

COAST TO COAST.

Halifax, N.S.—The management of the Provincial Exhibition has not, so far, proved a financial success. The deficit for the past season amounts to \$10,500—about \$400 less than last year.

Port Arthur, Ont.—There are now on the streets of the city about two thousand lights and this number will be considerably augmented next year as the lighting system is extended to the outlying sections.

Calgary, Alta.—The weather has been most favorable for contracting work during the past few weeks and several builders are taking advantage of the same and rushing through their several contracts.

Regina, Sask.—The demand on the power house for the past six years and the estimated demand for 1913 are given as follows: 1907, 833,039 kw.; 1908, 986,237 kw.; 1909, 1,201,160 kw.; 1910, 1,567,631 kw.; 1911, 2,458,535 kw.; 1912, 4,179,948 kw.; 1913, 7,000,000 kw.

Quebec, Que.—The Canadian Northern Railway Atlantic liner "Royal George," which was stranded on the rocks in the south channel off Point St. Lawrence, Island of Orleans, was released and floated into deep water at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, an hour before extreme high water.

Sydney, C.B., N.S.—The town of Sydney has witnessed an expenditure of about \$600,000 in new buildings in the last ten months, and has also increased in population to an extent which makes the erection of more houses a necessity. This is another evidence of general progress in the lower provinces.

Calgary, Alta.—Grading has been started on the C.P.R. cut-off from Bassano to Swift Current at the Bassano end. Work is in progress as far as Empress, the new C.P.R. townsite, 120 miles east of Bassano. At the present time 30 miles of the road is in operation from the Swift Current end, and grading is being rapidly pushed to cover the 100 miles between that point and Empress.

Bassano, Alta.—It is reported that the C.P.R. intend making application for the approval of a route map of the Swift Current cut-off from Bassano to the forks of the Saskatchewan, 118 miles east. The new line practically parallels the Red Deer River and it is probable that Bassano will be made the divisional point. The new line leaves the main line $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Bassano and goes in a slightly north-easterly direction as far as the forks of the Saskatchewan.

Montreal, Que.—The newspapers of this city are giving considerable publicity to a scheme calling for the erection of an immense cathedral. A sum of about \$2,000,000 has been offered for two churches now standing in the business section, and there is talk of this money being accepted and applied to the erection of the larger building. St. George's Church and Christ Church Cathedral (Anglican) are the buildings mentioned in this connection.

Calgary, Alta.—The total work completed on the various civic utilities for the year makes a considerable amount. According to the statement prepared by the engineering department and submitted to the commissioners the following are the totals for the year: Sewers, 277,375 feet; water-works, 208,737 feet; sewer manholes, 627; water connections, 2,552; sewer connections, 2,604; sidewalks, 1,238,660 square feet; curb and gutter, 148,049 lineal feet; conduits, 337.

Ottawa, Ont.—Through the Minister of Justice, Hon. C. J. Doherty, the Canadian Government has filed objections before the International Joint Commission, now in session at Washington, to the proposed construction of an international dam at Kettle Falls, the outlet of Rainy Lake, on the Minnesota-Manitoba boundary. The government protested

that the dam would affect the levels of the Lake of the Woods, which are now a matter of arbitration between the two governments.

London, Ont.—Mackenzie & Mann, it is announced, have asked that two proposals concerning the London and Port Stanley Railway be presented to the City Council immediately. Mayor Graham has arranged for a conference between C.N.R. representatives and members of the London and Port Stanley board, to be held next week. The proposition is creating much interest, especially in view of the fact that Hon. Adam Beck has just brought forward his scheme for the electrification of the road for municipal operation at a cost of \$890,000. This latter scheme is to be voted on by the ratepayers of the city.

Montreal, Que.—The new building by-law, which has been in process of preparation for some time past by a committee of experts, of whom Messrs. J. Venne and W. J. Francis are members, has been submitted to the chairman of the special committee. It will be submitted to the city council, whence it will be sent to the Quebec Legislature for sanction. It is stated that the most sweeping recommendations include provision for preventing the spread of fire in factories, the introduction of smoke-proof towers for factories and schools, and the installation of efficient fire escapes. The report as submitted covers 213 closely type-written pages, comprising 1,000 clauses. We hope in the very near future to submit an abstract of the by-law in these columns.

Niagara Falls, Ont.—The Queen Victoria Park Commissioners discussed the decision of the Privy Council recently confirming their right to collect rentals for excess power on the peak load system of measuring the electric current. It is now likely that the commissioners will at once exercise the power vested in them by the decision of the Privy Council, before which body this case has been pending for the past three years. Although the commissioners are disposed to favor the application of the Ontario Power Company for permission to install unit No. 13, the matter was left over for a conference between members of the power company and the park commissioners, to take place at Toronto in the near future. The plans submitted by the Electrical Development Company for a proposed machine shop were not acted upon, but the plans for a stairway leading to the transformer house at the summit of the hill were approved.

Province of Ontario.—A sanitary investigation of international waters from the St. Lawrence to the head of Lake Superior is to be carried on during the next year by the joint action between the Canadian and United States health authorities. The decision to extend the examination of boundary waters for evidence of pollution is the result of the suggestion made by the International Joint Commission at Washington last week. The waters to be examined include the Rainy River, St. Mary's River, River and Lake St. Clair, Detroit River, Niagara River, the St. Lawrence, Lake Superior in the neighborhood of Fort William, Port Arthur and Duluth, Lake Huron in the neighborhood of Saginaw Bay, Sarnia and Port Huron, the west end of Lake Erie around Port Stanley and Cleveland, and Lake Ontario near Toronto, the mouth of the Niagara River and around Rochester and Kingston. The Provincial Board of Health will have charge of the investigation of Ontario waters, and will do all the analytical work necessary.

Vancouver, B.C.—The report of the Northern Pacific for the year ended June 30th, 1912, shows that during the past three years terminal property at Vancouver has been bought in the interest of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern, and is now being developed. When the plans now under consideration are completed there will be a first