

lieved that a large central depot will be erected jointly by the Canada Atlantic and Canadian Pacific Railway companies.—The city council have sanctioned the borrowing of \$70,000 for the improvements to be made by the Canada Central Fair Association.—Mr. McLeod Stewart, who has recently returned from England, states that he has succeeded in completing arrangements for the construction of the Montreal, Ottawa and Georgian Bay canal. The work of construction is to commence next spring, and all sub-contracts and most of the machinery and plant will be given to Canadian contractors.—Mr. R. H. Cowley, public school inspector, recommends that a new building be erected in school section No. 12, Marlboro, and that new desks be furnished for the school in section No. 10.—The city clerk has received the official notice that the plans of Ottawa's proposed sewage system have been adopted by the Provincial Board of Health.—Local capitalists have organized a company, which is now seeking incorporation, to construct a large inter-provincial bridge between Ottawa and Hull. The Hull Electric Company are said to be the promoters. They have had plans prepared, and it is understood that tenders have been taken for a portion of the work. The structure will be a high-level cantilever bridge. It will be fifty feet wide, and will have double tracks for railway purposes, two driveways, and two walks for pedestrians. The trestles will be thirty feet high, and the piers will be 150 feet apart. Messrs. Perkins & Fraser are solicitors for the company.

MONTREAL, QUE.—Two plans have been submitted to the Market Committee for the extension of Bonsecours market. The one advocated by Mr. Alphonse de Martigny includes the expropriation of the square of land bounded by Jacques Cartier square, Notre Dame, Claude and St. Paul streets, and the erection of a large building thereon. Practically, it would be four connected buildings round the sides of the square, with a market court in the centre. The building on Notre Dame street it is proposed to use for a fire station, police station, and other municipal purposes. The other scheme has been prepared by Mr. James Walker. It is understood that the Market Committee will recommend a plan including the combining of the two schemes. The cost of carrying out will be upwards of half a million dollars.—A sub-committee has reported to the Finance Committee that \$4,500 will be required for plumbing at the city hall.—Mr. Perrault, of the firm of Perrault & Gendron, architects, has submitted plans to the Finance Committee for alterations to the city hall building. The improvement consists in the erection of something in the nature of a steel structure in the interior of the building, which would cost about \$50,000. Mr. Perrault has been advised to lay his scheme before the City Hall Committee.—The harbor commissioners have received a proposition from the Lachine Rapids Hydraulic & Land Co. to supply shipping interests with electric power for the purpose of loading and unloading vessels.—The remodelling of the Y.M.C.A. building is now in progress. The whole of the fourth floor will be changed into sleeping apartments.—W. E. Doran, architect, is calling for tenders for the plumbing, gasfitting and heating of John Quinlan's house on Rozel street.—The City Surveyor has laid before the Road Committee the requirements for the year 1898, for which he asks the sum of one million dollars. The following pavement works are recommended: Wooden block pavement on Craig street, from Victoria square to Lacroix street; wooden blocks on St. Catharine street, cost \$18,000; repairs to Trinidad asphalt on Notre Dame and St. James streets, cost \$2,100. The

balance due on Notre Dame street paving is \$27,000. To avoid damages from floods, he recommends an overflow on Alexander street, to intercept the water from the intercepting sewer on Alexander street, and also storm overflow at the east end of St. Catharine street, to relieve the Coteau Barron main sewer, at a cost of \$24,330. This work is pending the construction of the proposed intercepting sewer on Sherbrooke street, from Beaudry to Guy, which would cost \$149,319. There should be constructed a relieving sewer on St. James street, from McGill street to the western city limits, at a cost of \$103,871. It will, the surveyor says, be necessary to build a main sewer to drain the northeast portion of the city, and also the new St. Denis ward. The cost would be \$332,000. An extension of the sewer which empties into the Elgin basin to Victoria pier is recommended, also the extension of the outlet of the Mill street sewer to the outlet of the guard pier below the Victoria bridge, cost \$88,540. There are three thousand two hundred gullies wanted throughout the city, at a cost of \$144,000. Across the Grand Trunk Railway tracks, a bridge which is absolutely necessary to carry the traffic in that portion of the city will cost \$116,250. It will be absolutely necessary to spend, say \$50,000, over and above the annual appropriations, for plank sidewalks.

TORONTO, ONT.—The city council has given notice of its intention to construct a concrete sidewalk on the west side of Church street, from Adelaide to Queen streets, at a cost of \$1,538. Elias Rogers has taken out a permit for a boiler house at the foot of Frederick st., to cost \$1,250. He intends to put in a dynamo to supply electric lighting and to operate the crane used in unloading vessels.—The Albany Club have decided to erect a new building, and a committee has been appointed to report on several building sites. Another meeting will be held in the course

of a few days to receive this report.—A strong deputation, consisting of Messrs. J. W. Langmuir, Robert Jaffray, G. W. Yarker and others, waited upon the Ontario government last week regarding the lease of the old Upper Canada College grounds as a site for a large hotel. It is understood that a syndicate have in view the erection of a modern hotel building, to cost in the vicinity of \$1,000,000.—Efforts are being made to interest rural municipalities in the proposed market improvement scheme, which is estimated to cost \$100,000. It has been suggested that the city and county should encourage the construction of radial railways.—The City Engineer, who was instructed to prepare a report as to the cost of installing a telephone system with 5,000 subscribers, has intimated that he had not sufficient data to hand. He suggests that the services of an expert be obtained. He roughly estimates the cost to be from \$500,000 to \$750,000.—The Standard Woollen Mills, Front street, purpose putting in a steam heater for drying purposes.—In connection with the improvements now being made at Island Park, it is proposed to join the present park and the landing with a substantial rustic bridge, supported by stone piers and a steel arch.—The City Engineer hopes to have his report on the cost of a civic lighting plant completed by the end of this week. The report will embrace two features—the cost of a street lighting plant, and the cost of a combination plant for the street lighting and the lighting of the municipal buildings and parks.—The city will invite tenders, to be received by December 9th, for the supply of electrical energy to be used for light, heat and power. Parties tendering are requested to submit a marked tender for the sum of \$30,000, to expend \$100,000 within one year, and to be prepared to deliver the energy in sufficient quantity to supply the demand. The probable use of electrical power is given

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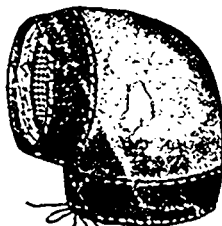
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