

in a position to commence operations as soon as certain concessions are granted by the Ontario government.

PENETANGUISHENE, ONT.—On January 7th the ratepayers will vote on a by-law to grant a bonus of \$25,000 to the Firstbrook Box Co., of Toronto, for the erection of a box and box shook factory here, also to raise \$3,000 for further waterworks extension.

SARNIA, ONT.—By-laws have been passed through committee to raise \$5,000 for the debenture debt of the town, \$40,000 for a trunk sewer on Federation street, and to grant a bonus for a grain elevator. An engineer will likely be asked to report on the trunk sewer project immediately.

ST. CATHARINES, ONT.—Four estimates have been made of the cost of the proposed Carlton street trunk sewer, ranging from \$27,000 to \$37,000.—S. G. Dolson, architect, is understood to be preparing plans for a factory to be established here by a Niagara Falls, N.Y., firm.

BRACEBRIDGE, ONT.—A. C. Salmon, town clerk, asks bids on behalf of the corporation up to 6 p.m. Thursday, 20th inst., for construction of timber dam, head canal, forebay, power house and tail race, with appurtenances. Specifications at office of town clerk.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.—Dr. A. J. Holmes is having plans prepared for a fine building to be built on that part of Columbia street known as the Grotto corner. The building will cost about \$12,000, will be two stories, with stores on ground floor and offices above.

FREDERICKTON, N.B.—The Department of Public Works invites tenders up to December 24th for rebuilding Rockwell bridge in the parish of Burton, Sunbury Co., for rebuilding the King's bridge over Swan Creek, also in the same parish, and for rebuilding Gilchrist bridge, in the parish of Northfield, Sunbury Co.

CHATHAM, ONT.—The School Board is discussing the question of providing increased accommodation. The erection of a new building to replace the Queen street school has been suggested.—The county council are taking steps in the direction of building a new south approach to Kent bridge.

WINGHAM, ONT.—Bullock & Galt propose establishing an iron and brass foundry, and have asked the town for a loan of \$17,000.—The county commissioner has recommended that several bridges be rebuilt during next year, including the Mitchell bridge and the Boehler bridge. He advises that the superstructures be of steel and the abutments of concrete.

PEMBROKE, ONT.—A by-law has been introduced in council to raise \$35,000 for local improvements, the money to be expended as follows: To construct a permanent roadway on Pembroke and MacKay streets, \$23,827.65; to construct drain, \$5,172.35; for waterworks extension and a second pump, \$3,000; electric light arbitration, \$3,000.

PORT HOPE, ONT.—The mayor has been authorized to sell \$10,000 of waterworks debentures.—The county warden, in his address before the council last week, referred to the fact that a recent outbreak of typhoid fever at the jail had been attributed to impure water, and suggested that a competent hydraulic engineer be consulted with a view to improving the service.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—Negotiations are believed to be under way for the establishment of a steel ship building plant in this city. Chas. Burrill, of Yarmouth, N.S., is reported to be interested.—The report of Robert Howe, inspector of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, regarding the improvement of the waterworks system and fire apparatus, has been

submitted to council. The improvements which he recommends include a pumping system for the east side and north end, cost about \$100,000, storage increased to 1,000,000,000 gallons, or service by meter, cost \$110,000, larger mains, additional fire engines, etc. The total cost of carrying out the recommendations would be in the vicinity of \$300,000.

SAULT STE MARIE, ONT.—N. McKenzie has purchased property on the south side of Queen street on which he will erect two buildings next spring.—Simpson & Gully have bought property adjoining their store and intend erecting a building to be used as a carpet show room.—It is the intention of the Soo Lumber Company to erect a planing mill, for which purpose a site has been secured.

KINGSTON, ONT.—The smelter by-law, with amendments thereto, will be submitted to the ratepayers in January. The promoters state that building operations will be proceeded with early in the spring.—Mr. Storey, architect, is preparing plans for two frame houses to be built on York street, below Division street.—The county property committee has decided not to rebuild the jail wall until next spring.

WELLAND, ONT.—The county council will again ask the Dominion government to build a new bridge at Montrose.—C. J. Page is making arrangements to reconstruct his incandescent lighting plant. The arc plant will not be rebuilt until an agreement is reached with the town.—The by-laws to be submitted to the ratepayers on January 7th provide for \$3,500 for macadamizing Main street, \$2,000 for macadamizing Division street, and \$3,000 for purchase of steam road roller.

VICTORIA, B. C.—Alterations to the hotel Driard are proposed.—F. M. Rattenbury, architect, has prepared plans and invited tenders for a pressed brick and terracotta office building on corner of Bastion and Langley streets.—A permanent bridge to replace the temporary structure at Point Ellice is estimated to cost \$45,000.—A special committee has adopted a resolution that the citizens urge upon the city council the advisability of building a permanent retaining wall, with permanent roadway, across James Bay the full width of Government street, and that the flats be filled in and laid out as pleasure grounds. The work is estimated to cost \$175,000.—Although tenders for building two steamers for revenue and fishery patrol duty were invited by the government two months ago, the contract has not yet been awarded.

PARRY SOUND, ONT.—By-laws will be voted on by the ratepayers on January 7th to provide \$2,500 for the reconstruction of a bridge over the Seguin river at foot of Seguin street and to build a new bridge over the same river at end of Cascade street, also to raise \$29,500 by debentures for the purpose of taking over the electric light plant and making improvements to the waterworks system.

LINDSAY, ONT.—H. J. Wickham, on behalf of the Lindsay, Bobcaygeon & Pontypool Railway Co., will apply to the Dominion parliament for an act to empower the said company to continue the construction of their railway from Bobcaygeon through the townships of Verulam, Harvey and Glamorgan to a point within ten miles of Furnace Falls.—Belcourt & Ritchie, solicitors, of this city, will make application to parliament to amend the act respecting the Dawson City Electric Company and to extend the time for the construction of their railway.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—John Leslie has purchased the Hargrave block on south Main street and intends adding two stories and making other alterations, work to be commenced early in the spring.—Tenders close 20th inst. for supply of school desks to the public school board.—The city is about to undertake the construc-

tion of a sewer on Furby street, from Notre Dame to Ellice avenue, cost \$6,300.—The by-laws to provide for the erection of suburban fire halls and a subway were defeated by the ratepayers last week.—The C.P.R. will seek authority from parliament to construct a railway from Stonewall or Teulon to a point on the east shore of Lake Manitoba.—The property on McDermott avenue, opposite the Free Press building, has been purchased by the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., who intend to erect an office building thereon. The plans for same, as prepared by architect Russell, show a two storey building, with offices on ground floor.—It is rumored that a local syndicate is perfecting plans for a large building to be erected on the corner of Albert and McDermott streets.

WIARION, ONT.—The corporation will likely issue debentures for \$5,000 to pay for waterworks extension and municipal improvements.—By-laws have been passed in council for the issue of debentures for the construction of cement concrete sidewalks.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—The Presbyterians are raising funds for a \$60,000 church.—It is proposed to build a steamer to ply between this city and the northern canneries. Capt. Moody is interested.—Mike King is applying to the provincial government for a charter to build railways and telegraph and telephone systems on Queen Charlotte island.

SYDNEY, C. B.—The Jubilee Methodist church congregation have decided to begin the erection of a new church early in the spring; brick and stone, estimated cost \$20,000. A pipe organ may be one of its features.—At a meeting of the directors of the Dominion Iron & Steel Co. held last week, it was decided to proceed at once with the erection of the necessary plant for the manufacture of steel rails and ship plates. New capital stock to the extent of \$5,000,000 will be issued for the purpose.

HALIFAX, N. S.—It is expected that H. B. Clarke's new theatre will be finished by August next.—Local parties are negotiating for the purchase of the two buildings on Granville street south of the Kenny property, and one on Barrington street, as a site for a brick and stone building.—It is rumored that the Intercolonial railway is to be extended in the vicinity of Fairview, by Dutch Village, and along the eastern shore of the Arm as far as South street.—Richard Rooney has invited tenders up to 13th inst. for construction of aboiteau on Tregothic creek and at the trestle bridge where the Midland railway crosses the said creek, also for the construction of running dykes.

MONTREAL, QUE.—An important meeting of the committee appointed to arrange for the erection of a new building for the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association will be held this week, at which definite action is likely to be taken.—It is the intention of the Royal Electric Co. to commence next spring the work of placing their wires underground. It is said that about \$1,000,000 will be expended in this way.—The municipal council of St. Henri will ask the G.T.R. for further particulars regarding the proposed subway at St. John street crossing, for which assistance has been solicited from the Federal Government.—A strong and representative committee of Montreal citizens and professional men has been appointed to report upon the question of building a new civic hospital for the treatment of contagious diseases.—A special committee, appointed some time ago to advise the city council regarding the electric lighting of the city, has sent in its report, in which it is recommended that tenders should be called for prior to the expiration of the present contract.—The Lachine Rapids Hydraulic & Land Co. want tenders for the supply of 300 cedar poles from 45 to 55 feet long.