

January 1952. Both these buildings were delayed in the fall of 1952 by slow delivery of structural steel but are now going ahead quite well. The boilers are being shipped this month and erection of them will start shortly.

In October 1952 a contract was awarded to Marwell Construction Company to construct a cantilever hangar and workshop. The requested completion date for this building is February 1954. Work started on this site on October 9th but was held up for a week while the building was resited. Since then the work has gone ahead satisfactorily. Although the requested completion date allows us a very short construction period for a building of this size, if the structural steel is delivered in May, as promised, there is good reason to believe that completion by the requested date will be realised.

Marwell Construction also have the contract for the largest building at Namao, the R.C.A.F. Supply Depot. The contract was awarded on the 29th May 1951 and while it got off to a slow start, progress is now very satisfactory and the building itself, without the equipment, will be completed by this summer.

Four contracts were awarded recently on which work will not be started until Spring. Meanwhile, the contractors are ordering materials to provide for an early start. These are:—A sewage pumphouse and water reservoir—Sparling-Davis Co. Ltd. A gun-testing stop butt—Wappel Concrete Construction Co. 36 explosive storage buildings—W. C. Wells & Son Ltd. 4 standard explosive storage buildings—Alberta Quonset Sales Ltd.

In addition, we have contracts for:—An electrical distribution system with Sunley Electric Company which will be completed about one month after the Spring break-up. Installation of water and sewer services with Sparling-Davis Company on which some work was done in the fall of 1952 and which will be continued as soon as the frost is out of the ground. Installation of gas mains with Northwestern Utilities. This contract was awarded in November 1951 for an 8" main to the Central Heating Plant. It was extended in September 1952 to include a 4" main to the Heating Plant for the Supply Depot and in October to include a temporary main to the Combined Mess and the Supply Depot. The 4 inch high pressure main to the Central Heating Plant will be completed in the Spring of 1953.

In accordance with our policy of retaining consultants for specialized phases of the work, local consultants have been retained for supervision, as follows:—The firm of Main, Rensaa and Minsos to supervise the Supply Depot and the mechanical work in the Central Heating Plants. The firm of Underwood, McLellan and Associates to supervise the installation of water and sewer services. The firm of Rule, Wynn, and Rule to do shop and field inspection of the structural steel for the Cantilever Hangar. The firm of Keston and Longworth to supervise excavation, formwork, and placing of reinforcement and testing of concrete for the Cantilever Hangar.

The Building Maintenance Section of Defence Construction (1951) Limited have been responsible for three contracts for the Royal Canadian Air Force at Namao:—The exterior covering of Hangars and Warehouses was placed in November 1950 with Axel Johnson Construction Limited in the amount of \$77,328.00. The installation of gas burning equipment was placed in October 1951 with A. W. Fisher Company Limited in the amount of \$18,217.00. The rehabilitation of one warehouse and the interior repair of two hangars was placed in September 1951 with Pool Construction Company Limited in the amount of \$59,128.00, which was subsequently increased to \$80,593.00.

All these contracts have been completed.

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In connection with the development of the Army installations at Namao Park, we have nine contractors engaged on six buildings and six other works, the total contracts amounting to \$3,678,149.