

Coast to Coast

Amherstburg, Ont.—Work on the construction of the new Brunner-Mond of Canada, Limited, plant, near here, is being rushed to completion with all possible despatch. This company is a branch of the Solvay Process Co., of Detroit. When this plant is completed, it will be one of the largest single industries in Western Ontario.

Campbellville, Ont.—Murray Crawford has taken lease on oil limits, and has installed machinery for drilling operations.

Cobalt, Ont.—S. Yamaki, mining engineer and superintendent of the Tsudo Copper Mine at Ashio, Japan, was here for several days recently studying the mining and milling methods in vogue in this camp. He was accompanied by H. Toyoda, also a mining engineer, and while here these gentlemen made themselves acquainted with the professional practice at Cobalt. This is probably the first time that mining engineers from Japan have come to Canada merely to learn and to get a wider experience and a better understanding of their profession. They also visited Porcupine.

Erieau, Ont.—Work on the huge new coal hoist being erected here is proceeding rapidly, and it is expected that it will be in use early in November. The new equipment will have a much larger capacity than the old hoist, which was wrecked recently.

Galt, Ont.—Commissioner George E. Fisher, of the local Hydro-Electric Commission, is advocating the formation of a Public Utilities Commission in Galt, to administer the Hydro, waterworks and parks. He introduced a motion recommending the change at a meeting of the Hydro Commission, and it will be sent on to the Council. The motion calls for the question to be voted on by the people in January.

Hamilton, Ont.—A new company, to be known as "J. B. Nicholson, Limited," has been incorporated. The authorized capital is \$40,000, head office is in Hamilton, and provisional directors, ex-Alderman William Nicholson, John H. Clappison, of the Hamilton Engine Packing Company, and J. B. Nicholson, B.A.Sc., A.M.Can.Soc.C.E. The nature of the business to be carried on by the new firm is to be general engineering construction, a specialty being made of building a new design of large reinforced concrete tanks.

King's County, N.B.—Considerable road improvement work is being carried on here. Auto trucks and road gangs are at work in different sections of the county and many roads are being widened and gravelled.

Lethbridge, Alta.—That Lethbridge may expect a building boom next spring in spite of the high prices of materials is the general trend of opinion. There is some talk of a number of down-town blocks being built.

Montreal, Que.—A bill will be introduced in the Provincial Legislature, when it meets in December, to order the annexation to Montreal of Westmount, Maisonneuve, Outremont, Verdun, and of Montreal East, a small municipality near Mercier ward in the east end.

Montreal, Que.—The prevailing high prices of hematite iron ore of good quality has stimulated this class of mining in Quebec and Ontario. One of the companies recently incorporated is the Canadian Union Iron Mines Corporation, Limited, with a capital of a million dollars, and head office in this city, who intend opening their deposits near Sutton, Quebec, where hematite iron ore has been uncovered analyzing 68 per cent. metallic iron. This company has already started work on another mine near Perth, Ontario, from which it is said there were several thousand tons of iron ore taken several years ago.

Newmarket, Ont.—The new concrete bridge on Huron St., adjoining the Grand Trunk station, is complete all but the finishing touches, and will probably be open for traffic this week.

North Vancouver.—The City Council empowered Mayor Vance to continue his efforts in urging upon the Dominion Government the claims of the North Shore for a dry dock.

Ottawa, Ont.—Plans of the Power Development Company to dam the St. Lawrence at the Coteau Rapids have been re-

ferred to the district engineers of the Public Works Department at Montreal for a report upon the engineering features of the proposition. This is in the natural order of routine in dealing with such matters. In view of the opposition which has been aroused, Government approval of the plan is exceedingly improbable. In any event, however, power schemes on international waters have to secure the sanction of the International Joint Commission.

Ottawa, Ont.—The exportation from Canada of silver spruce (except under license) has been prohibited to all destinations abroad other than the United Kingdom, British possessions and protectorates.

Port Arthur, Ont.—The City Council has sent a communication to Sir George E. Foster asking him to have the plant and mines of the Atikokan Iron Company, which at present are not in operation, in this city, operated under government supervision, owing to the embargo which the United States has placed on iron and steel coming to Canada.

Quebec, Que.—A special train with a number of guests of the St. Lawrence Bridge Company crossed the new Quebec bridge from shore to shore at noon on October 17th. All went well. The company announced that the first freight train will run over the bridge some time in November. The official opening will not take place until next spring.

Sarnia, Ont.—The new 410 k.v.a. motor, purchased to drive the generator for the supply of power for the Sarnia Street Railway Company, and which has been in process of erection at the hydro sub-station for some time, has been finally installed and is now being used to operate the cars.

Sarnia, Ont.—The paving contractors on the London Road have completed their work and the whole pavement will be thrown open to the public in a few days, when the concrete has had time to harden.

Smooth Rock Falls, Ont.—The new plant of the Mattagami Pulp & Paper Co. has been completed.

St. Catharines, Ont.—Owing to shortage of natural gas in the district, the City Council decided to raise the price of the supply from its municipal plant from seventy-five cents to \$1 per thousand feet. The Council also passed a resolution requesting the Government to grant the Hydro-Electric Power Commission further power to increase its supply.

Stouffville, Ont.—Rapid progress is being made on the erection of the new six-roomed Public school, and it is expected that it will be opened in February of next year. Between \$30,000 and \$40,000 is the estimated cost of the fine new building.

Stratford, Ont.—A deputation from the Light and Heat Commission of St. Mary's visited the city's power plant and the waterworks.

Toronto, Ont.—In all probability the Don Section of the Bloor Street viaduct will be ready to be handed over to the city on October 25th, according to a statement made by T. T. Black, engineer in charge for the contractors, Quinlan and Robertson. All that will then remain to be done to make this section ready for use will have to be done by the city.

Victoria, B.C.—That there will be further delay in the negotiations between the city and the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway over the construction of the proposed Johnson Street bridge was made clear recently, when Mayor Todd was informed that the railway company will make no reply to the city's proposal of August 8th, but will try to find out whether the Dominion Board of Railway Commissioners has any jurisdiction in the issue between the city and the railway.

Winnipeg, Man.—Satisfactory progress is being made with the hydro-electric work at Point du Bois, and the contractors claim that they are up to schedule in the work, which will be continued all winter. It is expected that the contract will be completed by about the first of September of next year. This will mean that by that time the power generated will be approximately 48,000 horse power. This increased production will supply the city's needs for current for many years.

Winnipeg, Man.—The judges' report and the announcement of prize winners in the 1917 dragging competition was made at a special meeting of the Manitoba Good Roads Association. Arrangements were also completed for the annual banquet to be held on November 14th. A committee was appointed to work out a scheme for 1918 for a special competition, covering the entire province, for which the Provincial Government will present a championship trophy.