

permitting the town to issue \$1,500 of debentures for improvements to the waterworks system without submitting the question to the ratepayers.

SEAFORTH, ONT.—The Canada Furniture Manufacturers will now proceed with the erection of their factory, the ratepayers having agreed to a loan of \$20,000.

GUELPH, ONT.—By-laws were carried to raise \$30,000 to extend and improve the street railway and buy a park, and \$7,000 for waterworks improvements, including a new filter. The by-law for \$23,000 to enlarge the Collegiate Institute was defeated.

TILBURY, ONT.—W. C. Crawford has purchased the mill site of H. Sloan and will at once install saw, heading and planing mill machinery. — The Village Council have petitioned the Minister of Public Works, Ottawa, to build a dock at the mouth of Baptiste Creek.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The deal for the property on which the new armory is to be erected was closed last week. It is expected that work will be commenced in spring.—By-laws were carried here on Monday to raise \$50,000 for an addition to the hospital and \$15,000 for market improvements.

CHATHAM, ONT.—J. L. Wilson & Son, architects, are preparing plans for remodelling the store occupied by Mrs. Kelly, King street, and the Tilt store.—By-laws were carried here on Monday last to aid the Defiance Iron Works in establishing a factory and to raise \$41,000 or a new market building.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The Protestant Board of School Commissioners have not yet secured a site on which to erect the proposed Senior school. — The Government will probably be petitioned to build a branch post office on St. Catherine street at some central point in St. James' Division.

VICTORIA, B. C.—W. W. Butler, of his city, is forming a company to establish cement works at some point along Puget Sound. — Moore & Wittington, contractors, have made application to the Dominion Government for water-front privileges at the end of Pleasant street, the intention being to erect a saw mill.

STRATFORD, ONT.—The joint committees of the City Council and Board of Trade have decided upon the terms upon which the C. P. R. may enter this city. The road is to be built within a year and the construction will probably commence next spring.—The ratepayers approved of by-laws to raise \$50,000 for extension and improvement of the waterworks system, \$7,000 to complete the sewage disposal plant, and \$3,000 for the erection of a morgue.

EDMONTON, N.W.T.—It is understood that a local architect is preparing plans for a new opera house to be built here.—D. R. Fraser & Co. propose to construct dams, booms and other improvements on the Saskatchewan river above this town. — A meeting of the Board of Trade and Town Council was held last week to consider the question of constructing a union railway and traffic bridge between Edmonton and Strathcona. The project was favored.

OTTAWA, ONT.—Mr. Ewart, chief architect of the Public Works Department, and John McDougall, Commissioner of Customs, have visited several United States cities inspecting customs examining warehouses with the object of obtaining ideas to be embodied in the new warehouses to be built in Toronto and other cities.—The Temiskaming and Mechiskam Dam Co. has been incorporated, with a capital of \$100,000, to build a dam across the southern outlet of Lake Temiskaming near the terminus of the

C.P.R. E. B. Eddy and W. H. Rowley are among the incorporators.

BRANTFORD, ONT.—It is said that the Bell Telephone Co. are considering the erection of a new building here.—Stewart, Witton & Taylor, architects, have prepared plans for extensive additions to the works of the Wm. Buck Stove Co., including an enlargement of the moulding shop to accommodate 250 additional moulders, an enlargement of the mounting and nickle-plating shops, and the erection of an entirely new building to be used as a pattern vault.—It is understood that plans are progressing favorably for the erection of a new hotel in this city.—The ratepayers approved of the proposal to grant the Water Commissioners \$50,000 to improve the water supply but voted down the by-law to provide \$62,000 for a drainage system.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—The Council of North Vancouver will award contracts at once for a waterworks system.—Tenders will be received by the City up to January 26th for a supply of rock. The City Engineer estimates that 10,000 yards will be required.—S. Jones, proprietor of the Dominion Hotel, Victoria, has purchased property on the corner of Hastings and Homer streets on which he intends to erect a store and office building.—A. G. Thynne, manager of Pilkington Bros., has been instructed by the head office in England to build an addition to their glass warehouse in this city, to be 65 x 120 feet and one storey high. Construction will be commenced at once.—Robertson & Robertson are applying for the incorporation of a company to construct a railway from Vancouver to Lillooet Lake.—Mr. Blackmore, architect, has made preliminary plans for an athletic building to be built on the corner of Dunsmuir and Beatty streets, at an estimated cost of \$26,000. A. Larwell is secretary of the committee having the matter in hand.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The French Catholic population have purchased a block of land situated between McDermott, Bannatyne, Lydia and Marguerite streets on which it is the intention to build a fine church to cost upwards of \$100,000. Rev. Father X. Portelance, formerly of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Ottawa, has been appointed parish priest.—The Winnipeg, Selkirk and Lake Winnipeg Railway Co. are applying to the Legislature for permission to build a line into this city. — C. J. Brown, City Clerk, is asking for tenders up to Friday, 6th inst., for metallic fittings for the vault in the City Treasurer's office. He is also taking tenders this week for construction of an asphalt pavement on Sunderland ave., from Aikens to King st., and a cedar block pavement on lane east of Main st. —The Riverside Park Railway desire an extension of time for the construction of their road between Winnipeg and St. Agathe. — The City Council propose to construct an asphalt pavement on Broadway, from Maryland street to Lendrum street, cost \$9,148.75; on Lendrum street, from Portage to Preston ave., cost \$5,588; on Kate street, from Notre Dame to McDermott ave., cost \$4,172, and on St. James place, cost \$1,378.—It is understood that the C.P.R. will shortly let contracts for the construction of a number of bridges between Winnipeg and Fort William.—Incorporation has been asked for the Independent Telephone Co. of Canada, the promoters of which are residents of Minneapolis and the State of Iowa. It is their purpose to establish in towns throughout the province the dial system of telephones. The capital stock is fixed at \$10,000,000.

TORONTO, ONT.—H. W. Love, of First avenue, has decided to build a pair of 8-roomed dwellings and one single dwelling on Smith street, at a cost of

\$7,000, also three pairs of dwellings on Bain street, near Broadview, to cost \$8,500. — J. B. LeRoy & Company are about to erect a ten-roomed residence at the corner of Bain and Broadview aves., at a cost of about \$5,000. The same firm have just disposed of 600 feet of land on Pape ave., upon which a block of small houses will be erected in the near future. — The Department of Public Works, Ottawa, are asking for tenders up to Thursday, January 26th, for the construction of an extension to the breakwater on south side of Toronto Island. Plans may be seen at the office of H. A. Gray, C. E., Confederation Life Building. — Plans are being prepared for the new distributing post office to be built by the Dominion Government at the corner of Front and Bay streets.—It is proposed to erect a new Sunday School building in connection with Wesley Methodist church on Bloor street, at a probable cost of \$25,000. About \$13,000 has already been promised and it is likely that the work will be commenced in the spring.—By-laws to provide for the issue of debentures for \$300,000 for new buildings at the Industrial Exhibition and for \$700,000 for an improved system of fire protection were both carried by large majorities on Monday last.

FIRES.

Residence of Samuel Blair at Stanley, N.B.; loss \$3,000, insurance \$1,000.—General store of W. R. Carnrite at Roblin's Mills, Ont., totally destroyed; loss \$8,000.—Brewery of the Cosgrave Brewing Co., corner Queen and Niagara streets, Toronto, damaged to extent of \$50,000.—St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Winnipeg, damaged to extent of \$15,000.—Grist mill of Mr. Light at Notre Dame du Lac, Que.; loss \$4,000.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

BRANTFORD, ONT.—Heating the new armory: Charles Taylor, successful tenderer.

VICTORIA, B. C.—J. A. Sayward has secured the contract for building the cabin work on the steamer Venture.

ESSEX, ONT.—Mr. McKay, of Toronto, has purchased \$3,900 5 per cent. town debentures, at a premium of \$175.

WINDSOR, N.S.—The contract for heating and plumbing for the new hospital has been let to T. T. Murphy, at \$2,844.

OTTAWA, ONT.—George Goodwin has signed the contract for the construction of the Royal Victoria museum. The price is about \$990,000.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Foley, Larson & Stewart are reported to have secured the contract to double track the C.P.R. between Winnipeg and Fort William.

BRACEBRIDGE, ONT.—The J. D. Shier Lumber Co. have secured the contract for building stations on the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway.

NEW GLASGOW, N.S.—H. James McDonald, of this place, has secured the contract to double track the Intercolonial Railway from New Glasgow to Stellarton.

EDMONTON, N.W.T.—J. W. Huff and C. J. Carter, of this city, have secured the contract to supply 100,000 railway ties for the Canadian Northern Railway. The ties are to be delivered at Battleford during the coming summer.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The directors of the Hamilton, Ancaster and Brantford Railway Co. have let the contract for the building of the road to Haines Bros., of New York. The road will cost about \$500,000 and is to be completed by December 1st, 1905.