

a fire alarm system and opening up new streets.

KAMLOOPS, B. C. Hewitt Bostock, M. P., will erect a business block on Main street this coming spring.

PETERBORO, ONT.—Considerable sewerage work will be constructed this year. It is probable that Mr. Samuel Belcher will be appointed engineer.

KINGSTON, ONT.—Mr. Edwin Mooers, on behalf of a Duluth firm, has accepted the city's offer of a bonus of \$25,000 for ten years, and will erect an elevator with a capacity of 500,000 bushels.—At the council meeting Ald. Carson moved that in the opinion of the board there should be no further extension of time granted to the promoters of the Kingston & Smiths Falls Railway Company.

HAMILTON, ONT.—New tenders will be invited for the supply of lumber for the corporation.—A Toronto syndicate, in which Mr. E. B. Osler is said to be interested, is endeavoring to secure control of the electric railways in the vicinity of Hamilton, with a view to establishing a regular system throughout.—The City Engineer has presented a report on street pavements. Vitrified brick or tar pavements are recommended on the following streets: John, Hughson, York, Bay, Main, Cannon, Wellington, Market, MacNab, Stuart and Barton, over their most heavily travelled parts, and those portions of King and James streets now block paved.

RAT PORTAGE, ONT.—A. Gibson, of Winnipeg, will erect a brick block here.—Messrs. La Fleur and J. Fraser, government engineers, have made surveys of the Rainy river with a view to making improvements. The sum of \$15,000 has been appropriated for the purpose.—Messrs. Peters & Head, architects, are preparing plans for a large three story block on the west side of Main street, for Messrs. Robinson & Brydon. The building will be of solid stone and will be occupied by the Imperial Bank, a large dry goods store and offices.—Local architects are said to have work in hand amounting in value to nearly \$500,000.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The City Engineer has recommended that an appropriation of \$20,000 be made by the council for the purchase of stone crushing machines.—For alterations to the Osborne street bridge, including steel approaches, the sum of \$9,500 is asked. The committee on works has decided to advertise the following macadam pavements: Donald street, Assiniboine avenue to Portage avenue, \$11,363; Nena street, Notre Dame avenue to Logan avenue, \$10,726; Dunsmuir street, River avenue to Mayfair avenue, \$1,120; Mayfair avenue, Dunsmuir avenue to Main street, \$5,336; Dufferin avenue, Main street to Salter street, \$10,217; Selkirk avenue, Main street to Salter street, \$8,447; Salter street, Dufferin avenue to Selkirk avenue, \$3,948.—The Mayor has under consideration a scheme for the disposal of garbage.—The Dominion government are taking active steps to improve St. Andrews rapids, and are having surveys made with the object of determining the nature of the soil. The contract for the work has not yet been let.

VICTORIA, B. C.—The question of the most suitable street pavement is now being considered by the council.—Some years ago a Board of Dyking Commissioners was appointed to construct a dyking system to reclaim 100,000 acres of rich lands of Matsqui prairie, for which the sum of \$50,000 was borrowed. To complete the work an additional \$50,000 is required, and the government has been asked to guarantee the principal and interest, and to take the lands as security.—It is estimated that 1,000 miles of railway will be built in British Columbia this year. The Great Northern will enter the Kootenay country by a branch line from

Bonner's Ferry to Nelson; an application is out for a charter for a road from Lethbridge to the Fraser river, and the Canadian Pacific will build a number of branch lines.—Alexander Begg proposes securing the construction of a railway from Sickeen to Teslin Lake. His idea is to build a railway from the point at which navigation ceases almost north to Teslin lake, a distance of a little over 100 miles, where the head waters of the Yukon are reached, and navigation for Fort Cudahy and other points on the Yukon is available.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The government have been asked to erect a new morgue for the city.—The Baptist congregation of Point St. Charles propose erecting a new church at the corner of Wellington and Liverpool streets. Building operations will be commenced early in the spring.—The sum of \$4,000 has already been subscribed towards the erection of the proposed church at Westmount for the congregation of St. Matthias church. The plans have not yet been prepared.—Henry Morgan & Co. have acquired property to the rear of their present establishment on Aylmer street and propose erecting an extensive addition thereto. The structure will be built of Northumberland sandstone. Plans will be invited at once.—At the last meeting of the Council of St. Henri, a motion was passed to petition the government to build a bridge across the canal at St. Elizabeth street.—Wright & Son, architects, are preparing plans for the following: Three story house for James King, to be erected on St. Catherine street, Westmount; for one house, three stories, for R. Neville, on Clarke avenue, Westmount; one house to be built on Centre street, Point St. Charles, for J. Glenn. Tenders for the above work will be invited in a few days.—Gen. W. Stevens, M. L. A., has purchased the building belonging to the Joseph estate, next to the Baron block on St. James street, and will make alterations thereto.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The by-law providing for the erection of a high school at Metcalfe was given its final reading at the last session of the county council.—Grants to assist in building bridges were made to Fitzroy, Gloucester and Nepean townships.—Tenders are asked by J. H. Balderson, of the Department of Railways and Canals, until Satu day, the 20th inst., for supplying 83,200 barrels of Portland cement.—Mr. C. A. Biggar, C. E., has completed the plans for the proposed drainage of the bogs in Stormont county. It is proposed to have the drains, which will be mostly dug by dredging, completed by next October. They will be twenty-five miles long and will empty into the Nation river.—The directors of the Central Canada Fair purpose enlarging the fair grounds and reconstructing the main building during the coming summer.—John Labatt, who recently purchased the property on the corner of Cooper and Kent streets, intends erecting a three story building, 72 x 112 feet, to be used for bottling purposes.—John Moodie, of Bell's Corners, will ask assistance from the county of Carleton towards the construction of an electric railway from Richmond to Bell's Corners, with spur lines wherever desirable.—E. F. E. Roy, secretary Department of Public Works, will receive tenders until the 19th inst. for the construction of the following works: Wharf at St. Valentin, St. Johns county, Quebec, plans at the post-office; wharf at Lotbiniere, Que., plans at post office, extension to wharf at Cap l'Aigle, Que., plans on application to Mr. Alfred Dechene, and at the above department.—The Council have decided to engage Mr. Rudolph Hering, C. E., of New York, to prepare plans for a main drainage system.—The Chaudiere Foundry have made application to be permitted to submit plans for double acting pumps for the

waterworks.—Mr. Joseph R. Roy, C. E., of Montreal, has left for British Columbia, where he will take the position of engineer-in-chief of the Government engineers entrusted with the survey of the Fraser river, the object of which is to furnish data for use in the construction of works intended to prevent the Fraser river floods. The report will be ready for presentation at the next session of parliament.

TORONTO, ONT.—A sufficiently signed petition has been received by the City Clerk against the construction of a cedar block pavement on Carlton street, between Parliament and Sumach streets.—The property owners on Jameson avenue are moving to have the road asphalted.—The City Engineer, in his report presented to the Board of Works on Monday last, recommends the construction of the following works: A twelve-foot cement concrete sidewalk, with concrete curb, on the south side of Adelaide street, from Yonge to Bay streets; 21-foot brick pavement on Huntley street; 24-foot brick pavement on Melbourne avenue; 24-foot asphalt pavement on Baldwin street; 30-foot cedar block pavement on Arthur street, from Dundas street to the bridge; 24-foot cedar block pavement on Sumach street, from Gerrard to Amelia; 24-foot cedar block pavement on Fenning street, from Queen to Humbert; brick pavement on Melbourne avenue, from Dufferin to Cowan avenue, 24 feet wide, cost \$8,090; asphalt pavement on Baldwin, McCaul to Beverly, 24 feet wide.—The plans of the bridge which it is proposed to erect over the Don, on the line of Queen street, at a cost of \$60,000, have been prepared by the City Engineer. This includes the cost of temporary pile structure for the accommodation of traffic while the bridge is under construction.—The approximate cost of constructing the necessary tracks, from King street along Sumach, Sackville and Cherry streets, to enable the trolley cars to reach the new dump for ashes, etc., via Cherry street bridge, is \$4,000.—The City Engineer has requested authority to advertise for tenders for repairs to the asphalt pavements throughout the city, also for materials required for constructing the John street bridge.—The accommodation at the Parkdale Presbyterian church has become inadequate, and a committee was appointed at a meeting held last week to report on the question of enlarging the edifice.—The York County Council have decided to raise \$26,000 by the issue of debentures.—The new Baptist church to be erected on Tecumseh street, by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. William Davies, of Jarvis street, will cost between \$12,000 and \$15,000.—The Toronto Technical School Board have decided to have plans prepared for the new building which the City Council is asked to provide. The cost will be about \$75,000.—It has been suggested that a 12-inch main be laid along Albert street, from Yonge to Terauley, and down Terauley to Queen, to provide ample water service for the new city buildings. Other necessary extensions are a new 24-inch main on Front street and 12-inch mains on Yonge to King and on Church to Queen streets.

#### FIRES.

The public school building at Delhi, Ont., was totally destroyed by fire last week. Loss about \$5,000; insurance, \$3,000.—The residence of F. X. Lamare, at St. Valeride Bellechasse, Que., was burned last week.—Frank Madden's residence on Niagara street, St. Catharines, Ont., was destroyed by fire on the 1st inst. Loss, \$5,000.—The village of Delta, Ont., suffered loss by fire last week to the extent of \$35,000. The Brick block, where the fire started, was entirely destroyed.—The steam saw mill at St