

QUEBEC, QUE.—The proposed St. Lawrence river bridge awaits the appropriation of \$1,000,000 by the government, which is likely to be delayed until the next session of parliament. The site will be seven miles above the city. The bridge at this point will cost about \$3,000,000, as against \$5,000,000 if built at the city where one of the pier cribs would be located in 100 feet of water. Mr. C. Baillarge, city engineer, writes that \$2,000,000 has been paid in.—C. J. Lafrance, city treasurer, wants tenders by Thursday, 14th inst., for the purchase of \$250,000 of debentures.—Tenders are invited by the city until Tuesday, April 12th, for the excavation required for an extension of the main drainage pipe in the Grand Allee. Address J. Gallagher, waterworks engineer.—It is announced that the Quebec District Railway and the Quebec, Montmorency & Charleboix Railway have been amalgamated, and that the motive power of the latter road will be converted from steam to electricity. It is also probable that considerable extensions will be made at an early date.—Messrs. Tanguay & Vallee, of Quebec, and J. B. Veriet, of Sherbrooke, have been commissioned to prepare plans for the new Sherbrooke seminary, to replace the building destroyed by fire recently.—Extensive alterations will be made this spring to St. Fabien church, Rimouski; David Ouellet, architect.—Jos. P. Ouellet, architect, is preparing plans for the interior decorations of St. Catherine church, Portneuf. Same architect has prepared plans for a residence to be built at Roberval for L. P. Bilodeau, tenders for which will be invited shortly.

MONTREAL, QUE.—It is the intention of the Merchants Cotton Co. to build an addition to their factory, to be completed by October next.—The municipalities interested in the construction of a new bridge across the Lachine canal will send a delegation to Ottawa to urge upon the government the necessity of carrying out the work. The engineer of the proposed structure is Francis Lapointe.—The Finance Committee has granted \$5,000 for service pipes and mains in streets where such do not exist, and \$2,000 for new meters.—It is proposed to construct a new bicycle path on the lower Lachine road, to be one-third of a mile in length and built of wood. A club-house will also be built, which will include a large assembly hall.—A large deputation from Montreal recently had an interview with Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. Mr. Fielding regarding the proposed harbor improvements. It was explained that the City Council had, in 1889, entered into a contract with the harbor commissioners by which certain works for the protection of the city from floods and the improvement of the harbor were to be carried out jointly. The City Council had expended \$300,000 on a temporary dyke and pumping plant, and had obtained power from the provincial legislature to borrow \$1,000,000 for improvements. It was urged that the government should proceed with its part of the work during the coming summer.—W. E. Doran, architect, is calling for tenders for three houses on Clendeboye avenue, Westmount, for S. Price, for interior decoration of St. Mary's church, and for remodelling a house corner Conde and Grand Trunk streets for Owen McGarvey.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The city solicitor is preparing a by-law for an issue of debentures to cover the cost of roadway improvements. Nothing has as yet been decided upon as to the streets to be paved or the kind of pavement to be constructed, but it is probable that the by-law will fix the sum to be expended at \$150,000.—The Fire and Water Committee's recommendation for an expenditure of \$3,000 on water meters has been referred back by council. The Sewer Committee's recommendation to provide \$50,000 for

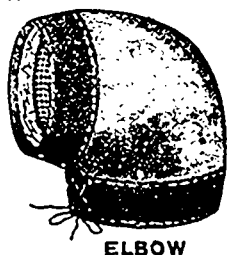
trunk sewers was withdrawn, it being understood that the scheme would be considered at a later date in connection with the question of road improvement.—The city has given notice of its intention to construct stone curbing, to cost \$1,400, and cement sidewalks to the value of several thousand dollars.—A special committee has been appointed to consider the advisability of submitting a by-law at the municipal elections providing for the establishment by the city of an electric light and power plant.—The following building permits have been granted. John Hahnau, two storey brick dwelling, corner Sunson street and Grant avenue, cost \$1,400; E. B. Patterson, four two storey brick dwellings, corner McNab and Murray streets, for D. Sullivan, cost \$4,000; Long & Bisby, alterations and additions to warehouse, corner Main and John streets, cost \$6,500; Donaldson & Patterson, four two story brick dwellings, corner Bay and Robinson streets, cost \$5,500.—Tenders are invited by Robert Cohen, architect, until April 7th, for a factory and office building on Victoria avenue north.—Tenders close Tuesday, 19th inst., for a 12 ton and 15 ton steam road roller. T. Beasley, city clerk.

OTTAWA, ONT.—A local architect is preparing plans for a large brick building to be erected in rear of the post-office. It is understood to be for an insurance company.—The Grand Opera House will be remodelled and enlarged, the work to commence early in the summer.—The Grey Nuns have made a proposition to the city for taking over Porter's Island Hospital. Should the proposition be accepted, they propose building a thick concrete wall around the island from the base of the river to two feet over the highest water mark, and then filling in the island and building a solid stone structure.—A new Anglican church will be built at the corner of First avenue and Banks street, South Ottawa, to be of frame, with a seating capacity for 300 persons, and to cost \$2,000. As soon as finances warrant, the erection of a more substantial building will be commenced. The church will be in charge of Rev. T. Arthur Hancock.—McKinley & Northwood, plumbers and steam-fitters, have commenced the erection of a large three-story building, with basement, to cost \$5,000.—F. J. Alexander, architect, has been commissioned to prepare plans for a large warehouse for Kenneth Macdonald, to be built at the corner of George street and By Ward market. He will also build a store on George street for Mr. Macdonald.—J. W. H. Watts intends building a number of residences in Stewar-ton during the coming summer.—At a recent congregational meeting at Bell street church, the plans of the proposed addition were adopted.—Robert Burns, of the Sun Life Insurance Co., will erect a residence in the south end of the city.—The Department of Railways and Canals has extended the time for receiving tenders for the power house at the Soulages canal until 4 p.m. of the 9th inst.—The Board of Works have instructed the city engineer to prepare specifications for an asphalt pavement on Sparks street.—Messrs. John McLean and William Kanes, of Montreal, are negotiating for the purchase of property situated on the banks of the Ottawa river, on which to erect a large soap factory.

TORONTO, ONT.—Mr. Alexander Man-

ning will likely build an additional storey to the printing establishment of the Miln Bingham Printing Co., rear of Manning Arcade.—The Grand Trunk Railway Co. contemplate making improvements at different points. It is proposed to lay about 120 miles of new rails, chiefly between Niagara Falls and Windsor. It is also probable that improvements will be made to several station buildings.—Geo. M. Miller & Co., architects, 18 King street east, have prepared plans for several large factory buildings to be built in Brantford for the Verity Plough Co. Tenders for building the same will be received up to April 9th. Mr. George Gooderham has acquired a property on Danforth road, just east of Little York, for the purpose of erecting kennels, to be built in the latest and most approved plan. Plans for the buildings have been prepared by Mr. David Roberts, architect, and work will be commenced at once. In addition to the kennels, there will be erected a manager's cottage.—Messrs. Park, Blackwell & Co. have had plans prepared for a large pork-packing establishment to be erected at the foot of Bathurst street, to cost \$100,000. The work of excavation has already been started.—The rate payers on Queen street west, from Yonge street to the subway, are taking steps to secure the construction of an asphalt pavement. Petitions are now being circulated.—The Allen Manufacturing Co. have purchased property on Pearl street, in rear of their present factory, and will erect thereon a large factory building.—The Board of Control have adopted the proposition to build a bicycle path on the island.—Tenders will be invited for a brick pavement on Cowan avenue.—It is reported that the C.P.R. have acquired an option on the Carling property, opposite the Union Depot. If purchased, a large hotel will be built thereon.—Geo. H. Hees & Co. have made arrangements to rebuild their window shade factory on Davenport road, destroyed by fire last week.—A meeting of members of the city council is being held this afternoon to consider the report of the Market Improvement Committee. The plans prepared by Mr. A. R. Denison, architect, include the remodelling of the existing market building by the removal of all the butchers' stalls, the entire area from St. Lawrence Hall to Front street, between West Market and Jarvis streets, to be converted into a covered space for wagons. The sides of this building are to be composed of lifting doors; Front street is to be roofed over and the city hall building remodelled and extended; a single span roof will cover the entire block. The south half of the basement is set apart for a fruit and produce exchange, with a double line of railway tracks in the centre, the north half to be divided into cold storage rooms of suitable dimensions. The "brine pipe system" of cold storage is recommended, and the estimated cost of the improvements is placed at \$150,000.—Messrs. Simpson & Ellis, architects, are preparing plans for remodelling a residence at Toronto Junction for Mr. Arch. Campbell, M.P.—Mr. C. J. Gibson, architect, will receive tenders until Saturday next for a residence in Rosedale. Same architect will award contracts next week for a warehouse for P. W. Ellis & Co., Wellington street east.

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