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### INDEX FOR 1908.

Special care has been taken with the index of the Canadian Engineer for 1908. It has been cross-indexed, and many of the articles are classed under four heads. This index should make a valuable addition to bound volumes of the Engineer for 1908. It will be ready about January 6th, 1909, and will only be sent to those applying for a copy.

### CANADIAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.

On January 28th, 29th and 30th, 1909, the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers will meet in Toronto. There will be an interesting meeting, and just as interesting will be the side trips arranged for the members. Be there.

### THE UNFORTUNATE LITTLE ONES.

Strange place this in which to make a plea for charity—but it is not charity, it is simply a request for co-operation. One of the most successful non-sectarian institutions is the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto. Everyone has a kindly feeling for an institution whose doors are always open, and where the latch is always on the string, and sympathy is in the hearts of all for the suffering little ones. At the Christmas time Mr. John Ross Robertson, chairman of the Hospital Board, would like to receive from you a check, large or small, no matter, so long as you manifest your interest in this work of making some mother heart glad over a child rescued from the life-long misery of deformity.

### THE FIFTH REPORT OF THE BRITISH ROYAL COMMISSION ON SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

In this issue we publish an extensive review of the report of the Royal Commission on Sewage Disposal (Great Britain). We think that the subject matter is of sufficient interest and importance to Canada, and no apology is required to our readers for the amount of space we give to it. We also consider ourselves fortunate that we have been able to secure Mr. T. Aird Murray, an engineer with experience in sanitary engineering, to prepare this review. The author of the review deals with the report in such a manner as to bring together in definite sequence those points and deductions which are of real practical value to engineers. He has carefully avoided those questions which may still be considered debatable or open questions, and has endeavored to edit the deductions of the Commission, which bring within intelligent forces what may now be classed as demonstrated facts in connection with sewage disposal. The review is not prepared for the benefit of those who are already sewage experts—such will, no doubt, have already digested the contents of the report; but it will be found of value to the large number who have neither the time nor opportunity to devote to a voluminous report, containing a mass of tables and results of seven years' work of the Commission.

In Canada sewage disposal is really in its infancy as far as practical application is concerned.