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Cottage at Victoria, B. C.—S. Maclure, Architect.
St. Mary's (Anglican) Church, Portage la Prairie.—H. S. Griffiths, Architect, Winnipeg.
House of J. W. Siddall, Architect, Toronto.
House in Victoria, B. C.—S. Maclure, Architect.

ADDITIONAL ILLUSTRATIONS IN ARCHITECTS' EDITION.

Macpherson Estate, Toronto.—S. H. Townsend, Architect. View from North Side of Crescent Road looking East.
Macpherson Estate, Toronto.—S. H. Townsend, Architect. View from Crescent Road looking South to Cluny Ave.

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An Avenue of Sod.

A rather strange proposal has been made by a member of the Toronto Board of Control: to grass over the fine road, that leads to the Queen's Park and is the approach to the Parliament Buildings. The cause of this suggestion is the second road, University Street, which, in consequence of some early misunderstanding between the City and the University, runs along side of the Avenue. The proposal to adopt the side street as an approach, and leave the other as inexpressive as a walled up door, shows that it is just as well Mr. Spence is a controller, for as an artist he lacks imagination.

Overhead Tanks.

There will be a big spill some day from some of the sprinkler tanks that are set up on skeleton supports and left to the weather. Steel does not last forever; and, in the steel trestle work that usually carries these tanks, there are very slender members, which a little neglect could easily make too slender. And has there been enough consideration given to the effect of large fires upon the exposed steel? A little warping—a very little—and down comes the tank. However much comfort there may be for owners and underwriters in a 20,000 gallon tank propped up by steel, it must be a terror to firemen. Sprinkler tanks should rest on brickwork, and, for the sake of appearance, should be surrounded by brickwork. In other words a tank should imply a tower.

The Montreal Architectural Club.

The foundation of a club for architectural students is a good move on the part of the Province of Quebec Association of Architects. According to the newspaper report of the proceedings, in the

meeting at which the club was instituted, it is proposed to give instruction chiefly in design. It is an excellent idea to measure old buildings. They have old buildings in that province of which it is well worth while to preserve a record, and the building traditions are good and ought to be studied and find their place in work of the present day. But there is some drier work that the student will have to get hold of; and something in the way of the mathematical instruction that is carried on by the Ontario Association of Architects, in conjunction with the Eighteen Club, is desirable also. The unusual number of students who came up for the examinations of the Ontario Association, which are just finished, shows that this instruction is appreciated by the students and is doing good.

Frozen Mortar.

A New York architect, who was present at the Convention of the Ontario Association of Architects, told the members that there is practically no difference made now in New York between bricklaying in warm weather and in freezing weather. The fall of six buildings in New York, on the first warm day of spring, is the other side of the question. Fortunately the warm day was a Sunday, so that there was no loss of life; but the money value to the builders is estimated at from two to three millions of dollars. The buildings were all large; five and six storey "flathouses;" and in two cases the building that fell was part of a row built concurrently, so that the character of the rows (in one case consisting of eight six-storey flathouses) is in question. It is against the law in New York to use mortar in freezing weather; but the authorities say there are not enough inspectors to prevent it. The national conception of the virtue of haste must, in any