

TORONTO.—The Court of Appeal is hearing the appeal of the Hamilton Cataract Light and Power Co. from the decision in favor of the Royal Electric Co. of Montreal. This latter company sued to recover \$60,000 for generators supplied, and recovered judgment. The defence set up was that the machinery was defective. The question set up before the court was whether the defence had made that argument untenable by continuing to use the machines after declaring they were faulty.

Manitoba.

WINNIPEG.—At a recent meeting of the city council Cecil B. Smith chief power engineer, sent in a letter suggesting that \$22,000 be provided for expenditures necessary on the power scheme before winter sets in. The work to be covered by the \$22,000 is given as follows: Earth excavation, \$10,000; camp for general work, \$1,000; water tank and pipes for city's locomotive, \$2,000; permanent house for engineers, \$2,000; engine shed, \$500; 24 miles of telephone lines, \$6,500.

Alberta.

LETHBRIDGE.—Smith, Kerry & Chace, of Toronto, have been instructed by the town council to design and construct a steam-electric generating station, which will involve the use of certain elements in the old station, which has recently been purchased by the city from the Lethbridge Electric Co. The new station will be equipped with approximately 1,000 kw machinery, including steam water-pumping unit, coal-handling apparatus, etc.

Saskatchewan.

YELLOW GRASS.—The Yellow Grass Electric Light and Power Co. has been formed under a municipal franchise for the purpose of erecting an electric lighting and power plant for Yellow Grass.

British Columbia.

NELSON.—The corporation is having plans and specifications prepared for the construction of extensions to its hydro-electric plant on the Kootenay River, involving machinery for a second unit having a capacity of 1,000 kw.; also transmission circuit and equipment for sub-station. Smith, Kerry & Chace, Toronto, have charge of the work.

RAILWAYS—STEAM AND ELECTRIC.

Quebec.

MONTREAL.—According to a Vancouver despatch the Canadian Pacific Railway is to acquire the White Pass and Yukon Railway, which runs from Skaguay to White Horse, and also the line of steamers running in connection with the railway from White Horse to Dawson City.

QUÉBEC.—The Canadian Northern Quebec Railway will open on December 1st their new line from Garneau Junction to this city. Mackenzie & Mann will then have 650 miles of road in operation in this Province. In addition, they have 75 miles projected in other parts of the Province, principally around Lake St. John, in Chicoutimi and Roberval districts. A ten-mile branch is also being built in Montcalm county, between St. Jacques and Rawdon.

Manitoba.

ARDAL.—About thirty men are busily at work grading the road of the C.P.R. extension from Teulon, at this end of the line, while at the other end over one hundred and twenty graders are distributed over about six miles of the road, nearly twelve miles south from here. The work is progressing favorably though slowly, and it is hoped that the grading will be finished this fall.

EMERSON.—Surveyors are here to stake out the direct line east of Red River for the Great Northern Railway from Emerson to Winnipeg. A lot of good country will be tapped between the C.P.R. and the river. The surveyors are not wasting any time in laying out the new route, and it will not take them long to reach Winnipeg.

EMERSON.—The surveyors for the Continental Midland Railway have reached here and commenced the survey toward Winnipeg. The road will run on the east side of the Red River, paralleling the Canadian Pacific into the city.

Only sixty-five miles now remain to complete the distance between Galveston and Winnipeg. Construction will commence from St. Louis in the early spring, and it is expected that the road will be in operation in 1911.

Alberta.

EDMONTON.—William Burns, a C.N.R. surveyor and engineer, and E. M. Hill, assistant engineer, have returned to the city from the country west of Edmonton. They have been engaged for the past eight months in survey work for the Canadian Northern in the Brazeau River district. The grade from the C.N.R. coal property on the Brazeau to the G.T.P. line is such that the coal may be taken down to the G.T.P. without the expenditure of an ounce of steam.

Saskatchewan.

PRINCE ALBERT.—Work on the rail and traffic bridge is progressing splendidly, and quite a large amount of the steel for the superstructure has arrived. The falsework is in place, and the work of putting up the steel will be started at once. The bridge gang are expected from Hamilton, Ont. The hoisting crane has arrived and was placed in position.

British Columbia.

VICTORIA.—The work in the improvement of the roadbed of the Victoria and Sidney Railway is progressing. In about a month it will have been completed, and the local management is of the opinion that the system of the Island line will be as good as the best to be found on the mainland. The repairs to the wharf at Sidney have been finished for some weeks. The dock now is absolutely solid. The tored-eaten piles have been replaced by new ones.

Foreign.

DULUTH.—The Duluth, Rainy Lake and Winnipeg road will begin construction work on its lines from Virginia to this city shortly.

TELEPHONY.

Ontario.

AYLMER.—The South Malahide and Bayham Telephone Co. have just issued a new directory. They have 600 phone holders connected with Central. Seventy-one of these have private wires. The system covers a radius of twenty miles, and after the installation costs \$3 per year.

Saskatchewan.

REGINA.—Unless the weather proves unfavorable it is expected that the system of Government telephones between Regina and Antler will be installed and in working order this fall. The location of the poles and stringing of wires commenced on the 24th of September last, and already something over twelve miles of line have been completed. Antler, the eastern terminal of the system, is located on the Arcola branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and is separated from Regina by a distance of 200 miles. Thirty-six poles are employed to each mile of the territory covered. The system will be equipped with a pair of copper wires, of which material the quantity used will amount to 524 pounds per mile.

SEWERAGE AND WATERWORKS.

Ontario.

NEW LISKEARD.—The council will submit a by-law to the ratepayers on October 17th, providing for the issue of \$15,000 5 per cent. 30-year debentures for the completion and extension of the waterworks system of that town.

ORILLIA.—Two money by-laws were voted on to-day. One of \$10,000 for waterworks extension carried by 111 majority. The other, \$30,000 for the completion of the power plant, carried by 126 majority.

RECENT FIRES.

Ontario.

TEESWATER.—The C.P.R. roundhouse and the W. R. Thompson Co.'s sawmill, the one at the southern extremity, and the other near the north end of the town, were burned