

buildings. In all cases the sub-contracts are being awarded to local concerns. Hastings & Willoughby, a local firm, have been given the contract for the metal work. Other sub-contracts let to Regina firms are: Excavation, John Brodt & Co.; electric wiring, North-West Electric Company; plastering, the May-Sharpe Construction Company.

REGINA.—The contract for the new warehouse for the Provincial Railways and Telephones Department has been let to the Saskatchewan Building Company. The building, is to be of brick construction and to cost \$6,350. Its dimensions will be 30 feet by 60 feet.

#### British Columbia.

GRAND FORKS.—A contract has been let by Messrs. Morrell and Bonnacci for two hundred ft. of tunnel work on their group of claims about two miles south of the McKinley mine. The contract was let to Messrs. Bruno and Ferdinand, the price being \$12 per lineal foot.

## RAILWAYS—STEAM AND ELECTRIC.

#### Quebec.

MONTREAL.—The Grand Trunk Pacific is now assembling the first twenty passenger cars for use on the new line west of Winnipeg. So far as freight equipment is concerned the G.T.P. will have 2,000 box cars in the West for use on the section of the line that will take part in the handling of this season's crop. Altogether it has 5,500 built, but the majority of these will during the present autumn be employed by the Grand Trunk in the movement of grain from lower lake terminals eastward.

#### Ontario.

GUELPH.—J. W. Moyes, president of the Ontario West Shore Electric Railway, announces that construction work on the Goderich to Kincardine section will start in a few days. The work will be begun at the big cutting to be made at Port Albert.

#### Alberta.

EDMONTON.—J. Alex. Hutchison, M.D., medical superintendent of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, was in the city on a trip of inspection of the Western division. He has travelled over the whole of the G.T.P. from Fort William to Edmonton and as far west as the Pembina River, looking into the health of the men in the various camps and keeping in touch with the physicians in charge. Dr. Hutchison stated that he found the general health of the men in the camps very satisfactory. There had been comparatively little typhoid fever, the greatest amount being at Clover Bar and Battle River. Comparatively few accidents have occurred along the line, the prairie sections being especially free from these, as there was no dangerous rock work.

EDMONTON.—A proposal by Mayor McDougall at the City Council last evening that the city construct and operate a street railway line in Edmonton and Strathcona before the end of the year at an estimated cost of \$100,000 or \$125,000 was favorably received by the aldermen. The matter is being discussed more fully to-day, and if the scheme is as practical as it seems at first sight, it is probable that prompt action will be taken to construct lines. The mayor stated that there was a strong probability that the city could obtain possession of the charter held in Strathcona by the Strathcona Radial Tramway Company and could build and operate a line in that city. It is estimated that if three miles were constructed in Strathcona and four or five in Edmonton and a half hour car service given the line would pay expenses from the start. He believed that the city would have sufficient power from the new power plant to operate this line.

#### Saskatchewan.

TUGASKE.—A. C. Smith & Son have finished the heavy fill south of the town, on which they have been working since spring, and have moved part of their outfit onto the townsite to finish grading the station grounds, while the remaining teams went south to surface the grade for the steel gang. When Mr. Smith completes his contract, which will be in a

few days, the grade will be ready for the steel at least to the Qu'Appelle Valley.

#### Manitoba.

WINNIPEG.—The C.N.R. between Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie is being relaid with 80-pound steel.

#### British Columbia.

PRINCE RUPERT.—When the grade of the Grand Trunk Pacific is completed and ready for the steel there will be no lack of ties on the Skeena River section. For some months past contractors have had camps established and cutting ties at different points along the river; while the British Columbia Tie and Timber Company's saw mill at Seal Harbor already have many thousands cut. Richardson & Morison have taken a contract to cut 100,000 ties and are now putting up their camp near Copper River. Wilfred Loistelle has just finished cutting 11,000 ties at Kitsumkalum River, and he also has 14,000 near Hole-in-the-Wall that were cut last winter.

#### Foreign.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.—The Denver and Rio Grande Railway Company, the new corporation combining the Denver and Rio Grande, the Rio Grande Western and several subsidiary railway companies, which have been operated as one system for several years, filed its articles of incorporation at the office of the county clerk of Salt Lake County. The new company has a capital stock of \$88,000,000. T. Jefferey, of New York, is president and the directors include George J. Gould, Howard Gould and Edwin Gould.

## LIGHT, HEAT, AND POWER.

#### Ontario.

SMITH'S FALLS.—Smith's Falls Council has leased what is known as the Foster grist mill and water power plant for ten years at \$1,000 per annum, with the option of purchasing within two years for \$16,000. The water commission will use the power in connection with the water pumps, and thus save considerably in the purchase of coal. At present the system is going behind financially, and the Council had to take some steps to stop the expenditure.

#### Manitoba.

KILLARNEY.—Voting took place on the by-law to grant a franchise and a bonus of \$2,000 to George Collison, of Estevan, to establish an electric light plant in this town. The by-law was carried by 107 for and 17 against.

#### Alberta.

EDMONTON.—The city commissioners report that in view of the substantial surplus in the electric light and power department in the past year, a substantial reduction in electric light rates could be made this year. Commencing August, they suggested that the minimum rate be reduced from 75 cents to 50 cents per month. The new rate for light will be 8 cents per Kw. an hour, and for power there will be a reduction of one cent all around.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

#### New Brunswick.

ST. JOHN.—The two large lumber mills of Stetson-Cutler & Company, have closed down on account of the dull markets, and others may soon close for the same reason. The trade is also extremely dull on the Miramichi River.

#### Ontario.

NEWMARKET.—Work on the Newmarket end of the Lake Simcoe Canal is being pushed with considerably more vigor the last couple of weeks. Not only has the force of men and teams been largely augmented, but there are now a steam shovel, a steam scraper, and three other steam labor devices at work.

PELEE ISLAND.—Applications are invited by the Municipal Council of the Township of Pelee for the position of engineer and commissioner, to operate the pumping works of the Big Marsh Drainage System in the said township, as provided by the amendment to section 81 of the Municipal Drain-