

STRATFORD, ONT.—The City Council have decided to invite the architects of the city to prepare plans and estimates for the re-construction of the city buildings, with market, arcade, hall and city buildings, using the old walls as far as practicable, and also to prepare plans for the erection of a complete brick and stone three-story building.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—The city invites tenders until Monday, January 10th, addressed to the chairman of the Fire, Water and Light Committee, for electric street lighting for a period of three or five years from 25th April, 1898. Tenders will also be received until same date for the installation of a street lighting plant, to be owned by the city. C. J. Brown, City Clerk.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.—The Commissioner of Public Works will receive tenders until Tuesday, 25th January, 1898, for the construction of the proposed Prince of Wales College and Normal School, the contract to be completed before 1st December following. Plans may be seen at the office of the Commissioner of Public Works, or R. P. Lemay, architect.

BRANTFORD, ONT.—The town is said to be getting estimates on a civic lighting plant.—The Wm. Paterson Company propose to extend their premises.—The proposal to add a butchers' market to the present city buildings, at a cost of \$4,500, is meeting with opposition. The matter will be submitted to the ratepayers at the coming municipal elections.

HAMILTON, ONT.—It is said that the Hamilton & Toronto Sewer Pipe Company will not rebuild on the old site, but will erect a building in the east end of the city.—Building permits have been granted as follows: R. & J. Poag, three houses on Bay street, between Stuart and Murray streets; Mrs. A. Knetsch, alterations to 246 and 248 Cannon street east, cost \$1,100.

NORTH BAY, ONT.—A deputation has requested the Ontario government to grant the sum of \$5,000 to supplement a like amount to be given by the town for the construction of a breakwater. The Dominion government has granted \$15,000 for the construction of a wharf, but before building the same it is necessary that a breakwater be built for the protection of the harbor.

LONDON, ONT.—A. O. Graydon, city engineer, will receive tenders until 5 p.m. to-day (Thursday) for the construction of tile sewers on John street and Princess ave.—The Water Commissioners have purchased the Griffith springs for water-works purposes.—No. 2 Committee of the Board of Education, at their last meeting, decided to put in desks in two waiting rooms and the teachers' rooms. It was also resolved to have plans prepared for a four-room school building.

KINGSTON, ONT.—Mr. Anson Ritchie, for a Toronto syndicate, will open the Loughboro' lead mines. New machinery will be added.—An architect is said to be preparing plans for another grain elevator for Messrs. Richardson.—Negotiations have again been opened with Abbott Bros., of Montreal, and an agreement reached whereby the company will erect buildings and put their works in operation before asking any part of the \$50,000 bonus offered by the city.

QUEBEC, QUE.—The bill to amend the charter of the Laurentide Pulp Company, now before the Legislature, authorizes the company to build saw mills, dwelling houses, stores, churches, school-houses and hotels.—The Quebec Bridge Company will shortly submit its plans for a bridge across the St. Lawrence to the chief engineer of the Railway Department at Ottawa for approval.—Mr. D. Ouellet, architect, is preparing plans for a church and sacristy to be built at St. Cyprien,

Temiscouata county. For the present only the sacristy will be erected.

TORONTO, ONT.—The City Engineer has advised the Board of Control to invite new tenders for sewer pipe, as he considers the tenders submitted too high.—Prof. Galbraith, Wright and others, of the University faculty, last week interviewed the Deputy Commissioner of Crown Lands regarding the establishment of an observation station in Algonquin Park. It is proposed to ask the government for permission to erect cottages for their use on the borders of the park. There is also a proposition to establish a summer resort upon a large scale upon the confines of the park.

ST. THOMAS, ONT.—In connection with the proposed electric railway, it is probable that the Wilson bridge will be improved or an iron structure erected in its place.—A scheme is talked of to give the citizens cheap electric light. The plan is to ask the Council for an appropriation of \$20,000 for an electric light plant, to be placed in the waterworks building.—It was decided at the last meeting of the School Board to rebuild the Central and Balaclava street schools.—The Elgin County Public Improvement Committee is holding a conference to-day with a committee from the county of Middlesex regarding the erection of a bridge over the river Thames at the Coyne road. The new structure will be built of steel, and will entail an expenditure of from \$20,000 to \$25,000. The stonework will have to be constructed forty-two feet high. James A. Bell, C. E., of the city, will be present at the meeting.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The improvements to be made to the Windsor Hotel will include refurnishing, new and improved plumbing, and other alterations.—Perrault & Gendron, architects, are preparing plans for improvements to the City Hall.—The city will ask power from the Legislature to borrow \$375,000. A portion of this amount will be expended as follows: \$75,000 for main sewers in St. Denis ward; \$27,000 for paving Notre Dame street west; \$20,000 for wooden sidewalks, and \$75,000 for other permanent works urgently required; \$75,000 for pipe-laying, reservoirs, new services, and hydrants.—A bill is now before the Quebec Legislature asking incorporation of an electric power company proposing to operate on the south side of the Lachine Rapids.—The city surveyor has reported against the proposition to reduce the grade of Cote des Neiges hill, which he estimates would cost \$30,000 and require 22,170 cubic yards of excavation.—Mr. F. E. Duckman, engineer of the Millwall docks, London, Eng., is now taking tenders for the building of two Duckham pneumatic grain elevators in Montreal for the Montreal Pneumatic Grain Elevator Company. The Canadian Locomotive & Engine Co., of Kingston, have been asked to tender.—J. A. Chausse, architect, is preparing plans for a residence to be built on Champlain street for Mr. Cote. Tenders will be invited shortly.

OTTAWA, ONT.—A report is current that the Canadian Pacific Railway will, in the near future, proceed with the construction of the Point Fortune branch of the Montreal and Ottawa railway westward. The line will pass through the villages of Chute au Blondeau, Little Rideau, Hawkesbury and L'Orignal, and tap the main line of the road at Caledonia Springs.—The Deschenes Electric Company, which has asked permission to supply light and power to the city, offers to place its wires underground. Among the stockholders are Robert Anderson, Alex. Fraser and David Maclaren.—Mr. J. Lorne McDougall, Auditor-General, is a strong advocate of another High School or Collegiate Institute.—Tenders are asked by John Henderson, city clerk, until the 20th inst., for supplying 2,500

brass tags and 350 aluminum tags for dogs.—The Minister of Railways and Canals has consented to a change in the plans for the interprovincial bridge. The plans as originally designed called for a bridge with vehicular accommodation running overhead of the bridge used for railway purposes. By the change the bridge will be widened and all the accommodation will be on the same level.—The Federal government has decided to purchase what is known as MacCartney's shipyard at Sorel, Que., and will there build during the present winter two new dredges for the Public Works Department.—The Tamagamingue Railway Company is applying for incorporation.—The Calgary & Edmonton Railway will apply to Parliament for power to extend their line to the Crow's Nest Pass.—Application will be made to Parliament next session for an act to incorporate a company to construct a railway or tramway from the head of Miles Canyon to the foot of the White Horse Rapids, on the Lewes river, in the Northwest Territories.—A company is seeking a Dominion charter to construct a railway from a point near Edmonton, N. W. T., to some point near the confluence of Smoky and Peace rivers.—A sufficient number of ratepayers have petitioned for the paving of Sparks street with asphalt, and the work will be carried out next year.

FIRES.

Weir & Sons' machine shop at Moncton, N. B., suffered damage by fire last week to the extent of \$4,000.—A building at Owen Sound, Ont., owned by Charles Williams, has been damaged by fire.—The loss to the M. B. Perme Company, of Doon, Ont., whose plant was burned last week, is given as \$25,000.—The shoe store of Geo. Johnson, at River Desert, Que., was destroyed by fire recently. Loss \$1,800; largely covered by insurance.—The Turkish bath building in connection with the Hotel Victoria, Palace street, Quebec, was badly gutted by fire last week. Mr. Resther will rebuild at once.—A grist mill, saw mill and planing mill owned by Robert Caldwell, and situated about two miles from Bolton, Ont., were consumed by fire on Monday last. Loss \$5,000; no insurance.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The City Council have decided to purchase two hose wagons from the Waterous Co., of Brantford, at the price of \$375 each.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.—The tender of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Halifax, for the purchase of city debentures, has been accepted, at 105½ per cent.

COBOURG, ONT.—The G. T. R. have awarded to the Crossen Company, of this town, a contract for the construction of 22 tourist cars, to cost \$100,000.

QUEBEC, QUE.—The contract for the reparations and extensions to the Miller & Lockwell tobacco factory has been awarded to J. Hudon, of St. Roch; co., \$2,500.

TILSONBURG, ONT.—Contracts in connection with the new town hall have been let as follows: Heating apparatus, John Weston, for two of Clare Bros' furnaces; cement floor, Mr. McClure; woodwork, Wm. Ferguson; painting, Wm. Shelton.

MONTREAL, QUE.—In the last issue of the CONTRACT RECORD it was stated that the contract for heating the new Mechanical and Mining Engineering building of McGill University, which was secured by Garth & Co., called for 800 feet of radiation. This should have read 12,000 feet of radiation.—A building permit has been granted for a building on Marianne street for E. Pelletier; masonry contractor, M. Corbeil; carpentry, L. Pelletier.

TORONTO, ONT.—G. A. Stimson & Co. have recently closed out the purchase