

MUNICIPAL NOTES—Continued

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT. British and foreign capitalists are interested in a \$1,500,000 dry dock and shipbuilding plant; they will buy their own site, but will be given concessions.

ST. CATHARINES, ONT. Three large factories have located here during the last year; there are about one hundred industries here, and more will be added during 1913.

ST. JOHN, N.B. The City Commission has decided to reclaim a large area at the south end of the city for industrial sites; it will be expensive, but already two companies are waiting for sites there, a brass and iron industry employing a thousand hands, and a wood-working plant. — There will be a new sugar refinery in the same neighborhood. — The city has appealed to the Federal Government to increase by 300 feet the length of the new piers to be constructed in West St. John. — There is a rumor that natural gas will be piped into the city during the year. — The N. B. Hydro-Electric will make a large expenditure to provide another source of light, heat and power. — A superstructure is to be added to the \$300,000 bridge to connect East and West St. John, and provide continuous Street car service. — The Partington pulp mill is making important enlargements.

STRATFORD, ONT. The by-law giving a 25-year franchise to the Stratford Railway Company (virtually the C.N.R.) was carried.

ST. THOMAS, ONT. The Michigan Central Railway has presented the Y. M.C.A. with a 99 year lease of a plot of ground for a \$50,000 building.

THREE RIVERS, QUE. The Government has called for tenders for a new public building. — A huge dam is to be built by the Dominion Government on the upper St. Maurice River, for generating electricity; it will be three times as big as that at Assuan, the area of the proposed reservoir is to be 300 square miles, and the amount of the water stored to be about 160 billion cubic feet; it will drain a basin of more than 16,000 square miles, and is expected to bring in \$100,000 per year.

TORONTO, ONT. The Council decided to abolish three committees. Island, Fire and Light; Legislation and Reception. — On a recommendation of the Board of Control the Police Board has been increased from three to five members. — The first civic street railway car was put in operation by Mayor Hocken; Sunday cars will be operated on this line, as there is no opposition to Sunday cars on the Toronto Street Railway lines. — The filter plant leaks 5,000,000 gallons daily, so a British expert is to be called on to report on the water proposals now under consideration. — A new Post-Office, Customs House, Immigration and Agricultural, Military and Public Works buildings, will be built. — The Woodbine sewage disposal plant must be replaced by a new one, owing to cracks which may cause its collapse. — The proposal that the Board of Control should devote their whole time to civic affairs, has been supported by the Council. — The nine

important by-laws were passed with large majorities; they were as follows: — Bloor Street Viaduct, storm sewers, National Sanitarium, Sick Children's Hospital, Good Roads, Island Filtration, Scarboro Extension, Garbage Disposal, Assessment Reform. — Fire broke out in the City Hall, but did small damage. — There is a suggestion for the city to build two-family houses within walking distance of the business district to rent at economic rates for workmen.

WALKERTOWN, ONT. The by-law to extend the electric light service was carried.

WEST VANCOUVER, B. C. It is proposed to have a bridge over the Capilano. — Arrangements are underway for the B. C. Electric Railway to run a light and power line into the municipality; the council has voted in favour of a municipally owned power plant, this being in line with their policy of having as many as possible of the public utilities owned and operated by the people. — A new by-law for the regulating of traffic has been brought forward.

WINNIPEG, MAN. The city and the Winnipeg Electric Company will have the electric poles and conduits in joint use and the city will pay for removing the company's lines to the city poles. — Work will commence in the spring on the enlargement of the Royal Alexandra Hotel and the C. P. R. Station. — It is proposed to establish wells at the disused stone quarry near Stony Mountain, from which an inexhaustible supply for the city could be obtained. — A request has been received for the establishment of a municipal morgue.

DAUPHIN, MAN. The new branch of the Bank of Montreal has been opened for business. — Over 300,000 bushels of grain have been shipped from this point to the East. — The annual Seed Fair was extended over three days to be devoted to lectures given free by the staff of the Manitoba Agricultural College.

EDMONTON, ALTA. A three-storey market will be erected at a cost of \$100,000, from designs by city architect Jeffers. — City Engineer Latonnell has been instructed to prepare plans for a civic paving plant, and engage a paving engineer; half a million square yards of permanent will be laid this year.

HALIFAX, N. S. It is stated that the Federal Government will spend \$20,000,000 on terminals, making the port one of the best on the Continent.

QUEBEC, QUE. The issue of 4 per cent. debentures, made for the city by the Bank of Montreal in London, was over subscribed. An action has been taken by a tax payer to set aside this transaction, as he claims that the necessary number of Aldermen were not present when the by-law was passed, and that commission and other expenses make the interest 4.64 instead of 4 per cent.

WILKIE, SASK. The by-laws for the expenditure of \$79,000, were carried.

WOODSTOCK, ONT. The by-law giving power to the Board of Education to spend \$30,000 was carried.

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT. The city will grant a bonus of 2½ per cent. on the investment of the British capitalists who are building a dry dock and shipbuilding plant, and the company will be exempt from all taxation but school taxes for 20 years.

SOURIS, MAN. The by-law authorizing the expenditure of \$40,000 for electric lighting system was defeated by one vote, the majority being one vote less than the sixty per cent. necessary to sanction the by-law. — The by-law granting exemption for assessment of \$25,000 to McCulloch and Sons, Millers, was passed. — The by-law authorizing the expenditure of \$5,000 for school purposes was passed by a large majority.

ST. MARY'S, ONT. The by-law to raise \$17,000 to meet the civic overdraft was carried.

STRATFORD, ONT. has sold \$10,000 4½ per cent. 20-installment (guaranteed) to Messrs. G. A. Stimson and Company. — The by-law to raise \$15,000 for athletic grounds, was carried.

TORONTO, ONT. The Council voted \$43,000 to carry on the Balmy Beach sewage scheme as recommended by the Works Commissioner. — The total assessment for 1913 is \$423,535,623, a net increase of \$79,937,478 over 1912. — There is a deficit of about \$300,000 in the civic accounts, as the tax rate of 18 mills did not meet expenses again this past year. — The seven by-laws for the expenditure of \$13,046,000 were all passed. — A plebiscite vote on tax reform was carried in the affirmative, the question was whether or not the voter was in favor of applying for legislation to assess buildings, business and income on a lower basis than on income.

TRURO, N.S. The Dominion Government, the Town, and the Province are expending a total of \$261,000 on construction work; this includes a complete brick freight shed for the Intercolonial Railway, \$41,000; a new stone railway station, \$74,000; a new addition to the buildings of the Agricultural Farm (appropriated by the Dominion Department of Agricultural), improvements to railway property, a new Town Hall, and office structure, \$43,000; \$13,000 for permanent streets, water and sewerage extensions.

VANCOUVER, B. C. According to the plans and report presented to the Burrard Peninsular Joint Sewerage Committee, an annual expenditure of \$1,000,000 for five years will be required for the plans of the sewerage system of Greater Vancouver; considerable sums will be required annually until 1950, when the whole peninsula will have a complete system.

WALKERTOWN, ONT. The by-law for \$1,000 to purchase a site for a library was carried.

WINNIPEG, MAN. The report of the civic light and power department for 1912 light and power department, showing the whole power and light plant already on a sound profit making basis, although but a little over a year in actual operation; actual cash receipts amounted to \$303,620, increasing month by month.