

# CONSTRUCTION NEWS SECTION

Readers will confer a great favor by sending in news items from time to time. We are particularly eager to get notes regarding engineering work in hand and projected, contracts awarded, changes in staffs, etc. Printed forms for the purpose will be furnished upon application.

## RAILWAYS—STEAM AND ELECTRIC.

### Quebec.

**QUEBEC.**—The Delaware & Hudson Railway Company have purchased the Quebec, Montreal and Southern Railway, for the purpose of protecting the supply of pulpwood necessary for the continued operation and enlargement of the paper mills already located along the line of the Delaware & Hudson. This line will be completed to Ste. Philomen by July 1st, and eventually to the terminus of the Quebec Bridge, to secure connection with the city.

### Ontario.

**ST. MARY'S.**—The town has carried a by-law empowering the council to grant the St. Mary's and Western Ontario Railway \$40,000 of debentures.

**BRANTFORD.**—The Grand Valley Railroad will commence reconstruction as soon as the condition of the ground permits. Mr. W. A. Verner, president of the company, states that the line from Brantford to the Galt terminus was to be torn up and new 80-pound rails substituted. Other improvements will also be made.

**BROCKVILLE.**—The Townships of Bastard and Burgess South have decided to postpone definite action in the matter of bonusing the proposed Ottawa-Kingston Railway, until another meeting of the council is held.

**FORT WILLIAM.**—The crane consigned to the G.T.P. has arrived, and is in the C.P.R. yards. It is the largest crane in Western Canada, and has a lifting capacity of fifty tons. It will be used on this end of the G.T.P.

**BARRIE.**—The council of the town and the G.T.R. have at last reached an agreement respecting the extension of the company's shops at that town. The main clauses of the agreement are:—The G.T.R. is to build the new shops within three years, though not compelled to start at any particular time. If shops are destroyed by fire and reconstruction not commenced at once the agreement becomes null and void. Barrie is to be maintained as a divisional point.

### Manitoba.

**WINNIPEG.**—Before April 15th, the Grand Trunk Pacific will be handling their own material and supplies straight through from a short distance west of Winnipeg to Saskatoon. The entire distance between Winnipeg and Saskatoon is 478 miles, and when the gap is closed in the next two weeks there will be 414 miles available for use. The track will not be ready at that time for traffic. On the whole line from Winnipeg to Saskatoon there are 37 miles of track to be laid to make the steel complete and there are 250 miles to be ballasted.

### Saskatchewan.

**SASKATOON.**—Work on the Grand Trunk Pacific directly east of Saskatoon has been held up very much during the past month by heavy snow. The snow was so heavy on the C.N.R. along the Regina-Prince Albert line that there was a blockade during the last week in March.

**MOOSE JAW.**—The statement to the effect that the contract for the construction of the second fifty miles of the projected railway from Moose Jaw to Lacombe is only partially correct. The work is not to be abandoned but its completion has been deferred in order that all the company's force and energies may be concentrated in the completion of other lines where gaps remain to be closed up. The grade for the first fifty miles of the Moose Jaw line has been built, and the track-laying will be completed forthwith. The work of com-

pleting the Kirkella-Asquith line from Asquith to Hardisty will be prosecuted energetically. The Sheho line will be finished to main line at Lanigan; the Weyburn line will be extended to the junction at Stanton, and the Reston line will be extended from Baring to Wolseley as quickly as possible.

## TENDERS.

### Nova Scotia.

**HALIFAX.**—Tenders will be received until April 22nd, for the construction of a span-pier at Digby, Digby County, N.S. C. E. Dodwell, Resident Engineer, Halifax.

### Ontario.

**ST. THOMAS.**—Tenders will be received until April 24th, 1908, for:—(1) Concrete arch bridge over Kettle River. (2) Concrete arch bridge over Catfish River. (3) Concrete beam span over Catfish River. James A. Bell, City and County Engineer. Advertised in Canadian Engineer.

**OTTAWA.**—Tenders will be called for until May 1st, 1908, for 3,974 fathoms of chain with shackles and swivels. F. Gourdeau, Deputy-Minister of Marine, Ottawa.

**GUELPH.**—Tenders will be received until April 20th, 1908 for 21,000 lineal feet of 24-inch sewer pipe. Davis & Johnston, Engineers, Berlin; J. J. Hackney, Manager Guelph Waterworks—advertised in the Canadian Engineer.

**BRANTFORD.**—Tenders will be received by Secretary of the Board of Water Commissioners, Brantford, until April 24th, for the following:—(a) The construction of a storage reservoir. (b) The furnishing and laying of about 850 feet of 24-inch cast-iron suction pipe. (c) The furnishing and laying of about 1,150 feet of 15-inch, 18-inch, and 24-inch sewer conduit pipe. T. H. Jones, City Engineer.

### Manitoba.

**WINNIPEG.**—Tenders are asked by the Canadian Pacific Railway for Y.M.C.A. building at Kenora. Frank Lee, Division Engineer.

**VIRDEN.**—Tenders will be received up to 10th day of May 1908, for the building of such telephone lines and the installation of such telephones as will be required in the telephone system in the rural municipality of Wallace. James F. C. Menlove, Secretary-Treasurer.

**PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.**—Tenders will be received until April 13th, 1908, for pumping machinery, water pipes, etc., for the City of Portage la Prairie. F. W. Clayton, Sec.-Treas.; Willis Chapman, engineer—advertised in Canadian Engineer.

### Saskatchewan.

**PRINCE ALBERT.**—Tenders will be received by the town of Prince Albert until April 16th, 1908, for cast iron and specials. F. A. Creighton, city engineer; C. O. Davidson, city clerk—advertised in Canadian Engineer.

### British Columbia.

**NELSON.**—Tenders for heating Post Office, Vancouver, B.C., will be received until Saturday, April 25, 1908. Plans and specifications may be had from Mr. W. Henderson, superintending architect, Victoria, and from Mr. Charles Tossell, Clerk of Works, Vancouver, B.C.

A meeting of the directors of the British Columbia Agricultural Association was held recently, when it was decided to call for tenders for the \$12,000 building which, with others, will be erected.