

the proposal to make additions and alterations to the buildings.

FORT WILLIAM, ONT.—The Mattawa Iron Co., in which Messrs. Folger, of Kingston, are said to be interested, have made application for a bonus, with a view to establishing a blast furnace here.

RENFREW, ONT.—The townships of Rolph, Buchanan and Wylie will issue debentures to the amount of \$1,400 for building new school in section No. 3. Particulars from Florence McCarthy, township clerk.

LACHINE, QUE.—Fisk & Co., leather manufacturers, of Montreal, have agreed to build a large factory here in return for a bonus of \$25,000.—Leopold Ledger has been appointed to superintend the construction of the drainage system.

SMITH'S FALLS, ONT.—Work on the proposed waterworks and sewerage systems will be commenced at an early date, under the superintendence of Willis Chipman, C.E., of Toronto. Tenders for construction are now being received.

AMHERSTBURG, ONT.—Tenders for the extension of brick sewer on Simcoe street and for a twelve inch crock sewer on Seymour street will be received by J. H. C. Leggatt, town clerk, up to October 13th. Plans at office of Owen McKay, Windsor.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN.—Adam Brown is negotiating for the purchase of the Bellview Hotel. In the event of a purchase, the building will be remodelled and accommodation increased.—A site is said to have been selected for the proposed bridge across the Assiniboine river.

EGANVILLE, ONT.—Herbert J. Beatty, engineer of township of Admaston, will receive tenders up to Monday, October 30th, for the excavation of an open drain in the township of Admaston, contract to be let in bulk or by the cubic yard, and work to be completed not later than July 1st, 1900.

PERTH, ONT.—It is probable that a new wing will be built to the Separate school next year.—The plans of B. Dillon, architect, of Brockville, have been accepted for new skating rink, and the contract will soon be awarded.—Over thirty offers have been received for sites for the proposed county poor house.

ST. LOUIS, QUE.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Co. purpose building a new freight shed, and asked for exemption from taxation. The council replied that this would be granted provided the company should erect a new depot.—The council has authorized the secretary-treasurer to borrow \$30,000 for public work.

BERLIN, ONT.—The directors of the Orphanage are considering the question of improved heating apparatus for the building.—Lippard & Co., furniture manufacturers, of Waterloo, have agreed to erect a large factory here in return for exemption from taxation and a free building site. The question will be submitted to a vote of the ratepayers.

BRANTFORD, ONT.—The county council passed a by-law last week to raise \$5,000 by the issue of debentures for an addition to the House of Refuge.—The Brantford Co-Operative Pork Packing Co. purpose commencing operations here. They will erect a building to cost about \$16,000, exclusive of plant, for which plans will be prepared by a Toronto architect.

LONDON, ONT.—A. O. Graydon, city engineer, wants tenders by 5 p.m. Thursday next for construction of 8-inch tile sewer on Talbot street.—The city engineer will prepare plans for construction of sewer along Brighton avenue from Elmwood avenue.—Debentures for the sum of \$55,000 for waterworks purposes will shortly be placed on the market.

RAT PORTAGE, ONT.—A report is current that plans are under way for the construction of a railway from Appleton, Wisconsin, into the Rainy River gold districts. The line as proposed involves the development of the water powers of Alberton falls at Koochiching, Minn., and Fort Francis, Ont. The road from the Canadian side to the mines will be about 200 miles long.

HAMILTON, ONT.—Wm. & Walter Stewart, architects, have been instructed to prepare plans for remodelling the old Y. W. C. A. building and for a gymnasium to be built this fall.—The following building permits have been granted: E. B. Patterson, two brick stores, corner Mary and King streets, for the O'Reilly estate, cost \$3,000; Stewart McPhee, alterations to Masonic Hall, cost \$2,500.—Thos. Allen will probably build on his property on Baillie street.

HULL, QUE.—At a council meeting on October 3rd, plans were submitted by Mr. Farley for increasing the water supply by utilizing water power instead of steam. Plans call for an expenditure of \$49,500, including two storey power-house and necessary excavation, \$13,000; wheels, machinery, etc., \$26,500. The proposed site of the power house is the axe factory, power to be obtained by damming Brewery creek.

WOODSTOCK, ONT.—At a meeting of the Board of Health held last week, the question of a wholesale ice house was considered. Dr. Rice suggested that the waste water of the waterworks might be run into a reservoir, from which the ice could be taken, the cost of building same to be about \$4,000.—The Board of Trade have passed a resolution recommending that the council pave Dundas street, from Mill street to Norwich ave., the funds to be raised by debentures.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.—T. Robinson, of the Dominion Fisheries office, has returned from a prospecting trip up the Thompson river, for the purpose of selecting a site for a fish hatchery.—At a congregational meeting of St. Barnabas Episcopal church held a few days ago, it was decided to build a 20-foot addition to the church.—A local company has been organized to manufacture electric light carbons, they having secured water power rights on Stave river.

VICTORIA, B.C.—Mr. Hooper, architect, has invited tenders for new block to be erected at corner Government and Broughton streets for C. A. Vernon.—It is understood that Ald. P. C. MacGregor will commence work early next year on a four-storey building, corner Broad and View streets.—The Royal Artillery have been removed from Halifax to this place, rendering it necessary to erect new buildings at Work Point. These will be commenced immediately.

WINDSOR, ONT.—The Girardot Wine Co., recently organized, will at once commence the erection of extensive wine cellars.—The Board of Water Commissioners is considering the advisability of extending the water mains up Douglass avenue.—It is expected that the question of the extension of the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railway from Ridgetown to St. Thomas will be settled at an early date. If running powers over the Canada Southern are not granted a new line will be constructed.

VANCOUVER, B.C.—W. L. Keene, C. M.C., invites tenders up to November 2nd for repairs to the wharf in the municipality of North Vancouver. Plans at room 42, Inns of Court building, Hamilton street, this city.—The telephone systems of Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster have been acquired by a syndicate of Eastern capitalists, who, besides improving the service, will establish a long distance system between Victoria and the

mainland. A. C. Flumerfelt represented the purchasers.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Geo. Browne, architect, has taken tenders on the excavating and foundation walls for science building for the University of Manitoba.—Macadam pavements will be constructed on Graham and Selkirk avenues and Rupert and Thistle streets.—Hon. Mr. Sifton had an interview last week with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa regarding the proposed improvements to St. Andrew's rapids. He was advised that Mr. St. Laurent, C.E., would prepare plans at once with a view to having the work proceeded with.—Mr. G. Hastings, manager of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., states in regard to the extension of their business that the directors have not yet decided whether they will enlarge the existing mills or erect entirely new ones. It will perhaps be two months before a decision is reached.

OTTAWA, ONT.—It is expected that Gilmour & Hughson will shortly close the sale of their extensive water power at Ironsides to an American syndicate for pulp manufacturing purposes.—The City Engineer has written the Ottawa Electric Railway Company and the Ottawa and Parry Sound Railway Company asking them what proportion of the cost of the Bank street subway they are willing to bear.—The bonds for the civic officials have not yet come to hand, and it is possible that new tenders may have to be invited.—The question of a municipal electric plant is still engaging the attention of the council.—E. F. E. Roy, Secretary Department of Public Works, desires tenders by 21st inst. for erection of a hospital and two detention buildings at Partridge Island, N. B.—Plans at above department and at office of R. C. John Dunn, architect, St. John, N. B.—Building permits have been granted as follows: Geo. Matthews Co., brick building, corner of Slater and Bank streets, to be used for store purposes, cost \$9,000; Dr. A. Jamieson, brick veneered dwelling, Elgin street, cost \$9,000.

MONTREAL, QUE.—It is expected that work will be commenced immediately on the proposed improvements to Bonaventure station.—Mrs. Reinhardt has purchased property on Mountain street, near Sherbrooke, and is having plans prepared for a modern private residence.—Lord Strathcona has given \$10,000 to assist in the erection and equipment of a new building in connection with the Montreal Maternity hospital. Mrs. W. R. Miller is president of the hospital.—A meeting of representatives of the Canadian Export Furniture Company was held in this city last week. The necessary capital has, it is understood, been secured through R. Wilson Smith, of this city, and the erection of a large factory for the manufacture of furniture for export will be commenced immediately. W. R. Hobbs, of London, is one of the chief movers.—L. O. David, city clerk, has just taken tenders on different works to be performed at the eastern abattoir cattle market, including shed, fence and gates, scale and scale house.—Tenders close at noon to-day (Wednesday) for construction of sewer on Duke street, from William to St. Paul street. The council will also construct a sewer on Joliette street, from St. Charles street to Ontario street, in Hochelaga ward.—The C.P.R. is taking tenders this week on tearing down six vacant houses on St. Martin and Seigneurs streets. Particulars at 1416 Notre Dame street.—The Dufferin Falls Lumber, Pulp & Paper Co. has been incorporated, to manufacture lumber, etc., and develop water powers for the purpose. Among those interested are J. T. Shearer, lumber merchant, this city, and T. E. Fee, lumber merchant, of St. Hyacinthe.—The Grand Trunk Railway Co. have ordered ten monster freight