

comparison against any other organization of the same kind, the most important cities of Canada. But this was only accomplished at the cost of a large sum of money.

NEW WATERWORKS.

The new administration in order to accede to the wish, which was generally expressed, undertook to improve the waterworks. In a few days the new 40-inch pipe will be completed, and, moreover, all the connections to unite the 40-inch pipe to the 30-inch will be made with a view to giving a stronger pressure, especially in the upper portion of the city. The four and six inch pipes were replaced by eight inch pipes and larger ones. This urgent improvement will cost more than one million dollars.

BRIDGES ON THE ST. CHARLES.

The city also took from the sums borrowed the amount of \$300,000 for the construction of two bridges on the St. Charles river, one of which is finished and the other is under construction.

To replace the Champlain market, sold to the Transcontinental Commission, we have purchased land in St. Roch's to lay out a new market which will be ready next spring.

An examination of this site will readily convince one of the importance of this property and the value it will be to the city once the locks are in operation on the St. Charles river, and the Federal Government has completed the works already commenced in the port of Quebec.

Mr. Editor, I know and I admit that you have the right to criticise the administration, and moreover, the public have also the right to know how their money is disposed of. But since you dealt with this question of civic loans, and have treated it in a manner to disquiet the taxpayers, I resolved to ask you to be good enough to make known to your readers all the details which I have just given you, and let them see that, if on the one hand, the expenses may seem considerable, on the other