

not be less than 20 feet, and that the distance between piers to permit the passage of rafts must be at least as wide as that part of the river across which the bridges are constructed.

CROTON, ONT.—Separate or bulk tenders are asked by John McCutcheon, Chairman of Building Committee, until March 2nd, for the erection of a Methodist church here, according to plans to be seen by applying to Rev. J. Kennedy, Florence, Ont.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—Plans are being prepared for a new presbytery to be built in Carleton, St. John, for occupation by Father Donovan. Probable cost about \$4,000. Work to commence in the spring. —Bonds will be issued to the amount of \$124,000.

FREDERICTON, N. B.—Donald Fraser & Sons will make extensive alterations to their mill this spring.—It is understood that Messrs. John T. Clark & Son will proceed to erect a large and commodious business block on their property, corner York and King streets.

QUEBEC, QUE.—The Union Bank building, corner Peter street and Mountain Hill, is to be remodelled, at a considerable expense. An elevator will be put in. H. Staveley, architect, is preparing plans for the reparations and alterations.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—It has been decided to build a new ward to the city hospital, and the City Engineer has been instructed to prepare the plans.—A by-law is being passed through the council to authorize the borrowing of \$70,000 for new city schools. The vote will be taken on the 27th inst.

PARRSBORO, N. S.—During the coming season Messrs. L. F. and F. R. Eaton intend to build two barques of about 800 tons register.—An expenditure of \$40,000 is to be made this summer in supplying the town with a waterworks system. There is also a good prospect of the putting in of an electric light plant.

BARRIE, ONT.—The County Council, at a meeting last week, passed a by-law granting the erection of a high school at Tottenham. It will be a four-roomed building, costing from \$4,000 to \$6,000. Miller Hamilton, of Adjala, is one of the members of the school board.—The County Council will erect either a jailor's residence or a House of Refuge.

RAT PORTAGE, ONT.—Plans are in course of preparation for the addition to the Rat Portage reduction works of separate equipments for chlorination, cyanide and electrolytical precipitation processes. These processes will require extensive additions to the present building.—The new theatre to be erected here by Messrs. Hilliard & Gilkerson will be three stories, 60 x 125 feet, with a store on ground floor, a mining exchange on the two upper stories, and theatre in rear, with seating capacity for 850. The cost is estimated at \$30,000.—Peters & Head, architects, will receive tenders until Saturday, the 20th inst., for the erection of a stone and brick block for Robinson & Brydon.

CORNWALL, ONT.—The Town Council have evidently come to the conclusion that the days of plank sidewalks are numbered. The impossibility of obtaining really first-class pine plank for walks, except at a great expense, is increasing steadily year by year; while to use a lower grade of material is a waste of money. The Council, taking this view, have decided to try the experiment of building granolithic walks by levying a proportion of the cost by a frontage rate on the property interested and benefitted, and paying the balance from the road appropriation. It is thought that in this way private property will be enhanced in value, the looks of the streets will be

greatly improved, and the constant drain on the town's finances for continuous repairs and renewals of walks will be done away with.—The Ontario Pacific Railway Company is seeking an extension of time in which to complete their unconstructed lines and bridges.

WINNIPEG MAN.—It is announced that the C. P. R. Company contemplate building large cold storage warehouses at Winnipeg and Calgary.—The City Council has given notice that pavements will be constructed as follows: Cedar block pavements on Main street, from Portage avenue to Graham avenue, width of carriage-way, cost \$6,000; on Logan avenue, from Main street to Princess street, width of carriage-way, cost \$4,000. Asphalt pavement on Princess street, from Notre Dame avenue to Point Douglas avenue, full width of carriage-way, cost \$62,000. Macadam roadways on Main street south, from Main street bridge to River avenue, and thence on River avenue from Main street south to Osborne street, 32 feet wide, cost \$21,964; on Osborne street, from River avenue to the Osborne street bridge, 24 feet wide, cost \$4,031.—Plans have been prepared by Seach & Sharpe for a new theatre.—The City Council have resolved to invite tenders for a stone crushing plant, proposals to be received in two weeks. Tenders will also be asked for constructing sewers.

MONTREAL, QUE.—At a meeting of the Council of St. Lambert, a resolution was passed that the government be urged to assist in the erection of a new bridge or the enlargement of the Victoria bridge.—The Ottawa River Navigation Company propose to convert the Carillon and Grenville railway, 13 miles in length, into an electric road.—An Anglican church will be erected at Outremont. A suitable site has been purchased on Outremont avenue, and plans have been prepared and estimates obtained for a church to cost about \$2,000. These have been submitted to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, who has sanctioned the undertaking and authorized the appeal for funds to carry it out, and if a sufficient sum can be collected to justify doing so, it is intended to build during the coming season.—P. Lortie & Son are calling for tenders for a residence to be erected at Notre Dame de Graces, for Ant. Turgeon.—P. Boileau Bros., contractors, are taking tenders for the mason, carpenter, brick and cement work for the construction of St. Jerome church, Terrebonne county. Plans are on view at the office of C. St. Jean, architect, St. James street.

OTTAWA, ONT.—A committee, consisting of Ald. Gareau, Foster, Enright and Wallace, has been appointed by the City Council to consider the advisability of erecting a new market building on Queen street west.—It has been decided to expend \$2,000 in the paving of By Ward square twenty feet wide on the east side between George and York streets, and to lay a five-foot sidewalk on the west side at an extra cost of \$635.—The promoters of the Central Counties railway are seeking power to extend their line to the boundary of Quebec in the county of Prescott, and to the Ottawa river, in Russell county, and on to Ottawa; also to construct a bridge over the St. Lawrence in Stormont; to extend the time for the completion of the line, and to operate the road by electricity.—Mayor Bingham favors the erection of a building for incurables to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee.—The City Engineer last week examined the plans for a new bridge across the canal at Maria street. These plans were made a year ago and are for the construction of a steel bridge at a cost of about \$45,000.—The property on Nicholas street and Mill lane now occupied by Easton & Co. has been purchased by a syndicate, who contem-

plate erecting cold storage warehouses thereon.—The Roads and Bridges Committee of Carleton County Council will inspect the bridge over the Goodwood river in Nepean township to ascertain the advisability of replacing it with a new one.—The contracts will be let this week for the erection of the new public school in Ottawa east.—A report has been presented recommending the immediate purchase of two quick-steaming engines, two chemical engines, two extension ladders, and the erection of two new fire stations.

HAMILTON, ONT.—At a meeting of representative women held on Saturday last, a proposal was made by Mrs. John Hoodless, president of the Y.M.C.A., that the Queen's Jubilee should be commemorated in Hamilton by the erection of a building to be known as the Victoria Institute, to be used as a Normal School of Domestic Science and Art, or a Technical School for Women. It is proposed that the building will contain commodious quarters for various societies.—Messrs. Wm. & Walter Stewart, architects, are said to have received instructions from the Sun Life Assurance Company to make extensive alterations to the old post-office building. The front is to be remodelled and two towers built.—Mr. M. S. Robinson, of the Bijou theatre, Toronto, is negotiating for a site in this city on which to erect a large theatre building. The Palace rink property has been spoken of. An architect from Buffalo will report thereon. Mr. Robinson also contemplates the establishment of a theatre at Niagara Falls.—K. J. Poag has taken out a permit for the erection of two two-story brick dwellings on Sanford avenue, north of Barton street, to cost \$1,700.—The Hamilton, Chedoke and Ancaster Electric Railway Company have asked for a bonus of \$18,000 from the city. The railway is to be extended from Ancaster to the mountain, a distance of ten miles.—An effort is being made to secure the construction of a line of railway to Bartonville.—It has been almost definitely decided to build a new wing at the city hospital for the use of the nurses.—The City Clerk is receiving tenders this week for waterworks supplies, including cast iron pipe, special castings, hydrants, valves, etc.—The directors of the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville railway will meet a committee of St. Catharines citizens to consider a scheme for building an electric railway from St. Catharines to Beamsville.—Mr. T. S. Crawford, representing a syndicate of Buffalo capitalists, was in the city recently securing options on some Beach property, with a view to the erection of two large ice warehouses of a capacity of 50,000 tons each.

TORONTO, ONT.—The Property Committee of the Public School Board have recommended \$18,000 as an appropriation for repairs to schools.—In his fortnightly report presented to the Board of Works on Monday last, the City Engineer recommended the construction of a cedar and gravel roadway on one side of the track allowance on Dundas street, between Bloor street and Humberside avenue. He reports against the construction of the archways under Arthur street bridge, which would cost \$9,000, and recommends the completion of the Arthur street embankment, from Shaw to Arthur streets, without provision for bridge or archway. The construction of the following pavements are recommended. Twenty-four foot gravel pavement on Elm avenue, between King and Queen streets, cost \$1,970; gravel roadway on Parliament street, between Queen and Gerrard streets, cost \$3,340; asphalt pavement on Jameson avenue, between King and Queen streets, cost \$9,480.—Mr. H. H. Williams, real estate agent, has submitted offers to the City Council