

cars for which Mr. Curry recently secured the contract. Good progress is being made in rebuilding the car shop which was recently burned.

SYDNEY.—Mr. N. J. McLean, of Fourchu, has commenced the survey for an electric road to East Bay.

Quebec.

MONTREAL.—The Smart-Turner Machine Co., Ltd., are installing a ten-ton electric crane in the I.C.R. shops at River du Loup, Que.

Ontario.

BROCKVILLE.—On the site of the property on William Street, where the transfer shed stood for years, and which was torn down in 1907, the C.P.R. intend to do considerable building in the spring, which the company expects will greatly facilitate the handling of its business in Brockville. The intention is to build a roundhouse and turn-table and close up the present shop in the yards north-west of the fair grounds, known to employees on the road as "the field."

FREELTON.—Mr. Malcolm McPherson, of Freelton, has been appointed by Mr. John Patterson, of Hamilton, to buy the right-of-way from Freelton to Guelph for the projected electric road, the Hamilton and Guelph Railway, of which Mr. Patterson is the promoter.

WELLAND.—Mr. Geo. H. Burgar is endeavoring to secure a franchise for an electric railway. The aim is to provide a local service from the county town to the lake front. The first part of the line will be built from the Grand Trunk to the Michigan Central, the second section from the Michigan Central to the Air Line, and the third from Air Line to Port Colborne. The aim of the company is to get the first two sections in operation early next year, and the third before the opening of 1910.

Manitoba.

WAWANESA.—The C.N.R. Co. are improving their bridges across the Souris River by building concrete piers.

Alberta.

MACLEOD.—It is believed there is a likelihood that the Macleod, Cardston and Montana Railway will be in operation by the time next season's crop is ready for shipment.

SEWERAGE AND WATERWORKS.

British Columbia.

VERNON.—The city council have decided to spend \$25,000 on the B. X. Creek water supply. Reports were received from Mr. John Galt, C.E., and Messrs. Meredith & Tracy. The reports estimated the Long Lake scheme would cost \$96,000, but this scheme, besides supplying water for \$5,000, would furnish 300 to 500 horse-power.

VANCOUVER.—Mr. James D. Schuyler, of Los Angeles, has advised the British Columbia Electric Railway Co. to undertake at the mouth of Lake Coquitlam the construction of a dam 75 feet high. This will create a great storage reservoir, furnishing a greatly increased supply, which will flow through the hydraulic tunnel to Lake Buntzen, there being delivered to the pipes which carry it to the generating station on the North Arm of the inlet. This scheme is now being laid before the Provincial Government, whose permission is necessary for the consummation of the plan. The waterworks system of the city of New Westminster is affected by the work, but in this regard the British Columbia Electric Railway Co. has promised to thoroughly protect the source of water supply of the Royal City.

TELEPHONY.

Ontario.

PORT ARTHUR.—The city now has 1,170 telephones on their lines.

Saskatchewan.

MOOSE JAW.—A Rural Telephone Company is being organized at Postville, north-west of the city, the principal

subscribers being J. A. Maharg, N. E. Harris, J. A. Shepard, M.L.A., Hugh Yake, Arthur Rathwell, and S. K. Kathwell.

Foreign.

ST. PAUL, MINN.—It was stated at the general offices of the Great Northern Railroad that a telephone system for train despatching purposes is being installed on the Minot division, which extends from Devil's Lake to Williston, a distance of 239 miles, and that the work of installation is nearly complete. The Northern Pacific, which for some time has been despatching trains between here and Fargo by telephone, as well as blocking them in the same manner for the 250 miles, is about to put in a telephone blocking system between Trout Creek, Mont., and Spokane, a distance of 125 miles, on its Idaho division. Trains will still be despatched over this division by telegraph, however.

FINANCING OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Ontario.

WESTON.—The by-law authorizing the expenditure of \$57,000 on waterworks for the village was given its first and second readings. It will now have to be advertised in the local papers and then submitted to the vote of the people.

Manitoba.

BRANDON.—By-law 885. By-law to provide for the raising by loan of credit on the City of Brandon, the sum of \$25,000.00 for the purpose of repairing, renewing or rebuilding of bridges within the City of Brandon. Thirty-year bonds, at 5 per cent.

CURRENT NEWS

Ontario.

HAMILTON.—The Simpson Brick Co., of Hamilton, has been purchased by the Hamilton Brick Co., capitalized at \$40,000. The gentlemen who are said to have made the purchase are Robert E. Carter and V. V. Steven, owner of the Carter-Stevens Lumber Co., Toronto. The head office of this lumber company will be transferred from Toronto to Hamilton.

TORONTO.—The Parkin Elevator Co., manufacturers of freight and passenger elevators, of Hespeler, Ont., have established a Toronto branch office at 18 Toronto Street, with Mr. J. F. Roelofson in charge. Mr. Roelofson has been connected with the firm for some time.

TORONTO.—In view of the increase in the number of rural telephone systems it is expected that a Telephone Commissioner will be appointed by the Provincial Government at the coming session. The question at present under consideration is whether such an official should be under the Department of Agriculture or the Department of Public Works. It is also suggested that an additional member may be added to the Railway Board for this purpose.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Nova Scotia.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.—After putting down the new supply of casing recently received from the States, with the hope that it would shut off the water and enable him to go the required 2,500 feet, Contractor Stover, who is boring for coal at Earncliffe, found after going another hundred feet that the water continued to come in as freely as ever, and this at a depth of 1,900 feet, so he suspended work and telegraphed to Ottawa for further instructions. The answer came back to move the drill a mile or so away and bore another hole.

SABLE RIVER.—The Berlin Lumber Company, operating near Sable River, Shelburne County, has completed the construction of 5½ miles of railway which taps the H. and S. W. Railway at Wilkins' Siding. The company expects to ship 10,000,000 feet of lumber next season.