

to serve as a terminal, so that the capabilities of Hudson Bay as a grain route to Great Britain can be tested.

6. The work of deepening the St. Lawrence Channel is being pushed. In particular, a scientific survey is at work on the problem of the future of the works and of how deep a channel can be excavated in view of conditions of water-supply, etc.

7. Immense harbour works are prosecuted with great vigour. Halifax is being transformed into a great modern sea-port at a cost of some ten millions. St. John is receiving the equipment of a great port. Both these cities are having modern dry-docks built, of the largest size. At Quebec great harbour works are under way, and a large dry-dock is being built at Levis. The Montreal harbour is being transformed, at a total cost of some eighteen millions. On the Great Lakes Toronto harbour is to be modernized at a cost of six millions and great works are in progress at Port Arthur and Fort William. On the Pacific Coast immense works are in progress in Vancouver and Victoria, ports which had been long neglected.

8. The work of controlling freight rates on the ocean has been taken up. Mr. H. L. Drayton, Chairman of the Railway Commission, has been dispatched on a mission to Great Britain to arrange for an investigation of the recent heavy increases.