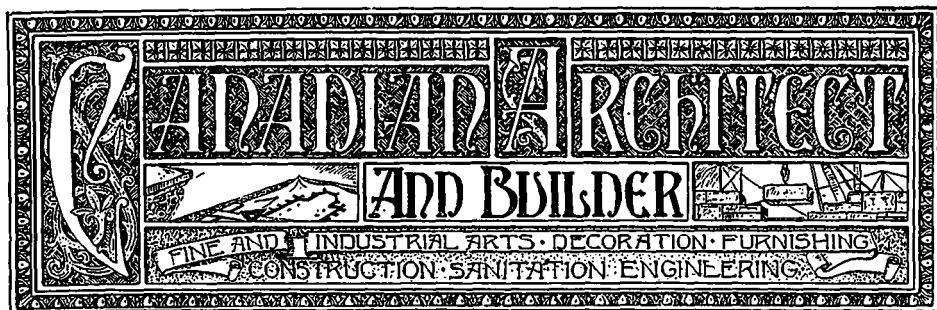




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THE pressure upon our space compels us to hold over several articles of interest for future publication. In our issue of March, we hope to present some thoughts for the consideration of Canadian Master Builders arising out of the proceedings of the recent meeting of the National Association of Builders of the United States, at St. Paul, Minn.

THE leakage of water from a street hydrant led to the sinking of one of the walls of the new Northern Pacific railway offices at Winnipeg. It has been found necessary to take the wall down and re-build it. The cost of so doing will amount to about \$6,000, and the owners of the building have entered an action against the city for the recovery of this sum.

MR. Sproatt's resignation of his position as City Engineer of Toronto, and the appointment of Mr. Jennings, of the C. P. R. staff, as his successor, are the most important matters with which the new City Council has been called upon to deal. It is understood that Mr. Sproatt's valuable services will be retained for the city as Assistant Engineer. In this capacity he will be relieved of the worry incident to the management of the Works Department, which has been the means of seriously impairing his health. Mr. Jennings, while more familiar perhaps with railway than civic engineering, is said to be an excellent manager, and this is what the situation appears to demand.

THE advisability of appointing a "city architect" is engaging the attention of the Toronto City Council. There is something to be said for and against such an appointment. It is undesirable that all city buildings should be designed by one architect. Variety and not uniformity of design should be the object sought. For this reason the method of employing the services of different architects is to be preferred. On the other hand, it is evident that the services of a capable superintendent of building construction for the city are much needed. The person appointed to this important position should be a thorough mathematician, and should be perfectly familiar with every detail of modern constructional methods.

ON a previous occasion we stated that the important work of plumbing inspection in a large and rapidly growing city like Toronto, could not be efficiently performed by two inspectors. Three or even four inspectors would be none too many. We are pleased to observe the following reference to the matter in the Mayor's inaugural message for the present year, indicating that an effort to secure greater efficiency in this department is likely to be made: "The inspectors of plumbing should also be maintained in sufficient number to do the work thoroughly and expeditiously. Last summer frequent complaints were made about delay in plumbing inspection, and I believe these delays arose from want of a sufficient number of men to do the work. It is very important for the health of the city that the Plumbing By-law should be efficiently carried out, and this can only be done by a competent and sufficiently numerous staff of inspectors."