

STRATFORD, ONT.—N. N. Cantin, of St. Joseph, and F. M. Hamel, of Ottawa, were in the city last week in connection with the projected railway from St. Joseph, on Lake Huron, to this city. The right of way has been bought as far as Hensall.

CALGARY, N. W. T.—Plans for the new Central school have been completed and tenders will be invited at once.—The C. P. R. has had plans prepared for modern stock yards at Medicine Hat, Dunmoore and Suffield. The yards will contain four chutes, with four 50 foot pens.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN.—McLennan & Rae, well known hotel men of Minnedosa, have purchased property on corner of Main street and Pacific avenue and intend erecting on the property a first-class hotel to cost about \$25,000. It is understood that plans have already been prepared.

ST. THOMAS, ONT.—A by-law will be submitted to the ratepayers in January to grant a bonus of \$20,000 and exemption from taxation to the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railway to establish repair shops here. The building is not to cost less than \$75,000, and the machinery and plant \$50,000.

FREDERICTON, N. B.—The Department of Public Works want tenders by 21st inst. for rebuilding Herring Cove bridge, parish of Alma, Albert county, and O'Regan's Brook bridge, parish of Drummond, Victoria county.

COLLINGWOOD, ONT.—E. D. Morris, of Toronto, representing capitalists, has made a proposition to the town council to establish a gas plant here.—Bids received by W. Williams, Chairman Finance Committee, up to 5th inst. for purchase of \$14,300 debentures.

SPRINGHILL, N.S.—The Maritime Contracting & Mining Co. have entered into a contract with the town to construct a gravitation waterworks system, at an estimated cost of \$10,000. The water will be brought from near the highest lands of the Cobequid Mountains, a distance of seven miles.

ST. CATHARINES, ONT.—The Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, is asking for tenders up to 9th inst. for removal of the centre pier of three bridges on the Summit Level of the Welland Canal, also for deepening the rock cut at Ramey's Bend, north of the village of Humberstone.

GALT, ONT.—The Structural Steel Bridge Co. have submitted to the town council a proposition to establish bridge works in this town.—It is proposed to submit a by-law to the ratepayers to raise \$10,000 by debentures for payment of sewer construction.—Engineer Davis has reported on the cost of installing a general sewerage system.

VICTORIA, B. C.—The Strathcona Hotel at Shawinigan Lake has been purchased by Mrs. J. E. Wark, of this city, who intends making important improvements, including new bar, new bathrooms, and erection of an addition.—Grant & Conyers have sold to Mrs. Spofford four lots in the east end of the city on which she will build a handsome residence.

NORTH VANCOUVER, B. C.—The council have instructed F. G. L. Tytler, C. E., to prepare plans for a waterwork system for the municipality, the supply to be obtained from Lynn Creek. Same party has been instructed to report upon the cost, etc., of the construction of a new bridge over Lynn creek.—The North Vancouver Power & Ferry Co. has completed arrangements for the construction of a new ferry steamer.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—The Oriental Power & Pulp Co. have commenced actual operations for the construction of pulp and paper mills at Swanson Bay. A

saw mill will also be built.—Subscriptions are coming in liberally for the proposed new Y. M. C. A. building to be erected on the corner of Cambie and Dunsmuir streets.—The council has passed by-laws to issue debentures for \$50,000 to be devoted to the construction of a new general hospital in Fairview and about \$130,000 for the construction of sewers.

GLACE BAY, N.S.—The extension to the Dominion Coal Co.'s building here will be more elaborate than at first proposed. It will be 40 x 80 feet, with a vault 12 x 10 feet, and the old building will be completely remodelled.—The ratepayers, at a public meeting last week, endorsed the proposition of the council to raise \$50,000 for an extension of the sewerage system and \$100,000 to make further improvements of a permanent nature on the streets and to build a bridge across the Caledonia dam.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The Winnipeg Ceiling & Roofing Co. will erect a factory in Fort Rouge next year.—The W. M. Gibson Carpet Co. has purchased the property on the north-west corner of Main street and Alexander avenue and will make extensive alterations thereto.—It is stated that work will be started at once on the new Immigration Hall to be built on Maple street.—James McKenzie, of Lakeside, W. H. Nesbitt and James C. Simpson have purchased property on the east side of Main street, 70 feet frontage, running south from near Rupert street, and intend erecting a fine business block in the near future.

WINDSOR, ONT.—The executive committee of the Windsor Memorial Fountain Fund have accepted the plans prepared by Architect Scott.—A firm of Detroit architects have prepared plans for a new Catholic church costing \$50,000 to be built in this city, and they are now in the hands of Frs. Downey and Meunier, of St. Alphonsus's church.—The members of the Windsor, Essex & Lake Shore Rapid Railway Co. state that they expect to be in a position to commence work on the road at an early date. One of the power houses will be located in this city.

OTTAWA, ONT.—L. K. Jones, Secretary Department Railways and Canals, will receive tenders up to 16th inst. for construction of masonry piers, filling of approaches, etc., for bridge at Concession street.—The Public School Board have just taken tenders for supply of desks and school furniture for the year 1904.—Plans have been completed for a new Jewish synagogue to be built on King

street, to cost \$15,000. Work will be commenced in the spring.—It is proposed to pave Nicholas, Theodore, Charlotte and Rideau streets, at an estimated cost of \$231,000. The Ottawa Improvement Commission will be asked to assume a share of the cost.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The Bank of Hamilton will add three storeys to its head office at the corner of King and James streets and will erect a six-storey addition to the premises now occupied by the C.P.R. Telegraph Co.—J. P. Hennessy has been granted a building permit for a brick dwelling on corner of Barton and Wentworth streets, to cost \$2,600.—The Bell Telephone Co. will make alterations to the interior of their office building, at a cost of \$3,000.—The necessity of installing a sewerage system in the district west of Dundurn street is being urged.—George H. Milne is building a brick dwelling on Hesse street, between Hunter and Bold street, to cost \$1,800.—Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co. have been granted a building permit for the new buildings for the Canadian Westinghouse Co. The sum to be expended is \$234,800, made up of detailed buildings, \$32,500; warehouse, \$58,000; machine shops, \$65,500; fire proof foundry, \$32,000; pattern shop, \$20,800; pattern storage shop, \$12,000; oil and boiler houses, \$12,000; sub-station, \$2,000.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Daniel Gallery, M. P., recently had an interview with the Minister of Canals regarding the construction of a large basin or lock at the foot of the Lachine canal by which ocean going vessels might be admitted to the St. Lawrence canal system. He pointed out that very little excavation would be required.—The Protestant Board of School Commissioners have issued a circular to ratepayers pointing out the necessity of increased school accommodation. It is urged that two new schools be built.—Robert Findlay, architect, has been engaged to prepare plans for the new maternity hospital, to be commenced next spring.—Building permits have been granted as follows: E. L. Bough, 1 story bldg., Huntly street, cost \$1,000; D. Snider, 2 story bldg., Aylwin street, cost \$1,800; E. Gauthier, 2 story bldg., Cuvillier street, cost \$2,000 (R. E. Edwards, contractor); J. Robertson, 1 story bldg., Dalhousie street, cost \$1,900; C. Lafortune, 3 story bldg., St. Germain and Ontario streets, cost \$3,500; H. Bourgie & Co., 2 story bldg., Frontenac street, cost \$1,000; F. Beland, pair 2 story bldgs., St. Charles street, cost \$1,700.

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