

Ontario.

WESTON.—By a vote of 149 to 87, a majority of 62, Weston ratepayers on Saturday voted to expend \$57,000 on a waterworks system, the source of the supply being the Humber River. Mr. Willis Chipman, of Toronto is the engineer.

Manitoba.

WINNIPEG.—A \$600,000 by-law to cover the cost of building three new schools has been passed by the Winnipeg city council.

British Columbia.

NANAIMO.—A by-law to raise \$60,000 for sewage disposal works has passed its first and second reading here.

NEW WESTMINSTER.—By-laws for street improvements, water-works extensions, etc., amounting to \$398,000 were passed by the ratepayers.

VICTORIA.—Mayor Hall has intimated, since the defeat of the Esquimalt Waterworks by-law, that he intends introducing a by-law to raise money to bring water from Sooke Lake.

CEMENT—CONCRETE.

Quebec.

MONTREAL.—A new concrete reservoir will shortly be built for the town of Limilou by Messrs. Ouimet and Lesage, engineers, Montreal.

MONTREAL.—Some concrete work is to be done in connection with the La Fontaine Park pond, and Mr. L. O. David, city clerk, will receive tenders until September 13th.

MONTREAL.—The official announcement was made on Monday that the final negotiations and legal details of the new big cement merger, to be known as the Canada Cement Company, had been closed, and the underwriters within a day or two will be in a position to announce the terms of the public offering of the securities of the company. A leading official of the new company stated it would start out with an annual output of 4,500,000 barrels, or an average of 15,000 barrels a day for every working day in the year.

MONTREAL.—Official announcement was made here on Tuesday of the total capitalization of the new Canadian cement merger and of the terms on which the public offering of the securities of the company will be made. The company will have \$8,000,000 of 6 per cent. gold bonds, of which \$5,000,000 will be issued at present of the capital stock of \$30,000,000. It is intended to issue at present \$10,000,000 of the total of \$11,000,000 of preferred shares and \$12,500,000 of the total of \$19,000,000 of common shares, making the amount of both stocks to be issued at present \$22,500,000. The Royal Securities Corporation, on behalf of the underwriters, will offer for subscription \$5,000,000 of 7 per cent. cumulative preferred shares at \$93 per share, the same to carry with them a bonus of one share of common stock for every four shares of preferred stock subscribed for. All applications are to be made through the Royal Trust Company.

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WALLACETOWN.—Mr. D. D. McPherson, Sec. S. S. No. 14, Dunwich desires tenders for the erection of two concrete schoolhouses.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Quebec.

MONTREAL.—Engineers have been at work since Wednesday last on a survey for a new bridge between this city and St. Lambert. It is said the surveyors have been engaged by the Delaware & Hudson, the N.Y. Central and the Rutland Railways.

MONTREAL.—The Quebec Bridge Commission have decided to call for tenders for types of bridge, cantilever and suspension. The new bridge will be 150 feet above high tide for 600 feet in the centre of the river; it will also be 24

feet wider than the old bridge, which was only 61 feet wide. The centre span will be reduced from 1,800 feet to 1,715 by building a new pier 100 feet farther from the north shore than the present pier. On the south side the present pier will be widened and strengthened, so as to bear the greater weight. Nickel steel will be used in the eye bars and for compression members, and, in brief, the new structure will be made as safe and strong as human ingenuity and skill can make it. It is expected that a start will be made very shortly, as the meeting has removed many of the causes of delay.

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TORONTO.—At a meeting on September 2nd in the offices of Fetherstonhaugh & Company, a society was formed for the advancement of the Science of Aeronautics. It will be called "The Aeronautic Society of Canada." Mr. F. B. Fetherstonhaugh was chairman and Mr. E. H. Guthrie, secretary.

Manitoba.

WINNIPEG.—The Manitoba Bridge & Iron Works have a large amount of work under contract, and there is yet no sign of any decrease in the amount of business for the remainder of the season. Some of the contracts and orders taken recently are:—Large steel smoke stack for the City of Saskatoon; bridge for the Canadian Northern Railway; structural steel and iron for Bank of British North America, Calgary; ornamental iron work for new court house, Brandon; structural steel and iron for new I.O.O.F. Building at Kenora; fire escapes for four new public schools, Winnipeg; structural steel and iron works for court house, Fernie, B.C.; public press building, Winnipeg; Canadian Bank of Commerce, Macleod; Trite-Wood Block, Fernie, B.C., and nine others. One hundred and twenty complete outfits for transmission equipment for grain elevators. The new structural shop built by this company is now completely equipped with modern machinery and appliances, and is in operation night and day.

PERSONAL.

MR. A. J. NIXON, formerly of the G.T.R., at London, Ont., has been appointed by the Dominion Railway Board head of the newly established department known as the Operating Branch.

PROFESSOR L. A. HERDT, of McGill University and Mr. W. A. Lambe, of the Canadian General Electric Company, of Peterborough, have been appointed by the Dominion Government to be a Board of Examiners to examine candidates for positions as Electrical Inspectors in the Inland Revenue Department.

MR. GILMORE BROWN, C.E., of St. John, has been appointed assistant chief engineer of the Department of Public Works. Mr. Brown's appointment will relieve the present chief engineer, Mr. Lafleur, of some of the constantly-increasing responsibilities and work connected with his office.

MR. B. J. HARPELL has opened an office at 24 Aikins Block, Winnipeg. He is sales agent for Brodesser Elevator Manufacturing Company; Ideal Motors and Generators; Buffalo Forge Fans, Pumps, etc. Mr. Harpell has also taken the Western agency of the Machan & Mayer Electrical Manufacturing Company of Philadelphia, who make a great many lines of electrical specialties.

MARKET CONDITIONS.

Toronto, September 9th, 1909.

Accounts from Ontario points indicate a moderate movement in the building trade. Hardware and metal dealers find business rather slow, but account for it by the absorption of farmers in harvest matters. In Toronto, neither retail nor wholesale trade is so active as might be supposed from the crowds of people in the streets these four days past. They are mostly Exhibition visitors, and benefit mainly certain classes of trade, and those not staple ones. Later on, an active fall trade may be expected, as the result of generally good crops.

A real revival of business has come in the United States. A good proof of it is the fact that 100,000 unused railway cars have gone into service