

**ST. JOHN, N.B.**—At a meeting of business men held last week it was admitted that a new Y.M.C.A. building was needed, and steps were taken towards securing the necessary funds for the purpose.—Mr. Robertson, one of the chief promoters of the proposed dry dock here, states that it will cost about \$800,000.—The council is considering the making of improvements to McLeod wharf, at a cost of about \$45,000.—John E. Moore has plans prepared for a modern saw mill which he proposes building at Pleasant Point. The building will be 150 x 34 feet, and the plant will include band saw, edger, lath mill, planer, stove machine, box making machinery, engines and tubular boilers. The mill will cost about \$30,000.

**VANCOUVER, B.C.**—The Vancouver Power Co., of which Mr. Buntzen is secretary, have submitted their scheme for developing power at Coquitlam Lake to the Provincial Government. It is proposed to construct a dam across the outlet of the lake and extend the water pipe which now gives New Westminster its supply.—J. Keith Fisher has returned from England, and is now purchasing the equipment for the cement plant to be established on False Creek by the Pacific Coast Portland Cement Co.—Robert McNair has sold his interest in the Hastings Single Mfg. Co. to his brother, J. A. McNair, and it is said that the latter will erect a new shingle mill on the water front.—The new foundry of Ross & Howard has been completed, and within the next year the following buildings will be built by this firm: Machine shop, 80 x 60 feet; boiler shop, 80 x 46 feet; pipe works, 80 x 40 feet; blacksmith's shop, 80 x 40 feet; pattern shop, 80 x 40 feet; store room, 80 x 40 feet. In the machine shop will be set up a lathe capable of handling work 14 feet in diameter and 6 feet face. The pipe works will be equipped to turn out hydraulic steel pipe, etc. Mr. Whitelaw is architect for the company.

**MONTREAL, QUE.**—The authorities of the Montreal maternity hospital have, in view of the donation of \$15,000 by Sir William MacDonald, decided not to purchase the Durocher street property for a new building, but to secure if possible a larger and more advantageous site.—Hutchison & Wood, architects, have prepared plans for an addition of 55 feet to the building of Henry Brks & Sons, jewellers.—The superintendent of the water department will ask the council for an appropriation of \$150,331 for next year. Among the appropriations asked for are the following: Distribution pipes, \$28,124; meters, \$3,997; hydrants, \$8,970; public fountains, \$1200.—The Harbor Improvement Committee have submitted to the commissioners a report on the Windmill Point wharf to be commenced next spring. This wharf will be built in concrete and will cost \$520,000. It has been decided, therefore, to advertise for tenders at once for the coming year's supply of timber, cement, sand, etc.—R. B. Angus intends rebuilding his residence, "Pine Bluff," at Senneville. Work will be commenced early in the spring, and the building will cost about \$100,000.—Building permits have been granted as follows: N. Masson, one storey residence, Huron street, cost \$1,000; Z. Riopel & Co., three storey residence, St. Dennis street, cost \$9,000 (A. St. Louis, architect).

**TORONTO, ONT.**—The Toronto General Trust Co. have sold to Richard W. Howe a lot at the corner of Yonge and Cumberland streets.—Plans for a con-

vocation hall for the University of Toronto were talked over at a meeting of friends of the university held last week.—Tenders are invited by the city up to Wednesday, December 13th, for the erection of a new office building and caretaker's residence on Wellington avenue, in connection with the cattle market. Plans at the office of the architect, A. R. Demson, 20 King street west.—It is understood that the project of erecting a new building for the medical faculty of Toronto University, to be occupied by the third and fourth year classes, has progressed so far that provisional plans have been drafted. They call for a building about 150 feet square, with a central court-yard.—The city has given notice of its intention to construct the following works: Brick pavement on Dovercourt road, from Queen to Armour streets, cost \$5,850; on Dorset street, from Wellington to King streets, cost \$2,970; macadam roadway on Dundas street, from Bloor street to north city limits, cost \$12,860; cement concrete sidewalk on King street, north side, from George to Sherbourne, cost \$1,156, and from Sherbourne to Princess street, cost \$700; on Bellevue avenue, east side, from Bellevue place to Oxford street, cost \$790; or Manning avenue, west side, from Harbord street to 363 feet north, cost \$656; on Sully street, west side, from Bloor street to 1056 feet south, cost \$605.—The city engineer has been asked to report upon the cost of a foot bridge across the Don to connect Bloor street and Danforth avenue, also upon the cost of straightening out the Don at Ashbridge's Bay.—The city engineer has recommended the construction of the following works: Brick pavement on Wellington avenue, from Tecumseh street to Sirachan avenue, cost \$16,950; concrete sidewalks on Madison avenue, both sides, from Bernard avenue to Dupont street, cost \$1,656; on West Market street, west side, from Esplanade to Front, cost \$554; on Spadina avenue, east side, from King street to Clarence Square, cost \$343.—The value of building permits issued in November was \$409,710. These were almost exclusively for residences, no less than 60 having been started during the month.—Building permits have been granted as follows: D. Heintzman, alterations and additions to

dwelling, Bloor street, near Huntley, cost \$4,000 (Charles F. Wagner, architect, W. J. Buley, contractor); F. Squires, pair semi-detached two store and attic brick dwellings, 51 and 53 Albany avenue, cost \$6,500 (C. J. Gibso, architect); M. Pattison, two storey and attic brick dwelling, Brunswick avenue near Bloor street, cost \$5,000 (R. J. Edwards, architect, J. M. G. Kilgore, contractor); Canada Biscuit Co., four store brick factory, corner King and Bathurst streets, cost \$5,250; G. Brown, alterations to residence, 105 and 107 Logg avenue, cost \$1,000; S. Brock, residence on Queen street near Waverly road, cost \$1,300; I. W. W. Plewes, residence 1 Spadina road, cost \$2,800; J. S. Ashfield, residence on Simpson avenue, near Holland road, cost \$1,300; Toronto Liqueur Carbonate Co., two storey addition factory, 578 Queen street east, cost \$1,000.

#### FIRES.

Chair factory of H. R. Wright, Odessa, Ont.; loss \$2,000.—Presbyterian church at Rosemont, Ont., totally destroyed.—Residence of Sheriff Wright Searlton, near Charlottetown, P. E. I. T. house was one of the finest in the province.—Residence at Peterborough, Ont. owned by Robert Jones; loss \$2,500. Boiler and engine works of the C. C. Co. at Garden Island, near Kingston, Ont.; loss \$10,000. no insurance.—Buildings at St. John, N. B., owned by M. Martha Adams and A. E. Clarke.—T. immense barns and cattle sheds of Scotten Estate, situated at Ojibwa, n. Sandwich, Ont., were destroyed by on Sunday last, the loss being \$30,000.

#### CONTRACTS AWARDED.

**DURHAM, ONT.**—George Turnl has let the contract for a large brick residence to Mr. Cemke, of Elmwood.

**VICTORIA, B. C.**—The city purchased a rock crusher from Austin & Western Co., of Chicago.

**HARVEY BANK, N. B.**—Hard E. Graves has been given a contract the Cumberland Railway & Coal Co. build a large barge.

**MONTREAL, QUE.**—The C. P.

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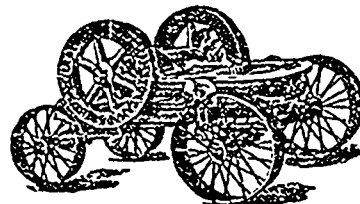
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