

St. Vital, Man.—Plans have been prepared by the municipal engineer, Mr. D. R. Baribault, calling for the expenditure of \$500,000 on sewer and water system improvements. The plans call for the erection of a water purification plant to cost \$200,000.

Toronto, Ont.—The municipal council are considering the following works expenditure:

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| New meters | \$100,000 |
| Two 36-inch mains under tracks, Main Pumping Station to Front Street | 44,450 |
| 42-inch main along Front Street to Bathurst Street | 55,048 |
| 24-inch main along Niagara Street to Queen Street | 33,535 |
| 36-inch main cross town line, Beverley Street to Sumach Street | 148,477 |

North Vancouver, B.C.—The municipal council intend to spend \$137,000 on sewers and roadways.

BUILDINGS AND INDUSTRIAL WORKS.

Calgary, Alta.—A report states that the Sunlight Soap interests are considering the matter of establishing a factory in this city. Mr. Knight is the manager of the Toronto branch.

Calgary, Alta.—The management of the Canada Life Assurance Company are planning to erect a business structure at this point. The building is to be 75 x 80 of Gothic design and entirely fireproof. It is to be six stories in height. The head office of this company is in Toronto; Mr. J. W. Flavelle is the president.

Calgary, Alta.—Mr. E. Demiele is interested in the construction of a garage to cost \$30,000. A permit has been secured for this work. The location is Eleventh Avenue between First and Second Street.

Fort William, Ont.—R. Vigars is having plans prepared for a 3-story apartment house to be erected on corner of Court and Van Norman Streets. Estimated cost, \$25,000.

Levis, Que.—Representatives of the shipping interests have interviewed the federal government on the question of increasing the drydock facilities at this point. There are now fifteen ships on the St. Lawrence River too large for the drydocks now in use. Mr. Allen was the principal speaker of the delegation.

Lethbridge, Alta.—The Rice Malting Company, Winnipeg, Man., are contemplating the erection of a plant at this point. Mr. P. H. Rice is the manager at Winnipeg.

Moose Jaw, Sask.—A by-law calling for the expenditure of \$6,000 for exhibition improvements, will be placed before the municipal ratepayers.

Moose Jaw, Sask.—The municipal council will submit a by-law to the ratepayers seeking authority to erect a \$70,000 public library.

Saskatoon, Sask.—The plans for the hospital have been approved by the municipal council. The first portion to be constructed will be 160 x 48 feet, but the completed structure calls for a building 960 feet long and two wings 240 feet long, also a nurses' home and accommodation for fifteen hundred patients.

Saskatoon, Sask.—Mr. Allen Bowerman will erect a six-story building in this city. The new building will be of fireproof structure throughout. It is to have a frontage of 140 feet on 21st street and will run 75 feet south.

St. John, N.B.—The Canada Brush Company, Ltd., are erecting a new plant in this city. Machinery and raw material were ordered some time ago, and have been shipped from Germany, London and New York. It is intended to employ about seventy hands at the start, and it is expected that the company will be in full working order by May 1. Mr. John O'Regan of this city is interested in the project.

Toronto, Ont.—The Harbor Commissioners have instructed their engineer, Mr. Cousins, to prepare plans for the completion of the sea wall. When these are completed the board will confer with the municipal council with a view to have this work completed at an early date.

Toronto, Ont.—The congregation of St. Andrew's Church, King Street West, are about to erect a new parish building, to cost about \$50,000. Mr. S. G. Curry, architect, is at present preparing the plans. The structure is to be completed by December 1st next.

Toronto, Ont.—The municipal council are considering the erection of the following fire halls:—

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| Greenwood Avenue Fire Hall | \$30,000 |
| Purchase price of site | 7,004 |
| Wychwood Fire Hall | 30,000 |
| Purchase price of site | 7,004 |
| Roncesvalles Avenue Fire Hall | 25,000 |
| Purchase price of site | 7,000 |
| Spare stable and supply in rear of the Adelaide Street Fire Hall | 0,000 |

Victoria, B.C.—The Barbor Mattress Company, of Vancouver, are planning to erect a three-story frame factory on Topaz Street. The fire chief will be consulted in the matter.

Winnipeg, Man.—The municipal council has authorized the expenditure of \$1,405,070 to extend the water supply. It is the intention of that body to obtain an additional supply from Poplar Springs and thus increase the available daily supply by 20,000,000 gallons.

Winnipeg, Man.—Messrs. Finnie and Murray have received a permit to erect an \$85,000 warehouse in this city. Plans for six tall buildings have been placed in the hands of the building inspector for approval.

BRIDGES, ROADS AND PAVEMENTS.

Calgary, Alta.—Plans for several new bridges have been prepared by the city engineer, Mr. J. F. Childs. If these plans are approved by the council the cost will be \$829,200. Several aldermen and councillors are reported to be in favor of using concrete for the materials of the above. If this is carried the cost will be about 40 per cent. above the estimate as quoted for steel structures.

Province of Manitoba.—The provincial legislature has set aside \$100,000 per year, to be used for permanent highway construction and maintenance throughout the province.

Moose Jaw, Sask.—A by-law is to be submitted to the ratepayers of this municipality calling for the expenditure of \$160,000 for pavement improvements.

Nelson, B.C.—This municipality is to have a \$75,000 bridge across the Kootenay River, if the engineer now preparing a report gives a favorable reply. Provincial Premier McBride stated that it is to be a government project.

Toronto, Ont.—The municipal council are considering the erection of the following bridges:—

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| Crawford Street, reinforced concrete arch with girder span approaches | \$ 29,450 |
| Strachan Avenue, two steel plate girder spans, concrete floor, Class A, exclusive of land damages | 58,200 |
| Cattle market, steel lattice girder bridge on steel bench and steel approach ramps | 14,900 |
| Riverdale Foot Bridges, raising over span and adding two new spans over railway tracks | 12,000 |
| Gerrard Street Bridge, new bridge and river span— If of steel | 151,800 |
| If of concrete | 200,000 |

FIRES.

Aylmer, Ont.—The pump works of Mr. Jas. Gillett were destroyed by fire on February 20th.

Chatham, Ont.—The elevator of the Canada Flour Mills Company was damaged by fire to the extent of \$3,000.

Toronto, Ont.—The hide and fur establishment of Messrs. Hallam & Company was damaged by fire to the extent of \$6,000.

CURRENT NEWS.

Province of British Columbia.—According to report the provincial government will spend \$16,000,000 on improvements in that province during the next few months. The programme includes the construction of eight hundred and seventy miles of track.

Fort William, Ont.—The federal government are taking steps toward the leasing of two grain elevators at this point.