

story hotel on the corner of King and Hotel streets, in the centre of the business district. Plans are being prepared by a Montreal firm, and work will be started in the spring.

BOBCAYGEON, ONT.—Much interest is taken in the proposition to build an electric railway from Bobcaygeon to Peterboro. The proposition is to build a line to Scott's mills, some 12 miles east, thence to Buckhorn and Peterboro. This would avoid expensive bridges. The cost is estimated at \$200,000.

FORT WILLIAM, ONT.—The council has purchased property for a market place. Mr. H. H. Peacock has purchased a lot on Victoria ave. He will erect a commodious two story brick building next spring, at a cost of \$3,000. The by-law to raise \$75,000 for a waterworks system was carried by a majority of 68.

ST. JOHNS, QUE.—M. E. Z. Paradis, Q. C., is organizing a company for the construction of the proposed new power works on the St. Lawrence, between Laprairie and Caughnawaga.—The corporation have resolved to purchase a new steam fire engine and 500 feet of hose. Tenders for the same are now invited.

SHERBROOKE, QUE.—It is rumored that the Sherbrooke Street Railway Company will extend the line to Little Magog Lake next summer. It is also rumored that Messrs. R. N. Arkley & Son will construct a dam on the Magog below the Little Lake at a point on Mr. Henneker's estate, to develop supplementary power for the company.

WINDSOR, ONT.—The Windsor Curling Rink Company will erect a rink, at a cost of \$3,500.—The Finance Committee will recommend to the council that a by-law be submitted to the electors in January for the purpose of raising \$3,000 for the erection of an armory for the Twenty-First Battalion, providing the Dominion government give an equal amount.

HINTONBURG, ONT.—At the last meeting of the council it was decided to have an engineer prepare an estimate and plans of the drainage scheme to submit to the ratepayers at the next election.—The final proposition regarding the construction of a waterworks system will be submitted to the company shortly. The work is to be undertaken within one year.

BRIDGETOWN, N.S.—A company was formed here some time ago to supply electric light and power. Nothing was done, however, but the promoters now state that work will shortly be commenced. They have nearly completed arrangements whereby they will acquire the right to lay pipes, construct dams and sluices, and build a complete waterway from Currell's Brook. Both light and power will be supplied.

STRATFORD, ONT.—It is estimated that the city hall can be rebuilt for \$10,000.—It is understood that a citizen has had plans prepared and is endeavoring to complete arrangements for the erection of an opera house at an early date.—The town authorities are negotiating to buy the waterworks system from the company now operating it, and, providing the purchase is made, work will at once be commenced towards improving the system.

ANNAPOLIS, N. S.—The town recently engaged the services of Mr. Hodgson, C. E., of Boston, to make a survey for drainage purposes. He reports that a sewerage system can be put in for the sum of \$26,000. At the last meeting of council the report was discussed and the borrowing of \$13,500 recommended for the construction of a part of the system. A scheme for the town to own and run an electric plant was also discussed and the borrowing of \$12,000 recommended, subject to the consent of the ratepayers.

HULL, QUE.—The city engineer has completed plans for the extension of the

waterworks system, and tenders for the supply of the following are asked until today (Thursday): 275 feet of 14 or 15 inch cast iron pipe; 630 feet of 10 inch; 26,565 feet of 6 inch; 3,660 feet of 5 inch; 835 feet of 4 inch; 47 hydrants; valves, tees, crosses, and special castings; 25,000 lbs. of lead pipe for services; 6,000 lbs. of lead for joints; 200 lbs. of yarn; street service boxes, stop cocks, nozzles, etc.

QUEBEC, QUE.—Hon. Senator Landry, J. E. Martineau, William Henry Wiggs, Hon. Judge Chauveau, and others, are seeking incorporation from the Dominion Legislature under the name of the Canadian Acetylene Company.—The Montmorency Electric Light and Power Company are considering the feasibility of doing away with the present towers for crossing their wires over the St. Charles, by constructing a tunnel or subway under the bed of the river. Engineers are engaged in taking the necessary measurements and soundings.

LONDON, ONT.—Improvements are to be made to the Custom House here.—Building permits have been granted as follows: W. J. Thompson, two-story brick residence on King street, between Wellington and Waterloo; Moore & Henry, architects. George Loveless, two-story brick house, corner George and St. James streets. J. H. Vanston, brick veneer cottage on Byron avenue. John Davidson, Francis street, story and a half brick veneer residence.—A western firm have made a proposition to establish a factory in this city.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—The Free Public Library Commissioners have asked the council to borrow funds to purchase a site for a new library building. In discussing the matter in council, Ald. Christie pointed out that from \$90,000 to \$100,000 would soon be required for a new water main from Spruce Lake to Carleton. The proposed library building is estimated to cost \$20,000.—The proposition of A. Cushing & Co. to erect a pulp mill is under consideration by the council. There is a feeling in favor of assisting the enterprise.

HAMILTON, ONT.—There is a probability that within a short space of time the G.T.R. will undertake the important work of double-tracking the line between Hamilton and Niagara Falls. The work will cost about \$900,000.—W. P. Witton, architect, will receive tenders until Saturday next for alterations and additions to the Royal Hotel.—A report has been received by the City Council from the Committee of Fire Underwriters. The committee considers that the water pressure is inadequate for fire purposes, and recommends that the height of the standpipe be increased, and that there be a continuous standpipe pressure. This is suggested as a temporary relief until the city is prepared to spend \$125,000 or \$130,000 in improving the system.—Mr. C. J. Myles and Mr. Jennings, C.E., recently made a trip over the proposed route of the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville railway from Beamsville to St. Catharines.

TORONTO, ONT.—The City Engineer has submitted his report to the City Council on the cost of installing an electric light plant for lighting the civic buildings and public parks, and also to supply power to manufacturers. The estimated cost of a plant for lighting streets, public parks and city buildings is given as \$400,000. A plant for commercial purposes, giving 60,000 incandescent lights and 1,000 horse power, is placed at \$580,000, of which \$300,000 would be required for underground conduits and cables.—James Ryan, chairman Sites and Buildings Committee of the Separate School Board, will receive tenders until Monday, 6th inst., for the erection of a four-room brick school on McDonnell square. Plans prepared by W. J. Smith, architect, may be seen at

28 Duke street.—Mr. C. C. Macdonnell has written to the Board of Control offering to sell the city the building on Simcoe street formerly occupied by the Attorney-General's office, to be converted into a branch hospital.—The City Engineer has reported against the establishment of an electric plant to pump the city water.—Kingsmill, Saunders & Torrance, solicitors for applicants, give notice of the formation of a company to construct a railway from Pyramid Harbor, near the head of Lynn canal, thence through the Chilkat Pass, Dalton's Post, on the Alsek river, to Five Finger Rapids, on the Lewes river.—Building permits have been issued as follows: George Gooderham, additional stories to 141-143 Spadina avenue, cost \$2,000; R. P. Powell, carpet factory, corner Bloor street and Manning avenue, cost \$1,000.

MONTREAL, QUE.—The Road Department has decided to extend the street work over three years, and consequently the estimate for permanent works next year will be \$697,000. The principal items are for the intercepting sewer down St. Alexander street, \$24,330; Sherbrooke street intercepting sewer, \$49,737.50; duplicating sewer on St. James street, \$103,871.00; main sewer for St. Denis Ward, \$29,513.00; sidewalks, \$75,000; Mountain street bridge, \$38,750; Notre Dame street bridge, \$35,800; renewing wood block paving on Craig street with scoria blocks or massillon, \$112,000; repairing St. Catherine street, wooden blocks, \$18,000.—The Board of Health has decided to advertise anew for properties suitable for a morgue. The new advertisements will not make it necessary for tenderers to file plans with their tenders.—The Finance Committee, at a meeting held last week, passed the Bonsecours market extension scheme.—The attorney of St. Henri has confirmed the opinion that the town has no power to build a new fire station without the consent of the ratepayers. The council will in all probability have to obtain the ratification of the ratepayers through a by-law.—Mr. Lacroix, the building inspector, has reported that it will require at least \$45,000 to repair the different markets. This did not include some necessary works to be done at the eastern abattoir. The Market Committee have decided to utilize the \$50,000 at the disposal of the committee to the extent of \$48,000 for the purpose, to be divided up among the markets.—The inspectors of prisons, in their report just submitted to the Legislature, recommend the erection of a new jail building in this city.—J. A. Chausse, architect, is preparing plans for extensive repairs to be made at the city hall, Maisonneuve. Tenders will be invited shortly.

OTTAWA, ONT.—County School Inspector Cowley reports that a new school is required in S. S. No. 3, March township.—E. F. E. Roy, secretary Department of Public Works, will receive tenders until Monday, 6th inst., for two electric elevators for a public building at Victoria, B. C. Plans at above department and at Victoria.—Mr. Taylor, of Russell avenue, is erecting a \$5,000 house on Blackburn avenue, to be finished next spring.—The T. Eaton Company, of Toronto, are negotiating for the purchase of a property on Sparks street with a view to erecting a large departmental store thereon.—Negotiations are pending for the erection of a large hotel at the southeast corner of Queen and O'Connor sts. The name of T. W. McDermott has been connected with the scheme.—The old building adjoining Morgan's livery on Sparks street is being demolished to make way for a substantial structure to be erected by Messrs. Bate & Sons.—The Department of the Interior is being urged to have artesian wells sunk in the more arid districts of the North-West, so as to render them profitable as cattle ranches.