

BRANTFORD, ONT.—The by-law to raise \$50,000 has been approved of by the Lieutenant-Governor in council and has passed its third reading in council.

PHOENIX, B. C.—Duncan McIntosh has returned from Montreal, where he interviewed capitalists regarding the new tramway and an electric light project here.

HUNTSVILLE, ONT.—Capt. Marsh, of this place, is endeavoring to induce the G.T.R. officials to build a railroad connecting Peninsula Lake and Lake of Bays.

WEBBWOOD, ONT.—The Spanish River Pulp Co., in which W. J. Sheppard, of Waubaushene, is interested, has purchased the Doran water power at this place.

VICTORIA HARBOR, ONT.—It is understood that the Victoria Harbor Lumber Co. intend building a large dock and a boarding house, at a total cost of about \$40,000.

BERLIN, ONT.—It is said that the Berlin & Waterloo Electric Street Railway Co. will make an experiment with the storage battery system for the operation of cars.

EDMONTON, N.W.T.—R. J. and T. G. Hutchings have purchased a site and intend erecting a brick building next spring, to be occupied by the Great-West Saddlery Co.

LITTLE CURRENT, ONT.—The saw mill at this place known as the "red mill" has been purchased by McArthur Bros., who will make improvements thereto early in the spring.

LANARK, ONT.—W. J. Jackson and James Sheridan, of Playfair, were in town last week soliciting funds for the erection of a bridge over the Mississippi river at Sheridan's Rapids.

COBOURG, ONT.—On Monday next the ratepayers will vote on by-laws granting exemption from taxation to the Crossen Car Co. and a bonus to Dick, Ridout & Co., woollen mill proprietors.

KINGSTON, ONT.—Power & Son, architects, invite tenders up to 29th inst. for converting the Brown carriage factory building on Barrie street into a laundry for the Imperial Steam Laundry Co.

CHILLIWACK, B. C.—McLean Bros. have commenced work on the dyking scheme, which will take about fifteen months to complete.—C. L. Street intends rebuilding his mill lately destroyed by fire.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Tenders closed yesterday for construction of ten miles of the Murray Harbor branch of the Prince Edward Island Railway. Particulars from G. A. Sharp, superintendent.

SARNIA, ONT.—By the provisions of the by-law granting a franchise to the Sarnia Street Railway Co., a portion of the road is to be completed by July 1st, 1900, and the balance within twelve months from that date.

OSHAWA, ONT.—The town has agreed to grant a loan of \$50,000 to the McLaughlin Carriage Co., to assist them in rebuilding their factory. The building will be 800 x 50 feet, three storeys, and equipped with modern machinery.

PEMBROKE, ONT.—The council are still undecided as to the building of a steel or wooden bridge at Mary street.—J. W. Munro is reported to have purchased property now occupied by W. Cranley, with the intention of erecting a building on the property.

PORT ARTHUR, ONT.—The Minneapolis & Ontario Bridge Co. has been incorporated, with capital of \$300,000, to build the international bridge over the Rainy river for the Rainy River Railway Company. The bridge will be a mile long, is to be completed in a year, and will cost \$200,000.

GRAND FORKS, B. C.—The provincial government will be asked to contribute \$3,400 towards the construction of a bridge across the north fork of Kettle river.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—A draft of agreement has been drawn up between the city and the Imperial Dock Co. The city agrees to give the company a site at Carleton for a dry dock, and the company are to build warehouses and a wharf 400 feet long on the southern side of the basin, and are given the option of constructing a wharf on the northern side. The city is to build a wharf at Union street.

TRURO, N.S.—T. G. McMullen, M.P. P., is preparing to build another dam a Union, on the Salmon river, in New Brunswick.—The construction of a railway from Noel to Elmsdale is being advocated.—The question of constructing a sewerage system, at a cost of \$53,000, was discussed at a recent public meeting. It was decided to hold another meeting on February 19th next.

HAMILTON, ONT.—The Harbor Committee will ask the Dominion authorities at Ottawa to provide auxiliary power to swing the bridge at the Beach in the event of an accident to the electric plant.—It is understood that about \$300,000 will be spent by the government on the harbor improvements at the beach.—Local capitalists are understood to be interested in the formation of a company to be called the Huntsville, Lake of Bays and Algonquin Park Railway Co., one of the objects being to construct a steam or electric railway over the portage between the Lake of Bays and Peninsula Lake, in Muskoka. The cost is estimated at \$20,000.

LONDON, ONT.—By the explosion of a boiler last week the factory of the Crescent Mill & Timber Co. was slightly damaged. The boiler was completely destroyed.—The city engineer has submitted to the Board of Works a report on the works required to be carried out next year. For permanent walks he asks \$78,102, the greater portion of which is for cement walks. He states that the 43-inch concrete tile used to replace wooden culverts is not of a permanent nature, and recommends light steel bridges with concrete walls. Sewer extension is recommended to cost about \$40,000. He further states that many of the cedar block pavements should be replaced by either asphalt or brick.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—It is the intention of Dr. H. B. Findley, of Victoria, to erect a residence in this city next spring.—The E. & N. Railway Co. are inviting tenders for brick and stone work and concrete foundation of power house.—R. M. Frupp, F. R. I. B. A., is preparing plans for two houses on English Bay, one house at M. Pleasant, and another at the west end (to be tendered on privately).—The council will memorialize the Dominion government to erect a custom house in this city.—The plans for buildings to be built at this place by the Pacific Coast Lumber Co., of New Westminster, show a saw mill 50 x 200 feet, shingle mill 50 x 150 feet, dry kiln 100 x 105 feet, planing mill 100 x 110 feet, and storehouse 100 x 150 feet. The work may not be commenced before 1901.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The Alaska Feather & Down Co. are in the market to purchase 1,000 cords of white poplar wood, not smaller than 6 inches and cut in 6 or 8 ft. lengths, and delivered on railroad lines within 100 miles of this city.—The management of the Windsor hotel intend to thoroughly overhaul the interior of the building and to completely refurnish the bed rooms. The report that a large addition to the hotel was to be built is denied.—The head master of St. Albans school, in his remarks at the closing services, referred to the necessity of

building a school chapel.—The Electric Fire-proofing Co., of New York, have invented a process for rendering wood fire-proof, and a company is in process of formation for Canada. The works will be situated in this city and will be erected at once. Samples of the wood are on view at the offices of R. Wilson-Smith and Meldrum & Co., who are acting as agents for the New York people.

OTTAWA, ONT.—L. K. Jones, secretary Department of Railways and Canals, invites tenders up to Wednesday, January 10th, for the annual supply of timber, hardware, castings, paints, oils, etc., for the Welland canal and its branches for the year 1900.—Early in January building operations will be commenced on a new government dredge. The plans, as prepared by the Public Works Department, show that the vessel will cost about \$12,000. The rebuilding of the freight steamer Welshman will also be proceeded with next month, at a cost of about \$8,000.—Wm. Fields and Wm. McDonald have taken out a building permit for the erection of two semi-detached dwellings on Henderson avenue, to cost \$1,800.—Ald. Raphael has made an estimate of the required improvements in St. George's ward. He places the sum at \$210,000, which includes \$100,000 for asphalt pavement on Rideau street, \$25,000 for asphalt on Nicholas street, \$51,000 for asphalt on Daly avenue, and \$30,000 for tar macadam roadway on Rideau street.

TORONTO, ONT.—Mr. Wm. Kent, of the firm of Ambrose Kent & Sons, proposes to erect a residence in the spring.—Mr. Dan Scott, of Borden street, will erect a residence next year on Dovercourt road.—At the last session of Parliament \$50,000 was placed in the estimates for harbor improvements and for straightening the Don. It is expected that the Minister of Public Works will shortly visit this city to make arrangements for proceeding with the work.—The Foster Bros. Manufacturing Co., of Utica, N.Y., have taken over the factory of the Toronto Carpet Co. at foot of Jarvis street, and will establish a branch of their bedstead manufactory.—The Island Association and the Consumers Gas Co. have reached an agreement under which the latter will supply gas to the island residents by means of a pipe to be constructed across the bay.—The following building permits have been granted. Wm. Finan, two-storey brick residence, west side Dovercourt road, near Van Horne, cost \$1,600; C. F. Strutt, two-storey rough-cast dwelling, west side Shaw street, north of College, cost \$1,000; A. Gardiner, addition to brick dwelling, 65 William street, cost \$1,500; Wm. Booth, pair brick, two-storey dwellings, south side Chicora avenue, near Avenue road, cost \$4,000.—Mr. Leonard, general superintendent of the C. P. R., has secured an appropriation of \$200,000 for permanent improvements in Ontario. The docks, yards and storage capacity for flour at Owen Sound will be increased, at a cost of \$30,000. At Toronto Junction the terminal yards will be increased and a new storage building erected. The sum of \$40,000 will be spent in straightening the line between here and Havelock. At Smiths Falls \$6,000 will be spent on new divisional offices, and \$11,000 in enlarging the tea store houses at that place. The sidings between this city and Montreal will be lengthened, at a cost of \$20,000, and there will be erected in this city, between York and John streets, new freight sheds, 40 x 150 feet.

BUSINESS NOTES.

H. Lewis has registered proprietor of the business of J. E. Lewis & Co., plumbers, Montreal.

James Douglas, contractor, of Westmount, Que., is reported to have assigned, with liabilities of \$93,348.