

CONSTRUCTION NEWS SECTION

Readers will confer a great favor by sending in news items from time to time. We are particularly eager to get notes regarding engineering work in hand and projected, contracts awarded, changes in staffs, etc.

Printed forms for the purpose will be furnished upon application.

TENDERS.

Ontario.

OTTAWA.—Tenders for the purchase of the Baie des Chaleurs Railway, from its junction at Metapedia with the Intercolonial Railway and extending for a distance of eighty miles to Caplin, in the County of Bonaventure, P.Q., and all its rolling stock equipment up to twelve o'clock noon, on the ninth day of September, 1908. L. A. Audette, Registrar Exchequer Court of Canada.

OTTAWA.—Tenders for the purchase of the Atlantic & Lake Superior Railway, from Caplin to a point at or near Paspebiac, in the County of Bonaventure, P.Q., where it joins the Atlantic, Quebec & Western Railway, being a total length of twenty miles of railway, and all its rolling stock equipment up to twelve o'clock noon, on the ninth day of September, 1908. L. A. Audette, Registrar Exchequer Court of Canada.

OTTAWA.—Tenders are invited by the National Transcontinental Commission for six more sections of that railway.

The sections are from a point near Weymontachene, in the Province of Quebec, 196.38 miles west of the north abutment of the Quebec bridge, westerly for a distance of about 107 miles.

From a point about 107 miles west of Weymontachene westerly to the end of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company's contract, a distance of about 114.97 miles.

From the western end of Fauquier Brothers' Abitibi contract in the Province of Ontario, in a westerly direction of about 104 miles.

From a point about sixty miles west of the easterly boundary of District E in the Province of Ontario, easterly to the end of Fauquier Bros. contract, north of Lake Nepigon, a distance of above 100 miles.

From the western end of Fauquier Bros. contract north of Lake Nepigon, westerly to a point at or near Dog Lake, a distance of about 126 miles.

From Dog Lake, Ontario, to a point at or about mile 2.6 west of Peninsula Crossing, a distance of about 23.76 miles by the northerly route, and 24.13 miles by the southerly route, the selection of the route to be at the option of the commissioners.

The contracts are all to be completed by December 31st, 1910, except the last two, which are to be finished on September 1st, 1910, and September 1st, 1909, respectively. Tenders will be received up to August 20th.

Manitoba.

MINIOTA.—Tenders for telephone lines will be received up to noon of the 30th day of July, 1908, for the building of such telephone lines and the installation of such telephones as will be required in the telephone system in the rural municipality of Miniota. Wm. Howard, Miniota.

WASKADA.—Tenders for telephone lines will be received up to noon of the 30th day of July, 1908, for the building of such telephone lines and the installation of such telephones as will be required in the telephone system in the rural municipality of Brenda. Rufus Marr, secretary-treasurer, Waskada.

WINNIPEG.—Tenders will be received until September 15th, 1908, for electric lighting plant and carbons. For fuller information apply F. A. Cambridge, city electrician, or M. Peterson, secretary Board of Control, Winnipeg. (Advertised in The Canadian Engineer.)

Saskatchewan.

REGINA.—Tenders wanted to superintend building five to eight elevators in Saskatchewan. Work to commence soon.

Might let contract for labor only or elevator complete. Give reference and salary to superintend. E. E. Hall, 3208 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.

REGINA.—Tenders for telephone supplies will be received until 12 o'clock noon, Thursday, July 30th, 1908. S. P. Porter, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Railways and Telephones. (Advertised in The Canadian Engineer.)

British Columbia.

VANCOUVER.—Sealed proposals will be received by the chief engineer at his office, C.P.R. station, Vancouver, B.C., until noon of Friday, July 31st, 1908, for the grading and bridging required in construction of eleven miles of railway from Mile 89, near Nanoose Bay, to French Creek. C. E. Cartwright, chief engineer, Vancouver, B.C.

LIGHT, HEAT, AND POWER.

Quebec.

MONTREAL.—The Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company has sent a cheque to the city for the sum of \$16,852.25. This is the half-yearly percentage, at three per cent., of the company's receipts on the sale of gas. Three years ago the enactment came into force that the company should pay to the city three per cent. on its gas sales.

Ontario.

BRANTFORD.—The City Council at a special meeting decided to expropriate the plant of the Western Counties Power Company, which is controlled by Cataract interests. For some weeks an endeavor has been made to get the company to make a definite offer to sell out its entire plant to the city and supply current until such time as the Hydro-Electric lines were built. The power concern wants \$37,000 for its equipment, but the matter will probably go before a board of arbitration.

BRANTFORD.—At a special meeting of the City Council Mayor Bowlby, by unanimous vote of the aldermen, was authorized to give notice of appropriation of the street-lighting system of the Western Counties Power Company, whose contract with the city for street lighting expires in September. Under the franchise the city has expropriation rights. The fact that notice has been given does not necessarily mean expropriation, as when it comes to carry out the proposals the city may find the financial obligations too heavy. The street-lighting rate is now \$55 per year per lamp for 250 lamps.

HAMILTON.—The council of the city of Hamilton have given the third reading to the by-law, making a contract with the Cataract Power Company for municipal power and street lighting purposes. The main features of the probable contracts are: For power for civic plants, \$16 a horse-power or 10 per cent. lower than the Hydro-Electric price for Toronto or any place west of Toronto; incandescent lighting rates to be 10 per cent. below the Hydro-Electric price for Toronto; monthly minimum, including meter rent, for users of electric light to be 75 cents instead of \$1; no protection for power users—the company binds itself for only five years not to raise the rates on users of ten horse-power or less; street lighting rate to be \$47.50 a lamp per annum.

MERRITTON.—Mr. K. L. Aitken, Traders Bank Building, Toronto, electrical expert, has been engaged by the Town Council to prepare a report on the purchase of power and other matters in connection with the enterprise.

OTTAWA.—According to a statement made in the House by Hon. G. P. Graham, there is no immediate likelihood of the Government granting a charter to the St. Lawrence Power Company to dam the St. Lawrence River, near Cornwall.