

ing a syndicate is making arrangements to erect a number of dwellings. At present it is proposed to erect forty wooden buildings.

ROSSLAND, B. C.—Messrs. John R. Mitchell, of Vancouver, Lionel H. Webber, of Rossland, and Philip C. Stoess, of Spokane, are applicants for incorporation as the Okanagan Water Power Company, with power to construct and operate a system of electric power and lighting plants at Dog Falls, on the Okanagan River.

OWEN SOUND, ONT.—Work has commenced on the improvements to be undertaken by the C. P. R. The contract for timber has been awarded to Messrs. Maitland, Rixon & Co. and John Harrison.—It is stated that the Grand Trunk Railway Company have in contemplation the erection of a large grain elevator on the west side of the harbor.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN.—Mr. J. T. Fanning, C. E., of Minneapolis, has reported on the proposed water power scheme. He estimates the cost as follows: Flooding the slough, \$56,000; developing a water power at Pratt's Landing on the Assiniboine by a race course from Garroch's creek, at the south-east end of the slough, thirteen feet head, cost \$30,000 extra, or a total of \$89,000; turbine wheels, \$10,000, power house and solid masonry foundations, \$15,000.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Messrs. Gordon & Ironsides contemplate the erection of a large abattoir at some point adjacent to Winnipeg. The work is likely to be commenced early in the spring.—C. Sharpe has submitted to the City Council plans of alterations proposed to be made to a block on McDermid avenue to convert the premises into an opera house.—It is probable that Mr. Rudolph Hering, C.E., of New York, will be engaged to report on the cost of a system of waterworks for the city.—Joseph Maw & Co. have purchased a lot 50 x 100 feet, corner King and William streets, and will erect a three-story block thereon.—Construction will be commenced at once on the cold storage building for the C. P. R.

VICTORIA, B. C.—The following companies are seeking incorporation: The Okanagan Water Power Company; South Kootenay Water & Power Co.; Revelstoke Water Works, Electric Light and Power Co., of Revelstoke; Fairview Power, Water & Telephone Co., and the Revelstoke, Trout Lake and Big Bend Telephone Co.—A company is seeking incorporation to construct a bridge across the Columbia River between Robson and Waneta.—The Cascade Water, Power & Light Co., composed of Thomas Joseph Jones, Duncan Edward Campbell and George Henry Haynes, all of this city, is seeking incorporation, to construct waterworks at Boundary Creek and Kettle river, in Yale district.

HAMILTON, ONT.—E. B. Wingate, C. E., of the T., H. & B. Railway, has been instructed to prepare plans for a bridge to be built over the marsh, at cost \$3,000.—The Lake Medad Portland Cement Company is applying for incorporation, among the promoters being Alderman Dixon, Alderman Montague and W. A. Holton. The company propose to manufacture cement, lime and builders' supplies, and will erect a factory suitable for the purpose.—The butchers at the market have requested the City Council to erect a suitable shelter, at a cost of about \$6,000.—J. F. Rastrick & Son, architects, invite offers until the 10th inst. for the construction of a brick and stone school house for the trustees of school section No. 7, Barton.

KINGSTON, ONT.—The Kingston Elevator and Transit Company has issued its prospectus. The capital is \$150,000, and its objects are to erect a 500,000 bushel elevator, and handle grain and

other products.—The Queen City Oil Co. have under consideration the erection of oil sheds here.—Two plans for protection at the G. T. R. crossing at Collin's Bay are under consideration by the Bath Road Company and the Grand Trunk Railway Company. One plan contemplates the construction of a new highway by filling in a portion of the bay, while the other plan is to construct an overhead bridge at Smith's property.—Arthur Ellis, architect, is receiving tenders for a brick residence on University ave. for J. C. Hamilton.—Nash Bros. will erect a brick dwelling at the corner of Union and Albert streets.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Mr. W. C. Macdonald has donated to McGill University the sums of \$1,185 for the purchase of certain apparatus for the engineering department, \$150,000 for the maintenance of the engineering and physics buildings, and \$475,000 for the erection of a building for chemistry and mining and metallurgy.—Mr. Laforest, superintendent of the Water Department, has recommended the expenditure of \$110,000 as follows: For a new pump at the lower level reservoir for the service of the upper level reservoir, \$50,000; permanent repairs to both reservoirs, \$50,000; new boom at the mouth of the aqueduct, \$3,900; to provide 200 additional hydrants throughout the city, \$9,000.—Mr. E. O. Champagne, boiler inspector, has condemned three of the fire engines used by the city, and as a result the Fire Committee have recommended to council the purchase of two new engines.—A deputation has been appointed by the Council of the Chambre de Commerce to urge upon the Dominion government the extension of the Intercolonial railway from Levis to Montreal.

QUEBEC, QUE.—Two stained glass windows are to be placed in the church of St. Jean Baptiste, at a cost of \$500.—Mr. Marsh has purchased property at the corner of St. Vallier and Orchard streets, which he proposes to convert into manufacturing premises.—Hon. R. R. Dobell has stated that the government has promised to grant a million dollars towards the proposed bridge across the St. Lawrence, provided a strong company is organized to push forward the undertaking.—Andrew Thomson will receive tenders until Monday, the 8th inst., for enlarging the head office of the Union Bank in this city. Plans at the office of H. Staveley, architect.—The contract for masonry and iron work of a swing bridge over River St. Charles will be let next week, tenders for which are asked by W. D. Baillaige.—D. Ouellet, architect, is preparing plans and specifications for repairs and inside decorations of the church of Cedar Hall, and for the church of Humqui. He is also preparing plans for a new church at Consapscal, and for another one at Portneuf, Saguenay.—G. E. Tinquay, architect, is preparing plans for an annex to the residence of A. J. Painchand on Grande Allee st.

OTTAWA, ONT.—A company, with \$1,000,000 capital, is applying for incorporation to build a belt line railway around this city. The company is to be known as the Hull, St. Louis Dam & Victoria Springs Railway Company.—The Sault St. Marie and Hudson Bay Railway Company will apply next session for an extension of time to complete its work.—Incorporation is sought for a company to build and operate a line of railway from the head of Lynn canal in British Columbia, to Fort Selkirk.—It is stated that the American Bank Note Company, who recently purchased property on Wellington street, will commence building operations at once.—J. H. Balderson, Secretary of the Department of Railways and Canals, invites tenders until Saturday, the 20th inst., for enlarging about one and a half quarter miles of the Grenville canal, according to plans to be seen at the above department and at the

office of the superintending engineer, Montreal. Mr. Balderson also asks tenders until the 16th inst. for the works connected with the re-letting of sections Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 12 of the Soulanges canal.—A deputation from the County of L'Assomption waited upon the Premier last week urging the construction of a traffic bridge over both branches of the Ottawa river at Bout d'Iste. A deputation has also asked for a subsidy of \$3,200 per mile for the Chateauguy and Northern railway.—E. F. E. Roy, secretary Department of Public Works, will receive proposals until the 16th inst., for the construction of a wharf at Hantsport, N. S. Plans may be seen at the post-office, Hantsport, at the office of C. E. W. Dodwell, Halifax, and at the above department.—It is the intention of the Sun Life Assurance Co. to erect a fireproof building in this city.—A company, with a capital of \$1,000,000, is applying for incorporation, to build a belt line of railway around the city of Ottawa. T. G. Brighan makes the application for incorporation.—A scheme is on foot to dredge the Rideau river between St. Patrick street bridge and the Rideau Falls. The government will be asked to expend \$55,000 or \$60,000 on the work.—The government are said to be considering a plan for rendering the western block of the parliament buildings substantially fireproof. The proposition is made to renovate and improve the basement of the block and to remove the wooden flooring at present covering the floors of the corridors in the basement, substituting therefor cemented walks; also to remove all wooden or inflammable material in the basement that can properly be dispensed with.

TORONTO, ONT.—The petition of the Technical School Board, asking for a new school building, at a cost of \$75,000, has been received by the Mayor, and will be submitted to council at the next meeting.—Mr. Bishop, Superintendent of School Buildings, has made an approximate estimate of the cost of enlarging several school buildings, which is placed at from \$44,000 to \$55,000, making provision for twenty-one rooms.—The Park Commissioner has reported that it will cost \$6,800 to replace the stables recently burned at the exhibition grounds.—A sub-committee of the York County Council last week considered the question of building a new bridge at York Mills. It is probable that the bridge will be erected on the old site.—Chief Graham, of the Fire Department, has recommended the construction of the following water mains for fire protection: 12-inch main on King street, from Dufferin street to connect with the 8-inch main on King street west of Close avenue; 6-inch mains substituted for 4-inch mains on streets running north and south from King street; 12-inch main through the exhibition grounds from Dufferin street, on the road south of the main building; 6-inch main on Lodge avenue, where the rubber works is situated; 12-inch main on Albert and Terauley streets; 6-inch main on James street, that mains on Bay, York, Jordan and other streets be connected by four-way connections; 12-inch main on Colborne street, from Yonge street to West Market street.—Tenders are wanted until the 6th inst. for plastering, masonry, plumbing and painting of a dwelling house. Apply 70 Empress Crescent.—The building at the north-west corner of Yonge and King streets, occupied by W. & D. Dineen, is to be replaced by a new structure, work on which will commence in April. The property belongs to the Lawlor Estate, Messrs. Foy & Kelly, Church street, being their solicitors.—The City Engineer, in his fortnightly report presented to the Board of Works on Monday, reports that it will cost \$9,000 to add another span to the John street bridge, while the proposed filling can be done for \$3,000. A brick pavement is