

Coast to Coast

Brantford, Ont.—An announcement has been made from New York that the American Steel Products Corporation has been organized with a capital of one million dollars, the officers being W. P. Kellett, president; D. O. Johnston, vice-president; treasurer, M. M. McGraw; secretary, P. H. Secord, all of Brantford. The new organization will take in the Dominion Steel Products Company, of this city, and it is expected that as a result the local company will double its present plant. The local plant is now working on the line and propeller shafting for one hundred of the new ships being built in the United States.

Brantford, Ont.—Brant County Council passed a resolution requesting the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to create a suburban road commission for the county. City Engineer T. Harry Jones favors that action and has written the City Council suggesting that that body take similar action.

Chatham, N.B.—It is rumored that Montreal parties are negotiating for the purchase of the Dominion pulp mill and lands. A mechanical man from Montreal recently inspected the plant with a prospect of it being enlarged.

Forest, Ont.—The Town Council has asked the Ontario Railway Board to have their by-law, asking for debentures for \$1,500 for a fuel depot, approved.

Hamilton, Ont.—City Engineer E. R. Gray is preparing a statement showing the cost of maintaining water pipes under the railway tracks in various parts of the city and a report on the question of road maintenance between the main lines of tracks where they cross city streets. He takes the position that the city should not be put to the expense of repairing frequent breaks under the main lines and the switches over which heavy trains pass and jar the pipe joints, and recommends that the city place the matter before the railway board.

Hamilton, Ont.—The new combination pump and hose truck built by the Seagrave Co., of Columbus, Ohio, for the fire department, has arrived in the city, and the tests will be made in the near future.

Lethbridge, Alta.—It is expected that the work of installing the new filtration plant will be completed by February 1st. The system has a capacity of three million gallons of water per day, and the sedimentation basins have a capacity of 500,000 gallons at one time. The system is built so that it will be quite easy to double the capacity at any time necessary. The plant is being installed by the Roberts Filter Mfg. Co., and when completed will cost in the neighborhood of \$106,000.

London, Ont.—Over \$140,000 of building permits have been issued so far this month, exceeding by \$30,000 the total for the whole of October, 1916, which was only \$110,000.

London, Ont.—The C.P.R. will, by the time that winter stops further work, have completed improvements east and west of London that involve an expenditure of about half a million dollars. Sidings have been lengthened, bridges rebuilt, yards improved, and many other works undertaken. Many thousand dollars are being spent at Galt in rebuilding the bridge and enlarging the yards. New abutments are being put under the bridge at Ayr. At Chatham recently concrete work that was put up 40 years ago and which had been gradually settling into the river has been replaced. A new \$35,000 station is being built at Windsor and about \$20,000 is being spent in London on additions to the station and an addition to the blacksmith shop in East London.

Mimico, Ont.—By order of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, the County of York will pay slightly more than half of the cost of the bridge to be built at Mimico Creek by the Toronto-Hamilton Highway Commission. The estimated cost of the new bridge is \$26,205, and the county's share is \$15,420. The proportion to be paid by either party will be the same should the cost be greater or less than the estimate.

Montreal, Que.—The members of the City Council and the Board of Control adopted a resolution favoring a change in the present system of city government. All details of what the change will consist of were deferred till a later date.

Newcastle, N.B.—The International Shipbuilding Corporation has commenced the erection of an extensive plant for wooden vessels at Nördin, on the Miramichi River. The first keel will be laid in a short time.

New Westminster, B.C.—An order-in-council has been passed at Ottawa establishing a permanent harbor headline on the south shore of the Fraser River opposite New Westminster, beyond which no wharves may extend from Port Mann to the Government wing dam at Annieville Bar. This harbor line was determined on resolution of the New Westminster Board of Harbor Commissioners, recommended by the chief engineers of the Public Works and Marine Departments, and is concurred in by the Minister of Public Works and Marine. Plans and a description are on file at the office of Mr. C. C. Worsfold, resident engineer of the Public Works Department, Post Office Building, New Westminster.

Ottawa, Ont.—Notice is given of the incorporation of M. J. O'Brien, Ltd., Ottawa, with a capital stock of \$20,000,000. The purpose of the company is to take over and carry on all the business enterprises as railway contractor, lumberman, mine owner, manufacturer, etc., heretofore carried on by M. J. O'Brien, of Renfrew. The provisional directors of the company are: M. J. O'Brien, J. L. Murray and H. A. Jordan, of Renfrew; J. A. O'Brien, Ottawa, and George A. Campbell, Montreal.

Peace River, B.C.—Work on the erection of a new elevator here has been started, and Contractor Worton, of Grande Prairie, expects to have it finished before December 1st.

Prince Rupert, B.C.—It is reported that car ferries for the handling of ore will be built at the drydock plant here.

Sarnia, Ont.—Contractor A. Dowsell is making rapid progress on the construction of the Lochiel Street sewer, and nearly half of the first block of excavation has been completed. With the sewer completed, the street will then be in shape for the construction of additional pavement, from the end of the present pavement at Victoria Street to College Avenue, as was proposed some time ago.

Sarnia, Ont.—Excavation work on the new 8-inch water main to the site of the Mueller Company's plant in Port Huron will commence shortly. Work on the foundations for the buildings is also being rapidly pushed along and the erection of the buildings will commence as soon as the tenders are awarded.

Smithers, B.C.—What is known as the Aldrich mining property near here, on which have been uncovered ore bodies carrying a large percentage of zinc, has been bonded to a mining company of Portland, Ore., and if the preliminary development work is satisfactory, the company will install a concentrator.

Three Rivers, Que.—Fred. J. Argall, 32 Des Forges St., plans to organize a shipbuilding company to construct wooden vessels.

Toronto, Ont.—The Dominion Board of Railway Commissioners decided that the C.P.R. should pay the city of Toronto \$115,000 as part payment of its portion of the cost of the high level bridge over the Don River. On the same basis the city is to receive \$135,000 from the C.N.R., \$30,000 from the G.T.R., and \$80,000 from the Toronto Railway Co.

Vancouver, B.C.—Meetings are being held at the Vancouver Chamber of Mines, October 29th to November 2nd, the object being to interest the general public in mining matters. Addresses are being given by a number of prominent speakers.

Vancouver, B.C.—The trial of the suit between the Seattle Construction and Drydock Co. and Grant Smith & Co. over the capsizing of a large floating drydock belonging to the plaintiffs during the construction of the Ogden Point piers by the Government at Victoria has opened in Supreme Court here. This case has been pending for over two years and is said to involve over half a million dollars.

Windsor, Ont.—A meeting of the Essex Border Utilities Commission was recently called by the chairman, Gordon M. McGregor, to deal with the applications to the Ontario Railway Board on the apportionment of the cost for the joint sewer scheme which is under way.

Winnipeg, Man.—Of the \$50,000 allocated for local improvements, 1917-1918, over \$29,000 still remains unspent.