

in favor of taking steps to secure electric light.

**LONDON, ONT.**—The city council, at a meeting held last week, voted the sum of \$75,000 for a breakwater to protect West London. The by-law will be submitted to the ratepayers at the municipal elections.

**ELORA, ONT.**—The Wellington county council have adopted the report of a special committee recommending that a new steel bridge be built at this place, at a cost of \$3,100. Tenders for the bridge will be asked.

**UNBRIDGE, ONT.**—The council is considering the question of constructing waterworks and sewerage systems. An expert will likely be engaged to report upon the prospects of obtaining a water supply from wells.

**KINGSVILLE, ONT.**—It is rumored that the Michigan Central Railway authorities have in view the extension of their road from Essex to Kingsville, and that the government will be asked to deepen the harbor at the latter place.

**SARNIA, ONT.**—As a result of a tour through this county by Mr. A. W. Campbell, Provincial Road Instructor, it is likely that statute labor will be abolished and the money for improving roads raised by the issue of debentures.

**VALMORIN, QUE.**—The pulp mill at this place, which was recently destroyed by fire, had recently passed into the hands of an American company, who will likely rebuild at once. The former proprietor was Mr. J. H. Nault.

**ARUNDEL, QUE.**—William Thompson, secretary-treasurer of the municipality, will receive tenders up to 10 a.m. on the 15th inst. for the superstructure of an iron bridge over the Rouge river, also for two stone piers at same place.

**CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.**—C. B. Chappell, architect, is receiving tenders for skating rink, 80 x 170 feet. Same architect has prepared plans for remodelling residence of Dr. McLeod, this city. Tenders will be called for shortly.

**HINTONBURG, ONT.**—The estimate made by C. H. Keeler, C.E., for the construction of a waterworks system did not include the cost of the service pipes from the street main to the street line. This will bring the total cost up to \$60,000.

**CHESTER, N.S.**—The Chester Hotel Company has issued its prospectus, the capital being placed at \$15,000. L. G. Blair and Charles A. Smith are provisional directors. It is hoped to commence the erection of a building at an early date.

**SHERBROOKE, QUE.**—It is stated that the street railway has been purchased by Frank Thompson & Co., who will probably extend the road to North Hatley and other points. The new proprietors have acquired the Brompton Falls water power.

**OWEN SOUND, ONT.**—The county council has decided to place a new roof on the court house and improve the ventilation, at a cost of \$1,600. Plans will be prepared by J. C. Forster, architect, of this town, and tenders will shortly be called for.

**TRENTON, ONT.**—A vote of the ratepayers on a by-law to grant a bonus of \$10,000 to Gilmour & Co., to increase the capacity of their sash, door and blind factory and establish a box factory in connection therewith, will be taken on January 2nd.

**DARTMOUTH, N.S.**—The council has appointed a sub-committee to prepare a by-law authorizing the town to supply its own electric light and operate an electric railway. The Acadia Sugar Refining Co. has purchased a site on which to build a large distillery.

**FREDERICTON, N.B.**—Proposals for the purchase of \$7,000 of debentures are

invited by Charles A. Simpson, secretary of the municipality, up to 21st inst.—A proposition is being discussed to construct a system of electric railways from this town to adjacent points.

**LAKE MEGANTIC, QUE.**—The Lake Megantic Pulp Company is asking authority to increase its capital stock, to permit of the construction of pulp and paper mills, saw mills, electric tramways, etc. Taschereau, Lavery & Rivard, of Quebec, are solicitors for the company.

**HALIFAX, N.S.**—A proposition has been submitted to the Board of Trade by Messrs. Campbell, Shearer & Co., of London, Eng., to establish an abattoir and refrigerator plant in this city.—It is understood that a site for the proposed market building has been decided upon.

**WALLACEBURG, ONT.**—The council have extended the time to February 1st next for the installation, by the Wallaceburg Electric Light Company, of an incandescent system of lighting.—A vote of the ratepayers will be taken on January 2nd to provide funds for erecting a new fire hall.

**QUEBEC, QUE.**—Messrs. Paradis & Belly, of this city, are about to establish a factory at Chicoutimi for the manufacture of boxes for butter, cheese and condensed milk.—According to report, the Montmorency Cotton Company will make further additions in the spring to their buildings at Montmorency Falls.

**VICTORIA, B.C.**—The council is moving in the direction of strengthening the Point Ellice bridge. The city engineer has been asked to report thereon.—A sub-committee has recommended that the city council construct a number of concrete sidewalks, with granite curbs, and Douglas fir pavements on concrete foundations.

**HULL, QUE.**—Legal advice has been secured by the city as to its right to install an electric light plant, from which it appears that the city is justified in installing a plant to be used only for civic lighting. Therefore, a vote of the ratepayers will be taken on the 27th inst. on a by-law to raise debentures to the amount of \$8,000 for the purpose.

**INGERSOLL, ONT.**—W. R. Smith, town clerk, wants tenders by Thursday, 15th inst., for the purchase of \$3,849 of local improvement debentures, bearing interest at 4%, payable yearly.—A by-law to provide for the issue of twenty-year 4% debentures for \$2,500 for the purpose of building a fire hall will be submitted to the ratepayers in January.

**MERRITTON, ONT.**—On January 2nd the ratepayers will vote on by-laws to raise by debentures the following sums: \$2,700 to purchase a steam road roller and appliances for use in constructing, rebuilding and improving the highways; \$6,000 to extend the waterworks system, and \$20,000 to improve, rebuild, construct and maintain the highways.

**PENBROKE, ONT.**—On January 2nd the ratepayers will vote on a by-law to raise \$12,000 to construct sewers in the town. It is probable that a by-law will also be submitted to raise funds for the construction of a stone or iron bridge on Mary street.—An electric railway between Pembroke and Bryson is again talked of.—Borchman & Hoelke have purchased property on which to build a steam carding mill.

**NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.**—There has been an agitation for some time to connect Grand Island with the mainland by means of a bridge, which would involve the construction of two spans, one on the American side of the island and the other on the Canadian side. It is now stated that the Grand Trunk Railway Company has offered to build the Canadian section, and it is believed that the scheme will be carried out.

**FERGUS, ONT.**—Regarding the proposed Presbyterian church, it is learned that it is intended to spend about \$12,000. The walls will be of stone, and the building will have a seating capacity of 700, with separate Sunday School rooms for 200. Plans are now being prepared, and will be completed in a couple of weeks, after which tenders will be invited. Mr. Hugh Black is chairman of the Building Committee.

**STRATFORD, ONT.**—The Collegiate Institute Board have appointed a committee, consisting of Messrs. McPherson, Crow and McMillan, to solicit subscriptions and take other necessary steps for the erection of a gymnasium building. The cost is estimated at \$5,000.—A by-law granting a bonus of \$30,000 to the Whyte Packing Company for the establishment of a pork packing factory here, has been given its first reading in council.

**ST. CATHARINES, ONT.**—The syndicate which has taken over the old Niagara Central railroad consists of S. B. Colvin, of Glenn Falls, N.Y., J. A. Powers, of Albany, N.Y., and Hon. C. D. Haines, of New York city. A meeting of the syndicate was held in Toronto last week, at which the extension of the road three and one-half miles, to Port Dalhousie, and its conversion from steam to electricity, were considered.—A deputation has requested the county council to make a grant to Louth township council to assist in building a bridge over a creek. The cost is given as \$2,000.

**KINGSTON, ONT.**—The Montreal Fit-Reform Shoe Co. has asked the city for a bonus of \$40,000, as an inducement to remove to this city. Should the bonus be granted, the company will probably build a factory.—A company is said to be in process of formation to build a new opera house.—It is proposed to establish an opera house, library and other public institutions in the same building, with stores on the ground floor.—The city engineer has recommended the construction of a large storm drain on Victoria and Collingwood streets to the lake.—James Swift will probably build a residence on King street.

**HAMILTON, ONT.**—A glass company in Muncie, Indiana, is said to have decided to establish a branch in this city, with James Hayes as foreman.—In connection with the improvement of the waterworks system, the Cataract Power Company have agreed to pay the cost of constructing the third main, to be reimbursed in twenty, thirty or forty years, conditional upon the company being given the contract for pumping the water for the high level district.—The city council have given certain concessions to the Sawyer-Massey Company on condition that they extend their works, expending about \$30,000 on improvements.

**CHATHAM, ONT.**—Powell & Carswell, architects, are preparing plans for a residence for C. C. Greening, corner Wellington and West streets, also for bar-room fixtures for the Hotel Vendome at Sarnia.—The county council is considering improvements to the jail and court house. Some of the councillors believe that extensive improvements, including a modern system of heating and lighting, should be carried out.—Tenders are wanted by Park Bros. up to 17th inst. for erection of brick residence for J. M. Park.—A motion to grant \$1,500 to assist in building a bridge over the Sydenham river at Dawn Mills was introduced in the county council last week and referred to the finance committee.

**VANCOUVER, B.C.** A six inch pipe, half a mile long, will be laid to the marine railway headquarters.—It is understood that Johnston & Kerfoot will erect a warehouse, store and packing room, for which plans are now being prepared.—J. J. Banfield has purchased three lots at the