

Montreal, Que.—The contract was awarded to Peter Lyall & Sons for what will be the biggest office building in Montreal, at the corner of St. Francois Xavier and St. James Streets. The building will be ten storeys high, with 14,000 square feet of floor on each storey. Work will be started next May, and the contractors have agreed to hand it over complete by May 1, 1912. It will cost about a million dollars.

Ottawa, Ont.—Burns & Charleston, of Ottawa, were given the contract for wharf extensions at St. Charles de Caplan, Que.

Ottawa, Ont.—Doran & Devlin, of this city, have been awarded the contract for building the new wing to the Eastern block of the Departmental Buildings. Their tender, which amounted to \$222,800, was the lowest received.

Toronto, Ont.—Montreal Harbor Commissioners placed an order with the Polson Iron Works for a new steel dredge for the harbor. The length of the dredge will be 104 feet, the beam 36 feet, and the breadth at bow 10 feet 9 inches. This dredge will be a great deal larger than any in use at present in either Montreal harbor or Lake Ontario, while the hull will be all steel.

Uxbridge, Ont.—J. Curran, of Orillia, was given a contract by this municipality for the construction of concrete walks at 10 cents a square foot. Howard Shurter, of Peterboro', tendered at 12½ cents.

Walkerville, Ont.—The Cadwell Silex Stone Company, of Windsor, were given a contract by this town for granolithic walk construction at 9 cents a square foot. Other tenders were: D. Todd, Windsor, 9½ cents; Thos. Chick, Windsor, 9½ cents.

Maple Creek, Sask.—A. P. Burns has been awarded the contract for the installation of a sewerage and waterworks system.

Regina, Sask.—The contract for the construction of the sewage disposal works was awarded to Wm. Newman & Co., of Winnipeg, amounting to \$48,727.

Tenders were received from the following firms:

The Parsons Construction Company, Regina	\$78,181
Rigby, Hyland & Plummer, Winnipeg	51,900
The Forest City Paving Company, Regina	49,953
Wm. Newman & Co., Winnipeg	48,727

Edmonton, Alta.—The contract has been awarded for a new hospital building to cost \$250,000 when completed, to the Connell Spencer Construction Company; the contract is for \$170,000.

Lethbridge, Alta.—A contract for 130,000 cubic yards of grading was given to H. Margnardt, at 30 cents per yard, for 1,000 feet haul, and 33 cents for 1,500 feet haul, while a contract for 27,000 square yards of concrete walks went to the Forest City Paving and Construction Co., of Regina, Sask., and London, Ontario, at 85 cents.

Prince Rupert, B.C.—The contract for building the Portland Canal short line railway has been given to S. Cameron, of this city. The line is to run from Stewart to various camps, its length being seventeen miles.

Vancouver, B.C.—The B. C. Electric Railway Co. have awarded to Christian & Hartney, of Vancouver, a contract for the construction of the Richards Street extension.

Vancouver, B.C.—Evans, Coleman & Evans were awarded the contract for supplying the First Narrows main pipe at \$41.20 per long ton. Other tenderers were: Robertson, Godson & Company, \$41.60; A. G. Langley, \$45.60; Porter, Worsnop & Company, \$45.11; Western Oil and Fuel Company, \$45.44. The pipe is twelve inches in diameter and in twelve-foot lengths, comprising 1,600 feet, about 110 tons.

Vancouver, B.C.—M. P. Cotton was awarded contracts for block paving on Campbell Avenue, Fourth Avenue and Granville Street, as well as five miles of cement walks, at 12½ cents per lineal foot. The tenders were:

Block paving—Campbell Avenue, from Powell Street to Hastings, M. P. Cotton, \$8,616; Palmer Bros. & Henning, \$10,200; Hastings to Barnard, M. P. Cotton, \$24,333; Palmer Bros. & Henning, \$29,225. Fourth Avenue, Maple to Vine, M. P. Cotton, \$32,100; T. R. Nixon, \$34,000; Palmer Bros. & Henning, \$35,433. Granville Street, Drake to Beach, including basement drain, M. P. Cotton, \$32,500; T. R. Nixon, \$33,000; Palmer Bros. & Henning, \$36,000. Cement walks, 2½ miles in Ward VI., and 2½ miles in Ward IV., M. P. Cotton, 12½ cents per lineal foot; Palmer Bros. & Henning, 14 cents. Angus Morrison was awarded the contract for grading Sixteenth Avenue from Bridge Street to Oak Street, at \$6,515, subject to the approval of the Point Grey council. Palmer Bros. & Henning tendered at \$9,063.

Victoria, B.C.—City Engineer Smith recommended the purchase of a "Squeegee" street washing machine at \$1,707, delivered in Victoria.

Victoria, B.C.—Tenders for the construction of permanent sidewalks were received from the following: City engineer, \$19,707.21; A. Pike, \$18,015.40; F. Stedham, \$17,532. Tenders for garbage tins were received from: A. Blygh, \$2.93½; W. Wilson, \$4; L. Peake, \$3.99; George Powell & Sons, \$3.10; Watson McGregor, \$2.75 and \$3; C. M. Cookson, \$2.95; P. R. Little, \$2.49; T. A. Johnson, \$2.55 and \$2.60; H. Cooley & Son, \$3; Hayward & Dodds, \$2.25 and \$2.65; A. & W. Wilson, \$5.50.

RAILWAYS—STEAM AND ELECTRIC.

Montreal, Que.—The Canadian Northern has purchased a large block of property on City Councillors Street, above St. Catherine Street, as a site for a new station. To reach this site a tunnel will need to be constructed under the Mountain.

Guelph, Ont.—The People's Railway Company are reported to have purchased the construction outfit used by Contractor Macdonald a year ago in building the 39-mile stretch of the C.P.R. from the main line through Durham. The outfit is being shipped to Berlin, from whence it will be taken out to Bridgeport, where the grading operations will be commenced as soon as the book of references, submitted by the company, have been approved by the Ontario Government, and their plans passed upon by the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board. The intention of the company, as far as can be learned, is to build the 27 miles from New Hamburg to Guelph this year, get the surveying for the Fergus, Elora, Arthur and Puslinch Lake lines done this year and part of the grading. They hope, however, to have the line from New Hamburg through Berlin to Guelph in operation this year.

Ottawa, Ont.—Arrangements have been made for turning the first sod of the Morrisburg and Ottawa Electric Railway at Morrisburg in August.

Ottawa, Ont.—The annual report of the National Transcontinental Railway Commission covering the work of the last fiscal year shows that sixty-three per cent. of the grading on the whole line from Moncton to Winnipeg is now finished and 45 per cent. of the bridging. During the year 521 miles of track were laid, the total track mileage on March 31st totalling 760, with an additional 165 miles of sidings. At the present date steel is laid on about half of the distance from Moncton to Winnipeg. Construction work is being vigorously pushed this summer on every section of the line, and it is expected that the road will be ready for through traffic in August or September of 1912.

The line from Winnipeg to Fort William will be opened for regular traffic next August.

The total expenditure on the road up to the end of the fiscal year was \$71,137,993.

Ottawa, Ont.—The Ottawa Rideau Valley and Brockville Railway Company have decided to go ahead with the project this summer. It is understood that the charter will be controlled by one of the big trunk lines now running into Ottawa which will construct and operate the railway. The survey will be completed without delay and construction, it is said, will be begun during the autumn. The line will run from Ottawa to Brockville, branching off from the G.T.R. at Graham's Bay and passing through Manotick, North Gower, Burritt's Rapids, Merrickville, North Augusta and Algonquin to Brockville. The road will be extended from Ottawa by way of the Interprovincial bridge to the iron mines at Irensidies and a company is to be formed to operate the mines. Tenders are to be called for electric power for furnaces. The directors of the company are: William C. MacLennan and James H. Gilmour, of Brockville; ex-warden Heney, E. W. Clarke, Donald Hector MacLean and G. H. Kidd, K.C., of Ottawa; Alfred McDermott and R. E. Elliott, of Montreal.

Winnipeg, Man.—John Armstrong, Dominion Government engineer in charge of the Hudson's Bay Railway surveys, left on Monday for the Pas, where a considerable amount of preliminary work is being done in connection with the construction of the railway bridge across the Saskatchewan. Plans have been completed for a bridge, which, it is understood, will be similar to the one at Prince Albert.