

particulars.—The City Council are taking steps to secure the erection of a public library building, to cost \$20,000.

WALKERTON, ONT.—The town will submit a by-law to the ratepayers to raise by loan the sum of \$16,000, to be expended as follows: \$10,000 for new town hall; \$2,000 for sewers; \$4,000 for other expenses. Competitive plans from architects are being invited for the town hall.

MIDDLETON, N. S.—Several new buildings will be commenced early in the spring, among which will be a number of residences, an hotel and a brick and stone public building. It is also understood that the Commercial Bank of Windsor will erect a new building here shortly.

CHATHAM, N. B.—At a recent meeting of the Town Council a resolution was passed requesting Mr. Fairweather, of St. John, to visit this town for the purpose of selecting sites for the erection of public buildings.—A movement is on foot to form a company to construct a system of water works.

EDMONTON, N. W. T.—A resolution has been adopted by the Board of Trade requesting the government not to grant the extension of time asked for by the Calgary & Edmonton Railway Company unless they undertake immediately to construct their line across the North Saskatchewan to Edmonton.

MELITA, MAN.—Tenders will be received by W. F. Thomas, secretary-treasurer, until Saturday, the 23rd inst., for the erection of two pile bridges, one 76 feet long, over the North Antler Creek, and the other 80 feet long over the South Antler Creek. Plans may be seen at the Reeve's office in this town.

VICTORIA, B. C.—Application will be made to the Dominion parliament to incorporate the British Pacific Railway Company, to construct a road from Victoria to Winnipeg, with a branch to Hudson Bay.—Notice of application has been published for incorporation of a company to develop water power at Lemon creek and Spring creek, for the purpose of supplying power, light and heat in the west division of Kootenay and Yale districts.

VERNON, B. C.—The Finance Committee of the Council have recommended that the scheme for obtaining a water supply from Deep creek be adopted, and that the system can be constructed at a cost of \$30,000. The committee also recommended the purchase of a site on Barnard avenue, and the erection thereon of a town hall, to cost \$4,000.

QUEBEC, QUE.—George E. Amyot, proprietor of the Dominion Corset Manufacturing Company, has purchased property on St. Foye road which he purposes converting into a large modern residence.—The parish of Ste Elizabeth, county of Berthier, have passed a by-law granting a bonus to the Great Northern railway for the construction of a section of its road, the contract for which will probably be let this week.—David Ouellet, architect, is preparing plans for a sacristy and reparations at Tadousac church.—Jos. P. Ouellet has prepared plans for several reparations and alterations to buildings.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN.—The Town Council has passed a by-law to issue debentures to the value of \$40,000 for the construction of a dam on the Assiniboine river and to utilize the water power created. Mr. G. H. Webster, Chief Engineer of the M. and N. W. R., has reported favorably on the work, and it is understood Mr. Chipman, C. E., of Toronto, will be invited to revise the report and inspect the preliminary surveys, and if endorsing the plans, then application will be made to the provincial legislature and Dominion parliament for powers to proceed with the work.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Over ten miles of macadam pavements will be constructed

during the present year.—Tenders are invited for the construction of a three-storey hotel at Wabigoon. All information can be obtained from Glines & Co., real estate and mining agents, 421 Main street, this city.—The Railway Committee of the Privy Council has given its consent to the construction of the proposed bridge across the C. P. R. tracks. The City Engineer will push forward the work early in the spring.—The by-law to provide funds for installing a civic electric light plant was defeated by the ratepayers.—The City Council are taking steps to provide a system of water supply. A motion has been passed in council providing that the sum of \$10,000 be appropriated for the purpose of engaging an expert to report on the most suitable system.—The city has offered for sale \$130,225 of local improvement debentures and \$100,000 of straight city debentures. Address, Alfred J. Andrews, Chairman Finance Committee.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Mr. W. E. Doran, architect, is calling for tenders for two houses, four tenements, to be built on Henderson street for W. H. Cunningham.—Messrs. Wright & Son are inviting tenders for the Hotel Carlslake, to be erected on St. James street for Mrs. G. Pallascio. Tenders will be received by the architects up to Monday next, the 5th inst.—The congregation of St. Mathias church, Westmount, are taking steps to secure the erection of a new edifice. A committee has been appointed to obtain estimates of cost, etc.—The government will be asked to construct a new bridge at Atwater avenue, from plans prepared by Mr. St. George, City Surveyor. It will also be requested that several of the present structures be enlarged.—The Chateaugay & Northern Railway Company desires to build a bridge in order to extend its road through L'Assomption and Montcalm counties, the cost of which is estimated at \$225,000. The Quebec government is asked for \$50,000.—At the annual meeting of the congregation of Melville Presbyterian church, the building committee was given power to purchase the lot in rear of the church for the purpose of erecting a new building thereon.—The City Surveyor has submitted a report on the distribution of the \$117,000 voted by the Provincial Legislature for permanent work. It is recommended that the money be distributed as follows: Notre Dame street west, paying half the street, \$50,000; De Levis street sewer, \$34,500; permanent sidewalks, \$20,000; permanent crossings, \$5,000; repairing wood blocks on Craig street, \$5,000; asphalt paving on St. James street, \$2,500.

OTTAWA, ONT.—A number of local druggists are considering the question of establishing a wholesale drug store. It is proposed to form a joint stock company, with a capital of \$100,000, and to purchase or erect a suitable building.—The Department of Public Works invites tenders until February 5th for sheet piling at Owen Sound and Kincardine, also for the reconstruction of the approach to the wharf at L'Original.—Mr. M. Cohen, special agent in this city for the Sun Life Assurance Company, states that the company have fully decided to erect a building on their property here. No plans, however, have as yet been prepared.—The plans for the new Hartney building on Sparks street have been completed. The building will be three stories high, built of pressed brick and Nova Scotia sandstone. The ground floor will be divided into two stores and the upper flats into offices.—The E. B. Eddy Company are inviting tenders for eight 5 x 14 tubular boilers, to be used as auxiliaries to their present water and steam power plant.—It is probable that the Baptists will erect a new church in the southern portion of the city.—The aldermen are interesting themselves in the plans for a system of drain-

age, and steps will be taken to secure the execution of the work at an early date.—Alderman Grant has suggested the laying of a scoria block pavement on York street.—A joint stock company has been formed, with a capital of \$100,000, to manufacture bicycles and horseless vehicles. M. J. Lorne Currie, a director, is looking after the purchase of machinery for the purpose.—The Department of Railways and Canals will receive tenders up to the 2nd March, for 1,000 tons of 50 lb. steel rails, to be delivered on the Prince Edward Island railway wharf at Summerside, Prince Edward Island, and for 3,000 tons of 67 lb. steel rails to be delivered on the Intercolonial railway (Princess pier) wharf at Levis, opposite Quebec, early in the month of July, 1897.—It is probable that M. R. Heing, of New York, will be engaged to report on the proposed main drainage scheme.—The resigned members of the medical staff of the Protestant hospital intend going ahead with the construction of a new hospital in the city, and have given notice that a charter will be asked for.—The Odd-fellows hall, corner of Bank and Sparks street, is to be remodelled in the spring.—Sir William Van Horne, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, states that a site has not yet been selected for the proposed new depot.

TORONTO, ONT.—Several of the residents of Gladstone avenue are desirous of securing the construction of a new pavement on that street.—It is reported that a New York architect has been commissioned to prepare plans for a new building to be erected for Mr. John Ross Robertson, of The Telegram, at the corner of Bay and Melinda streets.—In the report of the City Engineer presented to the Board of Works on Monday last, the construction is recommended of a 24 foot cedar block pavement on Harbord street, at an annual cost per foot frontage of 20.2 cents. A motion was passed by the board that the City Engineer be instructed to report at the next meeting the cost of constructing a level crossing bridge over the Don at Queen street, also to submit the plans and specifications for the work.—The James Bay Railway Company will apply at the next session of the Dominion parliament for power to extend their proposed line from its southern terminus, Parry Sound, to Toronto. The promoters of this company are Messrs. George A. Cox, William McKenzie, George Bertram and others.—Bristol & Cawthra are solicitors for the Seine River Foley and Fort Francis Telegraph & Telephone Company, which proposes constructing lines from Bonheur station to Saw Bill Lake, Sturgeon Falls and other places.—Mr. Kivas Tully, engineer of the Harbor Commissioners, advocates that the Don river be diverted into Ashbridge's bay, as arranged by the Board and the City Council in 1892.—Mr. M. S. Robinson, the lessee of the Bijou theatre on Yonge street, has closed negotiations with the executors of the McGee estate for the lease of the present premises. It is Mr. Robinson's intention to erect thereon a new theatre with a seating capacity of from 1,600 to 1,800 persons. The plans will be prepared by Mr. Richard Waite, architect, of Buffalo, and the cost will be about \$25,000. The auditorium will be 70 feet in width and 80 feet deep. The work will be carried out during the coming summer.—It is said that the Board of Control are making arrangements for the carrying out of several public works at the earliest possible date in the spring. At the first meeting of the Board a number of works of construction will be authorized, and tenders invited immediately thereafter.—Mr. William G. McWilliams, solicitor, gives notice of application to parliament for an act to incorporate a company to construct a steam or electric railway from Toronto northerly to