

Mr. John Galt, C.E. and M.E., Toronto. G. T. Somers, reeve.

NELSON, B. C.—C. S. Drummond will make application to the city council for a charter for electric street railways to be built in the towns in this vicinity. Mr. Drummond represents the British Electric Traction Company, of London, England.

HALIFAX, N.S.—On Wednesday of last week the corner stone of Pine Hill College was laid. The new building will be of brick and stone, and will cost \$18,000.—Plans have been completed for the elevator to be built here by the Dominion government.

RIVER DU LOUP, QUE.—The town council has decided to have a system of waterworks. Mr. Shanley, civil engineer, of Montreal, will have charge of the work. Mr. Thomas Crockett, of this place, has acquired the control of the waterworks from the town council.

LINDSAY, ONT.—The town clerk writes that the tenders for steel bridge are still unopened. Regarding the sanitary sewer, the council has decided to carry out the work by day labor.—The Mayor has been authorized by the council to purchase a breaking plough for road-making.

WOODS ROCK, N. B.—Work on the development of the Grand Falls water power has commenced. A large building about 80x300 feet, will be erected, and there will be nearly a mile of railway built to connect with the C. P. R. Between two and three thousand dollars will be spent on the works.

RAT PORTAGE, ONT.—The Orange Society have decided to build a music hall on Second street, to be 50 by 120 feet and two storeys in height. The town engineer has been authorized to make a plan for general sewerage of the town.—The construction of a sewer from Martha street to Fort street, cost \$1,600, is proposed.

VICTORIA, B. C.—W. S. Gore, Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works, wants tenders by August 13th for erection of gaol at Vernon.—A rumor is current on the Pacific coast that the Imperial government is about to acquire the entire site of Esquimalt village for the purposes of fortification works and dock extension.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—Granolithic sidewalks will be constructed on the following streets: Perth street, both sides, King street to Grand Trunk Railway, cost \$3,680; Church street, north side, Perth street to Beecher street, cost \$1,340; King street, south side, Broad street to St. Andrew street, cost \$478; King street, south side, Apple to Kincaid street, cost \$900.

COLLINGWOOD, ONT.—Tenders for building a manse in McMurchy's Settlement are invited by A. M. Allister up to August 11th. Plans at office of Wilson Bros.—The Collingwood Meat Company have had plans prepared for an office building, brick, one story, and 28x40 feet. The interior will be finished throughout with selected white ash and finished in hard oil.

STRATFORD, ONT.—Mr. W. F. Van Buskirk, city engineer, has presented to the council an exhaustive report on sewage purification, in which he recommends the adoption of a system of filtration. He estimates the cost as follows: Two tanks (90x50) with necessary valves, screens and discharge pipes, \$7,400; sludge well, \$600; seven filters (100x60) with pipes, valves, etc., \$9,860; outlet pipe from beds, \$1,215; incidentals and engineering, \$1,907.

LONDON, ONT.—A. O. Graydon, city engineer, wants tenders by Thursday next for building tile sewer and drain on Duchess avenue. The Sewerage Committee has again recommended the city council to adopt the international system of sewage treatment. The engineer has advised a delay of a few months.—A building permit has been issued to A. M. Keenleyside for a two story brick resi-

dence on King street, south side, near Waterloo street, to cost \$2,200.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The management of the Grand Trunk Railway announce that the necessary arrangements are being made to commence operations on the new office building at once.—The Road Committee have asked the Finance Committee for an extra appropriation of \$12,000, to be devoted as follows: \$7,000 for paving Maisonneuve street: \$2,000 for work on Logan Park, and \$3,000 to repair St. Catherine street east.—The sum of \$15,700 has been granted for the erection of No. 7 fire station.

QUEBEC, QUE.—Peachey & Dussault have prepared plans for five double houses which Mr. L. H. Gaudry proposes to erect on Maple avenue, to cost from \$2,200 to \$3,500.—It is rumored that the Minister of Public Works has decided to extend the wharves at Ile-aux-Coudres, Cap-a-l-Aigle, Cacouna, Riviere du Loup and Baie St. Paul.—E. A. Hoare, engineer of the Quebec Bridge Company, has returned from a consultation with the chief engineer of the Department of Public Works, and will prepare specifications and call for tenders for the building of the bridge at once.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The by-law to raise \$50,000 for the construction of sewers was defeated by the ratepayers last week. The Sewers Committee has \$15,000 on hand, which will be expended in building the sewers most urgently needed.—Building permits have been granted as follows: W. A. Edwards, store and dwelling, corner Queen and Robinson streets, for M. Leland, cost \$1,750; A. W. Peene, brick weigh house for the city, cost \$670.—W. F. Witton, architect, is taking tenders this week for the erection of a factory building for Geo. E. Tucket & Co.—A pipe sewer will be constructed on King street, cost \$800.

OTTAWA, ONT.—A company, represented by T. Lindsay, has applied to the city council for permission to sell electric light and power within the city limits.—It is rumored that the Ottawa Electric Railway Company has purchased the Ottawa and Gatineau Valley railway and will convert it into an electric road. A proposition is being considered to utilize the water power of the Little Chaudiere as an auxiliary to the waterworks.—Building permits were last week granted as follows: Chas. Magee, frame dwelling, Lewis street, cost \$1,500, and frame dwelling on Charles street, same cost; Patrick Kennedy, on behalf of the Lutheran congregation, brick veneered school building, on Nelson street, cost \$3,200; Holbrook and Sutherland, addition to Grand opera house, cost \$800; Robt. Fregin, frame dwelling, Fourth avenue, cost \$1,600; Thos. Ahearn, brick addition to dwelling on Maria street, cost \$2,000.

BRANTFORD, ONT.—The by-law providing \$50,000 for flood protection works was carried by the ratepayers last week.—Tenders are wanted by Wm. Farr for the erection of a residence. Geo. W. Hall is architect.—The by-law to raise funds for the purchase of a road roller was defeated.—The survey for right of way on the Brantford & Woodstock Railway has been completed from a point north of the town of Woodstock to a point on the T. H. & B., 2½ miles above the city limits. It is probable that the road will be built on this survey. It is said that there will be used in the construction of the road 4,500 tons of 90-pound steel rails, 72,000 cedar ties, 15,000 fence posts, 52 miles of wire fencing, 2 miles of cast iron ornamental fence; 700 cubic yards of cut grey limestone, and over 3,000 tons of steel and iron for bridge and other purposes. Contracts will be let for driving nearly two miles of piles and for hauling gravel and material, also for five steel buildings and for building four brick depots. The repair shops will not be built at once.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—A gentleman has purchased property on River avenue on which to build a fine residence.—It is the intention of the Winnipeg Shoe Company to enlarge their factory.—The city engineer estimates the cost of asphalt pavement, 94 feet wide, with dressed stone curb, on Portage avenue, from Main street to Donald street, at \$43,000. The work will be proceeded with.—None of the tenders received for the construction of a waterworks system having been found satisfactory, the city engineer has recommended the adoption of a system of eight inch wells, at 200 feet intervals, 100 to 120 feet deep, arranged so that it may be extended in depth, if necessary, at the diameter of 6 inches. The council has decided to again invite tenders in pursuance of the engineer's recommendation.—The plans and specifications for the proposed Y.M.C.A. building to be erected on the corner of Portage avenue and Smith street, have been completed by the architect, Mr. George Browne. Canvassing for subscriptions will commence at once, and as soon as enough funds have been raised the erection of the building will be proceeded with.

TORONTO, ONT.—Gordon & Sampson, solicitors, of this city, give notice that application will be made at the present session of the Ontario Legislature, for an act to incorporate the Haliburton, Whitney & Mattawa Railway, with power to construct a railway from a point near the present terminus of the Grand Trunk Railway at Haliburton to a point on the Ottawa, Arnprior & Parry Sound Railway, near the village of Whitney, and from thence to a point near Mattawa.—The Canadian Practitioner and the Canadian Medical Journal have been advocating the establishment of a sanitarium for consumptives adjacent to Toronto. The cottage plan is recommended.—At a recent meeting of the York County Commissioners, it was decided not to assist the village of Markham in rebuilding the bridge that crosses the Rouge river south-east of the village.—The officials of Euclid avenue Methodist church have for some time past been considering the advisability of reconstructing their present church, or building a new one. It has now been decided to make extensive improvements to the old building. The sum of \$6,000 has already been subscribed.—P. Gibson & Sons, township engineers, have prepared plans for the erection of bridges over Black Creek, on the 5th concession of West York, and over the Don, on the 4th concession east, tenders for which will be taken at once.

FIRES.

The fires of the past week included the following: Montreal Linotype Company's factory on St. Antoine street, Montreal; loss on building, \$25,000; insurance, \$20,000. The loss on plant is placed at \$100,000.—Gilmour & Co.'s saw mill, two miles north of Campbellford, Ont.; heavy loss.—Coulson frame block at Niagara Falls, Ont., together with brick stables of Windsor hotel; loss, \$5,000; partially covered by insurance.—Brick residence of John Jefferson, near Paris, Ont., loss \$3,000.—Several buildings at Pugwash, N. S., including buck dwelling of W. H. Brown, American hotel, dwellings of T. Langille, Samuel Power, William Jemmission, Hance Hollis and others; loss, \$35,000.—Monpetit's sash and door factory, Bray's carriage factory and several dwellings at Coteau Station, Que., loss over \$30,000.—Steamer D. L. Mather, owned by Keewatin Lumber Company, Keewatin, Ont.—Hotel at Westfield, N.S., owned by L. H. Vaughan.—Property at Waterville, Que., owned by Gale & Co.; loss \$10,000.—Queen's hotel at Ridgetown, Ont., owned by Mr. Roach; insurance on building, \$9,000.