

fire hose 2½ inches in diameter, 50 fire alarm boxes, 1 85-ft. aerial ladder truck, 1 H. & L. truck, 3 hose wagons, 3 hose sleighs and 1,000 hydrant valves; also up to Thursday, March 2nd, for furnishing one 1,000 Imperial gallon steamer.—The City is applying to the Quebec Legislature for power to establish a drainage system for St. Denis ward and the Sewage Farm through the territory of outside municipalities, to empty into the Ottawa river.—It is reported that David Russell is the promoter of the \$3,000,000 hotel which it is said will be built in this city.—The directors of the Annex Presbyterian church have had plans prepared for a new building to be built on the corner of St. Viateur and Hutchison streets; estimated cost, \$15,000. The committee in charge are J. P. Gladston, W. Kennedy and J. Parsons.

LONDON, ONT.—F.W. Farncombe, C.E., is asking for tenders up to February 3 for the construction of a deep tile drain in the townships of London and Lobo.—The City and County will probably join in the erection of a new registry office.—At the County Council meeting here last week a recommendation was adopted that Commissioner Talbot act with the commissioners from Lambton and Huron to prepare plans, advertise for tenders and award contracts for the erection of a wooden bridge over the Aux Sauble river near corner of McGillivray Township, also to prepare plans for other bridges to be built during this year, including the Gray and Sylvan bridges. It was further decided to notify the County of Oxford of the willingness of the Middlesex County Council to join with them in the erection of three new bridges on the line between East and West Nis-

souri and a bridge over the Thames river north of Putnam.—The Sovereign Bank propose establishing a branch bank in this city.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—William Whyte, of the C.P.R., has been in Montreal consulting with the president and directors, and states that about \$4,000,000 will be expended in improving the railroad, including 500 miles of new track between Montreal and Winnipeg. A number of new stations will be built. It has been practically decided to double track the line from Fort William to Winnipeg, but the report that the contract has been given to Foley Bros. is not officially confirmed.—St. Giles congregation are considering plans for the enlargement of their church building.—Tenders are about to be invited for the following works: Macadam pavement on McMillan ave., from Pembina street to Hugo street, cost \$11,720; asphalt pavement on Robert street, from Lily to Edwin street, cost \$2,280; sewers, Kingsway street, from Wellington crescent to Haro street, cost \$3,580; Lipton street, from Portage to B. H. ave., cost \$2,225.—F. R. Evans, architect, is taking tenders up to 8 p.m. of Saturday next for the erection of a frame residence on stone foundation for R. Fletcher.—The Canada Malting Co. have submitted a proposition to the Council to erect in this city a four-storey malting house.—The German Lutheran congregation will likely rebuild their church on a new site.

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Edward Lewis intends building a two-storey block on corner of Pender and Seymour streets.—The block to be built at corner of Richards and Pender streets by Dr. Powell, of Victoria, will be started shortly. It is

said that buildings to the value of \$300,000 are planned to be built on Pender street during the coming summer. The portion of this street lying between Granville and Hamilton streets is to be paved.

—The City Engineer has cleared a site for the proposed new reservoir, which will have a capacity of 15,000,000 gallons and will cost about \$30,000. A new main under the Narrows is also proposed.—The prospectus of the proposed Vancouver Athletic Club has been issued. Five different sets of plans have been prepared for the projected building and the promoters hope to be in a position to commence the work within a few weeks. The proposed site is at the corner of Dunsmuir and Beatty streets.—McWhinney & Lewerke announce their intention of erecting a brick and stone business block on north side of Hastings street, adjoining the Rubinowitz Departmental Stores, to be 33,900 feet and three stories high. Plans are being prepared and tenders will be invited shortly.—S. Swabagano, of Wetaskiwin, N.W.T., has purchased a lot on Pender streets, between Hornby and Burrard streets, on which he intends building a residence.—The Young Men's Christian Association will let the contract within a short time for a new building.—The papers have been finally signed for the transfer of the Vancouver and Lulu Island Railway to the British Columbia Electric Railway Co. Work will be commenced immediately to convert the road into an electric system. A sub-station will be built at Eburne and electric locomotives will be used in the handling of freight.—James Findlay has purchased a lot on Pender street, between Granville and Seymour streets, and purposes building thereon a brick and stone

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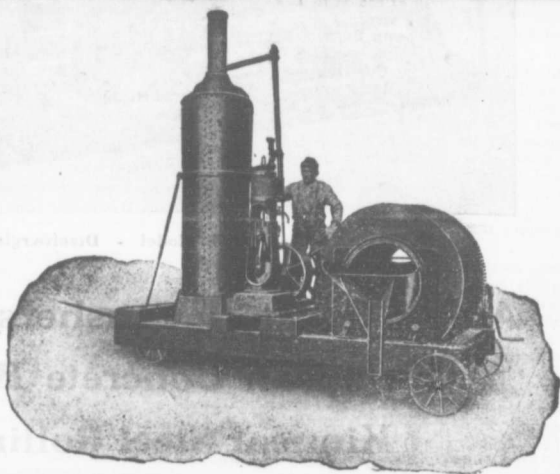
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