

**PENETANGUISHENE, ONT.**—Henry Gildey intends putting in a steam plant, hand saw, planer and other machinery in his boat building factory.

**SOUTHAMPTON, ONT.**—The by-law granting the S. M. Knechtel Chair Co. a loan of \$7,500 was carried by a large majority on Monday last.

**MARKHAM, ONT.**—The Markham Skating Rink Co. are building a rink, 90x180 feet, brick front, concrete foundation, truss roof, cost \$5,000.—W. H. Lount, late of Whitevale, has started a brush back factory here.

**NORTH SYDNEY, N.S.**—The town council has decided to grant to the Nova Scotia Coal & Steel Company a cash bonus of \$30,000 and the further sum of \$20,000 when the company shall begin to manufacture steel.

**COLLINGWOOD, ONT.**—It is learned that the capital of the Steel Ship Co. has been increased to \$2,000,000 and that it is the intention to equip large engine and boiler works in connection with the plant.

**GRAND FORKS, B. C.**—A by-law will shortly be submitted to the ratepayers to grant \$5,500 to the Republic and Grand Forks Railway for the purchase of a depot site. It is also proposed to give a bonus of \$7,500 towards the Vancouver, Victoria and Esquimalt Railway.

**NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.**—A by-law to raise \$1,600 for the purpose of constructing cement concrete platforms in the market place will be submitted to the electors on January 6th. Plans for the work have been prepared by C. H. Mitchell, C. E. The electric light by-law will be submitted at the same time.

**ST. JOHN, N. B.**—At the annual meeting of the Board of Trade last week, the necessity of dredging the harbor was referred to.—The proposal to purchase the custom house wharf is under consideration by the council. If purchased it will be necessary to spend about \$45,000 in reconstruction.—No tenders have as yet been taken for heating the immigration building at this place.

**SYDNEY, N.S.**—A member of the Board of Underwriters has stated that before the insurance companies will incur further risks the city must provide a chemical engine, another fire engine, proper equipment of the fire brigade, and an increased water supply.—Mr. Pistoni has commenced the erection of a brick building on Charlotte street.

**LONDON, ONT.**—The county council, at a session last week, decided to construct two bridges, one over the Thames river at the Munsey site, and the other on the town line between Dunwich and Aldborough. The cost of the two will be about \$27,000. Plans for the Munsey bridge are to be prepared and tenders called as soon as possible.

**VICTORIA, B. C.**—It is understood that the following railroads are likely to be built at an early date: The Canadian Northern, from the eastern frontier of British Columbia to the Pacific coast; the Coast & Kootenay line, from Midway, in the Boundary district, to the coast; the Atlin Railway, and the line in Vancouver Island, known as Dunsmuir's Railway.

**PORT ARTHUR, ONT.**—It is reported that E. S. Jenison has at last completed final arrangements for developing power at this place. The scheme involves the diversion of the water from the Kaministiquia river to a series of reservoirs, affording a fall of 300 feet, from which it is claimed 40,000 horsepower is expected. To carry out the project will cost about \$1,000,000.

**PETERBOROUGH, ONT.**—The incorporation of the Otonabee Power Co.

has been announced, capital \$200,000. The directors include W. G. Ferguson, Adam Hall, W. T. Hall and G. L. Hay, of this town.—Mr. Moody, representing a Michigan beet sugar company has asked the city and county to grant a bonus of \$50,000 for the establishment of a beet sugar industry here.

**ST. MARY'S, ONT.**—The by-law to be submitted to the ratepayers on January 6th will provide the sum of \$30,000 for eight miles of permanent roadway and the following improvements: One fifteen ton steam roller, \$3,450; steel superstructure, Park street bridge, \$2,000; arch culvert on Queen street west, \$300; arch culvert on Queen street east, part of Guest's Hill, \$300; arch culvert on Water street at Near & Mathieson's, \$300; arch culvert on James street at Hedley's Hill, \$300.

**KINGSTON, ONT.**—It is expected that work on the New First Baptist church will be started next spring; estimated cost \$10,000.—The council of Queen's University, at a meeting last week, decided that a new convocation hall was urgently needed. A proposition was received from the students offering to meet the expense, payment to be extended over ten years.—Principal Grant, of Queen's University, has offered a subscription of \$100 towards the erection of a nurses' home at the General Hospital.

**VANCOUVER, B. C.**—Messrs. Jas. Breen, H. C. Bellenger, and D. S. Fotheringham are said to be the promoters of a large copper smelter about to be built at Osborne Bay, Vancouver Island. The plant will be most modern

and will consist of blast furnaces and a convertible plant which will reduce the copper to matte in the first instance and then into pig copper. The capacity will be 300 tons per day, but the foundations will provide for an enlargement of the plant to 600 tons.—It is announced to be the intention of the Dominion government to build a new assay office in this city within a short time.

**HAMILTON, ONT.**—The sewers committee will ask the city council to endorse a by-law to provide \$30,000 for sewers, to be submitted to the electors on January 6th.—The county council, in session last week, discussed the question of road improvement. The Ontario government offers \$20,000, on condition that a similar sum is granted by the county.—Thomas J. Russell is about to erect a brick dwelling on Wilson street, at a cost of \$900.—John P. Swinton will erect a brick dwelling on Main street north, between Locke and Margaret streets, to cost \$1,200.—The city engineer has reported that it would cost \$250,000 to install meters in all cases where water is used.

**QUEBEC, QUE.**—Thomas Meaney, of Toronto, the promoter of the proposed pulp mill at Seven Islands, was here last week and stated that during this winter ties will be taken out for the electric railway to run from the Falls to Seven Islands. Timber will also be taken out for the piers and buildings. Work will likely be commenced early in the spring.—J. Gallagher, waterworks engineer, is calling for tenders up to 19th inst. for the construction of a brick sewer in St. Sauveur.—It has been decided by

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