

Council of the township of Mariposa have passed a by-law providing for the issue of debentures to the amount of \$3,000 for draining certain lands in the 14th and 15th concessions of said township.

QUEBEC, QUE.—A building permit has been granted to F. Parent for a two-storey brick building. Cost \$1,200.

BUCKINGHAM, QUE.—The residents want a bridge to cost \$10,000, constructed over the Lievre river here. In response to the request of a deputation for financial aid, the Quebec Government promised consideration.

TRENTON, CNT.—The Council have accepted a proposition from A. Brucker, representing a company of German and French capitalists, to establish works for the manufacture of paper, and suitable buildings will be erected.

WELLAND, ONT.—The Mayor and city engineer last week interviewed Dr. Bryce, secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, with regard to the extension of the sewerage system here. The matter will come up for consideration at the next meeting of the Board.

ROSSLAND, B. C.—Surveys are being made for a narrow gauge railroad to run from the mines here to the smelter at Trail. It is proposed to run branches from the main line of the proposed road to the dumps of all the principal mines. Breen & Heinze are the promoters.

HALIFAX, N. S.—Mr. Fell, an English mining expert, is examining the coal fields from Port Hope to Cheticamp, and also the route of the contemplated railway known as the Inverness and Richmond, part of the roadbed of which was constructed a few years ago by Mr. Oakes.

LONDON, ONT.—The agreement between the city and Grand Trunk Railway Company for the erection of the company's shops in East London, has been ratified by the Council and will be forwarded to the company's authorities at Montreal for acceptance. The shops must be erected within one year.—Excavating has begun on the cor. of Richmond and King streets, for a building for the Bank of Toronto, to cost \$20,000. It will be four stories with a basement.—O. A. Graydon has prepared plans for the new London and Port Stanley freight sheds, round house and coal docks at Port Stanley. The whole to cost \$25,000.

DUNDAS, ONT.—Plans for a new fire hall have been prepared by W. A. Edwards, architect, of Hamilton, and the contract will be let in a few days.—The residents have approved of the Port Perry and Kincardine electric railway scheme, and the sum required from the municipality has been subscribed.

HULL, QUE.—The Quebec Government has been asked to grant a charter for an electric railway to extend from Montebello to Hartwell, a distance of 30 miles, the company to be known as the County of Labelle Electric Railway Co. Mr. Poulin, of Montebello, Jos. Bourque, of Hull, and Rev. Father Rochon, of Papineauville, are the promoters.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—It is the intention of the Manitoba Government to place new elevators in the Parliament buildings here, the contract for which, we understand, has not yet been let.—The School Board have recently erected new buildings and tenders for school desks for the same are invited until the 9th of January next. Address Stewart Mulvey, Sec.-Treasurer School Board.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.—Tenders are invited by C. F. Green, Ladner, until the 23rd inst. for the construction of the ditch and dyke and other works in connection with the Delta dyking and drainage scheme. Plans may be seen at the clerk's office, Ladner, and at the residence of A. R. Green, C. E., this city. Pro-

posals are also invited by the above for the purchase of debentures amounting to \$41,220.51.

WALKERVILLE, ONT.—Hiram Walker & Son have offered the county council of Essex a bonus of \$50,000 and a free site for the erection of the county court house and registry office in this town. The buildings, which are now located at Sandwich, require improvements, and it is probable the electors will be asked to vote on the question of their removal.—The Walkerville Brewing Co. is preparing to build a \$20,000 addition to its bottling department.—The town will lay a silas stone pavement on Wyandotte ave., from eastern to western limits.—The Crown Inn will erect a large brick stable.

ST. THOMAS, ONT.—O. W. Shipman, of Detroit, is about to organize a company to put on a line of boats between Port Stanley and Cleveland, and it is said the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway Co. intend to build a railway from Simcoe to the Niagara River. It is further conjectured that the Walkers, who practically own the L. E. and D. road, will extend the line to the Niagara River and then turn it over to the C. P. R.—A by-law to issue debentures for \$3,000 to build a second bridge between the north and south sections of the city will be voted on at the municipal elections.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—The Young Men's Christian Association now applying for incorporation, will erect a new building, Mr. John McLaren having subscribed \$1,000.—Power & Son, architects, of Kingston, have prepared plans for the complete remodelling of Wall street Methodist church. The plan also includes the erection of a new building, 90 x 90 ft., stone, 40 ft. ceiling, gallery and a partition of rolling panels. The present building will be utilized for an assembly and Sabbath school room, having four entrances, large ornamental window, and seating capacity of 380. The plan has been approved by the building committee.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway Co. have taken out a permit for their brick freight sheds, to cost \$10,000.—The deputation appointed to examine the heating system in the Collegiate Institute at Pittsburg have returned, and estimate the cost of heating the proposed Collegiate Institute and Normal school in this city at \$10,000. W. Stewart, architect, accompanied the deputation.—Mr. Knickling, C. E., of Rochester, has presented his report on the disposal of sewage, in which he recommends the system of depositing into deep waters of the bay by gravitation and pumping, and estimates the cost at \$326,000, made up as follows: Buildings, \$28,000; pipes, \$60,000; land, \$5,000; intercepting conduit system, \$135,000; cost of operation capitalized, \$98,000. Owing to the cost of the scheme it is doubtful if the work will be undertaken at present, as the City Engineer has been requested to prepare estimates of three plans for abating the nuisance caused by the east end sewer emptying into the coal oil inlet.

TORONTO, ONT.—J. McDougall, C. E., has been authorized by the York County Council to prepare plans for a bridge over the Don river sufficiently strong to support railway traffic.—Mr. Rust, assistant City Engineer, will shortly go to Montreal to inspect the plans of the York street bridge, which are now in the offices of the C. P. R.—The York County Council have granted an extension of time of one year to the Metropolitan Street Railway Co. in which to complete their line to Richmond Hill.—T. Bryce, 284 King street east, wants tenders for the carpenter work of a large frame factory at the foot of Spadina ave., lumber to be supplied.—The Board of Harbour Commissioners have asked the militia authorities at Stanley Barracks to permit of the extension of

a breakwater west from the Queen's wharf.—Mr. T. G. Elgie, real estate agent, Church street, has had plans prepared for semi-detached houses. Mr. G. W. King, Adelaide st. east, is the architect.—Building permits have been granted as follows: P. Griffen, 505 Lansdowne ave., det. 2 story and attic bk. dwelling, 196 St. Helens ave., cost \$1,200; Toronto Granite Co., one story bk. factory and show room, Yonge st., cost \$4,000.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The New York Central is about to secure an independent entrance into Montreal. R. W. Leonard, chief engineer of the South Western railway, has secured departmental approval of the location plans for that portion of the line between Valleyfield and Caughnawaga. This line was chartered in 1888, and is an extension of the St. Lawrence and Adirondac railway, which is now controlled by the New York Central.—The Montreal Street Railway Co. have applied to the Council for permission to extend their line over the Mountain, which will entail an expenditure of \$50,000.—The Young Womens' Christian Association have purchased the building, corner Stanley and Dorchester streets, at present used as a Theological college, and extensive alterations will be made thereto. It is proposed to remodel the entire interior and also to erect a large gymnasium on the vacant lot in the rear of the building. The work will be carried out next summer.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Co. have produced the plans of the new depot and hotel the company purpose erecting at Dalhousie Square, at a cost of \$350,000. The new station will be 300 feet long, 66 feet wide, and built of stone and pressed brick.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The line of the Ottawa and Gatineau railway is surveyed to Desert. As much of the line between Gracefield and Desert as possible will be completed next summer.—The Board of Works have authorized the City Engineer to call for tenders for syenite sufficient to pave Sussex street.—It was reported that the Birkett block had been purchased for the new geological museum.—T. Lindsay is said to have purchased property on Bank street, on which he will erect a large departmental store.—Dey Bros. have purchased six lots on Ann street and propose to erect next summer a large rink, having a span of one hundred feet and a length of about 200 feet, with arched roof. It is said it will be the largest rink in Canada.—The plans for the new wing to the Protestant hospital have been submitted by Arnoldi & Calderon, architects.—The advisability of raising the \$150,000 necessary for the proposed improvements to the waterworks system by the issue of debentures instead of taking the amount out of the city's revenue, was discussed at a recent meeting of the Waterworks Committee. The idea met with approval. The city engineer was instructed to report at an early date, whether a system of auxiliary steam pumps would not be better than increased water power.—The Ottawa Amateur Athletic Club contemplates erecting an annex to their building, at a cost of about \$15,000.—Geo. H. Macdonald, M. P., for Algoma, and W. R. Brock and J. J. Foy, of Toronto, had an interview with the Minister of Railways and Canals in regard to obtaining a subsidy for a railway from Port Arthur to Rainy River. Consideration was promised.

#### FIRES.

A three story building at Sussex, N. B. owned by G. H. White, was recently damaged by fire to the extent of \$20,000—James Brown's lumber mill at Weldford, N. B. has been burned.—A building at Chesley, Ont., used by Brette & Co. for storage purposes, was destroyed by fire on the 1st inst. Loss, \$1,200, covered by insurance.—The building at Amherst, N. S.