

day last, and the following recommendations were passed: (1) that the plans and details of the proposed system and the disposal of the sewage for the north part of the town as set forth in the report of Mr. W. M. Davis, the engineer in charge, be approved of and (2) that the sewage from the south side of the town be pumped, so that it can be used in filtering beds similar to that from the watershed at as early a date as possible.

PETROLEA, ONT.—Excavating has begun for J. A. Johnston's, Brantford, new hotel near the M. C. R. station. It will be 80 x 125 feet, 3 stories, brick, with all modern improvements and accommodation for 75 guests. Anderson & Dillion will build at once a new hotel, next the Johnston house, brick, to accommodate 40 guests.—The by-law to construct a waterworks system will shortly be voted on. Mr. Wilks Chipman, C. E., recommends the Lake Huron scheme.—Mr. Gordon will shortly install a new engine, boiler and alternator for his electric light plant.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Costello & McMorran, cannery, have decided to build a four-story hotel with basement, on the corner of Cambie and Hastings streets. The basement will contain billiard room, baggage rooms, bar, lavatories, etc., and on the three upper floors will be 60 bedrooms. The building will be of cut stone and pressed brick, with carved capitals and arches, electric light and gas, steam and water pipes, fire escapes and roof of galvanized iron. The architect is Mr. Blackmore. The work of excavating for the foundations of the new block has already been commenced, but the building will not be erected immediately.

HAMILTON, ONT.—R. O. and A. B. McKay are considering the advisability of constructing a 1,200 ton freight boat of steel or composite, at a cost of about \$60,000.—Building permits have been granted as follows: Milne & Lyall, two story bk. dwelling on Hilton street, cost \$1,000.—The Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Electric Railway Co propose to erect a station north of the reservoir.—E. A. C. Pew, the railway promoter, had an interview with the Council regarding his proposition to bring electric power to Hamilton by a waterway from the Grand River, and stated that as soon as a franchise was granted work would be proceeded with.

MONCTON, N. B.—Mr. D. Pottinger, general manager Intercolonial Railway, invites tenders until Wednesday, the 27th inst. for the supply of ties and switch ties required by the railway for renewals. 340,000 will be required, between the following points: Halifax and Stellarton, 40,000; Windsor Junction and Windsor, 10,000; New Glasgow and Port Mulgrave 30,000; Truro and Painsac Junction, 40,000; Point du Chene and St. John, 40,000; Moncton & Newcastle, 34,000; Newcastle and Campbellton, 30,000; Campbellton and St. Flavie, 38,000; St. Flavie and River du Loup, 17,000; River du Loup and Ludlow, 30,000; Oxford Junction and Pictou, 20,000; Point Fupper and Sydney, 9,000.

QUEBEC, QUE.—Hon. P. Garneau, President of the Great Northern railway, has stated that if the city loan of \$250,000 is put in legal shape without further delay the company will place additional sections of the road under contract. They will also build a number of freight cars in Quebec during the coming winter and will arrange to construct car shops here so as to build all the rolling stock in the city.—The Women's Christian Association have decided to build an addition to their building for young women, and to convert the present building into a home for old ladies. The cost of the improvements is placed at \$10,000, for which subscriptions are being received.—P. E. Danjou in-

tends to erect a new residence and store in the spring.—Thos. Raymond, architect, has prepared plans for the erection of an ice tower for the approaching winter carnival.

MONTREAL, QUE.—A new building, to cost \$20,000 is to be erected at the corner of St. James street and Victoria Square, upon the property of Mr. Alexander McDonald. The building will be three stories, constructed of pressed brick, 78 feet on St. James street and 85 feet on Victoria Square.—Notice has been given by the Road Department that it is proposed to construct a sewer on Concord street, from end of existing sewer westward.—The Road Committee has resolved to pave Notre Dame street east with asphalt.—The North Nation Valley Colonization Railway Co. will apply to the Provincial Government for incorporation to build a railway from Montebello or Papineauville in a northerly direction, passing through the townships of Ripton, Hartwell, etc., and forming a junction with the prolongation of the St. Jerome branch of the C. P. R. Among the promoters are: W. Owens, of Montebello; Jos. Bourque, of Hull, M. Joubert, of Ripon, and S. R. Poulin, C. E., of Montebello.—The owners of the old Erskine church property have completed arrangements for the building of a three storey store at the corner of Peel and St. Catharine streets, to be used as a piano establishment for C. W. Lindsay. It is to be completed by May next.—J. A. Chausse, architect, is calling for tenders for alterations of premises, 137 and 139 Cascade street.

TORONTO, ONT.—The T. Eaton Co. are said to have purchased the property at the southwest corner of James and Louisa streets, the intention being to erect a large publishing house thereon.—The Fire Underwriters' Association has offered to lower the rates of insurance if the city will construct a 24-inch main on Front street.—A sub-committee of the Industrial School Board appointed to report on needed improvements, have recommended among other things, that the Ontario Government be requested to purchase the institution, and that the purchase money obtained from the Government be utilized in the erection of suitable buildings for the indigent poor of the city.—A site for the proposed consumptives hospital is said to have been selected by Dr. Bryce and W. G. Gage. It will be located near Gravenhurst, that town offering a bonus of \$8,000 and a free site. A by-law will at once be submitted to the ratepayers of Gravenhurst to raise the amount, after which work will be commenced.—The recommendation of the City Engineer to the Board of Works, presented on Monday last, that a new steel intake pipe be constructed to replace the present wooden conduit across the bay, was passed by the Board, and the Council will be asked to place the amount of \$75,000 in the estimates next year, to cover the cost of the work. The recommendations for water mains on Springhurst avenue and on North Drive were also passed.—Building permits have been granted as follows: F. L. Napolitana, 2 storey bk. dwelling, 13 Elm st., cost \$1,200; W. F. Petry, 8 St. Mary st., pr. s. d. 2 storey and attic bk. dwellings, 25 and 27 St. Joseph st., cost \$5,000; J. A. Summers, mansard roof and additions to store 151 King st. e., cost \$2,500.

OTTAWA, ONT.—A new custom house will probably be erected in this city at an early date. Mr. Joseph Kavanagh, president of the Board of Trade, is said to have been informed by one of the ministers that the government would place in the estimates this session an amount sufficient to cover the work, which it is estimated will cost about \$200,000. The plans have already been prepared, and work will likely be commenced next spring.—John Davidson has

purchased a lot at the corner of Metcalfe and Waverley streets.—Architect Alexander has prepared plans for a solid brick block containing six stores on Dalhousie street, between Murray and St. Patrick streets. The block will be three stories high, with 99 feet frontage on Dalhousie street, and 33 feet depth on Murray street, and the upper flats will be fitted up for dwellings. Every alternate store will have basement and cellar, which will be 9 feet deep, 7 feet of which will be blasted out of solid rock. The store fronts will consist of ornamental brick and plate glass windows. Tenders for the work will be invited early in January next.—The City Council have decided that the main drainage scheme be laid over until next year, and that in the meantime the services of competent engineers be obtained to consult with the city engineer.—The petition has been presented to Council for a syenite pavement on Sussex street, from Rideau to St. Patrick streets.—The Upper Ottawa Improvement Co., invite offers until the 18th inst. for the purchase of 20 debentures of \$3,000 each. Address G. B. Greene, secretary.—The Building Committee of the Protestant hospital is called to take immediate action for the erection of the new wing.—An influential deputation of citizens recently waited on the government asking assistance towards the construction of the Montreal, Ottawa and Georgian Bay canal. The proposed canal will form a waterway from Lake Huron to Montreal, and the work necessary would be the cutting of a canal through the height of land between the Mattawa river and Lake Nipissing, some improvements on the French river and improvements on the Ottawa river, where it is too rapid for purposes of navigation. The total estimate of the cost of the work is \$15,000,000. The company has asked the Imperial Government for a grant of \$3,000,000. The Dominion Government have not as yet taken any action in the matter, but promised consideration.—The Dominion Government has decided to make an offer to the corporation of Ottawa to pay two-thirds of the cost of the proposed new bridge over the Rideau canal at Maria and Rideau streets. The bridge, it is said, will be a substantial steel structure resting upon solid mason work abutments. The estimated cost will be in the neighborhood of \$30,000 and work will be commenced at the earliest possible date, after plans have been prepared and the agreement entered into with the city.—The City Council will make application to the government for a special act by which permanent pavements can be laid under the local improvement by-laws, the city engineer having recommended the paving of a number of streets.

FIRES.

The Georgian Bay Box factory at Midland, Ont., was completely destroyed by fire a few days ago. Loss, \$7,000; insurance, \$5,000. The carriage shop of S. F. Andress, at Caintown, Ont., has been burned. No insurance.—Thompson & Smith's livery and feed stables at Minnedosa, have been burned. John Cada's flour mill at Pike Creek, Ont., on the shore of Lake St. Clair, was burned to the ground on the 9th inst. Loss about \$20,000; insurance, \$5,000.—Urlin Bros.' store at Dutton, Ont., was burned last week.—James Brown's saw mill, on the Kent Northern Railway, five miles from Kent Junction, N. B., was destroyed by fire last week.—Gardner's hardware store, the Salvation Army barracks and the County Clerk's office at Rapid City, Man., were burned recently. The building was owned by Mr. J. M. Hall.—The storage warehouse of J. W. Hill, corner William and Queen streets, Montreal, was damaged by fire last week to the extent of \$100,000; the loss being principally on