

OTTAWA.—The G. T. R. intends commencing work on new freight sheds of brick, 340 feet in length by 60 in width.

ST. MARY'S.—An extension of the C.P.R. from Code's Junction to Ingersoll will be commenced shortly.

TORONTO.—The Ontario Railway Board has approved for subsidy purposes of 66.16 miles of the Lake Superior Branch of the G.T.P., 22 miles west of Fort William. The bonus is \$2,000 and 3,375 acres per mile.

Manitoba.

WINNIPEG.—The telegraph system, which the C.P.R. started installing on the Western lines last winter, has proved so successful between Fort William and Winnipeg, that the company has been continuing its installation with a view to equipping the entire line from coast to coast with the system. The system from Winnipeg to Brandon, and from Swift Current to Medicine Hat has been completed, and work will be continued on the other lines.

WINNIPEG.—The Pas Mission branch of the C.N.R., the first link in the road to Hudson's Bay, will be taken over by the operating department shortly. The final estimates on the construction will be ready to be turned over to the Government within the next couple of weeks, and will include figures for the cost of the work, quantities and grades of materials to be handled, together with maps and plans showing the final location and profiles of the two routes. At present there are two parties of engineers in the field. These parties recently made progress reports to headquarters, and it is expected that they will be ready to come out about the end of August.

WINNIPEG.—G. T. P. steel was within eight miles of Edmonton on Tuesday, and the last spike will likely be driven in a day or two. This will give four lines between Winnipeg and the capital of Alberta.

Saskatchewan.

INDIAN HEAD.—A gang of men has commenced preliminary work in connection with the construction of the new C.P.R. depot at this point.

PRINCE ALBERT.—Surveys have started on a branch of the G.T.P. from Watrous to Prince Albert.

REGINA.—The Canadian Northern has decided to construct a new main line to Edmonton, using their Winnipeg-Brandon-Regina route as the first section. From Regina the Prince Albert branch will be utilized to a point near Craik; from there a new line will be built crossing the South Saskatchewan at the Elbow and running northwesterly to Edmonton, and on to the Pacific.

REGINA.—James J. Hill has men surveying the Crow's Nest coal field district, north from Flathead County, Montana, and on July 6th there was filed with the Secretary of State a resolution by the directors of the Great Northern, announcing that company's intention to build northward into Saskatchewan.

Alberta.

EDMONTON.—The G.T.P. track laying gang is working night and day 18 miles this side of Tofield. Steel reached Edmonton last week. The G.T.P. will use C.N.R. lines from the packing plant in the northern part of the city for a couple of weeks until the line is completed to the centre of the city. They are now removing buildings and ballasting the right of way in the city.

British Columbia.

VANCOUVER.—The B.C. Electric Railway Company will shortly extend its line to Huntingdon.

VANCOUVER.—Boyd & Craig, of this city, have secured the contract for grading the Howe Sound, Pemberton Valley & Northern Railway proposed line from the head of tidewater on Squamish to Chee Kee Creek, 7½ miles. The work is to be finished by December 15th, and the ballasting will be completed by the middle of January. Surveys for the line between Anderson Lake and Lillooet, a distance of 50 miles, are now being undertaken.

VICTORIA.—Dixon & Moore, who have done much construction work on the Alberni Extension of the E. & N. Railway, have just been given a contract for another seven miles.

United States.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Steel street cars, the first to be used on surface lines in any city in America, will be placed in service within a few days here, by the Chicago Railway Co.

CEMENT—CONCRETE.

Ontario.

BLENHEIM.—A contract for cement sidewalks has been given to P. Leitch of this town at 10¼ cents a square foot.

BRANTFORD.—A concrete culvert will shortly be built across Colborne Street by this city.

BROCKVILLE.—If the by-law passes, six concrete bridges, to cost (estimated) \$15,715 will be built by this municipality. Mr. Frank Barber, York County Engineer, prepared the plans.

HAMILTON.—For the construction of cement sidewalks, debenture by-laws of Barton Township, amounting to \$42,261.44, have been validated by the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board.

LONDON.—The Bell Telephone Company will place its wires underground, and 360 barrels of cement will be required.

MIDLAND.—Twenty thousand lineal feet of concrete walks will shortly be constructed here. Thomas I. Trueman, the town clerk, now asks for tenders.

OMEMEE.—Lake Bros., of Lindsay, have been awarded a contract for the building of three thousand four hundred feet of granolithic walk here.

OTTAWA.—The International Portland Cement Co. has declared a half-yearly dividend of five per cent. Up to June 30th the shipments of the company show the substantial increase of 22,285 barrels over the corresponding period of last year.

PETERBOROUGH.—Concrete will be used here in the construction of a drill hall, for which the Department of Public Works invites tenders until July 21st.

ST. THOMAS.—Cement will be used in the construction of a new reservoir at the waterworks here. James A. Bell is City Engineer.

ST. CATHARINES.—By-laws for the construction of cement sidewalks have been passed by this municipality.

TORONTO.—A reinforced concrete arch, which will require about fifteen hundred cubic yards of cement is to be erected by the city of Toronto over Beatrice Street. Mayor Oliver invites tenders for the work.

Manitoba.

BIRTLE.—Tenders are invited for cement piers for a bridge until July 23rd by T. W. Thompson, secretary of this municipality.

BRANDON.—Granolithic walks to cost \$3,000 will be constructed by this city.

VIRDEN.—Two bridges, with concrete abutments, will be erected by the municipality of Pipestone as soon as tenders have been awarded. A. P. Power is secretary of the municipality.

WINNIPEG.—Contractor Moen, of Norwood, has a contract amounting to \$5,300 for the construction of granolithic walks for the town of St. Boniface.

Saskatchewan.

REGINA.—Several highway bridges will be erected by the Saskatchewan Department of Public Works. F. J. Robinson, the Deputy Commissioner, invites tenders for the abutments, which are to be of reinforced concrete.

SASKATOON.—This city has given to W. T. and J. Arrand a contract for concrete sidewalks.

SASKATOON.—The Saskatoon Concrete Company will commence this week on a contract for the construction of walks.

British Columbia.

VANCOUVER.—Notice is given of the city's intention to make local improvements at a cost of many thousand of