, running through a period of fifty years, at a rate of interest not to exceed four per cent.; and under such circumstances the yearly contribution would be in most in-