

testant Hospital for the Insane will be compelled at an early date to undertake the reconstruction of the existing water conduits.—The Midland Railway Co., 30 St John street, want tenders by March 1st for the construction of the substructure of the Shubenacadie bridge, including crib-work, foundations, abutments, pedestals and piers. Plans are also on view at 431 Gilmour street, Ottawa, and at Windsor, N.S.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Mark Fortune has purchased, for a client, the old Commercial Hotel on Lombard Street. It is understood that new buildings will be erected on the property.—Dr. Inglis, Health Officer, has made a report regarding the condition of the police station cells. He recommends the erection of a separate house of detention, and a bath and disinfecting room for the present building.—It is not yet known whether the Manitoba Hotel, recently burned, will be rebuilt. It is possible that the C. P. R. will regard the present as an opportune time to erect a large hotel, while the Board of Trade favor the erection of an up-to-date hostelry.—Mr. S. F. Peters, architect, is visiting a number of United States cities, and while absent will prepare plans for a number of buildings to be erected here this year.—The Dominion Bank are reported to have purchased property at the corner of Main and McDermott streets, with the intention of erecting a bank building thereon during the coming summer.

TORONTO, ONT.—It is the intention of the Ontario government to raise the roof and make additions to the asylum at Brockville. Alterations will also be made to the Mercer Reformatory in this city, at a cost of \$3,000.—A scheme is under consideration for the lowering of the Grand Trunk roadbed grade between Queen's wharf and the Humber. If carried out, several overhead bridges will be required.—Building permits have been granted as follows: E. Woodley, two 2-storey and attic brick residences, corner Avenue road and Dupont street, cost \$2,500; Bertram Engine Works Co., one-storey enclosed shipyard on water front, south of Esplanade, east of Bathurst street, cost \$7,000.—Plans are being prepared by Messrs. Symons & Rae, architects, for the reconstruction of the warehouse of Gowans, Kent & Co., destroyed by fire recently. Tenders for clearing the premises have been taken.—Canadian architects are invited by the city to submit plans for the proposed improvements and alterations to St. Lawrence market. The architect whose design is accepted will be paid a commission of five per cent. on the cost of the work, estimated at \$150,000, and \$200 and \$100 will be paid as second and third prizes. The judges will be Mr. C. H. Rust, Mr. E. J. Lennox, architect, and Mr. R. McCallum, government engineer.—A civic deputation, which will visit Ottawa shortly, will ask the government to enlarge the armouries in order to provide accommodation for the cavalry and artillery.—The Board of Control have concurred in the report of the city engineer that the sum of \$13,000 be provided for a new bridge across the Humber river, and the work will therefore be proceeded with. The track allowance on King street east, from Sherbourne to River streets, will be paved.—The city will ask authority from the government to issue debentures for \$163,000 for the completion of the new city hall.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The construction of the new scientific building in connection with the University of Ottawa will be commenced in the spring. It will be three storeys, with basement and an observatory.—Mr. J. R. Booth has notified the Government that he desires to obtain possession of the militia stores building in order to commence the erection of the new central depot.—St. Patrick's Literary and Scientific Association, at its last meet-

ing, discussed the question of a site for a building for the Irish societies of the city. It is probable that a four storey structure, with gymnasium, bowling alleys, reading rooms, library, etc., will be erected.—Tenders will be invited immediately for the completion of the Church of the Sacred Heart in this city. The plans, as prepared by Mr. Gauthier, of Montreal, show a large entrance surmounted by a tower 240 feet in height. The cost will be about \$30,000.—The directors of the Central Canada Fair Association, in their annual report, point out the necessity of erecting an additional building.—Inspector Robert Howe, of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, has made a report regarding the fire protection of the city. He recommends that two new steamers and additional hose be procured, and that the water mains be extended on several streets.—The County Council has engaged Mr. Bigger, C.E., to prepare a report as to the best method of preventing the Rideau floods.—The Separate School Board will probably build a new school on the Glebe next summer, the ratepayers having petitioned for same.—Government engineers are taking soundings for the proposed wharf on the Hull side of the river, the cost of which will be about \$50,000.—The trustees of the West End Methodist church have decided to make alterations to the building.

FIRES.

A building at Almonte, Ont., owned by Thomas white; loss \$1,500.—School house at Cody's Corners, near Embro, Ont.—Saw mill at Moberly, B. C.—Carrriage shop and residence of Frank McCharles at Ruthven, Ont.; loss \$7,000, no insurance.—The Oddfellows' block and the Royal Exchange Hotel block at Chatham, Ont., completely destroyed; loss \$30,000, insurance \$24,000.—The Scovil block at Rat Portage, Ont., seriously damaged by fire; loss covered by insurance.—Joseph Saunder's wood-working and blacksmith shop at Sunderland, Ont., totally destroyed.—Block at Bathurst, N. B., containing T. P. Smith's drug store, Adams, Burns & Co.'s store, and Henry White's saloon and dwelling.—Joseph McDonald's store and residence, and H. McLean's residence at Cornwall, Ont.; partially insured.—Residence of E. H. Head, architect, at Rat Portage, Ont., almost completely destroyed; insurance \$1,500.—Residence of Patrick McDonald, in the township of East Zorra, near Woodstock, Ont.—Saw mill at Cranbrook, B. C.; James Mundie, of Winnipeg, is one of the principal shareholders.—Palace skating rink at Paris, Ont.; insurance \$1,100.—Building at Berlin, Ont., occupied by the G. R. Stouffer Co.; loss \$1,000.—Building at 130 Adelaide street east, Toronto, occupied by Todhunter, Mitchell & Co., and owned by The Toronto Financial Corporation; loss, \$10,000.—Residence of B. A. Belyea, at Southampton, Ont.; loss \$4,500.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

ROSSLAND, B. C.—The contract has been let for the new Wallace building, which will be 30 x 90 feet, cost \$4,500; George N. Taylor, architect.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Thos. McKinnon has secured the contract for building cold storage and bottling works for the Pabst Brewing Company, of Milwaukee; building will be two storeys, with stone basement, cost \$30,000.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The Dominion Bridge Company has secured the contract for the steel superstructure of all the bridges on the Midland Railway between Windsor and Truro, N. S. The general contractor for the building of this railway is W. G. Reid, of this city.

BARRIE, ONT.—Thos. Kennedy & Co., architects, have awarded the contracts for Mr. Thos. Johnson's building, lately damaged by fire, as follows: Stapelton & Son, brickwork; Jos. Armstrong, plastering; Rodgers & Gallie, carpenter work; P. Love, painting and glazing; P. J. Moore, galvanized iron work and plumbing. The same architects have awarded contracts for J. S. Johnson's residence as follows: J. Smith, carpenter work; Stapelton & Son, brickwork; Jos. Armstrong, plastering; J. Nulands, galvanized ironwork and plumbing; A. Bowin, painting and glazing.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.—E. Guenther, architect, received tenders as follows for the erection of a dwelling for F Eickhoff: Carpenter work—J. C. McArthur, \$1,125; Jas. C. Allen, \$890; H. F. Pound, \$1,100; M. W. Minthorne, \$924; H. C. Wood, \$1,093; D. D. Grant, \$885. Plastering and brickwork—L. F. Christian, \$250. J. H. Trete, \$265; J. C. McArthur, \$272. Painting—Williams & Purvis, \$122; Samuel Murchison, \$95; G. F. Welch, \$126; C. F. Pound, \$115; J. C. McArthur, \$130. Complete work, including plumbing—J. C. McArthur, \$1,685; H. C. Wood, \$1,623; D. D. Grant, \$1,405. The tender of D. D. Grant has been accepted.

TORONTO, ONT.—The Board of Control have accepted the tender of Charles Rogers & Co. for the carpenter work, and that of A. M. Brown for the painting and glazing, required in fitting up the several departments in the new municipal buildings. Oak finish will be used. The tenders as accepted are as follows:

	Carpenter work.	Painting and glazing.
Engineer's Department.....	\$1,220	\$ 630
Street Commissioner.....	698	218
Medical Health Officer.....	769	224
Park Commissioner.....	371	129
City Commissioner.....	557	190
City Clerk.....	1,500	660
City Solicitor.....	1,450	804
Assessment Commissioner.....	3,050	990

Total..... \$9,615 \$3,845
Pavement contracts have been awarded by the city as follows: Macadam roadways—Sumach street, Gerrard street to Wellesley street, Dominion Paving and Contracting Co., \$5,012; Parliament street, Queen to Gerrard, Dominion Paving and Contracting Co., \$7,395; Victor avenue, Logan avenue to Broadview avenue, D. P. & C. Co., \$4,051; First avenue, Broadview to Logan avenue, J. F. Connolly, \$7,166; South drive, south to Glen road, J. F. Connolly, \$1,549; Wellesley street, Parliament to Sumach, D. P. & C. Co., \$5,338. Brick pavements—Crawford street, Arthur to north terminus, Dominion Paving & Contracting Co., \$6,729; Orford avenue, Parliament to 243 feet east, City Engineer, \$1,096; Orford ave., Clara street to 119 feet west, City Engineer, \$383. Asphalt pavement—Station street, Simcoe to York, Warren-Scharff Co., \$9,488. Concrete sidewalk—Orford ave., 362 feet, at 60 cents per lineal foot, to James Nurse. Furnishing macadam stone—50 toise, at \$7.25 per toise, James H. Golding; 450 toise, at \$9.45 per toise, to M. Britnell.

BIDS.

TORONTO, ONT.—Tenders for iron and wood vault fittings for departments in the new city buildings were opened by the Board of Control last week, but decision upon them was deferred, the board deciding to confer with the heads of the several departments as to whether or not iron or wood fittings should be used. Three tenders were received for the iron fittings, as follows. Tender 1, without files, \$8,317, and with files, \$9,973; tender 2, \$8,398 and \$10,084; tender 3, \$7,950 and \$9,354. There were two tenders for fittings in wood, the amounts asked being \$3,558 and \$3,848 respectively.