

**Orillia, Ont.**—The sum of \$60,000 has been placed in the supplementary estimates for the building of an armory, and it is probable that the early summer will see the work of erection well under way.

**Ottawa, Ont.**—Mr. G. F. Hodgins, of Shawville, P.Q., is president of a new shale brick industry, building operations on which have been started at Russell. It will employ about 100 men and will have a capacity of 100 tons per day.

**Ottawa, Ont.**—Ald. Lapointe secured the approval of the city council for an initial expenditure of \$20,000 on public lavatories this year. A committee will be formed.

**Ottawa, Ont.**—The civic building programme for 1912 includes the erection of a \$45,000 smallpox hospital, \$12,500 tubercular hospital, \$30,000 fire station and equipment, \$20,000 public lavatories. The estimates also include an item of \$10,000 for an incinerator site. John Henderson, town clerk.

**Ottawa, Ont.**—A new telephone exchange for the Glebe section of the city, in addition to the second exchange to be opened shortly in Lower Town, is planned for the near future by the Bell Telephone Company.

**Point Grey, B.C.**—The Board of Education have applied to the municipal council for \$114,200, to be used for the erection of three new school buildings. Mr. M. C. Gordon, secretary of the board of school trustees.

**Port Arthur, Ont.**—The Canadian Northern Railway will erect a \$40,000 dock at this point.

**Port Mann, B.C.**—The International Milling Company, Minnesota, Iowa, U. S. A., contemplate the erection of a 5,000 barrel flour mill at this point. Mr. F. A. Bean, Moose Jaw, is interested.

**Saskatoon, Sask.**—The St. James' Anglican Church congregation contemplate spending \$10,000 on a new church building. Mr. J. Eadon-Reaney is vestry clerk.

**St. Catharines, Ont.**—The Sterling Bank of Canada and the Traders Bank of Canada contemplate the erection of bank buildings in this city.

**St. Thomas, Ont.**—Secretary W. H. Tallman of the board of education states that the plans prepared by Architect John T. Findlay for the proposed extension to the collegiate, had been approved. Work is to be commenced as soon as the weather will permit.

**Thorold, Ont.**—A new paper plant for this town will employ between 150 and 200 men. The plant will be erected on the frontage facing Grand Trunk Railway tracks.

**Toronto, Ont.**—The I.O.O.F. Hall Association of Toronto, Limited, decided to build a new \$100,000 hall on their property at 220 College Street. The new building will be 130 feet long by 65 feet wide and will be fireproof throughout. It will be five stories high, and will have a large auditorium.

**Welland, Ont.**—The Canadian Steel Foundries are considering the erection of a \$150,000 plant in Welland. B. J. McCormick, Welland, has been looking after a suitable site, etc.

**Welland, Ont.**—Mr. Wellington Downing, of Erie, Pa., is interested in a project to erect a large hotel in this town during the coming year. The cost is estimated at \$150,000.

**Winnipeg, Man.**—The board of control has ordered the completion of plumbing work at the King Street sub-station, at an estimated cost of \$900. Mr. Glassco, power manager.

**Victoria, B.C.**—It is stated that certain improvements to the outer harbor, now pending, will necessitate the British Columbia Soap Co., and the British America Paint Co., building new plants.

**Victoria, B.C.**—Mr. M. Warren, architect, has completed plans for a new building to be erected for the Canada Mosaic Tile Company. The structure is to cost \$25,000. Mr. Warren will call for tenders for its construction shortly.

**Vancouver, B.C.**—Plans for the extension of the Great Northern Railway Company's docks at this point are being considered. These plans call for an additional 200 feet of concrete work. The head office of this company is in St. Paul, Minn., U.S.A.

**Vancouver, B.C.**—It is expected that two oil storage tanks will be constructed near the site of the present one at the Western Transfer shed. The tanks to be built will have a capacity of 55,000 barrels. They are to be built for the Canadian Pacific Railway.

**Vancouver, B.C.**—Mr. Abraham Grossman is interested in a ten-story structure to be erected in this city. It will be of steel and brick, and cost about \$500,000.

**Verdun, P.Q.**—The Federal Government are planning changes on the river front, where an up-to-date wharf and a properly dredged approach is expected to materialize early in the spring, thus enabling the corporation to complete the dyke and boulevard scheme, that is now practically finished, from the southern limits of the town to this point. Mr. H. Hadley, jr., town engineer.

**Victoria, B.C.**—A large warehouse being built for Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., is nearing completion. It is to be covered with galvanized iron.

## BRIDGES, ROADS AND PAVEMENTS.

**Niagara Falls, Ont.**—The chairman of the board of works and the city engineer, Mr. J. C. Gardner, will visit several near-by cities to inspect the pavement, in order that they will be able to render a report as to which kind of road covering is the most suitable.

**Ottawa, Ont.**—A deputation waited upon Hon. Frank Cochrane to urge a grant toward the construction of a bridge across the Rideau Canal at Pretoria Avenue. The estimated cost of the bridge, on plans prepared by the city engineer, Mr. N. J. Ker, is \$133,500. The land and building damages will total \$53,450, making a total of \$185,950. A report will be made.

**Province of Ontario.**—The Ontario Government intend spending an additional million dollars on country roads.

**Penticton, B.C.**—Mr. H. A. Turner, who has been superintending the surveys for new roads to be opened throughout the Okanagan during the coming summer, has plans for a new steel and concrete bridge which will span the Okanagan River on Fairview Road, near Penticton. Construction is to commence in the early spring.

**Thorold, Ont.**—The Thorold town council decided to do considerable permanent paving in the near future.

**Toronto, Ont.**—The Board of Control will advertise for tenders for the year's supply of asphalt. Specifications are to be drawn up by the City Engineer, Mr. Rust.

## FIRES.

**Guelph, Ont.**—\$1,000 damage was caused by fire to the biological building of the Agricultural College.

**Hamilton, Ont.**—The printing and stationery establishment of Robert Duncan was damaged by fire to the extent of \$200,000. Several nearby buildings were also damaged.

**Owen Sound, Ont.**—The Owen Sound Wire Fence Company was lately damaged by fire. Damage is estimated at \$3,000.

**Parry Sound, Ont.**—The ratepayers passed the by-law to bonus the iron works. Major Peuchen, of the Standard Chemical Company, Toronto, is interested.

**St. Boniface, Winnipeg, Man.**—The sash and door factory of the D. McCormick Company, in St. Boniface, was totally destroyed by fire with a loss of \$25,000 in buildings and machinery.

## CURRENT NEWS.

**Edmonton, Alta.**—The building permits of Edmonton and Strathcona for January 1912 amounted to \$167,600, an increase of 107.5 per cent. over the corresponding period in 1911. Strathcona is a recent addition to the City of Edmonton.

**Fort William, Ont.**—The municipal Board of Works are considering appointing a purchasing agent for all supplies not purchased by tender. A. McNaughton, city clerk.

**Masset, Queen Charlotte Islands, B.C.**—Residents of the town are asking the provincial government for an experimental farm, donkey engines for road work, a large appropriation for road construction, and for assistance for the settlers in draining the large areas of semi-swamp lands.

**New Liskeard, Ont.**—At the Temiskaming Telephone Company annual meeting a report was read which showed that the gross income of the company for 1911 was \$32,041.40.