brick building to be erected on Hastings street. — Preparations for the construction of the mill of the Oriental Pulp, Paper and Power Company at Swanson Bay are now proceeding and the work will likely be commenced by April next. J. M. Mackinnon is the resident manager of the company. — Dalton & Eveleigh, architects, have prepared plans for a fine block to be erected on Pender street, between Homer and Hamilton streets. It will contain a large ball room, bowling alleys and up-to-date cafes and grill rooms. The ground floor will be divided into three stores. The building is to be erected for W. Ackland Hood, an English capitalist, and is estimated to cost \$45,000.—Colonel W. Dickey proposes to establish a plant for the manufacture of sand-lime brick, at an estimated cost of \$40,000.—The City Council are asking for tenders for an asphalt pawement on Nelson street, irom Granville street to Stanley park, and wood block pavement on Seymour and Richard streets, between Hastings and Pender streets.—J. J. Tracy, engineer in charge of the Great Northern Railway survey party, states that the survey of the line from Midway to Hope, B.C., has been completed and work will be commenced in the Government for water rights to be taken out of the Capilano above the Canyon, his intention being to erect a dam 200 feet high above the water end. — Capitalists interested in railway enterprises on the coast are planning an electric railway between this city and Portland, Oregon.—An eastern capitalist, represented by Richards & Akroyd, has purchased the Canadian Bank of Commerce building and later on may erect a new structure on the site.

TORONTO, ONT.—The Grand Jury, in its presentment before Judge Winchesterlast week, recommended that a new asylum be erected to replace the present buildings on Queen street west, and that a training school for nurses be established.—The Ontario Government are

considering the erection of an addition to the Parliament buildings in this city.—York Township Council still have \$40,000 of debentures for sale, none of the tenders recently submitted having been accepted. —The College of Physicians and Surgeons have appointed a committee to secure a suitable site and arrange for plans for a new building to be used solely as the headquarters of the college.—In addition to the buildings now under construction in connection with the University of Toronto, plans have been prepared for a new building for the department of physics to cost about \$225,000. The project for men's residences will likely take tangible shape this year, as plans are now being prepared for four dwellings to be erected on the corner of Hoskin ave. and Devonter of the corner of Hoskin ave.

shire place, to cost about \$50,000 each. In connection with the department of botany it is proposed to erect plant houses costing approximately \$10,000, and to provide space for the display of the collections in the departments of mineralogy and geology, President Loudon says that a wing will probably be added to the new chemistry and mining building on College street.—Building permits have been granted as follows: Mrs. I. Wilson, 2½-storey brick dwelling, Emerson avenue, cost \$3,000; A. Pennock, 2½-storey brick dwelling, Gore Vale avenue, near Robinson st., cost \$2,500; A. Pennock, 2½-storey brick dwelling, Gore Vale avenue, near Queen st., cost \$2,500; J. B. Andrew, 2½-storey brick dwelling, Jameson avenue, pear King st., cost \$6,000; W. Clark, 2-storey brick veneered

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