

COAST TO COAST.

Vancouver, B.C.—Plans are being prepared for \$5,000,000 worth of new civic work in Vancouver for next year.

Moose Jaw, Sask.—Reliable authority is given for the announcement that a union station is assured for Moose Jaw, though its situation is yet undecided.

Vancouver, B.C.—The Trout Creek bridge, the highest railway trestle bridge in British Columbia, is now completed for traffic. It has been erected at a cost of \$11,000, is about 250 feet high and almost of the same length.

Yorkton, Sask.—The C.N.R. has called off its men from further grading work at Yorkton, and the grade from Wroxton is almost completed, though there is no certainty as to the time when steel will have been laid to this centre.

Ottawa, Ont.—Expenditures by the Public Works Department last year aggregated \$18,844,223, according to the annual report, now being issued. Of this amount, \$10,177,831 was spent on harbors, including dredging, and \$7,420,885 on public buildings.

Brantford, Ont.—The present source of supply for gas to Brantford is far from sufficient, and complaints are general in the city about the low pressure of gas. To relieve the situation, work on the trunk line from Tilbury field, which will supply St. Thomas, London, and Woodstock, is being rushed to completion, and it is expected that Brantford will be connected in January.

Victoria, B.C.—Work costing in the neighborhood of \$30,000 has been completed on the roadbed of the Victoria and Sidney Railway. The roadbed has been re-ballasted practically from Victoria to its terminal at Sidney, the bridges have been rebuilt, and a new gasoline-electric car has been introduced which is giving satisfaction. The result is that the public are now furnished with a really first-class suburban service.

Selkirk, Man.—Many citizens were present on November 2nd to witness the turning on by Mayor Ross, of Selkirk, of the switch that put in motion the motors of the first large power installation of the Selkirk municipal electric light and power department, e.g., the planing mill, box and grain door factory of the Wm. Robinson Company. The municipality is selling its power at the 3 cent rate, with further reduction for large consumption.

Fort William, Ont.—The C.P.R. rocker bridge across the McKellar River between Islands One and Two at Fort William, has been completed and will be used to carry trains to the new \$2,000,000 coal dock and to the new freight docks. The bridge has been erected at a cost of \$200,000, will carry double railway tracks, and may be used to serve for extensions of the street railway to island terminals.

Montreal, Que.—Last spring low-lying river banks covered with mud and snow outlined the shore stretching from the Black Diamond line wharf past Sohmer Park to the foot of Papineau Avenue. Now along this section of shore has been constructed a rampart of new wharfage, the wharf from the Black Diamond line shed sloping up to a level with the high wharves approached from Commissioners Street; and from behind this rampart comes the sound of the rush of work on the foundations of the steel sheds, which will be erected doubtless on the new wharves next season.

Moncton, N.B.—The condition of Moncton streets has been the cause of much local dissatisfaction and criticism. The city has used for paving purposes wooden blocks, slag, and macadam; but the results have been unsatisfactory. This is partly due to the difficulties a new city always experiences in paving operations; for streets are being continually dug

up for sewerage, gas, water, and other installations. Moncton has almost settled the question of good sidewalks; and the citizens are now feeling that the authorities should direct their efforts towards an efficient system of street paving.

Cornwall, Ont.—The contractor, Mr. G. R. Phillips, of Cornwall, has completed the new pier at the eastern entrance to the Cornwall Canal. The work has been going on for the past year and a half. The pier is 600 feet long, and the style of construction conforms with the usual style of such structures. The entrance has also been widened and will relieve the congestion of craft frequent at the foot of the canal. A pier somewhat similar was erected about two years ago above lock 17, and with the addition of this new pier, navigation at the eastern end of the Cornwall Canal will be rendered much more safe.

Victoria, B.C.—Of the four piers to be constructed near the Ogden Point breakwater, three are to be 800 feet in length, and one 1,000 feet. They will be capable of accommodating the largest vessels that will be used in the Pacific trade for many years to come. Three thousand and four hundred feet of dockage, which will be provided by the piers for which tenders have been invited, will be doubled when all four piers have been completed. The importance of this work to the local cities and to the province is magnified by the fact that all material to be used in the construction, stone and concrete, will be of local manufacture.

Grand Falls, N.B.—The installation of a modern electric light system has been completed at Grand Falls. When the light was turned on for the first time, out of 400 lamps, only one was found to be out of commission. In addition to the street lamps, many churches, public buildings and private have been lighted by the same system; and the town has erected a large concrete sub-station, and is employing an electric pump for the waterworks system, instead of steam pump, which was not sufficiently powerful. The power is being supplied by the Maine and New Brunswick Electrical Power Company, Limited, whose power-house is situated at Arooscook Falls.

Halifax, N.S.—At Halifax, a pier is being constructed which, when complete, will be the most modernly equipped for accommodating oceanic travel in the world. The work requires 1,818 concrete piers, the largest ever used for a like purpose; and these are being driven into the harbor bottom by the biggest pile-driver in the world. The whole pier will be 700 feet long by 235 feet wide, provided with the best possible railway accommodation; and the superstructure will be a two-story fireproof immigration building of solid concrete, 200 feet wide, and almost as long as the pier. When finished, Halifax will possess the most excellent of immigration facilities.

South Vancouver, B.C.—Plans for local improvements for South Vancouver, now before the Municipal Council, will when carried out make that city one of the most modern municipalities in the Dominion. By-laws for the construction of a municipal electric light and power plant and a municipal gas plant have been taken up and given readings. They are now awaiting the approval of the ratepayers. Petitions asking the council to refer the by-laws to the property-owners for a vote at the time of the municipal elections or sooner are being circulated and largely signed. If these petitions are signed by ten per cent. of the voters, the by-laws will be referred to the ratepayers in due course, and if they are passed steps will be taken at once to begin the construction of the plants.

Port Alberni, B.C.—The city of Port Alberni, the new city at the head of the Alberni Canal, now possesses in its new \$120,000 waterworks system, one of the finest supplies of water in the Province, equal in clearness and purity, it is said, to the celebrated Capilano brand. The supply is brought from a dam at an elevation of 614 feet, situated