

**Province of Saskatchewan.**—The Government of this province will consider the granting of \$5,000,000 for road improvement.

**Victoria, B.C.**—Plans for a concrete bridge to replace the present wooden structure over the Gorge Road Ravine are being considered by the council. The estimate for a 60-foot span the full width of the roadway and the reinforced concrete arch with the necessary walls is \$24,371. A steel bridge with a 120-foot span, having the necessary approaches at each end, the bridge taking the full width of the roadway, will cost \$32,300. The engineer, Mr. Angus Smith, recommends the former.

### FIRES.

**Ottawa, Ont.**—The establishment of Messrs. Parsons & Company was damaged by fire to the extent of \$5,000 on February 9th last.

**St. Catharines, Ont.**—About \$6,500 damage was caused by fire to the premises and stock of the Martin Electrical Store in this city.

### TRADE ENQUIRIES.

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A Dundee firm of jute manufacturers wish to appoint a reliable Canadian agent.

A Scottish firm manufacturing split lentils are anxious to develop trade connections in the Canadian North-West.

A London firm manufacturing automatic packing machinery would like to hear from Canadian firms likely to be interested.

Enquiry is made by an English manufacturer for the names of parties in Canada having alkali properties to dispose of.

A London correspondent is desirous of purchasing Monel Metal, and would like to hear from Canadian manufacturers.

A West of England correspondent is open to represent Canadian firms desirous of doing business in Great Britain.

A Scottish firm manufacturing a new improved diaphragm suction pump are open to appoint Canadian agents.

From the branch for city trade enquiries, 73 Basinghall Street, London, E.C.:—

A Midlands firm manufacturing horticultural brass foundry (syringes, pumps, sprayers, etc.), invite correspondence from Canadian importers.

### CURRENT NEWS.

**Calgary, Alta.**—Many tenders were received for the municipal paving. The prices ranged from \$2.36 to \$2.85 per sq. yd. for bitulithic; \$3.50 to \$3.75 for wood blocks; \$2.05 to \$2.40 for sheet asphalt; \$2.12 for asphalt concrete, and .09½ to 10½ for concrete sidewalks.

**Calgary, Alta.**—The municipal authorities are preparing to spend the sum of \$84,000 on park improvements during the coming season. The plans call for the construction of asphalt walks and driveways, the erection of band stands, electric lighting extensions and the installation of two or more fountains.

**Ottawa, Ont.**—Over 100 dwelling houses belonging to the C.P.R. and situated near the old St. Lawrence and Ottawa tracks on the block bounded by McTaggart, Redpath, Cumberland and Dalhousie Streets, were condemned by the medical health officer as the result of not being equipped with sanitary conveniences. The C.P.R. was instructed to install improvements, but this would have required running

a sewer down the street, and to this expense the company was not prepared to go. As a result the houses will all be knocked down, the material in them being sold to the highest bidder.

**Ottawa, Ont.**—Railroad officials are to make a request to the federal government that steel rails from the United States be admitted into Canada duty free during the coming year, owing to the inability of Canadian makers to supply the demand.

**Toronto, Ont.**—An architectural competition will take place in connection with the new Technical School to be erected on Harbord Street. Plans must be in the hands of the committee of awards previous to June 15th next. Although the treatment will be left to the discretion of the designers, a few suggestions have been made. Among these it is stated that good light is important; brick material is recommended for the facades and the structure is to be five stories in height. The board of assessors has been thus named:—Dr. A. C. McKay, principal of Toronto Technical School; Mr. P. E. Nobbs, of McGill University, and Mr. Frank A. Wickson, Toronto.

**Vancouver, B.C.**—The Wallace Shipyards, North Vancouver, has received instructions to fit the tug Point Grey with oil-burning apparatus, and also an order from the Terminal Steamship Company to fit the sternwheeler Baramba with oil fuel apparatus.

### ORDERS OF THE RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS OF CANADA.

Each week on this page may be found summaries of orders passed by the Board of Railway Commissioners, to date. This will facilitate ready reference and easy filing. Copies of these orders may be secured from The Canadian Engineer for small fee.

16094—March 6—Authorizing G.T.P.B.L. Co. to construct spur for Yellowhead Pass Coal & Coke Co., Ltd., on Alberta Coal Brch.  
16095—March 7—Authorizing C.N.O. Ry. to take portion of Lot 9, Brokenfront Con. Town of Trenton, for diversion as approved by Order 12480.

16096—March 6—Authorizing Midland Rly. (G.N.R.) and G.T.P. Ry. to operate trains over crossing in Parish Lot 55, St. Boniface, Man., pending completion of interlocker.

16097—March 8—Authorizing G.T.R. to construct branch line of railway through Holmedale District in City of Brantford, Ont., and across Hydraulic Canal and the Grand River to a connection with its Brantford and Tillsonburg Branch (20th Dist.) and to close streets and highways in the city. Compensation to be paid A. J. Wilkes for land taken.

16098—March 11—Approving revised location of C.N.O. Ry. (Montreal Port Arthur line) through Twp. of Capreol, dist. of Nipissing. Mileage 426.53 to 429.29 from Montreal.

16099—March 9—Substituting plan "A" for plan filed and approved by Order 15280 of Sept. 11th, 1911, C.N.R. spur H.B. reserve in city of Edmonton, Alberta.

16100—March 9—Authorizing Central Vermont Ry. to reconstruct bridge over Little Montreal River, between St. Lambert and Chambly, Que.

16101—March 9—Directing C.P.R. within 90 days to install electric bell at crossing known as Concession Road between Cons. 4 and 5 in Twp. of Cumberland, County Russell, Ontario.

16102—March 4—Authorizing C.P.R. to construct subway at Decarie Ave., Montreal, Que., to include diversion of Prudhomme Avenue by means of Western Avenue, \$10,000 from Rly. Grade Crossing Fund, one-fifth of balance by city of Montreal.

16103—March 7—Directing G.T.R. at once to arrange that train No. 7 stop at Paris, Ont., to let off passengers from Toronto and points east thereof; complaint Board of Trade, Paris, Ontario.

16104—March 11—Authorizing C.P.R. to use and operate bridges at mileages 0.5, 94.3 and 81.4, Windsor sub-division.

16105—March 11—Authorizing C.P.R. to use and operate bridges at mileages 40.3, 42.1 and 43.8, on London sub-division.

16106—March 11—Authorizing C.N.O. Ry. to cross public road in Twp. of Trafalgar, county of Halton, Ontario.

16107—March 14—Dismissing application of United Fruit Co.'s of Berwick, N.S., on rate of apples to Winnipeg, Man.

#### THIS CANCELS FORMER SUMMARY OF ORDER NO. 16101.

16107—March 11—Approving by-law of Bay of Quinte Ry. authorizing Geo. H. Shaw to prepare and issue tariffs of tolls.

16108—March 7—Directing G.T.R. to before May 1st, 1912, install electric bell at crossing west of Bainsville station, Twp. of Lancaster, Ct. Glengarry, Ontario. 20 per cent. from Railway Grade Crossing Fund.

16109—16110—March 12—Authorizing C.P.R. to use and operate bridges 8.2 and 9.2 on Cranbrook S.D. and bridges 80.5 and 62.8 on its Sirdar sub-division.

16111—March 4—Authorizing G.T.R. to take lands in the Twp. of York, county of York, Ont., in connection with Toronto grade separation scheme.

16112—March 5—Relieving G.T.R. from further protection of crossing of Richmond Road, Twp. of Nepean, Carleton Ct., Ont.

16113—March 4—Approving standard station designs for Algoma.

16114—March 4—Eastern Railway Company, and for Algoma Central and H.B. Ry.