

the Canadian Iron and Foundry Company of Fort William, for high pressure water pipe at \$13,833.75, is recommended for acceptance. The contract for specials is to be awarded to the Manitoba Iron Works at \$944.83. The acceptance of the tender of the Rensselaer Manufacturing Company, of Troy, N.J., for valves for the high pressure system at \$362.45, is recommended. Five high pressure hydrants at \$208 each are to be purchased from the Camden Iron Works, Philadelphia, Pa.

WINNIPEG.—Tenders addressed to the chairman of the Board of Control will be received until March 27th, 1908, for a second hand single track, through truss, and two span steel railway bridge, one span 155 feet to 165 feet in length, and one of 100 feet to 115 feet in length. The bridge must be in good condition, and be able to safely carry a 10-wheel locomotive with 34 tons on a rigid wheel base of 14 feet 10 inches, followed by a rolling load of 3,000 pounds per lineal foot of track.

#### Alberta.

EDMONTON.—Tenders will be received up to the 10th day of April, 1908, for the construction of a 70-mile wire fence around Buffalo Park, situate in Townships 42, 43, and 44, Ranges 6, 7, and 8, in the Province of Alberta. H. Douglas, Commissioner of Dominion Parks, Edmonton.

#### British Columbia.

VICTORIA.—Tenders will be received up to the 30th day of March, 1908, for the supplying of certain water meters, as per specification, copies of which can be obtained at the office of the purchasing agent, City Hall, Victoria, B.C. Wm. W. Northcott, Purchasing Agent, City Hall, Victoria, B.C.

### RAILWAYS—STEAM AND ELECTRIC.

#### Alberta.

McLEOD.—The new line of the Canadian Pacific Railway between Lethbridge and MacLeod, on the Crow's Nest branch, will be built this year. Tenders for this work are now being asked for. The old line south of the river is being abandoned owing to the severity of grade. On the north side of the river, which will be crossed by the great Lethbridge bridge, now under construction, a grade will be had of less than two-tenths per cent.

#### Ontario.

HAILEYBURY.—A deputation of thirty men from Haileybury went to Toronto last week and called upon the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission. They asked that a spur line be run from a point on the T. and N. O. line about half a mile south of the town, down to Haileybury wharf, so as to complete freight connection via the navigation companies with the C.P.R. at Temiskaming, sixty-five miles south, on Lake Temiskaming. This proposed line will be of service chiefly to the large lumbering and brickmaking concerns along the lake shore. The spur would be about one and a half miles long, and would cost \$27,000. Mr. Frank L. Somerville, consulting engineer, Toronto, accompanied the deputation.

OTTAWA.—An electric line is proposed here, taking in Prescott, Brockville, Lyn, Athens, Perth, Lanark, and other places, making a belt line of about 200 miles in length.

ORILLIA.—The Canadian Northern Railway will run into Orillia this summer. This is the statement made by Messrs. McKenzie & Mann to the deputation which visited Toronto recently to ask that the Ontario Government guarantee the bonds of the railway for the construction of a branch from Orillia to the main line at Udney.

BRACEBRIDGE.—G. A. Begg has issued a writ against A. M. Orpen for \$13,750 for failing to complete the Bracebridge and Trading Lake Railway according to alleged contract and for \$750 cash alleged to have been paid.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

#### Ontario.

FORT WILLIAM.—The Canadian Iron and Foundry Company made the first cast of car wheels on March 12th.

CAMPBELLFORD.—The ratepayers of Campbellford have carried a by-law to give the Canadian Steel Company a site of five acres and exemption for ten years, and to supply them with power at \$10 per horse-power. Campbellford Council is developing five thousand horse-power, out of which it has sold the steel company 1,500 horse-power. The company will commence at once to erect buildings at a cost of \$60,000, and will put in the largest steel plant in Ontario.

BERLIN.—Four local improvement by-laws were given their first and second readings here recently. The by-laws provided for the issuing of debentures aggregating the sum of \$40,973.69, divided as follows: Grading and gravelling streets, \$13,665.87; grading portion of Queen Street, \$402.94; sewers, \$16,196.32, and cement sidewalks, \$10,708.56.

OWEN SOUND.—During the past week an engineer of the Dominion Public Works Department had a staff of men at work taking soundings of the harbor and the outer channel with a view to continued dredging operations. Additional supplementary estimates were brought down on Monday night in the Commons. These cover expenditures made so far during the current fiscal year or to be made before the end of the present month which ends the fiscal year and are not included in the expenditures passed last session. In the five millions of dollars and over which these latest estimates include, Owen Sound harbor is set down for dredging to the extent of \$14,200.

#### Manitoba.

WINNIPEG.—A motion to have a Louise bridge by-law prepared to be submitted to the people was carried recently. The city engineer has already estimated the cost of the improvements to the bridge at \$112,000. A portion of that amount can be met by sale of the present superstructure.

WINNIPEG.—General Manager McLeod, of the Canadian Northern Railway, who has just returned from a trip to Cuba in the interests of Mackenzie & Mann projects, states regarding the plans of the Canadian Northern, that construction work will begin as soon as weather permits, and that the tenders in connection with the joint terminals contract will be called for in a few weeks. He spoke of a new station for Brandon as being under consideration.

#### Alberta.

WETASKIWIN.—A by-law was carried to raise \$18,000. The money is to be used in boring for gas.

MEDICINE HAT.—Three by-laws voted upon recently authorizing the issue of debentures, which aggregate \$75,000, were all carried. The money will be expended as follows: \$40,000 for extension of waterworks mains; \$25,000 for extension of gas system, and \$10,000 for the erection of a market building.

### PERSONAL.

MR. F. A. COMBE, of Montreal, has left for Vancouver, B.C., to prepare a report for Ross & Holgate on the water, steam and power plant of that city.

MR. WM. HENDERSON has been engaged by the Water Commissioners of Smith's Falls as superintendent of the Water Works Department. He is a qualified electrical engineer of Glasgow.

MR. R. R. HEDLEY, appointed by the Dominion Government to investigate mineral conditions in the Western provinces, more especially British Columbia, is in Toronto this week.

MR. G. GLENDINNING, who was concerned in the promotion of the University and other mines at Cobalt, and who is interested in mineral propositions in various parts of the continent, has returned to Toronto after a six weeks' visit in British Columbia. He says that conditions there are very satisfactory, although the financial stringency has been felt to some extent.

MR. JUSTICE MABEE, of the Ontario High Court, has been appointed to the chairmanship of the Railway Commission in succession to the late Hon. A. C. Killam. It was announced a fortnight ago that this appointment had been offered to Judge Mabee, but that His Honor was not inclined to make the change. His objections, however, have since been overcome and Mr. Mabee will shortly take up the duties of his new position.