CURRENT NEWS.

Quebec.

MONTREAL.-A public competition is open between the architects, surveyors, engineers, draughtsmen, etc., of the city of Montreal for one or more schemes of improvements to St. Helen's Island, and the conversion thereof into a public amusement park. The cost of the work is not to exceed \$150,000. Mr. L. O. David is the city clerk:

Ontario

BROCKVILLE.—The annual meeting of shareholders of the Brockville, Westport & Northwestern Railway Company, was held this week at the head office of the company Only formal business was transacted, such as the reception and adoption of the treasurer's report, election of the directors, etc. For the ensuing year the officers and directors will be as follows: President, E. R. Thomas, New York; vice-president and treasurer, Frederick T. Lewis, New York; secretary and manager, Carsten Heilshorn, New York; general superintendent, W. J. Curle, Brockville.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Quebec.

MONTREAL. — The Edgewater Company have purchased a large area of land near Ste. Anne de Bellevue, which is being sub-divided into lots. They propose to put in cement sidewalks, macadamized roads, sewerage, water-works and electric light works and have appointed Mr. Chas. Brandeis, consulting engineer, to supervise the entire work. The improvements are estimated to cost \$250,000.

KINGSTON.-Four properly constructed carts for the removal of garbage and other putrefying matter will probably be purchased by the Council at an early date.

Manitoba.

BRANDON.-Mr. Richard E. Speakman, city engineer, recently submitted to the Council estimates of the cost of a sub-way under the Great Northern and Canadian Pacific tracks at Eighteenth Street and of an overhead bridge for a sub-way, including concrete retaining walls and bridges, with a macadam roadway, 9 inches deep and a concrete sidewalk 5 feet wide at the side, the cost was estimated at \$120,000. For an overhead, steel plate girder bridge, on \$120,000. steel towers with concrete bases, the bridge to be 30 feet wide, and a sidewalk on steel brackets to the side, five feet wide, with an approach to Pacific Avenue, the clearance to be 22 feet 6 inches above each railway, the floor to be concrete 6 inches thick, the estimated cost was \$105,000.

British Columbia. NEW WESTMINSTER. - City Engineer Blackman is preparing a report and plans for an incinerator which will likely be constructed early next year.

NEW WESTMINSTER .- The factory which J. C. Mc-Donald; the successful tenderer for the steel pipe for the city's new water main to Coquitlam Lake, will erect, is to be in operation, it is expected, by the first of next year. A site for the plant has not yet been definitely settled on, but several are under consideration.

PERSONAL NOTES.

MR. W. M. STEWART has moved to 203 Garry Street, Winnipeg, from Vidir, Man.
MR. G. ARTHUR BENNETT, formerly of New Glassow, is now with the Canada Iron Corporation, Fort William,

MR. OWEN W. SMITH, A. M. Can. Soc. C. E., of Galt & Smith, consulting engineers, Toronto, leaves this

week for the West, on a business trip. MR. HERBERT G. BERESFORD, of Dauphin, Man., has been granted a commission as a Manitoba land surveyor,

according to the Gazette notices this week.

DR. J. A. AMYOT and DR. G. G. NASMITH. of the Provincial Board of Health, arrived in Lindsay, Ontario, on Wednesday, October 20th. They will inspect the ozone plant.

MR. R. G. McNEILLIE, chief clerk to General Passenment of the Management of the Company of the

ger Agent McPherson, has been appointed district passenger agent of the C.P.R. in the Kootenays, with headquarters at Nelson.

DR. CHAS. A. HODGETTS, secretary of the Board of Health for Ontario, was elected first vice-president of the American Public Health Association, at the convention recently held in Richmond, Va.

MR. ARTHUR HEWITT succeeds Mr. W. H. Pearson, who has retired from the position of general manager of the Consumers' Gas Company, Toronto, after 55 years' service. Mr. Hewitt has already been with the Gas Company over 20

MR. R. H. KNIGHT, B.A.Sc., of Driscoll & Knight, Dominion Land Surveyors, returned to Edmonton a few days ago after completing the survey of eight townships in the Onion Lake district, on the Saskatchewan side. Mr. Knight

was away about four months.

MR. W. S. DREWRY, C.E., B.C.L.S., of Nelson, B.C., has been appointed chief water commissioner for the province, under the terms of the Water Act, passed last session, and assumes office immediately. Mr. Drewry was elected to associate membership in the Can. Society of Civil Engineers in Lune 1882.

neers in June, 1887.

MR. W. S. CALVERT, M.P., for West Middlesex since 1896, has been appointed member of the National Transcontinental Railway Commission, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Robert Reid. Mr. Calvert is 50 years old and was born in the Township of Warwick, in Lambton County. He was educated at the public school there, and later attended Watford Seminary. During the early part of his career Mr. Calvert was reeve of Metcalfe, and warden of Middlesor. Middlesex.

ENCINEERS' CLUB OF TORONTO.

The belief that the near future will see the earth circled in eighty hours by flying machines was expressed by Mr. J. R. d'Almeida before the Engineers' Club of Toronto last Thursday evening. Mr. d'Almeida has an idea of his own, and he believes he has the final solution of earial navigation. After the manner of a bird will his ideal machine fly. It will he self-righting, and will travel any distance without the be self-righting, and will travel any distance without the least muscular effort by the mere extension of its wings. This will mean crossing the Atlantic in about twelve hours and circling the globe in less than eighty hours. Mr. A. B. Barry, president of the Club, occupied the chair.

MARKET CONDITIONS.

Montreal, October 28th, 1909.

The buying movement for iron in the United States continues in full force and surprises even those who have been looking for activity. The buying, however, is not uniform in all branches of trade, first one and the surprises even those who have been looking for activity. The buying, however, is not uniform in all branches of trade, first one and the surprise of the united States daily orders taken by the subsidiary companies of the United States daily orders taken by the subsidiary companies of the United States daily orders taken by the subsidiary companies of the United States (Corporation during the first half of October amounted to about \$4,000 tons. Some look for a period of dullness to follow, unless the railways give out the railway companies placed buying orders for 10,000 new steel cars and the railway companies placed buying orders for 10,000 new steel cars and orders are now pending for \$5,000 more, besides which, contracts for steel orders are now pending for \$5,000 more, besides which, contracts for steel orders are now pending for \$5,000 more, besides which, contracts for steel orders are now pending for \$6,000 more, besides which, contracts for steel orders are now pending for \$6,000 more, besides which, contracts for steel orders are now pending for \$6,000 more, besides which, contracts for steel orders are now pending for \$6,000 more, besides which, contracts for steel orders are now pending for \$6,000 more, besides which, contracts for steel orders are now pending place under coastant, and some 100,000 tons being still under discussion. Plates tract this month, and some 100,000 tons being still under discussion. Plates tract this month, and some 100,000 tons being still under discussion. Plates tract this month, and store for pending to secure are now pending a moderate improvement, is yet.

The English situation, while showing a moderate improvement, is yet. The general order are now pending as to prices continue to look to the subming shipments. The German and Belgian situation is showing in