

PERTH, ONT.—As the by-law to provide for the building of a house of refuge was carried by the ratepayers of Lanark county, work will likely be commenced in the early spring.

HALIFAX, N.S.—The city council held a special meeting last week to consider the question of assisting a company which proposes establishing steel ship-building yards here.

ALMONTE, ONT.—The by-law to raise \$10,000 for street improvements was carried by the ratepayers and has been read a third time in council. The money will be raised by debentures.

MIDLAND, ONT.—Plans have been prepared for the erection of a new Methodist church to cost about \$8,000. Some of the congregation favor remodelling the old building, at a cost of \$2,000.

LAUZON, QUE.—The corporation proposes to build a bridge between the property of Miss Oliver and that of Joseph Dubois, to cost not more than \$3,000. Particulars from P. V. Chaloult, attorney, Quebec.

COLLINGWOOD, ONT.—It is expected that the Cramp Ontario Steel Co. will let the contract this week for construction of four docks.—The town is negotiating with a Pittsburg syndicate to erect large wire works here.

GRAND MERE, QUE.—The corporation offers for sale \$10,000 twenty year debentures issued for purpose of carrying out street improvements. Tenders received by A. Ballacey, secretary-treasurer, up to 18th inst.

VICTORIA, B. C.—The Bridge River Developing Co. has been granted a provincial charter.—Nine sets of plans have been submitted for the proposed government building, but a selection will not be made for a short time.

GRAND FALLS, N.B.—J. F. McCluskey intends to enlarge the building adjoining his store and fit it up as a public hall.—It is stated on good authority that work on the pulp mill to be built here will be commenced in the spring.

WINDSOR, ONT.—At a meeting held here last week it was decided to organize the Windsor, Essex & Lake Shore Railway Co., to build an electric railway. Wm. Currie and Wm. Newman, of this city, were elected directors.

THOROLD, ONT.—Although the by-law to raise \$40,000 for street improvements was defeated by the ratepayers, it is thought that the question will not be allowed to drop, but that another vote may be taken in the near future.

RAT PORTAGE, ONT.—A meeting of the Keewatin Power Co. was held in Ottawa last week, at which it was decided to proceed at once with the erection of a pulp mill near this place. John Mather is managing director of the company.

MONCTON, N.B.—The Record Foundry & Machine Co. is about to enlarge its works.—The council is offering exemption from taxation for twenty years to any company starting a manufacturing concern here employing \$50,000 capital.

GREENWOOD, B.C.—The British Columbia Copper Co. will install a converting plant at their smelter here, to cost \$40,000. The plant will consist of a 40-ton electric crane, crushing plant, blowing engine, one stand of converters, and accessories.

INDIAN HEAD, N.W.T.—A company is seeking incorporation to build a railway from this place to Fort Qu'Appelle.—R. Williams, of Fort Qu'Appelle, is interested in the proposal to build an electric railway between this place and Fort Qu'Appelle.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—T. H. Davies & Co. have purchased the iron works in this city of Armstrong & Morrison. They will erect a foundry and spend a large

sum of money in machinery.—Bell & Flett, Hastings street, have taken tenders for erection of two frame residences.

SHERBROOKE, QUE.—The plans of the proposed nurses' home are on view in Fraser's drug store.—Messrs. Crocker, manufacturers of paper making machinery, Fitchburg, Pa., were in town recently looking for a site on which to build a branch factory.

KINGSTON, ONT.—Steps are being taken looking to the erection of the smelter to be built by the Catarqui Mining Co.—Tenders will shortly be invited to rebuild the Government steamer Newfoundland.—H. P. Smith, architect, is preparing plans for a brick presbytery to be built at Erinsville.

METABETCHOUAN, QUE.—The Metabetchouan Pulp Co. is applying for a provincial charter, to acquire the water powers in the counties of Saguenay, Chicoutimi, Lake St. John, Montmorency and Quebec, and to erect a paper mill and other industries. C. A. Paquet and Joseph Samson, of Quebec city, are interested.

FREDERICTON, N.B.—The provincial government have under consideration the development of the coal fields of Queens and Sunbury.—The Department of Public Works invites tenders up to Monday, January 28th, for rebuilding McGregor bridge, Finger Board bridge and Cottage bridge, each in the parish of Dalhousie, Restigouche county.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—B. Dillon, architect, is about to take tenders for the erection of an addition to the building of the Canadian Oak Belting Co. Same architect is preparing plans for other buildings to be built early in the spring.—B. Dillon, architect, invites tenders up to Saturday, 19th inst., for erection of a brick factory on Perth street.

SYDNEY, N. S.—It is understood that the Dominion Government contemplate making extensive changes in the railway station here.—It has been decided to erect a brick opera house here to cost \$30,000. W. S. Harkins will be the lessee.—William Madden, of Westville, has purchased property here on which he will erect a large business block.

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.—The by-law to raise \$10,000 to install a third pump in the power house was defeated by the ratepayers last week.—The Cataract Land Co. has purchased tee property lying between Eastwood avenue and Berder avenue, and it is probable that arrangements will be made to erect buildings thereon.—N. A. Brigham has offered to donate \$2,500 towards the erection of a hospital.

ESSEX, ONT.—F. A. Hough will ask the Ontario government to amend the charter of the South Essex Railway Co. so as to enable them to continue the railway from Leamington to Point Pelee.—E. A. Wisner will apply for the incorporation of the Talbot Road & Lake Shore Electric Railway Co., to construct a railway from Windsor through the townships of Sandwich West, Sandwich South and Maidstone to the towns of Essex, Kingsville, Leamington, and Blenheim to Chatham.

OTTAWA, ONT.—It is the intention of H. N. Bate & Sons to erect a two-storey stone addition to their present structure.—A company is seeking incorporation to build a railway from New Glasgow to County Harbor, N.S. It will be known as the Nova Scotia Central Railway Co.—The Gaspé & Western Railway Co., to build from Fraserville to Gaspé Basin, Que., is seeking incorporation.—D'Arcy Scott will ask for the incorporation of a company to develop water powers.—The Public Works Department has sent five engineers to North Bay to investigate the possibilities of a 20 foot navigation

along the French river from the upper lakes.—Excavation is in progress for the new mill to be built at the Chaudiere by J. R. Booth.

QUEBEC, QUE.—The Quebec Central railway has purchased the Temiscouata railway, running from River du Loup to Edmundston, N.B. A connecting link is to be built between Levis and River du Loup, shortening the distance between Quebec and St. John, N.B., 120 miles.—G. E. Tanguay, architect, of this city, is asking for tenders for the construction of a church and sacristy in the parish of Mille Vaches, Baie des Bacons, in the diocese of Chicoutimi.—Hayter Reid, manager of the Chateau Frontenac hotel, went to Montreal last week to confer with the C.P.R. authorities regarding the proposed additions to the hotel. Should the plans now under consideration be approved, an expenditure of \$300,000 will be made.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—It is understood that the owners of the property on the corner of Portage avenue and Main street, which was damaged recently by fire, are considering the advisability of building a new block there.—E. S. Harrison is about to purchase the equipment for an electric testing laboratory to be established in the Y.M.C.A. building.—It is reported that the property on Portage avenue adjoining George Clement's tailoring establishment has been purchased by S. Spence, of the Gault house, who intends to erect a new hotel there early in the spring.—The Hebrew citizens intend to build a Jewish school, to be brick, with stone foundation, to cost \$3,000.—Wm. McKenzie reports that he will build a new railway from this city to Portage la Prairie, to connect with the South Eastern and Dauphin lines of the Canadian Northern system.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—A canvass is being made to obtain funds for building a new Y.M.C.A. building.—J. T. C. McKean, architect, is preparing plans for extensive alterations in the Bank of New Brunswick. It is understood that the whole interior arrangement will be changed.—The Congregational church is considering the question of erecting a new church or extensively repairing the present one. Rev. R. Morson is pastor.—The Board of Trade will petition the Minister of Railways and Canals to undertake the promised dredging at the entrance to the harbor here.—W. H. Thorne states that a decision has not yet been reached regarding the re-building of the Coldwater rolling mills.—A \$55,000 Baptist college will be built near this city.—At the last meeting of the city council the proposed construction of a bridge across the harbor was considered.

TORONTO, ONT.—Tenders are wanted at 18 Czar street for erection of two brick dwellings.—Engineers last week began an inspection of the Glen road bridge in Rosedale with a view of strengthening it.—It is understood that improvements to the provincial council chamber are contemplated, but that these will not be commenced until after the approaching session.—At the inaugural meeting of the city council the following notices of motion were given: By Ald. Burns, that the Property Committee report on a scheme for the reconstruction of the cattle market, and that an engineer be instructed to prepare plans for a foot bridge over the railway tracks at the foot of Yonge street; by Ald. Woods, that a committee be appointed to report upon the advisability of filling in and grading Harrison street; by Ald. Bell, that the Property Committee include in its estimates a sum to provide for placing an illuminated clock in the tower of the Ossington avenue fire hall.—Dr. R. A. Reeve, president of the Toronto University Alumni, has offered to contribute one hundred of the necessary sum for the erection of a me-