

as follows:—various civic public works contemplated, totalling \$293,755; excess expenditure on by-laws already passed, \$167,500; and expenditure on works completed or intended to be completed, for which by-laws have not been passed, \$92,331.95.

Hamilton, Ont.—The financial statement of the Hamilton hydro-electric department shows a total expenditure on plant up to the end of February of \$541,552; and for the year ending December, 1913, a surplus of \$5,494 is reported. The principal items of revenue for the year were:—commercial lighting, \$22,203; house lighting, \$34,451; power, \$28,968; and waterworks, \$15,542; and the payment of the city to the Provincial Hydro-Electric Commission for power was \$47,307.

Port Mann, B.C.—One of the projects which the C.N.R. has under way in British Columbia is the laying out at Port Mann of an immense series of shops and yards which will cost when completed, millions of dollars. The yard accommodation will find room for over 10,000 cars, while an elaborate scheme of trackage, round houses, shops, wood turning mills, and all the adjuncts of a great modern railroad yard and shops will be featured in the most modern and efficient way.

Moose Jaw, Sask.—The report of Moose Jaw's electrical plant shows a tentative financial statement which estimates that the surplus of receipts over expenditures in 1913 will be around \$17,000. The total output at the switchboard for the year was 3,762,470 k.w. hours, which is the largest yearly output in the history of the plant. The total amount sold was 2,725,916 k.w. hours. Also the report states that in 1908 the peak load attained was 209 k.w., while in 1913 the highest point reached was 1,475 k.w.

Hamilton, Ont.—The McKittrick bridge to be constructed on King Street West, Hamilton, and the approaches to the bridge, are estimated to cost \$110,419, exclusive of the cost of piling. The total cost of the bridge was placed by City Engineer Macallum, including a 120-foot addition to the structure, at \$135,000; but so far the cost compiled from tenders submitted and recommended is under this estimate. The Hamilton Bridge Works purpose commencing at once work upon their contract for the superstructure.

St. John, N.B.—The St. John Railway Company reports a successful year's operations, showing a net profit of \$66,328.85. A loop extension 1½ miles long has been added to the trackage; new car barns and repair shops, completed; new boiler house and stack in connection with the power plant, erected; considerable new equipment in the power house, installed; and new street cars, purchased. The gas and electric services have been extended and extensive improvements have been made to the company's Seaside Park.

Toronto, Ont.—The public accounts submitted on March 3 in the Ontario Legislature, which show total receipts from all sources for 1913 of \$18,472,638, and a total expenditure of \$16,091,672, include among the heaviest items of expenditure:—colonization roads, \$406,034; Hydro-Electric Commission, \$139,592; public buildings, \$2,778,689; roads in New Ontario, \$1,063,655; advances to the Toronto and Northern Ontario Railway, \$950,000; and good roads statutory fund, \$288,367. The accounts as presented show a surplus of over two million dollars, but the Government figures a net surplus of \$320,000.

Edmonton, Alta.—\$41,000 has been subscribed by Edmonton people toward the \$50,000 fund to be raised by the Edmonton Industrial Association to explore the natural gas fields at Vegreville. Contracts for boring will be awarded within 10 days. Experts, formerly in the employ of the Governments of Mexico and China, report that commercial gas should be reached in the first well at less than 2,000 feet,

in the event of which it will not be necessary to sink more than 1,300 feet on the other two. If the exploration work is successful the industrial association will turn the fields over to the municipality at actual cost.

Newcastle, N.B.—The wireless station at Newcastle is fast nearing completion. One of the two powerful engines, each of 200 h.p., has been erected and tested satisfactorily. The engines are of the Diesel type, burning crude oil, and were manufactured in Legano, Italy, by the Franco Tosi Co., and erected under the personal supervision of Mr. Oslander, of that firm. The work of installing the dynamos and electrical apparatus has been done by Mr. Phael, of Berlin, Germany. Although no messages have been sent from Newcastle, several have been heard in passage from one station to another, mostly from the Glace Bay station.

Prince Albert, Sask.—The Provincial Government is being urged to put in operation the act passed at its last session to provide for the raising of further funds to finance the Prince Albert hydro-electric undertaking. The plant is located at La Colle Falls, and already \$840,000 has been spent by the municipality in its construction; but the difficulty confronting the city and hindering progress on the scheme is that no provision has been made for disposing of the power when it has been developed. The original estimate of the cost of the work was placed at \$800,000. It is stated, however, that to complete the project satisfactorily, an additional \$1,000,000 will be required.

Swift Current, Sask.—The water has been turned on in the new water supply at Swift Current. A dam of 100,000,000-gallon storage capacity has been constructed by the Ambursen Hydraulic Construction Company, and this will provide for a population of 30,000 with a daily consumption of 50 gallons per head. The dam was commenced in August and finished on December 24 at a cost of \$100,000. But the pipe line from the dam to the sedimentation basement, which was laid by the McManus Construction Company, was completed only within the past two weeks. This main consists of an 18-inch and a 12-inch cast-iron pipe, and exclusive of the land value, has brought the total cost of the new water supply project up to \$150,000.

Vancouver, B.C.—With the exception of a 56-mile section south of Albreda Summit, grading has been finished on the Yellowhead Pass-Kamloops portion of the C.N.R. Grading operations from the eastern end of construction have been completed from railhead near Yellowhead to Albreda, a distance of 75 miles; and track laying will be started early in the spring from both ends. Steel has been installed to mile 121 from Kamloops and five miles south from Yellowhead Pass. Several bridges have to be built south of Albreda Summit over the upper reaches of the Fraser River, and a viaduct is now in course of erection over Lyon Creek, a big gully 122 miles north of Kamloops. The latter will be 1,450 feet in length and will be one of the largest bridges on the section.

Victoria, B.C.—The Provincial Government has cut its estimates of expenditure for the year beginning on April 1 by over \$4,000,000 less than the estimates furnished for 1913. The estimates call for an outlay for all services of \$13,742,000.40, the supplementaries for the year 1913-14 come to \$1,298,179.07, and those for the year 1912-13 to \$210,438.91 more, or a total to be voted this session of \$15,250,627.58. Last year there was voted a total of \$19,003,316.50. The revenue estimated for the coming year is \$10,048,915.13, which is \$277,170 less than was estimated last year. Among the itemized estimates, there is included an expenditure for public works and buildings of \$2,319,500; roads, streets, bridges and wharves, \$2,861,000; subsidies, steamers, ferries, and bridges, \$96,075.