

St. Thomas, Ont.—The Hall and Market Committee of the city have been empowered by the municipal council to secure plans for a market shelter. The cost of this is estimated at \$12,000. M. H. Baker, City Engineer.

St. Catharines, Ont.—A proposal to dispose of the present fire hall and erect a new structure has been approved by the council.

Stratford, Ont.—A movement is under way to secure funds for the erection of a \$15,000 Salvation Army Citadel in this city.

Taber, Alta.—Messrs. W. W. Douglas, E. B. Tainter and J. T. Willard, are about to organize a company to erect a 200-barrel flour mill in this town. The capital will be all obtained from local sources.

Vancouver, B.C.—Mr. J. R. MacDonald is the architect for a new hotel now under construction on Cordova Street opposite the C.P.R. depot. The building material is to be concrete and brick and the plan calls for mill construction.

Vancouver, B.C.—Messrs. Summervell and Putnam are the architects for a large storage warehouse now under construction for Crane and Company. It is being built with a steel and concrete system of supports. It will have a height of seven stories and will present a face of buff pressed brick laid in an artistic manner. It is to cost \$125,000.

Victoria, B.C.—Alexandra Lodge 116, Sons of England, have formed a committee to report on the building of a new hall. It is the intention to erect a handsome hall which will be for the use of the English societies of Victoria in general.

Victoria, B.C.—A site for the erection of a new Roman Catholic Cathedral has been purchased in this city. Bishop Alexander McDonald negotiated the property transaction. The plans for the new building, although worked out in the rough, do not call for the erection to proceed for a short time.

Victoria, B.C.—Messrs. Crompton and Barton are representing the promoters of a new steam laundry, to be known as the New Method. The contract for the erection of the building has been let to Messrs. S. and C. Carkreek.

Winnipeg, Man.—Messrs. Matthews-Laing & Company, of Toronto and Montreal, are planning to erect an eight-story building in this city.

BRIDGES, ROADS AND PAVEMENTS.

Bridgeburg, Ont.—Arrangements are being completed for enlarging the international bridge crossing the Niagara River between Bridgeburg and Black Rock, and a portion of the plant is already on the ground.

Coquitlam, B.C.—The provincial government announce that they will not construct a bridge over the Pitt River during the year 1912. They give as their reason that sufficient money was not appropriated in the estimates for this structure.

Fredericton, N.B.—The contracts for the construction of the following bridges have been awarded by the Provincial Board of Works: Hunter's Ferry Bridge, parish of Canning, Queen's County, awarded to Frank L. Boone, of St. Marys, price \$23,000. Cole's Island Bridge, Queens County, awarded to Messrs. Robert and Charles Forbes, of Gibson, the contract price being in the vicinity of \$10,000. Messrs. Forbes will also construct the Burpee Bridge in Queens County, the contract price being in the vicinity of \$7,000; Mr. Boone has been awarded the contract for the construction of the Chase Bridge, also in Queens County, the contract price being about \$3,500.

Province of Quebec.—The government programme of highway construction includes the building of main highways from Montreal to Quebec, Montreal to Rouses Point, to Sherbrooke, and from Quebec to Rimouski and other points, upon condition that the municipalities along the way agreed to pay one-half the interest charge.

Vancouver, B.C.—A conference will be held between the bridges committee and the officials of the Western Canada Power Company, regarding the construction of a bridge for railway purposes.

Welland County, Ont.—This community has prepared plans for road improvement, with the assistance of the government. The county expect to spend \$100,000.

York County, Ont.—The York County Good Roads Commission have ordered the paving of the road from Humber Bridge to Mimico Asylum with tar surface concrete, at a cost of \$10,000 per mile. The McKnight Construction Co., of Toronto, have secured the contract for the work.

FIRES.

Winnipeg, Man.—Fire damaged the premises of the Radford Wright Company, Ltd., sash and door manufacturers. Loss \$50,000.

Winnipeg, Man.—Fire which broke out in the building occupied by Messrs. Gowan-Kent caused damage to the extent of \$75,000. One half of the building was occupied by Messrs. Mason & Risch, piano merchants.

CURRENT NEWS.

Clayoquot, B.C.—Plans have been prepared for the construction of a gasoline-propelled cannery tender of about 100 tons register for use at Clayoquot. The power vessel is to be used to carry fish from the fishing grounds at the West Coast port to the cannery. It is expected that construction will be commenced in a few days on this vessel at one of the shipyards in Victoria.

Gloucester, Ont.—The council of this town have passed an order calling for the purchase of a quantity of dynamite to be used in breaking the ice in the Ottawa River.

Cuelph, Ont.—The City Hotel was damaged by fire to the extent of \$25,000 or more.

Prince Rupert, B.C.—A report states that Mr. D. C. Whiteford has discovered a valuable salt well on his claim at 46 mile, Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. A gallon of the water from the well when evaporated gives one-half pound of salt.

Medicine Hat, Sask.—Th's municipality will spend \$200,000 on local improvements during the present year.

Province of New Brunswick.—A company is being formed to operate on the New Brunswick shales. They will apply for a charter from the legislative assembly. Messrs. Inches and Hazen, St. John, N.B., are the solicitors for the company.

Ottawa, Ont.—The proposed plan to appoint a city architect has taken definite shape. Ald. Nelson and Black are interested in the matter.

Owen Sound, Ont.—The ratepayers voted in favor of the three industrial by-laws as follows: The drydock and shipbuilding by-law, 1,794 to 85; the Aetna Rubber by-law, 1,863 to 28, and the cement by-law, 1,820 to 51.

Porcupine, Ont.—The Bank of Toronto have just completed a new banking office in this town. This is the first brick building in Porcupine.

Port Alberni, B.C.—The proposed erection of the new public school at Port Alberni will not be proceeded with immediately, all of the tenders received in response to the government's invitation for bids being found disproportionately high. Fresh tenders will probably be asked for.

St. Catharines, Ont.—The ratepayers will vote on a by-law calling for the purchase of the plant of the St. Catharines Gas Company for \$38,000.

Vancouver, B.C.—The Great Northern Railway Company improvements have been undertaken and are now well started. Considerable work of a preliminary nature has been done on the dock site, next to the British Columbia Sugar Refinery Company, and contracts have been let for some of the grading and filling for the False Creek project.

Victoria, B.C.—Mr. Louis Coste has presented his report on the cost of improving the harbor of this city. A breakwater to cost \$1,250,000 and a pier to cost \$400,000. As to the outer harbor, Mr. Coste does not think it advisable to recommend for the present the construction of such a breakwater as would be required to afford protection from the south-west. Such a breakwater would cost \$2,500,000, as it would have to be 3,000 feet in length and to extend into a depth of water of 250 feet. Moreover, while protection in that quarter is desirable, the large steamers are not greatly