

# MANY PERMITS FOR DWELLINGS

**Demand for Lower and Medium-  
Priced Houses Causes Jump  
in Building.**

**GARY, WEST DULUTH AND  
WEST END ARE ACTIVE**

**Large Contract to D. H. Clough  
& Co. for Barthe-Martin  
Building Repairs.**

An unusual jump in the demand for medium and lower priced residences has started building activity along those lines during the last week, with the result that practically all of the permits issued were for structures of this type. In all 23 permits were issued by Building Inspector Kielley, the total consideration being \$22,727.

None of the permits called for buildings costing more than \$3,000, and the majority of them are to be erected in the West end, West Duluth and Gary districts. On the Gary town-site ground is now being broken for several residences and A. W. Kuehnnow, president of the Gary Land company, has announced that 35 houses will be built in the near future by an eastern syndicate.

**Many New Gary Homes.**

George Droolet, contractor, has started work on the erection of 15 smaller type of residences in the Gary district. J. F. Stocker of Racine, Wis., will build five cottages and E. W. Trok of Fort Wayne, Ind., has been given a contract for 12 two-story dwellings. In New Duluth ground now is being broken for six residences and agents in charge of the territory state that about 10 more will be started within the next two weeks.

The largest contract to be let during the week just ended involved about \$20,000 and will cover the rebuilding of the Barthe-Martin building at the corner of Michigan street and First avenue West, which recently was gutted by fire.

D. H. Clough & Co. were awarded the contract. The work will include the placing of reinforced concrete flooring, the adding of a fourth story, the installation of fireproof elevator shafts and an automatic sprinkling system. Contractors will start work at once, it is announced, and the Barthe-Martin company expect to re-enter the premises within 60 days.

**Superior Street Busy.**

Superior street business structures started during the last month, are progressing rapidly and will be ready for tenants within the time limit set. Fawcett & Bergstrom, contractors in charge of work on the new Grand theater, being built by M. S. Cook on the site of the old St. James hotel, have finished the steel work and have started laying the terra cotta front. The building will be ready for occupancy by June 1, it is estimated.

The same contractors are progressing with the work on the theater being built between Third and Fourth avenues West on Superior street for W. M. Abrahamson. The steel work is nearly completed and masons will begin laying the terra cotta early this week.

Wanganstein & Gillison, architects, have sent out specifications for a brick store building to be erected at Willow River for the Duluth Brewing & Malt-ing company. Bids will be opened within the next few days.

Edward P. Surdick, architect, has sent out specifications for a flat building to be erected on Fourth street East. It will be of brick and stucco. Arthur Hanford, architect, will call for bids within a few days for a \$4,000 dwelling to be built at Snively road and Livingston avenue, Kenilworth park.