

recommended to Council that the proposed wharf improvements at Sand Point be proceeded with at once with the exception of the elevator, the erection of which will be deferred until the amount of the Government grant is known.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—By-laws were carried by the ratepayers on Tuesday of last week authorizing the expenditure of the following sums: Completion and extension of waterworks, \$174,000; street improvements, \$95,000; sewerage system \$150,000; school sites and buildings, \$150,000.

ST. THOMAS, ONT.—A deputation of C. P. R. officials, together with the City Council and members of the Board of Trade, on Tuesday last surveyed the eastern portion of the city with a view to selecting a site for a station, round house and shops. No definite action was taken, but it is understood the new buildings will be erected in the vicinity of the Horton market.

VICTORIA, B. C.—The Provincial Government invites plans and estimates of cost of construction of a number of provincial buildings. The sum of \$500,000 is the amount set down by the Government for the buildings complete, \$75,000 of which sum was voted by the Legislature for a Lands Department building, which will be erected as soon as plans are decided upon. The other buildings will be erected at any time the Government may decide.

OTTAWA, ONT.—Wm. Smith, Deputy Minister of Marine will receive tenders until the 20th inst for the construction of a fish hatchery, with a steam boiler and pump, at Selkirk, Man.—The City and County Councils have appointed a deputation to wait upon the Dominion Government urging the construction of a bridge over the canal at the south end of Concession street.—It is understood that the Dominion Government will call for tenders for the construction of the remaining eleven sections of the Soulanges Canal at an early date.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Messrs. Perrault & Mesnard, architects, are preparing plans for five cottages for the Masson Estate, and tenders will be called for shortly.—Some time ago Sir Donald Smith purchased the Warkman property on the corner of University and Sherbrooke streets. It is understood to be his intention to convert this property into a ladies college in connection with McGill University and erect an addition thereto. It is also intended to erect two additional buildings adjoining the present property, the plans for which have been prepared and submitted, but have not been finally approved of.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The City Council has given notice of its intention to construct pipe sewers on the following streets: Main street, from Ontario avenue to Grant avenue, and on Grant avenue, from Main street to Stinson street, estimated cost \$1,500; Jackson street, from Hess street to Bay street, estimated cost \$950; Hunter street between Bay street and Caroline street, estimated cost \$150.—Wm. Stewart, architect, will receive tenders until Tuesday, the 12th inst., for the plumbing, painting and glazing, plastering, galvanized iron and roofing required in the erection of a branch of the Bank of Hamilton, at Alliston, Ont.—Building permits have been granted James G. Davis, two-story brick dwelling on King street, between Emerald street and Grant avenue, cost \$1,000; Alexander Main & Son, factory, building on Strachan street, cost \$1200; James Dore, two-story brick dwelling on Morden street, cost \$1,100.—W. A. Edwards, architect, invites tenders until Monday for the completion of the Barton street school, also for the erection of St. Matthews' church school for boys on Barton street.

TORONTO, ONT.—The York Township Council have passed a by-law for the erection of a new bridge across the Humber river at Bloor street, to cost \$3,500. Tenders will be called for immediately.—A petition has been presented to Council asking for a subway on Lansdowne avenue.—The corner stone of the new Anglican church of St. John at Norway will be laid on the 20th inst.—At a special meeting of the Senate of Toronto University held on Monday last, plans of the new chemical laboratory were submitted and approved. The Trustees were authorized to call for tenders and proceed with the erection at once.—The Council have authorized the construction of pavements on the following streets: King street, from

Sherbourne to River street, cost \$18,125; Spadina, from Queen to Bloor street, \$35,250; Dundas st., from Somerset to Bloor street, \$13,250; Bloor, from Dufferin to Dundas street, \$22,000; Avenue road, from Bloor street to north city limits \$22,125; King st., from Dufferin to Kences valley avenue, \$25,000; Gerrard st., east to Pipe ave., \$24,450; Queen st., from Davies avenue to railway crossing, \$8,722.—The ratepayers of the northwestern portion of the Township of York will vote on a by-law on the 20th inst., to grant a bonus of \$20,000 to the Toronto and Richmond Hill Electric Railway Company, for the extension of the electric railway to Richmond Hill. The company will also build a loop line making connections with Bathurst street on the west and Sherburne street on the east.—J. W. Mallory, architect, 605 Adelaide st. East, will receive tenders until the 13th inst., for alterations and additions to a residence on St. George street.—The plans for the Isolation hospital were approved by the Board of Health on Thursday last. The Chairman is authorized to call for tenders at once.—The city officials held a conference with the railway authorities on Thursday last regarding the Esplanade agreement and the erection of the new Union station. Plans prepared by Messrs. Strickland & Symons, architects, were approved. The cost of the building is estimated at \$500,000.—Building permits have been granted as follows: Caleb Evans, 436 Markham st., pr. s. d. 2-story & attic bk. dwellings, 357-5 Markham st., cost \$6,000; Whaley, Royce & Co., additions and alterations, s. w. cor. Yonge and Richmond sts., cost \$3,000; Ladies School, 350 Jarvis st. additions, cost \$2,000; Powell & Parkinson, 3-story add. and alterations to 336 Yonge st.

FIRES.

A disastrous fire occurred at Yarmouth, N. S., on Thursday of last week, destroying Allen's barrel factory, Kinney, Haley & Co's. sash and blind factory, and Chute, Hall & Co's. organ factory, together with a number of small dwellings. The loss is estimated at \$50,000. The dwelling house of Mr. George Howland, at Springfield N. S., has been destroyed by fire.—The residence of Mr. Hal Ostrander, at Milford, Ont., was destroyed by fire on Monday last. Insurance \$2,000.—The Brunswick hotel, at Minnedosa, Man., one of the leading provincial hotels was burned on Saturday last.—A summer residence at Pointe Claire, Que., belonging to Mr. B. Leake of Montreal, was destroyed by fire on Friday evening of last week. The loss is estimated at over \$10,000, partly covered by insurance.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

PERTH, ONT.—The contract for widening the stone bridge on Gore street has been awarded to Mr. A. Charlton, at \$1,210.

LINDSAY, ONT.—Mr. W. White has been awarded the contract for the erection of the new opera house at the price of \$11,610.

PETERBORO, ONT.—The contract for building an addition to the Lakeside separate school has been awarded to Mr. Wm. Fitzgerald.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Messrs. Stewart & Hooper have secured the contract for an electric light plant of 2,000 lights to be installed for the Citizens' Electric Light Co. of Rat Portage.—Messrs. Wm. Robinson, C. E., and John Cross of Owen Sound, Ont., have been awarded the contract for the construction of a number of sewers, amounting to over \$75,000.

VICTORIA, B. C.—Messrs. McLellan & McFeeley have been awarded the contract for the plumbing, hot water heating apparatus and cornice work for the new Board of Trade building. It is said the figures are in the neighborhood of \$8,000.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Mr. John A. Lambert has been awarded the contract for the erection of two brick residences for Messrs. Armstrong & Cook.—Messrs. Anthony & Lapp have been awarded the bulk contract for the erection of two brick houses for the same firm.

TORONTO JUNCTION, ONT.—At a meeting of the Town Council held on Monday last, the Hamilton and Toronto Sewer Pipe Co. were awarded the contract for sewer pipes, at the

price of \$3,760, which includes \$484 for tile and \$480 for cement.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Tenders have been accepted as follows for the erection of the new High School building: Masonry, cut stone and brick work, Nutt & Boyd, carpenter work, H. A. Bell, plastering, S. Macey, painting and glazing, Mr. Millrose, galvanized iron, Messrs. Colquhoun & Bell. The amount of the combined tenders is \$21,000.

NEWMARKET, ONT.—The Central Bridge Works, Peterboro, have been awarded the contract for a new steel bridge to be erected on Huron street. The Council have accepted the following tenders for waterworks supplies: lead pipe, Jas. Robertson, pipes and fittings, St. Lawrence Foundry Co., Toronto, hydrants and valves, Chas. Smith & Co.

TORONTO, ONT.—The Industrial Exhibition Association have awarded the contract for the erection of the grand stand on the Exhibition grounds to Messrs. R. Dimms & Son, at \$75,110.—Messrs. Elliott & Son, have been awarded the contract for painting and decorating the interior of Jarvis Street Baptist church.—The Public School Board have accepted the following tenders for the erection of a four-roomed school on Hurley street: masonry, S. Vokes, \$3,863; carpenter, John McDonald, \$2,753.25; plasterer, Watson Bros., \$527; painter, Charles Davis, \$251; galvanized iron work, Tucker & Dillon, \$107; plumbing, J. Sharlock, \$183; roofer, Douglas & Pankett, \$295; heating and ventilating, Smead Dowd & Co., \$915.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Messrs. Loyal & Gordon architects, have awarded contracts as follows: For additions to Art Gallery on Phillips Square, excavator, drainage and masonry, Peter Lyall, brickwork, A. Wand, carpenter and joiner, Hood & Son; roofer, Drapeau Savegnat, plasterer, Ives, Phillips, painter and glazier, Geo. Kimber, plumbing, Garth & Co., floor and wall tile, Parkes, Reekie & Co., also for Boys Home as follows: excavator, drainage and masonry, Barbeau & Fourmer, brickwork, A. Cowan, carpenter and joiner, P. Allasio, roofer, G. W. Reed; plasterer, W. Brunner, painter and glazier, Geo. Kimber, plumbing and heating, Metrae & Watson.—Contracts have been awarded as follows for the erection of four houses on Mountain street for Mr. George Bishop: excavator, drainage and masonry, Geo. Beauchamp, brickwork, Jos. Brunet & Son, carpenter and joiner, A. Resaud, plasterer, H. Constant, painter and glazier, Potier & Arcard, plumbing and heating, Bradeau & Lessard. The City Council has awarded contracts for drains as follows: Champlain street southward from Sherbrooke, M. Gooselm, \$5.65; rock excavation, \$4 extra, Mignonne street, from Frontenac to Berville, C. Bellmare, \$5.97 and \$5; Ontario street, from Elm avenue to Gule street, \$4.94 and \$4. Tenders for asphalt paving on Notre Dame street, Ontario street, and Chaboulier square have been awarded to James Cochrane at the following prices: Rock asphalt, \$3.23 and \$3.51 per square yard, hauling and laying flags, 28, 26c and 20c; scoria blocks, 20c; street railway tracks, grading, etc., 60c.—Wm. H. Hodson, Architect, has awarded the contract for Miss Hayes' building, on new line Bleury street to the following contractors: excavation, drainage, masonry and cut stone work, Louis Hughes; brickwork, Terrault & Pillemer, iron founder, Canadian Bridge & Iron Co., carpenter and joiner work, Patrick McDermott, galvanized iron and tin snath work, Montreal Roofing Co., plumbing, Carroll Bros., plastering, Geo. Genet, painting and glazing, C. O'Brien, heating, I. Christy. The works are already commenced and are to be completed by December.

PERSONAL.

Will the Halifax subscriber who mailed express money order for \$2.00 to this office a fortnight ago, be kind enough to send us his name, so that the amount may be placed to his credit.

John Hall, builder, 17 Salem avenue, Toronto, has assigned to Henry Barber & Co.

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

LEGAL DECISIONS AFFECTING MUNICIPALITIES.

REG. V. DALY. Judgment on motion by the defendant to make absolute a rule nisi to quash his summary conviction by the police magistrate for the City of Toronto for an offence against the Liquor License Act on the ground that the magistrate improperly refused to hear the evidence of the defendant, relying on sec. 1 of the act to amend the Law of Evidence, 55 Vic., ch. 14 (O). Rule absolute quashing the conviction without costs, on the ground that the defendant's evidence was improperly rejected.

REG. V. BUTLER. Judgment on motion by the defendant to make absolute a rule nisi to quash the conviction of the defendant by the police magistrate for the City of Ottawa for driving an omnibus in that city without first taking out a license in pursuance of a by-law of the police commissioners. The defendant was a driver in the employ of the Ottawa City Passenger Railway Co., an incorporated company having the right to operate their railway on certain streets and claiming to be entitled to use omnibuses instead of cars on those streets. The defendant contended that the provisions of the by-law were in excess of the powers to "regulate and license the owners" of certain vehicles conferred upon the municipality by sec. 436 of the Municipal Act; that there was no power to compel a driver to take out a license, and that therefore there could be no valid conviction for driving without one. Rule absolute quashing the conviction, with costs to be paid by the informant, usual order of protection to the magistrate.

MCKAY V. CITY OF TORONTO. Judgment on appeal by the plaintiff from an order of Mr. Winchester, in chambers, dismissing the plaintiff's application for an order for particulars of the statement of defence of the defendant, Awde, who had pleaded "not guilty by statute," citing R.S.O., ch. 73, secs. 1, 13, 14, 15, and 20, and R.S.O., ch. 184, sec. 489, sub-secs. 50, 51, and 53, the claim being for wrongful seizure of a quantity of hogs by the defendant Awde, license inspector of the defendant Corporation, in the course of his duty as a public officer. Motion dismissed for the reasons given, both as to the validity of the plea, and as to the order for particulars by the learned referee in his judgment.

REG. V. MCGOWAN. Judgment on motion by the defendant to make absolute a rule nisi to quash the summary conviction of the defendant by a justice of the peace in the district of Parry Sound, for selling liquor on Sunday, contrary to the provisions of sec. 54 of the Liquor License Act. The grounds of the motion against the conviction were, amongst others, that the convicting magistrate was a justice of the peace by reason only of his position as reeve of the Village of Sundridge, and had no jurisdiction without that village (52 Vic., ch. 37, sec. 4), and that therefore the information laid before him was not laid before the justice "for" the district, as required by sec. 94 of the License Act; and that he had no power to convict, not being a justice "in" the district within the meaning of section 99. For the magis-