

COAST TO COAST

Milverton, Ont.—On May 18th Hydro-Electric power was turned on here for the first time. The system is part of an extension from Stratford, taking in the towns of Milverton, Listowel, Palmerston and Harriston.

Calgary, Alta.—Assistant City Engineer Sidenius reports that the second main arch of the Centre Street bridge will be finished this week. This leaves only one more arch to complete. The bridge will be completed late in the fall, it is thought. There has been some little delay in the work in connection with the big fill on the north side. Earthwork cannot be commenced until frost is out, but the engineers hope to be able to start on June 1. There are 110,000 yards of earth still to be handled.

Ottawa, Ont.—The government bill providing for the purchase of the Quebec & Saguenay Railway, the Quebec & Montmorency and the Lotbiniere & Megantic Railways, passed the House of Commons last week. The government's proposal provides for the fixing of the price which is to be paid for the Quebec & Saguenay by the arbitration of the Exchequer Court. The value is to be the actual cost of the road less depreciation, but not to exceed \$4,465,000. In addition, the government is to assume the bonded indebtedness of the Quebec & Montmorency, the electric end of the system, but not exceeding in all \$2,500,000.

The Pas, Man.—Steel-laying has been resumed on the last half of the Hudson Bay Railway on the 90-mile stretch between Manitow Rapids and Kettle Rapids. The construction company says the track will be at the Kettle Rapids by August 1, where further advance will be delayed pending the erection of an 1,100-foot girder bridge over the Nelson River. In any event the contractors are sure to have the steel track laid into Port Nelson by next summer at the latest.

Ottawa, Ont.—There is a likelihood that Dr. J. S. Plaskett will be appointed chief astronomer for the Dominion. He is in charge of the new observatory at Victoria, B.C., where was installed recently the largest telescope of its kind in the world. Dr. Plaskett went to Victoria from the staff at Ottawa. The proposal is to keep Dr. Plaskett at Victoria on account of the fact that the observatory there is now the most important one in Canada. In that case, Dr. Otta J. Klotz will be placed in charge of the observatory at Ottawa, which he virtually has been since the death of Dr. King.

Toronto, Ont.—A. D. MacTier, general manager, eastern lines of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, has announced that the new North Toronto station will be ready for use in June.

Dundas, Ont.—The formal opening of the public utilities commission's new offices took place on May 9th. The building is of red brick and was erected by the Dickson Building Company.

Victoria, B.C.—A number of new works were approved by the city council recently. One was the placing of a quantity of rock before the Ross Bay seawall, thus affording it extra protection. For this an appropriation of \$6,000 was ordered. For necessary work on Douglas Street a \$1,000 vote was authorized. It was decided also to make some repairs to the James Bay Causeway landing, and for this purpose the expenditure of \$250 was approved.

St. John, N.B.—The city of St. John, N.B., has adopted as standard time that of the forty-fifth meridian,

one hour faster than that of the sixtieth meridian, which heretofore has been used. This change is made at this time with a view to making it easy for everybody to adjust his day's work so as to get into it the maximum number of hours of daylight. The Canadian Pacific, which runs to St. John, uses, at present, Eastern Standard time, hitherto one hour slower than the time used in the city; and now, unless it changes, the road's clocks will be two hours slower than those showing city time.

Calgary, Alta.—The one-year power agreement between the city of Calgary and the Calgary Power Company for power needed above 5,000 horse-power has expired. The city is now taking only 5,000 horse-power from the power company, and power needed over and above this amount is being generated at the city power-house. Gas is being used at the present time as fuel. Power Engineer J. F. McCall has recommended that the agreement be not entered into this year, believing it to be a better policy for the city to use its million-dollar power plant to develop any power needed above the 5,000 horse-power maximum contracted supply.

Ottawa, Ont.—The revised plans for the new Parliament Buildings carry out the present architectural design, and, as a matter of fact, are in accord with the original design for the building, which contemplated four stories instead of three. No change is made in the plans for the interior grouping of offices, Commons and Senate chambers, etc., as submitted in the architects' plans of a month or so ago. The new upper story will be devoted to restaurant accommodation and additional rooms for the members. From the architectural standpoint the raising of the building is an improvement, according to the architects. The additional cost is estimated at something over \$1,000,000.

Listowel, Ont.—Hydro power was turned on for the first time on May 28th.

Sarnia, Ont.—The city of Sarnia has taken over the power plant and lines of the local electric company, and will operate it until Niagara power arrives in a couple of months. The plant will be changed from a 60-cycle power to 25 as soon as the Hydro arrives. The Hydro transmission line is now nearing Sarnia.

Montreal, Que.—The new subway on Park Avenue at the corner of Van Horne Avenue, actual construction on which was commenced on May 6, 1915, has been opened for traffic purposes. Laurin and Leitch were the contractors, the price being \$176,000. Seven separate tracks of the C.P.R. run over the subway bridge, which is 80 feet wide, 900 feet long and 17 feet 5 inches from the ground. While authorization was given for the construction of the subway in 1909, it was the winter of 1914-1915 before the work of diverting sewers was commenced.

South Vancouver, B.C.—The George Street sewer will be completed in the early part of June. It is also expected that the laterals in Wards 3 and 4 will be completed by the end of June.

Ottawa, Ont.—Hon. F. G. Macdormid, Provincial Minister of Public Works, Toronto, has instructed a survey to be made shortly of the proposed Ottawa-Prescott highway, approximately 60 miles in extent. After the survey has been made and all the data collected it is likely that a commission will be appointed, the highway declared a main road, and come under general legislation.

Angus, Ont.—Col. Low, who has charge of the construction at Camp Borden, informed the Militia Department that he has struck another gusher flow of water of over half a million gallons per day pouring out of a two-foot pipe. This ensures a magnificent water supply.