

will shortly be commenced on the warehouse to be erected by the W. S. Johnston Co. on the north-west corner of Front and York streets. It will be five stories high and will cost about \$75,000.—J. R. Roy, C.E., has been appointed by the Dominion government to act in conjunction with W. T. Jennings, C.E., to decide upon a plan for the improvement of the Toronto harbor.—The City Engineer has reported that it will cost \$38,000 to construct the Rosehill reservoir.—The city has given notice of its intention to construct the following works: 11 in. pipe sewer on Columbus ave., from Sorareun ave. to west end Columbus ave., cost \$829.50; 21 in. macadam roadway on North street, St. Mary to Bloor street, cost \$3,313; 8 in. brick sidewalk on King street, N.S., Sumach to Sackville street, cost \$601; 6 in. brick sidewalk on Simcoe street, E.S., Richmond to Queen street, cost \$192; 6 in. cement concrete sidewalk on King street, N.S., Spadina ave. to Bathurst street, cost \$1,824.—Building permits have been granted as follows: Nerich & Co., five storey brick and cut stone warehouse, Front street west, cost \$30,000; pair semi-detached houses, 340 and 342 Shaw street, cost \$7,000; P. J. Mulqueen dwelling and stable, corner Berkeley street and Wilton ave., cost \$2,700; A. P. Burrill, brick dwelling, corner Maple ave. and Glen road, cost \$6,000.—Plans of wharf to be built at Shequindah are on view at office of H. A. Gray, C.E., Confederation Life building.—The new buildings required for the Toronto Industrial Exhibition will cost in the vicinity of \$160,000.—The City Engineer has reported that it will cost between \$25,000 and \$35,000 to purchase an asphalt plant. He has reported the cost of paving track allowances as follows: Broadview avenue, Queen to Gerrard, brick, \$5,865; College street, Yonge to McCaul, scoria blocks, \$13,370; Gerrard street, Parliament street to Broadview avenue, brick, \$8,230; King street, Dufferin street to Roncesvalles avenue, \$12,280; King street, River street to Dun bridge, brick, \$2,425; Spadina avenue, College to the north side of the Crescent, brick, \$2,865.—The City Engineer has recommended the construction of the following local improvements: King street, asphalt pavement, 14 feet wide, Spadina ave. to Bathurst street, cost \$2,400; Queen street, River street to G. T. R. belt line tracks, cost \$6,260; Sully street, macadam roadway, Arthur to College, cost \$5,850; granite set pavement on lane south of Front street, from Yonge to Bay street, cost \$7,030; Sherburne street, brick walk on east side, from Ancroft place to South Drive, cost \$579; Huntley street, six foot brick walk on east side, from Selby to Linden street, cost \$191.

FIRES.

Saw mill at Ridgetown, Ont., owned by T. L. Buller; loss \$6,000, insurance \$1,000.—The Vienna Cafe on Donegana street, Montreal, owned by Peter Lyall, totally destroyed.—Store of Alphonse Landry at Little Metis, Que.—Grist mill at Comber, Ont., owned by R. J. Lund; loss \$12,000, insurance \$6,000.—Gas works and electric light plant at Listowel, Ont., owned by J. C. Hay.—Montreal Rolling Mills at St. Cunegonde, Que., totally destroyed on Saturday last, loss \$60,000.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

UTICA, ONT.—Presbyterian church: John Stovin, of Port Perry, contractor.
 HALIFAX, N.S.—Extension to Corbette wharf: Reid & Archibald, contractors.
 ST. BONIFACE, MAN.—Sewer on Duroulin street: W. F. Lee, of Winnipeg, contractor.
 CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.—Addition to Lavies Hotel: H. & S. Lowe, contrac-

tors.—Central Christian church: H. & S. Lowe, contractors.

GRAND FORKS, B.C.—T. W. Holland has awarded a contract for erection of six cottages, to cost \$10,000.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Supply of drain pipes, etc.: British Columbia Pottery Company, successful tenderers.

OTTAWA, ONT.—Wright & Co., of Hull, have secured the contract for supply of stone for the city; price \$3,870.

COLLINGWOOD, ONT.—P. C. Palin, architect, has let the contract for remodelling restaurant for Norman Smith; plate glass front.

CHATHAM, ONT.—The Board of Works have accepted the following tenders for supplies: White pine, cedar and paving posts, John Piggott & Sons; glazed tile, J. & J. Oldershaw; porous tile and brick, James Cornhill.

EDMONTON, N. W. T.—Deggendorfer & Harrison, architects, have awarded contracts for the Walker block, brick, plate glass, electric light, cost \$10,000. Same architects have let contracts for Mather's block at Nankin, brick, cost \$7,000.

LONDON, ONT.—The Board of Works have accepted the following tenders for supplies: Lumber, Dyment, Baker Co., \$19 per M; sewer pipe, J. W. Cawrse; cement, J. W. Cawrse, \$2.75 per bbl.; iron castings, London Foundry Co., \$3.50 per hundred; nails, Cowan & Co., \$3.25 and \$2.50.

BRANTFORD, ONT.—For extension of Clarence street sewer two tenders were received, as follows: E. A. Cawsey, for doing the work this spring, \$3,950, in summer \$3,700; City Engineer, \$4,374 and \$2,983 respectively. It has been decided to have the work done by the city engineer, to commence June 1st.

MONTREAL, QUE.—James Stewart & Co., of St. Louis, Mo., have secured the contract for the constructor of elevators for the Connors Syndicate of Buffalo.—The tender of the Canadian Rubber Co. has been accepted for supply of fire hose.—J. Venne, architect, has awarded contracts for the erection of a church, school house and presbytery at Verdun as follows: Masonry, Martineau & Preno veau; brickwork, Jos. Pepin; carpenter and joiner's work, Reeves & Bro.; plumbing and roofing, N. Turcot; heating, Blouin, Desforgeo & Latourell; plastering, Jas. Fabien; painting, E. Belanger; electric wiring, Canada Electric Co.—J. Rawson Gardiner, architect, has awarded the contracts for alterations and fittings at 12 to 14 St. John street for Walter Baker & Co., as follows: Carpen-

ter and plaster work, Simpson & Peet; painter, G. S. Kimber; electric work, Montreal Electric Co.

KINGSTON, ONT.—Repairing W. Robinson's warehouse: Carpenter and joiners' work, W. J. Chapman; steel, metal and galvanized iron work, Nugent & Taylor; painting, glazing, etc., T. Milo.—Tenders for city supplies have been accepted as follows: Lumber, The Rathbun Co., at \$16.85 per thousand for lumber and 2 1/2 cents per lineal foot for sleepers; hardware, W. A. Mitchell; cement, W. A. Mitchell, \$2.20 per barrel. Four tenders were submitted for the supply of sewer pipe, from the Canadian Sewer Pipe Co., St. John, Que., the Ontario Sewer Pipe Co., Toronto, and Elliott Bros. and Simmons Bros., local contractors. The latter secured the contract, at the following prices: Six inch tile, 9 9/10 cents; nine-inch, 18 3/20 cents; twelve-inch, 28 cents, fifteen inch, 41 1/4 cents; eighteen inch, 50 cents. For the same sized junctions the prices quoted were: 30 cents, 67 cents, \$1.26 2/5 cents, \$1.85 1/5 cents, and \$2.30.

WOOD SEASONING.

Wood seasoning by electricity is described as follows in a report by Consul E. T. Liefeld at Freiburg: "The positive pole of a dynamo is connected with a lead grating, upon which the wood to be treated is placed. A solution, which is kept at the uniform temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit by means of a steam pipe underneath the grating, is poured into the vat so as to almost cover the log of wood treated. At a public demonstration the solution used contained 10 per cent. of borax, 5 per cent. of resin, and three-fourths of one per cent. of carbonate of

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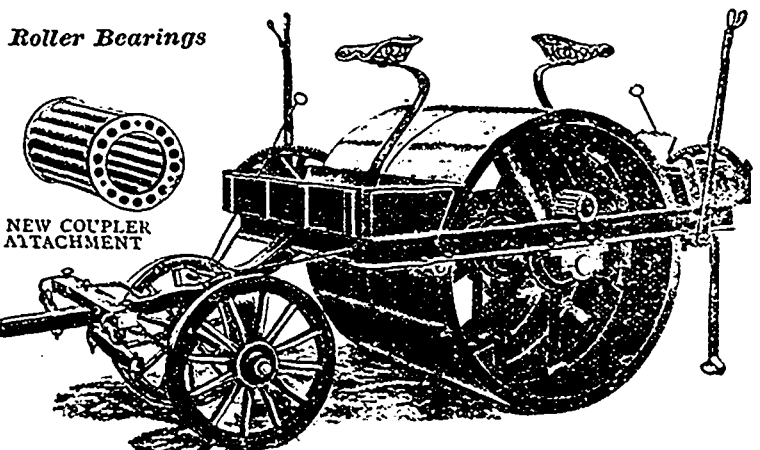
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