

they will build the road to St. Catharines, which will necessitate the construction of a number of bridges.—A by-law to raise \$22,000 by debentures has been given its second reading by the county council.

**VICTORIA, B. C.**—William W. Northcott, purchasing agent for the corporation, invites tenders up to February 20th for sundry brass goods and fittings, including valves, spindles, nipples, etc. Mr. Northcott also invites competitive plans up to the 13th inst for a new fire hall.—The question of building a high school was considered at the last meeting of the School Board, and although it was looked upon as a necessity, the matter was postponed for the present.

**VANCOUVER, B. C.**—It is understood that a new Roman Catholic church will be built in this city, to cost \$60,000, and to be commenced next summer.—Thos. F. McGuigan, city clerk, desires tenders by Friday, 17th inst., for the purchase of \$100,000 of city debentures.—The Mayor, in his inaugural address, referred to the necessity of extending the sewerage system of the city and of improving the water supply.—The by-law to raise \$100,000 by debentures for the extension of the waterworks system was carried by the ratepayers on the 2nd inst.

**PETERBORO, ONT.**—Th Stanley Piano Co., of Toronto, will remove to this town, and will erect a factory costing \$50,000.—S. R. Armstrong, town clerk, will receive applications up to February 15th for the position of town engineer and superintendent of municipal works.—At a meeting of the county council held last week, the report of the committee on roads and bridges recommended that a committee be appointed to confer with other committees regarding the proposed construction of a bridge across Marsh creek, on the boundary between the townships of Ops and Manvers.

**KINGSTON, ONT.** Power & Son, architects, have been instructed to prepare plans for the restoration of St. George's cathedral, on the old lines, as enlarged and improved by them eight years ago. The same architects are preparing plans for a new opera house to be built in this city.—The question of purchasing a new fire engine is being considered by the city council.—There is a probability of the Oddfellows' Relief Association erecting a building of their own.—T. O. Bolger, city engineer, has submitted to council a report on the paving of Princess street, from King to Bagot street, and Brock street, from King to Wellington street. Asphalt or brick will likely be adopted.—It is the intention of Mr. Tryon to build a row of brick houses on the site of the old National hotel.

**QUEBEC, QUE.**—David Quellet, architect, has been commissioned to prepare plans for a new wing to be added to the Seminary of Rimouski, and also for the extension of the north wing of the college at Ste. Anne de la Pevatiere.—It is believed that the coming season will be active in regard to building operations. Already plans are being prepared for a number of private residences.—The estimates of expenditure for 1899 have been brought down by the provincial legislature. The appropriations for public works include one of \$75,000 for a new court house at Sherbrooke.—A deputation has requested the Harbor Commissioners to build a pier at the Lower Traverse. Hon. R. R. Dobell states that tenders for the proposed enlargement of the Levis graving dock will be called for within six weeks.

**LONDON, ONT.**—The council will ask the provincial legislature for power to issue debentures for the purpose of putting the market square and approaches in a sanitary condition.—The following building permits have been granted. Mayor Wilson, brick office, corner Talbot and Ful-

larton streets (George Craddock, architect); E. Westland, one and one-half storey frame dwelling on Garfield ave., South London, cost \$800.—The proposal to build a subway beneath the Grand Trunk tracks, to permit of safe access between the north and south parts of the city, has again been revived.—At a meeting of the Hospital Committee held last week, Mr. H. C. McBride, architect for the Victoria Hospital, submitted a statement of expenditures not included in the contracts already let. His estimate calls for between \$8,000 and \$9,000.

**MONTREAL, QUE.**—H. Birks & Sons have purchased the property on Phillips Square, immediately south of their present block at the corner of St. Catharine street. On May 1st they will commence the erection thereon of a four-storey factory.—The proposed enlargement of Bonsecours market was again considered by the Market Committee last week. The Chambre de Commerce favor the expropriation of the property bounded by St. Paul, Le Royer, Bonsecours and Market streets.—Mr. William Whyte, general manager of the western division of the C.P.R., was in the city last week, conferring with the management regarding the permanent improvements to be carried out this year on the road between Fort William and Donald.—L. O. David, city clerk, wants tenders by Monday, 13th inst., for 5,000 feet of fire hose and 50 salvage covers.—The Water Committee will again ask the city council to place at its disposal the sum of \$6,000, with which to purchase a new boiler for the upper level pumping station. The Committee will also ask for \$1,056 for the purchase of water meters.—A representative of the Watson, Ross Milling Co., of Milwaukee, who was recently in the city, stated that the company would next summer build two large elevators in Montreal.—A subcommittee has reported to the Health Committee that the present hospital building is unfit for use, and has recommended that plans be prepared and tenders invited for a new building.—The rumor that a syndicate will erect a large hotel on James street has again been revived. German capitalists are said to be negotiating for the purchase of the St. Lawrence Hall property as a suitable site. It is understood that the proposed plan includes the utilization of the ground floor for business purposes.

**TORONTO, ONT.**—The William Davies Co. have purchased property on Beachell street, and will erect a large building for cooking canned meats.—Mr. Beaumont Jarvis, architect, is preparing plans for a large warehouse and manufactory to be built by the Brown Bros. Co. on the south side of Wellington street, just east of Bay. The structure will be of stone and pressed brick, five stories high, and will cost about \$30,000.—It is learned that the Bank of Toronto has leased the ground floor of the Auditorium, corner Queen and James streets, and will have it fitted up for a branch bank.—The Standard Bank is said to be negotiating for a portion of the Jamieson building, corner Yonge and Queen streets.—The directors of the Toronto Conservatory of Music have had plans prepared for an addition to the present building, to be 65 x 70 feet, and to provide 25 additional rooms; the work will be proceeded with as soon as the necessary funds are obtained.—The tenants occupying the fourth, fifth and sixth flats of the Canada Life Building on King street have received notice to vacate. This would seem to signify that the headquarters of the company are to be removed to Toronto, and that some interior alterations will be made to the building.—At a meeting of the Public School Board held last week, L. Brown gave notice that he would move for the erection of a four-roomed school in the neighborhood of Bolton avenue and

Hamilton street; a 12 roomed school on the Bathurst street site, a new school on Kippendavie avenue, and the furnishing of two rooms in Pape avenue school, will also be asked for.—The city wants tenders by the 15th inst. for the construction of asphalt, brick and macadam pavements, and for the supply of 500 tonse of stone.—Building permits have been granted as follows: George H. Hees & Co., addition to show rooms, 71 Bay street, cost \$3,000; Gold Medal Manufacturing Co., rough-cast factory on Hamburg avenue.—Ald. Denison, C. H. Rust, V. Robin and A. B. Campbell have purchased a 200 foot lot on the Island, and will build four cottages thereon in the spring.—H. Graham & Son, real estate agents, want a vacant lot in the Annex for building purposes.—The city engineer has prepared a plan for the improvement of Spadina avenue. His proposal is to construct a 22 foot boulevard on either side of the track allowance, and to divide the street as follows: In the centre a 16-foot track allowance; east and west of this a 22-foot boulevard; then a 24-foot roadway, probably brick; the balance of the space to be taken up by a 12-foot concrete sidewalk.—The plans for the new bridge over the Don river at Queen street are well under way, and tenders will be invited at an early date.

**OTTAWA, ONT.**—The management of the Booth system of railways are making arrangements for the construction of two steamers, to carry grain from Fort William and Duluth to Parry Sound.—The authorities of the Rideau street convent have decided to enlarge the building by an additional storey, work to be commenced in the spring.—The residents of Bichton are endeavoring to make arrangements with the Metropolitan Electrical Company to light the town by electricity.—The Separate School Committee have ratified the purchase by the French Committee of property at the corner of Church and Cumberland streets, on which to erect the new Lower town school. Tenders for the erection of the building will be invited immediately.—There is some talk of erecting another Catholic church in St. Patrick's parish.—Early in the spring the Ottawa and Gatineau Valley Railway Co. intend to commence work on their approach to the Central depot. The company have not yet reached a decision in regard to the extension of their lines to Maniwaki.—The Public School Board will shortly invite tenders for new clocks required during 1899.—It is reported that a syndicate of Ottawa and Toronto capitalists will establish locomotive works here. The old Perkins foundry and machine shop on Queen street is said to have been leased, the intention being to make a large addition to the room and to install up to date machinery.—The Fire and Light Committee have asked for \$6,000 for the purchase of a new fire engine.—Mr. John Galt, city engineer, has submitted to the Waterworks Committee a report as to the requirements of the waterworks plant. He points out the necessity of building an addition to the pump-house, and of installing additional pumping apparatus, with a capacity of from five to ten million gallons.—The Retail Merchants' Association will petition the city council to build a bridge over the canal at Somerset street.—George A. Wanless, secretary-treasurer of the Metropolitan Electrical Co., invites tenders up to February 21st for the supplying of materials and the construction of works for the development of a water power at Britannia, comprising the excavation of canal, wheel pits, etc., and the construction of dams, coffer-dams, cribwork, flumes, embankments, masonry, concrete work, etc. Plans on view at the office of the company after the 10th inst.—Louis Vallee, engineer of the Public Works Department of Quebec, is inspecting the arrangements for the erection of