

ing engineer, until Tuesday, the 15th inst., for furnishing supplies for the Welland canal for the year 1897, including iron, timber, castings, hardware, fuel, oil, etc.

**KASLO, B. C.**—Geo. Alexander will put in an electric light plant here.

**CHATHAM, ONT.**—The City Council has decided to submit a by-law to the freeholders providing for the purchase and operation of a civic electric lighting and power plant. The citizens will also be asked to pass on the question of boring for natural gas.

**CALGARY, N. W. T.**—The City Council has presented a memorial to the Minister of Public Works requesting the erection of a jail and insane asylum at this place, the extension of the C. & E. railway to the boundary, and the building of the Crow's Nest Pass railway.

**ST. MARYS, ONT.**—L. Harstone, Town Clerk, writes: "In your issue of Dec. 3rd you say this town has adopted Mr. Newman's plans for a system of water works. No plans are yet adopted, and will not be until after the vote upon the by-law is taken on 4th January next."

**OWEN SOUND, ONT.**—The officials of the Canadian Pacific railway had an interview recently in connection with the proposed erection of a grain elevator here. It is supposed that the company will ask for a bonus of \$40,000, in return for which they will erect the elevator, enlarge the freight sheds and otherwise improve the buildings.

**ST. THOMAS, ONT.**—The congregation of the Central Methodist church has decided to accept the board's recommendation for a new church. It will be erected on the present site on Wellington street, and will cost about \$15,000. Work will be commenced in the spring.—The congregation of the Disciples' church are taking steps to enlarge their building.

**SPRINGHILL, N. S.**—The authorities of the town have now under consideration the construction of a waterworks system, the estimated cost of which is \$115,000.—H. J. Logan, M. P. for Cumberland, is making an effort to have a branch railway from Athol to run into this town. Competent engineers assert that the route is feasible and the grade very great.

**LONDON, ONT.**—The Street Railway Company will probably construct a bridge across the river. The County Council have decided to recommend to the City Council of London the granting of an option to the street railway company whereby the latter may build a separate structure for their tracks or a new 25-foot bridge to replace the present Kensington bridge.

**BROCKVILLE, ONT.**—The Dominion Rubber Company will build a factory in this town.—At a meeting of the waterworks commissioners held last week, it was decided to increase the pumping capacity by the addition of a new three million gallon high duty pumping engine.—Offers are asked until Monday, the 21st inst., for the purchase of \$60,000 of debentures of the Brockville Loan & Savings Co. Address D. B. Jones, managing director.

**QUEBEC, QUE.**—W. D. Baillairge, assistant city inspector, will receive tenders until Tuesday, the 22nd inst., for the construction of a pontoon 120 feet by 40 feet, from plans prepared by the City Engineer.—Mr. F. X. Berlinguet is sending the plans for the granite base of the Champlain monument to Paris, and will transfer them to Mr. Le Cardonnel to perform the important mission. Should the Parisian artist accept the price and plans, the granite can be prepared during the winter.

**HALIFAX, N. S.**—W. R. and J. A. Shriver have purchased property immediately south of Gordon & Keith's new

building, and will erect thereon a three storey brick building, the plans for which are being prepared by Mr. Whiteway, architect.—It is stated that a wealthy gentleman proposes erecting in this city next spring a handsome residence. The plans have been prepared, and show that the building will cost nearly \$60,000. It will be built of brick, granite and stone, with tiled hallways.

**ROSSLAND, B. C.**—J. F. McLaughlin, late of Toronto, has purchased the charter of the Spokane & Columbia Telephone Company. He intends to put in a system at Rossland first, then to extend it to Trail and from that point to Spokane.—A charter has been granted to the British Columbia Tunnelling & Developing Company, Limited, the purpose of which is to construct a tunnel through the Red Mountain. This tunnel is to be of sufficient width and height to enable the company to lay double tracks, on which they propose to operate electric cars to convey the ore from the mines.

**WINNIPEG, MAN.**—Mr. Coste, chief engineer of the Public Works Department, will shortly make a survey of the St. Andrew's rapids, with a view to carrying out the necessary improvements.—The erection of a chapel and vault at Brookside cemetery will probably be undertaken at an early date. Mr. E. L. Drewry is one of the interested persons.—Mr. J. A. Macdonell, engineer of the Public Works Department, has surveyed a site for a proposed bridge over the Assiniboine river, in the municipality of Archie. He will also lay out the site for a bridge over the Little Saskatchewan river, in the municipality of Daly, north of Brandon.

**VANCOUVER, B. C.**—An engineering party will shortly be sent here by the Dominion government to co-operate with the engineer of the local government in preparing plans for the dyking of the Fraser river.—The lower part of the market hall will be converted into a city hall and offices, at a probable cost of \$3,000.—The by-law to provide the sum of \$60,000 for the extension of the waterworks system was carried by the ratepayers last week.—The projectors of the proposed smelter and refinery will ask the city for a bonus of \$150,000, also for ten years' exemption from taxation and a free water supply. It is understood that the C. P. R. will assist in the establishment of the smelter.

**MONTREAL, QUE.**—The authorities of All Saints' church have decided to build a new chancel at the east end of the present church.—The Parks Committee of the City Council have approved of the proposal of C. Amyot to build an observatory on the Mountain. The structure will be of wood, 52 feet in height.—Mr. Ridout, of the Department of Railways and Canals, and Mr. Beauchemin, of Sorel, have completed an inspection of the Baie des Chaleurs railway, and will report to the government. It is understood to be the intention to make the road a feeder to the Intercolonial railway.—Mr. Stuart Howard, C. E., of the Road Department, is preparing plans for the construction of a viaduct from St. Henri to the Bonaventure station, to be carried over the G.T.R. tracks. The viaduct will be carried on masonry arches, the space between the crossings being available for warehouses purposes.—The Parks Committee have decided to ask the City Council for the sum of \$8,000 for improving the roads in Mount Royal Park.—Mr. Wolferstan Thomas, a member of the Mount Royal Cemetery Company, proposes that a crematory be established in connection with the cemetery. The question will be considered at the next meeting of the trust.—It is stated that the Grand Trunk Railway Company will ask assistance from the Dominion government for the remodelling of the Victoria bridge at

Montreal. It is the purpose to double track the bridge, and to construct a free highway in connection therewith.—Chas. Chausse, architect, is preparing plans for two houses to be erected on St. Denis street, tenders for which will be invited early in the spring.—C. St. Jean, architect, is preparing plans for reparations to St. Sabine church and also for the manse for same.—Gamelin & Huot, architects, are preparing plans for a cottage to be erected at Varennes for E. G. Simard, M. P.

**HAMILTON, ONT.**—The City Clerk has given notice that it is proposed to construct pipe sewers on the following streets: Homewood avenue, from Locke street to Garth street, cost \$1,700; Main street, to Sanford avenue, westerly to the end of the present sewer, east of Wentworth street, cost \$320.—The Minister of Public Works has given instructions that the post office in this city be thoroughly repaired.—Wm. & Walter Stewart, architects, have taken out a permit for a brick office for the Westinghouse Air Brake Company, to cost \$3,200.—Mr. Munro, architect, last week requested the Parks Committee to consent to the granting of a patent for the water front at the beach. The Colony Company, which he represents, have a scheme on hand involving an expenditure of \$100,000. It is proposed to fill in the water front from the pier some distance along the beach and to construct a large hotel.—Tenders have been invited for the construction of a fire hall in Victoria Park, from the plans of L. H. Hills, architect.—Steps are being taken by the directors of the Y. M. C. A. to provide the necessary funds for the extension of the Y. M. C. A. building next summer. This addition will provide a swimming bath, educational class rooms, boys' rooms and dressing rooms.—Negotiations are about closed for the purchase by A. D. Stewart of the Palace Saloon and Restaurant. Wm. Noble & Son, the present proprietors, will probably erect a substantial hotel at the corner of Cannon and James streets.—The Hamilton Spectator proposes erecting a new office building.

**OTTAWA, ONT.**—The Board of Trade have passed a resolution requesting the City Council to correspond with Mr. Rudolph Hering, C. E., of New York, to ascertain on what terms he will submit a report for the proposed drainage system.—J. H. Balderson, Secretary Department of Railways and Canals, will receive tenders until the 22nd inst. for the removal of a portion of the timber superstructure of the East pier at Port Dalhousie, Ont. Plans may be seen at the office of the superintending engineer, St. Catharines.—It is stated that the medical staff of the Protestant hospital have decided to build another hospital, equipped with all modern conveniences. The details of the scheme will be made public in a few days.—The school trustees of Ottawa East have requested the council to raise the sum of \$6,000 by the issue of debentures for the purpose of building a new school house.—The directors of the C. Ross Company, Limited, have decided to rebuild at once on the site of the buildings recently burned. It is probable that a six-storey building of modern design, to cost about \$100,000, will be erected, plans for which are now being prepared by A. M. Calderon, architect.—The Nuns of the Precious Blood propose to erect in this city next spring a large nunnery.—A project is on foot by the Irish Catholic Societies in this city to erect a large hall, at a cost of from \$12,000 to \$20,000. Sketch plans for the building have already been prepared, which show that the structure will be four storeys high. In the basement will be bowling alleys and billiard rooms, the second flat will be a lecture hall and reading rooms, and on the third floor will be committee rooms. A gym