

**Winnipeg, Man.**—The North Winnipeg hospital directors are considering the construction of a \$350,000 building.

**Regina, Sask.**—The Board of Governors of the Saskatchewan Methodist College has approved of the plans of Messrs. Brown and Vallance, of Montreal, for two big buildings which are to be erected next year. It is expected that the buildings to cost \$250,000, will be completed by the fall of 1912.

**Ladysmith, B.C.**—Council contemplates the construction of four miles of concrete sidewalks. C. H. B. Toft, of Victoria, is the consulting engineer.

**Victoria, B.C.**—Permanent sidewalks will be laid on a number of streets, at an estimated cost of \$22,000.

**Macleod, Alta.**—The Bank of British North America will erect a stone building here to cost \$25,000.

## SEWAGE AND WATER

**Vancouver, B.C.**—Messrs. Cleveland and Cameron, of Vancouver, were appointed supervising engineers in connection with the installation of waterworks and sewage systems throughout the municipality of Point Grey. They will prepare the plans and estimates for all work and have supervision over the expenditure of the \$750,000 recently voted by the ratepayers for these improvements.

**Blairmore, Alta.**—Council decided to install a \$40,000 waterworks system.

## PERSONAL.

**Mr. C. E. E. Ussher** succeeds Mr. Robert Kerr, C.P.R. passenger traffic manager, who retires on October 1. Mr. Ussher has been for the past three years assistant at Winnipeg, in training for the chief office. Mr. Ussher is regarded as one of the coming men of the C.P.R., and is known from Vancouver to Halifax as an energetic and capable official. He was born in 1857, and, like many successful railway officials, started his career on the old Great Western. Thence he migrated to the general passenger department. In 1880 he became chief ticket clerk of the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific, which he held until 1883, when he was appointed rate clerk of the Chicago & Atlantic. In the same year he went into business for himself at Hamilton, Ont., but three years later he returned to railroad work as chief ticket clerk for the Canadian Pacific, which office he held until 1889. Then he was promoted assistant general passenger agent, and in January, 1898, became general passenger agent. On January 1, 1907, he was appointed assistant traffic manager at Winnipeg. It is expected that Mr. Ussher will be succeeded at Winnipeg by Mr. C. E. McPherson, district passenger agent Vancouver.

**Dr. Charles Sheard** will resign the position of Medical Health Officer of the City of Toronto at the end of this month.

**Mr. Charles LeB. Miles**, M. Can. Soc. C.E., until recently superintendent of construction on the M. & N.S. Ry., at Sudbury, Ontario, has accepted the position of division engineer on the Algoma, Central and Hudson Bay Railway, with offices at Michipicoten Harbor, Lake Superior.

**Mr. Thomas Tait**, chairman of the Railway Commissioners of the State of Victoria, Australia, is resigning, the despatch says, because of recent accidents and loss of life on the State's railway line. Mr. Tait is returning to Canada. He is a native of Quebec Province and was for some time in the audit office of the Grand Trunk Railway. Later he entered the service of the Canadian Pacific, and advanced steadily until he became manager of the lines east of Fort William, leaving the C.P.R. some years ago to go to Australia.

**Messrs. H. K. Dutcher, M. Sc., M. A. Maxwell, B. Sc., and P. W. Gregory, C.E.**, recently organized the firm of Dutcher, Maxwell & Gregory. They have a large engineering and surveying practice, which is conducted from the head office at 319 Pender St. West, Vancouver, B.C.

## CURRENT NEWS.

**Montreal, Que.**—The British Empire Bridge Company of Montreal, with a capital of five million dollars is the English combination which will tender for the Quebec bridge. Its incorporators are B. C. Smith, K.C., F. H. Markey, K.C., W. W. Skinner, W. G. Pugsley, and G. G. Hyde. This combination is composed of the Cleveland Bridge and Engineering Company of Darlington and the Metropolitan Amalgamated Railway Carriage and Wagon Company of Birmingham. These companies purpose establishing at Montreal a large works to engage in bridge and engineering construction. As the specifications for the new Quebec bridge require the use of 66,000 tons of steel this is the only way in which British firms could deal with the situation advantageously. Mr. Chas. F. Dixon, managing director of the Cleveland Bridge and Engineering Company, came to Canada in the interest of the amalgamation and arranged for a Canadian incorporation of the new concern. Latest information available is that the list of tenders will be less than a dozen, these hailing from Germany, the United States, Canada and Great Britain. It is understood that two or three of the principal German engineering companies will unite in submitting a joint tender, whilst three of the leading American and two of the Canadian bridge building firms are also intending to compete.

**Collingwood, Ont.**—J. R. Roaf, barrister, of Toronto, met the Board of Trade last week and discussed a proposition to establish extensive iron works here. It is proposed that the company shall take over the buildings and plant of the Northern Iron & Steel Company, which recently went into liquidation. The new company are at present known as the New Iron Company, Limited, and state they have secured an option on the plant and buildings here. They are asking the town for certain concessions, including additional lands and waterfront on the harbor and a bonus of \$50,000. A definite agreement has not yet been arrived at.

**Hamilton, Ont.**—The Canada Steel Co., will locate a steel mill in this city, and construction work will be gone on with at once. The plant will cost \$400,000 and employ about 300 hands. F. W. Baillie, Toronto, is president.

**Ottawa, Ont.**—On October 12th, representatives of the Provincial health departments of Canada, will meet at Ottawa, to outline plans for the conservation of health. The convention has been arranged by Hon. Clifford Sifton, chairman of the Conservation Commission, and the subjects to be discussed include the pollution of streams and waterways, and the formation of a central consultative council of health.

**Toronto, Ont.**—A despatch from Spokane, Wash., says that J. S. Irvin, managing director of the International Portland Cement Co. Ltd., will probably be president of a three-million-dollar cement company, which is being incorporated at Spokane.

**Welland, Ont.**—The Ontario Iron & Steel Co., last week turned out a wheel weighing twelve tons, the largest casting ever made in Canada. It was manufactured for Allis, Chalmers, Bullock Co., Montreal.

## SOCIETY NOTES.

**Union of Alberta Municipalities.**—Following is a list of the officers of the above society elected for the coming year, at the convention recently held in Wetaskiwin, Alberta: President, Mayor Jamieson, Calgary; 1st vice-president, Ald. Gariepy, Edmonton; 2nd vice-president, Mayor Dickson, Macleod. The executive committee was as follows: Mayor Montgomery, Wetaskiwin; Mayor Lee, Edmonton; Ald. Bush, High River; Ald. Spencer, Medicine Hat; City Solicitor Moffat, Calgary; City Clerk Caesar, Vermilion.

**Union of Saskatchewan Municipalities.**—This society met last week at Saskatoon, and elected the following officers: President, Mayor Clark, of Yorkton; vice-president, W. S. Heill, of Moose Jaw; executive, Alderman Mayberry, of Moose Jaw; Alderman Ashworth, of Saskatoon; Alderman Ross, of Prince Albert; Alderman Taylor, of Melville; Mayor Craig, of Roleau; H. C. Lisle, M.P., of Lloydminster. The next meeting will be held at Yorkton next June.