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The regular fortnightly meetings of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, at Montreal, have been withdrawn during the months of June, July and August.

CANADA is usually credited with holding the most advanced position among the colonies of Great Britain. In the matter of associations for the advancement of the interests of builders and contractors, however, we must take second place to Australia and even Tasmania, where organizations of this character are fulfilling a useful purpose.

OUTSIDERS will be apt to think that building enterprises on an extensive scale are unknown in Hamilton, when they see paragraphs in the daily papers of that city referring to the issuing of permits for improvements costing less than \$2,000, headed "Signs of the Building Boom." Straws may show which way the wind is blowing, but to predicate a building boom on such slight evidence, denotes extraordinary sanguinity, or an imperfect conception of the meaning of the term.

A VERY practical suggestion for the preservation of the true alignment of curb stones comes from Holland. It consists in the cutting of a hollow in the end of one stone and the working of a corresponding projection on the next. In our climate, where king frost plays such havoc with the roads and pavements, this method would prevent much of the unsightly irregularity inevitable to the usual manner of setting curb stones, and the extra cost would be offset by the greater length of time which would elapse before they would require to be re-set.

It is no uncommon thing to observe in the very centre of our Canadian cities large areas of vacant land owned by religious corporations, on which no taxes are levied. These lands, while standing as a bar to progress are nevertheless greatly enhanced in value by surrounding improvements carried out by private enterprise. In this way the owners grow rich at the expense of their neighbors who assist progress and pay the taxes. Whether or not churches should be taxed, as some contend, it seems but right that the law should be amended to the extent necessary to remedy this injustice which is being perpetuated under its present provisions.

THE Architectural Sketch Club filled up the little room allotted to them at the Ontario Society of Artists' Exhibition with a very interesting series of sketches, many of which were the results of their last season's studies and competitions. The progress of the Club is very noticeable, and the rendering of many of the drawings showed decided artistic ability. We were sorry to notice the tendency to use their room as a store room, giving it an unused appearance, uninviting and somewhat forlorn. It is difficult enough to get the general public to take an interest in architectural drawing, without the bar of an unattractive room.

THE Toronto Mail recently contained an editorial on the question of the payment of the clerk of the works on the new City Hall at Toronto, which is entirely to the point and should be read by all laymen, and especially by the members of city councils and other public bodies. The attempt of some of the aldermen to saddle upon the architect even half the expense of the clerk of works is preposterous, and is a cheese-paring policy which can only be detrimental to the work from every point of view. As well might City Engineer Jennings be asked to pay