

and the water superintendent will report on Monday to the council. The bids were: A. J. Forsyth & Co., 54 in., \$6.50; 56 in., \$11.50; 58 in., \$15.80; Robertson & Godson, 54 in., \$6.15; 56 in., \$8.95; 58 in., \$16.23; Crane & Co., 54 in., \$6.42; 56 in., \$9.67; 58 in., \$17.54.

**New York, N.Y.**—Contract for placing Raymond concrete piles in the foundations of St. Adelbert's (Polish) Church at Schenectady, N.Y., has been awarded to the Raymond Concrete Pile Company of New York and Chicago. W. L. & H. G. Emery are architects.

## RAILWAYS—STEAM AND ELECTRIC.

**Winnipeg, Man.**—The contract has been awarded to Peter Lyall & Sons, for the interior finishing and the three office floors of the entire building of the union C.N.R. and G.T.P. depot. The total amount of the contract is about \$300,000. All wood-work will be of oak. The flooring of the corridors will be of terrazzo and marble and it is expected that the offices will be the most handsome in the city. Work on the contract for the erection at the rear of the building, of a steel viaduct, is progressing favorably. This steel erection is being done by the Canada Foundry Company; it comprises 2,600 tons of steel. This viaduct will carry the trains at the high level; and the platforms which are also at this level will be reached by stairways from the passenger subway to the rear of the main rotunda of the building. The space beneath this steel viaduct will be finished for occupancy by the express companies of both railways; also the baggage rooms for the terminal; and for storage rooms for the sleeping and dining-car departments of both railways. The contract for the erection of the warehouses beneath the viaduct will be out for bids about June 1. The railway companies also intend to instal about ten additional team tracks and paved driveways in the freight yards this season.

**Vancouver, B.C.**—Tenders closed on Monday with W. H. Hazlett, purchasing agent of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, for the construction of 7½ miles of railway through Burnaby.

**Vancouver, B.C.**—It is stated by an official of the C.P.R. that in all probability the company will this spring commence construction of the line which was located between Merritt, B.C., and Penticton, in the southern end of the Okanagan Valley. This branch, which will have a total length of about 175 miles will shorten the distance between southern British Columbia and the coast by at least 100 miles. With the completion of this and the other link eastward to Midway, the C.P.R. will have a through route to the prairie via the Crow's Nest Pass.

**Quebec, Que.**—Railway Committee of the Legislative Assembly approve only of two subway lines of those proposed for construction by the Montreal Street Railway.

**Ottawa, Ont.**—Proposed street railway extensions have been approved of by council.

**Ottawa, Ont.**—The bills relating to the Hamilton, Waterloo & Guelph Railway and the Toronto & Eastern Railway, went through the Senate without difficulty, were given third reading and now stand for Royal assent.

**Ottawa, Ont.**—Hon. G. P. Graham recently gave notice of the annual railway subsidy resolutions. In all forty-four votes are proposed, and on the basis of \$3,200 a mile the total will amount to \$8,862,400. The distribution gives fifteen votes to the Maritime Provinces, thirteen to Quebec, five to British Columbia, and the balance to Ontario. The Ontario votes are:—

To the St. Mary's & Western Ontario Railway Company for a line of railway from Embro to Exeter, not exceeding thirty-six miles.

To the Manitoulin & North Shore Railway Company for three lines of railway not exceeding in all one hundred and ninety-four miles.

To the Algoma Central & Hudson's Bay Railway Company for three lines not exceeding in all, two hundred and seventy-five miles.

To the Bracebridge & Trading Lake Railway Company for a line of railway from Bracebridge, in Muskoka, to a point at or near Baysville, Ontario, not exceeding sixteen miles.

To the Lac Seul, Rat Portage & Keewatin Railway Company for a line not exceeding twenty-two miles.

To the Nipigon Railway Company for lines not exceeding in all eighty miles.

To the Ontario, Northern & Temagami Railway Company for a line from a point at or near Sturgeon Falls, in a

northwesterly direction to a point on the westerly shore of Lake Temagami, in the district of Nipissing, not exceeding fifty miles.

For a line of railway from Sharbot Lake or Bathurst station, in the Province of Ontario, or between these points, via Lanark village, to Carleton Place, not exceeding forty-one miles.

To the Erie, London & Tillsonburg Railway Company for a line of railway from Port Burwell to London, not exceeding thirty-five miles.

To the Toronto, Lindsay & Pembroke Railway Company for a line of railway from Golden Lake to Bancroft, not exceeding fifty-one miles.

To the Kingston, Smith's Falls & Ottawa Railway Company for a line of railway from Kingston to Ottawa, not exceeding one hundred and one miles.

**Winnipeg, Man.**—R. J. Mackenzie has awarded additional important contracts on the Canadian Northern Railway. The extension of the Oak Point line was awarded to the Cowan Construction Company while C. J. Murray has been awarded the extension of the line west from Prince Albert, thirty miles of which have already been constructed. The same company has also been awarded the line northwest from Prince Albert and McMillan Bros. have been awarded the construction of the Thunder Hill branch.

**Moose Jaw, Sask.**—Mention was made in this column two weeks ago of a street railway franchise which has since met the ratepayers' approval. Three miles of line will probably be in operation this fall.

**Regina, Sask.**—Relative to railway development in the West, mention has already been made. The G. T. P. have let grading contracts for 385 miles in this province alone. These are: thirty miles from Yorkton on the Yorkton-Melville branch to Rieby, to Hyland & Plummer, Winnipeg; from Watrous to Prince Albert, 130 miles, to J. D. McArthur & Co., from Biggar to Battleford, 50 miles, to the Goulin Contracting Co.; from Balcarres to Regina, the balance of the Melville-Regina branch, 75 miles, to I. D. McArthur & Co.; and for a hundred miles from Regina south towards the boundary, with a view to swinging round later to Brandon, also to J. D. McArthur & Co.

**Vancouver, B.C.**—The C.N.R. will shortly let a contract for 20 miles of the line from Victoria to Barclay Sound.

## LIGHT, HEAT, AND POWER

**Brockville, Ont.**—The ratepayers voted the light and power department \$50,000 for the purpose of improving and extending the town lighting system. By the passage of this by-law the consumers are given authority to amalgamate the electric lighting plant with the waterworks, and also furnish day power.

**Fort Saskatchewan, Alta.**—Ratepayers will shortly be asked to sanction an expenditure of \$10,000 for the construction of an electric light plant on the Sturgeon River according to the plans of the engineer, Mr. Lynn.

**Saskatoon, Sask.**—Council and the Saskatchewan Power Company have reached an agreement which means cheaper power for this city and the ratepayers' sanction will be asked for at the earliest possible date.

**London, Ont.**—A \$25,000 electric light will be installed in the London Hospital for the Insane.

**Yorkton, Sask.**—The town council are considering the installation of an electric light plant at a cost of \$24,000.

**Winnipeg, Man.**—The E. B. Reese Engineering Company who have water power sites at Keewatin, Ontario, have been offered a contract to supply this city with power at \$20 per h.p. for a minimum of 2,500 h.p. and it is probable that this will be accepted.

**Minnedosa, Man.**—Plans have been completed by C. H. and P. H. Mitchell, of Toronto, for a hydro-electric power plant here, and tenders will shortly be invited.

**Montreal, Que.**—The rates for electricity have been reduced by the Montreal Light, Heat, and Power Company, from 15 cents a kilowatt hour less 33⅓ per cent. to 15 cents per kilowatt hour less 46⅔ per cent. for residences, religious and charitable institutions. The commercial rates will be reduced from 15 cents less 33⅓ per cent. to 15 cents less 40 per cent. Since May, 1908, the reduction on residential power has been 30 per cent. and commercial power 25 per cent. Consumers who have signed a five-year contract at the old rates since October 1st, will receive the new rate automatically. Consumers with old contracts are required to renew them in order to receive the new rate.