

Board of Works have decided to request the City Engineer to prepare plans and specifications at once for a suitable water-works system for the Island. The cost is estimated at \$15,000. The City Engineer recommended to the Board of Works on Monday last, the construction of permanent pavements as local improvements, to the value of \$200,000. The following is the list, as passed by the Board: asphalt, Huron, from College to Sussex avenue, cost \$23,240; Charles, from Church to Jarvis, cost \$6,140; Harbord, from Huron to St. George, cost \$3,850; Berkeley, from Gerrard to Carlton, cost \$5,630; Brunswick avenue, from College to Ulster, cost \$11,370; Victoria, from Adelaide to Queen, cost \$10,900; Huntley, from Bloor to Earl, cost \$10,700; Brick, Amelia, from Sumach to Parliament, cost \$11,900; Selby, from Sherbourne, to Huntley, cost \$3,720; Division, from Spadina avenue to Huron street, cost \$2,120; Buchanan, from Yonge to Terauley, cost \$3,340; Dovercourt road, from Queen to Dundas streets, cost \$17,700. Cedar blocks, Gladstone avenue, from Queen to Dundas, cost \$5,970; Brookfield, from Queen to Humbert, cost \$1,440; Argyle, from Dundas to Gladstone avenue, cost \$5,240. Concrete walks are recommended by the City Engineer on the east side of St. George street, from Bloor to Hoskin, and on Front street, north side, from West Market to Church street.—The new departmental store of R. Simpson, corner Yonge and Queen streets, will be six storeys high, of fireproof construction throughout, 118 feet by 157 feet in size. The probable cost is estimated at \$200,000. Burke & Horwood are the architects.—A four-roomed brick school will be erected in East Toronto.—A deputation will wait on the City Council on Thursday next, requesting a grant of \$35,000 to enlarge the House of Industry.—Building permits have been granted as follows: Mrs. Fuller, May Place, two story and attic det. brick residence, 9 Dunbar road, cost \$3,200; R. Saxby, 2 story brick dwelling, 65 Walker ave., cost \$2,000; F. H. Herbert, two-story and attic bk. dwelling, Huron street, west side, cost \$5,500; J. Wilson Gray, det. 2 story and attic bk. dwelling, 59 Langley ave., cost \$3,500.—Messrs. Post & Holmes, architects, are building a rectory at Brambridge, Ont., to cost \$60,000.—Mr. E. J. Lennox, architect, is receiving tenders for a residence on Jarvis street for Mr. W. K. Johnston.

#### FIRES.

Murray & Taylor's dry goods store at Kingston, Ont., has been damaged by fire to the extent of \$7,000. The building is owned by the Wilson estate.—Bolvigere Lodge at Quebec, Que., owned by Ralph Lamb, was destroyed by fire last week. Insurance on building, \$3,200.—J. Creighton's furniture store at Owen Sound, Ont., was damaged by fire to the extent of \$4,500 last week, covered by insurance.—The residence of Peter Grusbrecht, at Gretna, Man., was burned last week.—Samuel Patterson's steam saw mill at Shanklin settlement, St. John County, N. B., was destroyed by fire on the 6th of May. The mill was well equipped with machinery and the loss is heavy. Mr. Patterson intends rebuilding.—The Eby house at Warton, Ont., owned by Mr. Rogers, was damaged by fire last week to the extent of \$1,000, covered by insurance.—The fruit and confectionery establishment of Lally & Cavanagh, at Cornwall, Ont., was destroyed by fire recently. The loss is placed at \$3,000 and insurance at \$1,900.—At Aylesford, N. S., on the 16th inst., the warehouses and a tannery building owned by L. O'Neill & Co., were consumed by fire. Loss, \$8,000; insurance \$1,500.—On Sunday last fire destroyed the wharf, freight sheds, and coal-pier at Richmond, N. S., together with several railroad cars. The pier was

repaired a few years ago, at a cost of \$75,000, and the total cost is placed at a quarter of a million dollars.—The large flouring mills and elevator at Simcoe, Ont., belonging to W. B. Browne & Co., were completely destroyed by fire on Thursday last. The loss is nearly covered by insurance.—The Union Furniture factory at Wingham, Ont., was destroyed by fire on Tuesday last. Loss, \$42,000; insurance, \$13,600.

#### CONTRACTS AWARDED.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—The Globe Furniture Co., of Walkerville, Ont., are furnishing the pews for the new Baptist church here.

MONCTON, N. B.—The tender of the Bank of Montreal, for the city loan of \$350,000 has been accepted by the Council, at 96½.

OSHAWA, ONT.—Ahearn & Soper, of Ottawa, have sub-let a portion of the railway construction contract to Contractor Hartnett, of Toronto.

LONDON, ONT.—Rogers & Doss, of this city, have been awarded the contract for electric wiring and fixtures for the First Methodist church, St. Thomas.

BARRIE, ONT.—Thos. Kennedy & Co., architects, have awarded contracts as follows for a residence for Thos. McCulloch: carpenter work, R. E. Fletcher, Barrie; masonry, Orr Bros., Toronto.

HALIFAX, N. S.—The City Council have accepted the tender of A. E. Jarvis, of Toronto, for a loan of \$157,000, at 100.15 per 100, and that of J. C. Mackintosh, for a loan of \$12,553, at 100.025 for bonds bearing 4½ per cent, and 98.025 for those bearing 4 per cent.

SEAFORTH, ONT.—Contracts for the erection of an hotel to replace the Commercial were let last week as follows: carpenter work, painting and glazing, John H. Broadfoot, \$3,800; mason work, F. Guttridge, \$3,400; iron work and plumbing, S. Mullet & Co.

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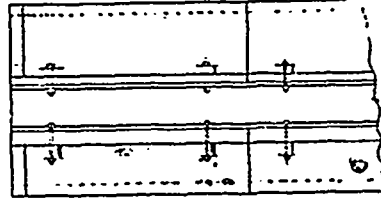
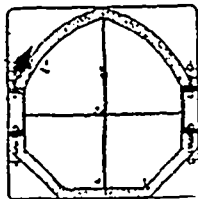
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