

Co., of London, have requested the council to grant them the necessary site and exemption from taxation for ten years for a factory building, 40 x 60 feet.—The Board of Works have recommended the construction of a number of new plank walks. A by-law to raise \$5,000 to extend the east ward sewer system has received its second reading in council.

WESTMOUNT, QUE.—It is reported that a new Roman Catholic church is to be erected on St. Catharine street.—Plans have been prepared and funds are being collected for the enlargement of St. Mathias church.—The council are favorably disposed towards the request of a syndicate that a sum of \$2,000 per year be granted towards assisting the construction and operation of an elevated electric railway on the trolley system up the face of the mountain from Shetbrooke street.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.—The Conference of the Methodist church have sanctioned the following building undertakings: New parsonages at Battersea and South Mountain; new church at Cobden; parsonage at Renfrew; new church at Bryson, Que.—The engineer has recommended construction of granolithic sidewalks on Pearl street, cost \$7,600, on Wall street, cost \$1,630, and on Buel street, cost \$3,564. Council has authorized the work to be done. Also the construction of a sewer on William street and on Perth street. By-laws also passed for the construction of granolithic sidewalks on several other streets in addition to those mentioned above.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Geo. Browne, architect, is preparing plans for a four-storey building, 100 x 80 feet, to be erected at the corner Bannatyne ave. and Arthur street.—A new church is to be erected by the Roman Catholics speaking the German and Polish tongue. The Archbishop of St. Boniface has the matter in hand.—The Boyne marsh drainage debentures will shortly be offered for sale by the provincial treasurer. The amount will be between \$275,000 and \$300,000.—It is announced that arrangements have been made with the government by Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann to extend the Dauphin line railway into the Gilbert Plains this summer.

HALIFAX, N.S.—The recommendation of the city engineer that an outlet be constructed for the Young avenue sewer was adopted.—Chas. E. Church, Commissioner of Public Works and Mines, will receive tenders up to the 26th inst. for the erection of a Science building in connection with Provincial Normal School, Truro, N.S. Plans and specifications at office of T. R. Black, Amherst, the principal of Normal School, Truro, and Education office, Halifax.—The latest proposal for placing points on the Bay of Fundy in communication with points in Prince Edward Island, Cape Breton and the north shore of Nova Scotia, is the construction of a canal across the isthmus, using the Missiquish river as a part of the route. The cost is estimated at \$5,000,000.

VICTORIA, B. C.—Mr. Henry Croft, acting in conjunction with English capitalists, has submitted to the council a proposition, the main features of which are to reclaim what are known as the James Bay mud flats, containing an area of fifteen acres, and erect a bridge the width of government street, in return for a fifty years' lease of the land free from taxation. It is stipulated that at least \$250,000 shall be expended in improvements during 1900. The purpose of the syndicate is to convert the land into a park, and erect thereon a theatre, music hall, swimming baths, etc. Mr. Croft has been asked to submit further details of his proposition, and the council will appoint a special committee to deal with the matter.—Mr. Geo. C. Messher is preparing to erect new buildings on lower Johnson street.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The sum of \$6,000 is to be expended for the improvement of the civic hospital.—The parishioners of St. Charles de Montreal parish have resolved to borrow the sum of \$70,000 with which to complete the construction of the church at Island and Centre streets, the work to be commenced in the spring of 1900. Several architects are said to be engaged on the plans.—The Montreal Street Railway Company, will, it is said, erect three large car barns at the upper end of St. Denis street, and also double track their line between Montreal and Verdun.—The city surveyor has presented to the council a statement of the expenditures required to place the streets in proper condition, amounting to upwards of half a million dollars.—Mr. Percy Barns, architect, is preparing plans as follows: Two cottages for C. F. Lilly, Point Clair; new conservatory and green houses at the Forest and Stream Club, Dorval; stables for Hon. A. W. Morris; alterations to Royal Montreal Golf Club; gentlemen's bungalow, golf club, Dixie; racquet court, Dixie; Imperial Oil Co., warehouse, etc., at Cote St. Paul; St. Stephen's church, Buckingham.—Messrs Hutchison & Wood, architects, are preparing plans for a fine eight storey warehouse, for the McIntyre estate, to be erected at the corner of Victoria Square and Craig st. The material will be stone.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The Separate School Board are being urged to take immediate steps for the erection of a new school, in Dalhousie ward.—The Railway Committee of the House of Commons decided to grant a charter to the Portage du Fort and Bristol Branch Railway for a line from Quyon west to Pembroke.—It has been decided that the fourth section of main drain shall be constructed by contract.—Extensive alterations are to be made to Mr. J. M. Garland's building, Queen and O'Connor streets; additional storey and mansard roof will be added.—Mr. A. Bruce, the engineer in charge of the work, is about to proceed with the construction of the bridge across the Ottawa River at Hawkesbury, to connect the North Shore Railway with the Canada Atlantic Railway at that point.—The city engineer recommends that a permanent pavement be laid on Elgin street between Sparks and Queen street.—The Ottawa Land Association is said to be considering the project of constructing a dam across the Ottawa river at the end of Queen street for power development purposes.—A petition has been received by the council for an asphalt pavement on O'Connor street between Sparks and Wellington street. The grade is said to be too great for asphalt, and scoria blocks are therefore likely to be used.—The

French Committee of the Separate School Board at their last meeting decided to erect a new school in St. Ann's parish. Work will be commenced at once. The demand for a new school in Wellington ward was referred to the Finance Committee.—Building permits have been issued as follows: A. F. Heney, brick addition to Windsor Hotel, Queen street, \$5,000; J. H. Putman, frame dwelling, Rideau Terrace, \$1,500.

TORONTO, ONT.—The Assessment Commissioner, City Solicitor, and City Engineer have approved of the proposal to extend Victoria street through to Scott street, the terms to be decided by the council.—Mr. John Ross Robertson recently made the statement that a home for nurses would shortly be erected in connection with the Sick Children's Hospital. The statement has also been made by Mr James Massie, that a project is under way to establish a home for incurable children.—The Toronto Shoe Manufacturing Co., 29 Front street west, invite tenders until 15th inst., for construction of a flume and tail race for their hydraulic power plant at Port Dalhousie. Thos. E. Hillman, C. E., Y. M. C. A. building, Hamilton, Ont., is engineer for the work.—The Board of Control have greatly reduced the estimates of the city engineer. Some of the reductions made are as follows: Repairs to public buildings, \$10,000; macadam road repairs, \$10,000; cedar block repairs, \$2,500; asphalt repairs \$2,000; repairs to sidewalks, \$10,000; general repairs to sewers, etc., \$15,000; dredging, \$3,000; waterworks renewals, \$7,300.—Building permits have been issued as follows: York County Loan & Savings Co., five detached houses, So rauren ave. and Marion street, cost \$9,000; Geo. Manton, alterations to residences 101 and 103 Elizabeth street, cost \$800; G. Elliott, one storey brick box factory north side Nelson street, cost \$5,500; Luxfer Prism Company, two-storey brick factory, rear 98 and 100 King street west, cost \$4,000; Expanded Metal & Fireproof Company, one-storey brick factory, 94 and 96 King street west, \$2,000; D. A. Coulson, two-storey brick residence, 98 Woodlawn avenue, \$3,500; A. A. Allen, alterations and additions, 496 Sherbourne \$4,000; the Carnavan estate, alterations to warehouse, 46 and 48 Bay street, \$4,000; J. S. Lawry, two-storey attached brick residence near King street on Maynard ave., cost \$4,500. Thompson Bros. builders.—Notification has been received of the passing of an order in council authorizing the building of a new wing to the Isolation hospital.—The Grand Trunk Railway Co. will build a new wing to their freight warehouses at the foot of Simcoe street, cost \$4,000.

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