

with the Ottawa and New York Railway. This privilege is sought pending the adjustment of the general question of entrance.

Toronto, Ont.—At a meeting of the Etobicoke Township Council, a resolution was adopted authorizing negotiations with the city of Toronto, with respect to the taking over of the Mimico Electric Railway System by the city, when the company's franchise expires fifteen months hence.

Toronto, Ont.—That the C.P.R.'s present construction activity along its line from Smith's Falls to Toronto is a strong indication of its intention to shortly proceed with the double tracking between these two points, is the general opinion of railroad authorities. So far the company has not made any statement regarding its plans, but in view of this activity, it is considered probable in railroad circles, that the C.P.R. will abandon temporarily its avowed intention of constructing a branch line between Kingston and Toronto via Belleville.

Toronto, Ont.—City Engineer Rust's plan for the construction of a retaining wall from Dufferin Street East and the arrangement of service tracks on the grounds were approved.

Toronto, Ont.—North Bay is acting for a furtherance of the scheme of constructing a line from Parry Sound. Mayor Rankin of North Bay, and Mr. John Ferguson of the board of trade of the same town, had a long conference with Wm. Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern Railway, regarding the further extension of various branches of the C.N.R. through Northern Ontario.

Moose Jaw, Sask.—The work of constructing the tracks for the street railway, on the route which will comprise the first three miles of a system, is going on as rapidly as conditions will permit. High Street west and Main Street are the two thoroughfares on which the progress made is most prominent. Double tracks are laid on High Street from the corner of Main up to Fourth Avenue, that is on the paved portion of the street, and for four blocks westward as far as the Saskatchewan Mills. These will be continued for a half block further to the site of the power house and barns. Half a mile of double trackage is completed on this street.

Regina, Sask.—Mr. J. J. Hill, the United States railway magnate, who controls the Great Northern System, proposes a further extension of his lines into Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta. Mr. Hill, who was associated with some of Canada's railway kings in the early days, has immense faith in Canada's future, and desires to link his system in the States with all the main Canadian lines.

Edmonton, Alta.—Grading has been started on the Morinville east branch line of the C.N.R. The line will run east from Morinville, but as yet it has not been decided just where it will connect with the main line. In all probability a town on the line in the North Battleford district will be made the junction.

Edmonton, Alta.—The approach of winter, as signified by recent storms, will stop all railway construction work in the province. Grading outfits will all cease work this week and seek winter quarters. This brings to a close a very active year in railway building in the province. A total of 400 miles has been built, as follows: C.N.R. main line, 40 miles; G.T.P. main line, 80 miles; C.N.R. Calgary branch, 110 miles; Brazeau branch, 35 miles; Goose Lake branch, 25 miles; Landing branch, 39 miles; G.T.P., Calgary branch 125 miles. Of the 400 miles, 265 were constructed under Provincial Government guarantees.

Vancouver, B.C.—General Manager Sperling of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company announced that the management had outlined its car building programme for the ensuing year, and that the total value of the rolling stock which was deemed necessary to accommodate the growing demands of the company's business would be in the neighborhood of \$500,000. The programme as decided upon covers 122 cars of various types for the various branches. More than half of these are to be built for city service.

Vancouver, B.C.—The Canadian Northern Railway Company is now pushing construction of its wharf at Bon Accord, a large number of men being employed on the work, as it is desired to have the wharf finished at as early a date as possible, as considerable railway construction material will be handled there.

LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER.

Moncton, N.B.—Another two million cubic feet gas flow per day has been struck by the Maritime Oilfields Company, at McLatchey's. The latest well is No. 16 which looks promising at a depth of 1,410 feet. Mr. Shaw, the superintendent at the wells, without making a test estimates the new well to be good for between two and three million feet a day, but it is the intention to go a little deeper before capping it.

Cobalt, Ont.—Work has been started on the development of a hydro-electric plant on the Mattagami River at Sandv Falls in the Porcupine district, six miles from the Timmins Mine. Three thousand (3,000) horsepower in generators has been ordered from the Canadian Westinghouse Company, Limited, and turbines of like capacity from the S. Morgan-Smith Company of New York, Pa. This plant will be in operation by June 1st, 1911. Current will be generated at a pressure of twelve thousand volts and a frequency of twenty-five cycles per second. Forms of contract for power can be had from Mr. John B. Holden, Manning Arcade, Toronto Ontario, solicitor for the company, or from H. D. Symmes, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Niagara Falls, Ont.—The Hydro-Electric lines are to be exempt from taxation. A court of revision of taxes was held in city hall. The appeal of the Hydro-Electric Commission was brought before the court. It was decided in their favor, and the assessments made on their lines and conduits which are on the boundaries between this city and the township of Stamford were repealed.

Niagara Falls, Ont.—The city's street lighting system is declared obsolete and in no condition for the coming winter. Manager Folger recommends the wiping out of the present 100 open arcs and providing for additions and extensions of either arcs or tungstens on the new equipment and having both circuits constantly, so as to be interchangeable at any point and at any circuit. The cost of this would be \$9,300. Even if the city got cheap water power, the above expenditure would still be necessary for the power would have to be transformed. The manager said that the plant was doing the best it could with the present arcs.

Toronto, Ont.—Seventy cent. gas was promised to the people of Toronto by President Blaikie of the Consumers Gas Company at the annual meeting. The present price is seventy-five cents per thousand feet, said to be the lowest anywhere in America. The Company pays ten per cent. The output has amounted to 2,621,247,000 cubic feet or 395,084,000 cubic feet more than the output for 1909, showing a rate of increase of 17.74 per cent.

Toronto, Ont.—The Canadian National Exhibition Board has adopted a report recommending the expenditure of \$10,000 for wiring the Exhibition grounds. The cost has been estimated by Mr. Percy Mackid, the Exhibition electrical engineer, and Mr. W. R. Sweaney, business manager of the city's hydro-electric department at \$30,000 for the buildings and \$50,000 for the grounds. The directors decided to ask the city to proceed with the work immediately.

Toronto, Ont.—The city architect has issued to J. C. Eaton a permit for a power house to be erected on Davenport Road, near Spadina Road at a cost of \$5,800. The object of the building is to supply heat and power for Mr. Eaton's new residence, which is being erected on the same lot. This will be completed early next year.

Toronto, Ont.—The Board of Control have been considering making an offer to the Toronto Electric Light Company. The company, it seems, is fighting strongly any competition on the part of the city in the matter of lighting.

Welland, Ont.—Dunnville is desirous of getting Hydro-Electric power. At a largely-attended public meeting, the matter of electric power was discussed. A committee of ten was appointed to meet the Hydro-Electric Power Commission and private companies with a view to finding the most advantageous arrangements that can be made.

Calgary, Alta.—Calgary is seeking electric power. The power committee of the city council will endeavor to get Henry Holgate and William Kennedy, Jr., of Montreal, to report on power sites for the city on the Bow and Elbow rivers.

Calgary, Alta.—The new \$100,000 power plant for the city will be completed in a month's time. It will be up-to-date in every particular and it is said will be unsurpassed by anything of its kind in the West. It will be capable of generating 4,500 horse power and will be an auxiliary to the Horse Shoe Falls supply.