

**RICHMOND, QUE.**—L. A. Vallee, engineer of the Quebec Public Works Department, recently inspected the various sites suggested for the new bridge between Richmond and Melbourne, towards which the Government has offered \$15,000.

**BERLIN, ONT.**—A deputation has been appointed to wait upon the government to discuss the improvement of the sewage system of the town.—The Berlin & Bridgeport Electric Railway Co. have elected W. H. Breithaupt as president. It is the intention to build the road this year.

**RAT PORTAGE, ONT.**—Major A. Carmichael contemplates building a three storey brick block on Main street.—A deputation from this vicinity last week waited upon the Ontario government requesting aid for the \$12,000 bridge across the Winnipeg river between Rat Portage and Keewatin.

**ST. MARYS, ONT.**—J. A. Humphris, architect, has plans out for brick residences for Dr. Smith, cost \$3,500, and for Ernest White, to cost \$3,200. Same architect is preparing plans for residences for Mrs. F. Farr, to cost \$2,000, Thomas Tremble, to cost \$1,200, and J. Billing, to cost \$1,000.

**KASLO, B.C.**—The city council will likely take steps this year to build a combined fire and drill hall.—Negotiations for the erection of a 200-ton smelter and refinery here have been concluded by a Glasgow syndicate represented by T. B. Stewart.

**SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT.**—A committee of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church will meet at an early date to consider the building of a new edifice.—R. H. Shrigley will build a new residence on Wellington street.—A London gentleman is considering the building of three stores, 35x100 feet, opposite the jail in this town.

**NELSON, B.C.**—A steel bridge is to replace the wooden structure across the Kootenay river a few miles south of this place. A steel bridge may also be built at the Slokan crossing.—The Public Works Department at Ottawa will take steps to remove the obstacles to navigation at the Narrows at the Arrow Lake.

**NORTH SYDNEY, N.S.**—W. A. McKay has been in town inspecting the electric light plant which his company expect to take over on February 1st, and which will be completely remodelled.—It is reported that Vooght Bros. intend to install an electric light plant in the departmental store that they are to erect in the spring.

**NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.**—It is rumored that the Bank of Hamilton will make extensive alterations to the Ganter block which they purchased recently.—The by-law to grant a bonus of \$2,500 to the McPherson Switch & Frog Co. will be submitted to the ratepayers on February 24th.—A number of local capitalists purpose erecting dwelling houses next spring.

**ORILLIA, ONT.**—At a special meeting of the vestry of St. James church held last week, the church-wardens were authorized to borrow \$3,500 for the purpose of erecting a new Sunday School building and putting in a new pipe organ. J. G. Sing, of the Dominion Public Works Department, took soundings last week for a wharf at Couchiching Beach Park, for which he has been instructed to prepare plans. The wharf will be 200 feet in length, on concrete piers.

**FERGUS, ONT.**—A cold storage and abattoir company, formed here, have instructed G. M. Bayley, architect, of Ottawa, to prepare the necessary plans, etc., for their building. The cold storage part of the work is to be erected accord-

ing to the Hanrahan system (J. F. Hanrahan, Ottawa), which system is the one adopted by the Ontario government. The system is also in use in lumber kilns, laundry driers, etc., with extraordinarily good results.

**SYDNEY, N.S.**—Capt. John Carlin proposes to erect on Carlotte street a three storey brick building, 83 x 75 feet, with marble and glass front, for which plans are now being prepared. Building operations at this place are expected to be very brisk next summer.—The Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co. have decided to develop coal areas at Sydney Mines. A branch railway two miles in length will be constructed.—The Cape Breton Electric Co. are about to commence the construction of proposed tramway.

**VICTORIA, B.C.**—It is reported that Matthew & Son, builders, of this city, are about closing negotiations with a British syndicate for the erection of fifty good-sized houses in this city during the next two years.—The contract has not yet been awarded for the new cable station. Plans were prepared by Thomas Hooper, architect, of this city.—The city engineer has communicated with a number of bridge experts throughout the United States and Canada regarding the preparation of plans for the superstructure of the Point Ellice bridge, the idea being to have the substructure built by day labor.

**COLLINGWOOD, ONT.**—The council has recommended that the Public Library Board have plans prepared immediately for the proposed library building.—The council will advertise for sites on which to build the proposed grist mill and the new premises of the Zock Jewelry Co.—Among other matters to be considered by the council this year will be the rebuilding of the town wharf, the heating of the municipal buildings, and the construction of additional sewers.

**ST. THOMAS, ONT.**—In his inaugural address to the city council the Mayor recommends that steps be taken to secure the establishment of a quarantine station here, and that a committee be appointed to secure the extension of the street railway system.—Thomas Bros., of Norwich, purpose making the buildings to be built here larger than was at first intended. The plant will cover an area of 200 square feet and will be three storeys high throughout. They purpose manufacturing washboards, butter boxes and box shooks for the export trade.

**VANCOUVER, B.C.**—The by-law to provide a site for new hospital was carried by the ratepayers on the 10th inst.—It is stated that David Spencer, of Victoria, has decided to erect a fine building on his property on the south-west corner of Hastings and Homer streets in this city.—The Minister of Public Works has advised the Board of Trade that the question of building a new federal building here will be considered immediately.—Work will be commenced at once to build a brick and stone hotel on Water street, to contain 29 bedrooms, dining room and billiard parlor. The present lessee of the Western Hotel will take over the new house.

**HAMILTON, ONT.**—The trustees of Erskine church have decided to renovate the church and remodel the galleries, at cost of \$2,000.—It is the intention of the Sewers Committee to commence work on the proposed trunk sewer as soon as possible.—G. M. Mills, architect, has prepared plans for four handsome houses to be erected on York street by Thomas Crooks, for which contracts will be awarded in a few days. Mr. Mills has also in hand a new store for the Fowler Canadian Co., to have plate glass windows and marble counters and fittings,

also extensive alterations to foundry of the D. Moore Company.—The authorities of St. John's Presbyterian church have decided to install a new organ, at a cost of \$1,800.

**WINNIPEG, MAN.**—The city clerk is this week taking tenders for the construction of a sewer along Spence street from Portage avenue to Broadway.—The Elmwood Cemetery Co. are taking tenders for sewer construction.—It is said that the estimates of the Canadian Pacific Railway for this year may provide for a new station in this city.—The Attorney General's department has drawn the attention of the city council to the necessity of building a morgue.—Charles Chamberlain has just returned from New York, where he is said to have completed arrangements with capitalists for the erection of pulp and paper mills and the development of 100,000 horse power on the Winnipeg river, 65 miles from this city.

**OTTAWA, ONT.**—It is probable that the Presbyterians of the Glebe will build a new church in the near future.—The Department of Railways and Canals are asking for tenders up to Wednesday, 29th inst., for widening and strengthening the north bank of the Cornwall canal, east of Pitts street, in the town of Cornwall.—In his inaugural address the Mayor emphasized the importance of building a bridge over the canal at Somerset street and or extending the water service to the rifle ranges.—The Board of Trade will probably take steps to erect a building for the purposes of the Board.—James and George Clarke, of New York city, and Thomas Meaney, of Toronto, will apply to the Dominion Parliament for an act incorporating a company to develop water powers and construct railways, wharves, pulp mill, etc.—Incorporation has been granted to the Pontiac Power Co., capital \$100,000, head office in this city. Louis Simpson and J. C. Brooke are interested in the company.

**QUEBEC, QUE.**—The civic authorities have decided to expend \$50,000 this year upon the proposed park on the Plains of Abraham.—It is understood that A. A. Masservey has purchased the Pageau property, corner St. Stanislas and Elgin streets, and will build a terrace of houses in the near future.—It is understood that the Marine Department has decided to erect a permanent pier at the Lower Traverse. Work on the structure will be commenced immediately.—A representative of the Dominion Coal Co. has interviewed the harbor commissioners respecting the lease of a portion of the Louise Basin. If satisfactory arrangements can be made, the company will establish a plant here for distributing purposes, at a cost of \$75,000.—It is said that J. Lane has transferred his franchise for an electric railway from Three Rivers to Shawinigan Falls to the Belguim Syndicate, of the latter place, who will commence the work at once.—Roy & Cannon, solicitors, will apply for the incorporation of the New Richmond Timber Co., to build pulp and paper mills.

**MONTREAL, QUE.**—R. J. Inglis has decided to erect a four storey building on the north side of St. Catharine street, between Tooke Bros. and the Marler building. The plans prepared by McVicar & Heriot, architects, show a four storey structure of Indiana limestone. There will be two large stores on the ground floor, passenger elevator, steam heating, and improved plumbing. The main store will be finished in quartered oak, with tapistry fabrics on the walls, and heavy oak ceiling. The store on the east side will be finished in whitewood. The upper store will be laid out for business offices.—U. H. Dandurand states that he is negotiating for property in the east end on which a syndicate desires to