

sections of the Welland ship canal. The other sections will be awarded within a few weeks. A considerable appropriation has also been made for the improvement and development of the French River.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TERMINAL ELEVATORS FOR OUR GRAIN.

In fulfilment of its pledges to establish terminal elevators the Government have now under construction an elevator of 2,500,000 bushels capacity at Port Arthur. Mr. Foster informs me that this elevator will be ready for operation not later than the first of October. Tenders have been called and contracts awarded for two large interior elevators, one at Moose Jaw and one at Saskatoon, and their construction will be pushed forward with every expedition. The construction of another interior terminal elevator and of transfer elevators on the Pacific and at Hudson Bay is now under consideration.

REDUCTION OF CABLE RATES AND CONSIDERATION FOR VETERANS OF '66 AND '70.

The reduction of cable rates to the British Islands through the efforts of Mr. Pelletier, the inauguration of a greatly improved mail service between Canada and Great Britain, tri-weekly in summer and semi-weekly in winter instead of the old weekly service, the reduction of cable rates to the British West Indies and the new arrangement secured by Mr. Hazen with regard to marine insurance rates to the St. Lawrence and the reduction of the insurance rates to this port, also **illustrate the efficiency which has attended the administration of public affairs during the past two years.** A magnificent dry dock is under construction at Quebec, and the Minister of Public Works has in hand the arrangements which are being consummated for similar docks at Halifax, and on the Pacific coast.