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COLLINGWOOD, ONT.—A meeting was called by the Mayor last week to discuss the granting of a bonus to the G.T.R. for the building of an elevator. The meeting was declared in favor of granting a bonus of \$25,000 upon the condition that the company would build an elevator of 70,000 bushels capacity.

CHATHAM, ONT.—By-laws have been passed by the Council to raise \$1,547 for local improvement works. In this issue of the RECORD plans are invited for a three-story building for a House of Refuge, to cost about \$15,000. The by-law to raise funds for the purpose was carried by the ratepayers.

GALT, ONT.—Four by-laws were defeated here on Monday. They were for a new fire-hall, a fire alarm system, enlargement of the market square, and a partial sewerage system for the town. The laying of about \$20,000 worth of cement walks last year is said to be the reason for the defeat of these by-laws.

SHAWENEGAN, QUE. The Shawenegan Manufacturing Company are applying for letters patent of incorporation, to manufacture calcium carbide, acetylene gas and electricity. Among the promoters are Peter Lyall, contractor, Montreal; Chas. Riordon, paper maker, St. Catharines, and J. R. Barber, paper maker, Georgetown, Ont.

VANCOUVER, B.C.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has informed the City Council that unless the citizens pass the proposed by-law to exempt the railway property from taxation and to guarantee it for eight years against liability in respect of a bonus granted to any opposing railway, the company must decline to incur the present contemplated expenditure of some \$400,000 on new terminal buildings.

WOLFVILLE, N.S.—The Nova Scotia Hotel and Improvement Co., composed largely of Boston capitalists, has been organized, the purpose being to erect summer hotels in different parts of Nova Scotia. Hon. J. W. Longley, J. F. Masters, C. H. Miller, M.D., B. H. Calkin, M.D., and George W. Borden are some of the directors. The first hotel will be erected at this place, where 8½ acres of land has been secured as a site. The cost of construction is placed at \$25,000.

ST. THOMAS, ONT.—The bill to guarantee the bonds of the St. Thomas Street Railway Company to the amount of \$50,000 was passed in the Private Bills Committee of the Ontario Legislature last week. The company hope to commence the work of construction in the early spring.—J. H. Still, of the Electric Street Railway Company, will receive tenders until the 15th inst. for 12,500 cedar and 2,500 tamarack or hemlock ties, not less than 6-inch face and 7 feet long, also for 600 trolley poles 28 feet long and not less than 6½ inch diameter at small end.

VICTORIA, B.C.—The Mountain Tramway and Electric Company are seeking incorporation from the provincial legislature, to construct ropeways and tramways to the various branch railways controlled by the C. P. R. The company also ask power to supply heat and light.—J. Gerhard Tiarks, architect, has been commissioned to prepare plans for two bungalow dwellings to be erected by Sir Charles H. Tupper and Hon. F. Peters on the Oak Bay road. Each house will be 100x70 feet, supplied with electric light, and during the winter one side of the verandah will be entirely enclosed with glazed sashes.

LONDON, ONT.—J. W. Metherall has taken out a permit to erect a brick store on Dundas street, east of Adelaide, and a brick stable, to cost \$2,377 and \$500 respectively.—Hyatt Bros. will build two

brick veneer cottages on Oak street, at a cost of \$750 each.—Mr. Thomas S. Hobbs, M.P.P., states that the plans for the new Normal school to be built in this city have been approved of by the Ontario government. The school will be built of brown stone and buff pressed brick. It will cost at least \$75,000, and the land and furnishings will bring the total cost to nearly \$100,000. It will probably be built during the coming summer.—The hospital by-law was carried by a large majority.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—The Harbor Improvement Committee of the Common Council have decided to give the New Brunswick Cold Storage Company a lease of five lots on Prince William street as a site for a cold storage building.—C. H. Peters will build a residence at the corner of Leinster and Wentworth streets, from plans by H. H. Mott, architect. Mr. Mott has also prepared plans for an R.C. church to be built at Fox Creek, of local freestone, 100x60 feet, with vestry 30x40 feet.—Cushing & Co. have not yet accepted the proposition of the city to supply 340,000 gallons of water for the operation of a pulp mill. They want no stipulation as to the quantity.—Mr. Julius Spiers, of New York, representing a New York syndicate, was in the city last week negotiating for a site on which to erect a pulp mill.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—A deputation waited on Mr. Whyte, of the C. P. R., last week, requesting that a spur line of railway be constructed from Lariviere to Snow Flake, a distance of 12 miles.—A substantial business block, four stories in height, will be built on Princess street facing the market square. The structure will occupy the present site of the office and warehouses of Frank Fairchild.—W. Brown & Co., wholesale tobacconists, will erect a bonded warehouse this coming spring. Other buildings are also in contemplation.—City Engineer Ruttan is at present on a visit to different cities for the purpose of inspecting methods of disposing of garbage with a view of obtaining information for the guidance of the City Council in adopting a system here.—The congregation of Wesley church will select a site this week for a new church to be erected in the spring.

OTTAWA, ONT.—The Massey-Harris Company have commenced work on a new warehouse at the C. P. R. depot. E. L. Horwood, architect.—E. F. E. Roy, secretary Department of Public Works, will receive tenders until Friday, 21st inst., for extending the pier at Margaree, Inverness county, N. S., according to a plan to be seen at the offices of E. G. Millidge, Esq., resident engineer, Antigonish, N. S., and John A. McLeod, Esq., Margaree, N. S., and at the above department. Mr. Roy will also receive tenders until January 24th for the construction of a heating apparatus in public building at Portage la Prairie, Man. Plans at post-office there and at above department.—The Stickeen & Teslin Lake Railway Co., a Montreal concern, is applying for incorporation. Other applications to Parliament are by the Northern & Yukon Railway Co., for a railway from Edmonton by the Peace river through Teslin Lake, with spurs to the head waters of the Mackenzie river; the British Columbia & Northern Railway Co., for a road from Ashcroft past the head of the Stickeen to Fort Selkirk in the Yukon; the Yukon & Pacific Railway Co., from Skagway on Dyea to Bennett, Selkirk and Dawson.—The ratepayers of Gloucester township have passed a resolution objecting to this city running its main sewer through the township on the present terms.—Robert Surtees, City Engineer, will receive tenders until the 11th inst. for the following annual supplies: Oils, lead pipe, brasswork, hardware, hydrants, valves, castings, cast iron pipe and fire alarm supplies.—The Minister of Public Works is said to have been de-

layed in his plans for lighting the Parliament buildings, but it is understood that tenders for a plant will shortly be asked for. It will require over 3,000 incandescent lights, and it is also intended to supply electric power for working the pumps in the building.—County School Inspector R. H. Cowley has recommended the following improvements to schools: No. 12, Fitzroy, new desks; No. 7, Huntley, new school building; No. 16, Goulbourne, new building; No. 17, Goulbourne, better ventilation.—The by-law to bonus the Ottawa & New York Railway Co.'s workshops to the extent of \$75,000 was carried by the ratepayers.—Chrysler & Bethune give notice of application to parliament for the incorporation of a company to build a railway from some point near Montreal along the Gatineau and St. Maurice rivers to Bell River and Rupert Bay.

TORONTO, ONT.—Among the new companies incorporated by the Ontario government are the following: The Klinch Brick & Stone Slab Company of Toronto, Limited; capital stock, \$75,000; composed of J. W. Klinch, Mrs. E. J. Klinch, W. Cooke, Mrs. H. C. Klinch, and Miss A. S. Cooke, all of Toronto. The Hamilton Acetylene Gas Machine Company, Limited, capital stock, \$45,000, and consisting of G. S. Bingham, Mrs. A. Seguin, F. A. Carpenter, W. R. Moore and S. D. Biggar, of Hamilton, and J. D. Forsyth, of Claremont. The Perth Woollen Company, Limited, capital stock, \$25,000; composed of G. D. Ross, Montreal, T. A. Code, Hon. John Haggart, Mrs. J. M. Millar and Mrs. Jennie L. Code, of Perth. The Producers' Oil, Gas & Mining Company of Welland, Limited, capital stock, \$10,000, and composed of J. F. Carmody and Mrs. Kate C. Carmody, of Dunnville; D. W. Murphy, Toledo, Ohio; J. Hardy and N. Shaffer, North Baltimore, Ohio.—The City Engineer has received a petition against an asphalt pavement on Elgin ave., between Avenue road and Bedford road.—Messrs. Gordon & Helliwell have taken out a permit to make alterations and additions to the Industrial Refuge, corner of Balmuto and McMurrich streets, to cost \$9,000.—Park Bros. & Co., 48 Colborne street, have completed arrangements for the erection of a large storage warehouse, solid brick, on Wellington street, near the Toronto Club.—The Ontario government has made a proposition to the City Engineer to construct within the precincts of the Central Prison a reservoir capable of holding 200,000 gallons of water, for use in case of fire. The government will at its own cost extend the main in the Northey Manufacturing Company's yard to the reservoir.—The Mayor has received notice that the plans and programme of the Architectural Competition for the University of California would be forwarded in a few days. Architects who wish to enter the competition will be furnished with the programme upon application to the trustees of the California University.—R. T. Coady, City Treasurer, will receive proposals until Tuesday, 25th inst., for the purchase of \$1,036,600 of 3½ per cent. debentures.—Building permits have been granted as follows: Metallic Roofing Co., two story bk. add. to factory, n.e. cor. King and Dufferin streets, cost \$2,000; Edward Hooper, Gerrard st. east, brick addition, n.e. cor. Simcoe and Front streets, for Grand Union Hotel, cost \$30,000.

FIRES.

The two-story hotel on the waterworks property at Springbank, London, was destroyed by fire on December 30th. Loss, \$4,000; insurance \$1,200.—The office at Clarke Bros' malthouse at Kingston, Ont., including furniture, has been destroyed by fire.—A brick building at Oakville, Ont., containing a music store and photograph gallery, was burned on Monday