

**YORKTON.**—The first train of the Canadian Pacific operating between Sheho and Leslie was sent out from Yorkton on November 2nd. This branch is expected to be in the future a part of the main line between Winnipeg and Edmonton. The service between Yorkton and Leslie will be given for the present twice a week. The line is sixty miles long.

**British Columbia.**

**FRASER LAKE.**—The final tie was made yesterday, completing the G.T.P. location survey, when the party in charge of K. W. Chudleigh, working north, connected with the party in charge of W. F. Graham, working south, and met at a point near Bulkley Summit, about 70 miles north of Fraser Lake. These parties are now on their way to Ashcroft, B.C.

**VANCOUVER.**—The C.P.R. has just completed a preliminary survey of the route which the extension of the Spence's Bridge-Nicola line may take from Nicola to Penticton. Ultimately the line will be continued from Penticton to Midway, where it will link up with the Columbia and Western Railways, finally furnishing the C.P.R. a line from Vancouver to the Boundary country. Whether the C.P.R. or Great Northern Railway will be the first to connect the Kootenay country with the coast is a matter of considerable speculation. The roads have started construction from opposite ends, the C.P.R. from Spence's Bridge and the Great Northern from Midway, and both are surveying and building a little more road all the time.

**Foreign.**

**PITTSBURG.**—It is reported that the railways have placed heavy orders for steel rails at \$24 per ton. The old price was \$28. It was given out that the life of a steel rail is seven years, thus one-seventh of the entire rail base of a railroad should be replaced yearly. This has not been done for two years throughout the country, it is claimed, which leaves the demand for almost two years rail to be filled now. Steel rails are the only thing in a finished condition on which prices have not been reduced the past year.

**LIGHT, HEAT, AND POWER.**

**Ontario.**

**GANANOQUE.**—The council are endeavoring to make a new lighting contract with the Electric Light Company. They are offering \$40 per annum for an all-night arc service, and \$8 for incandescents and discounts allowed of 10, 20 and 30 per cent. for large users. Contract for five years.

**British Columbia.**

**NELSON.**—The city council passed a new lighting by-law fixing rates as follows:—Porch lights up to four candle power free. Cooking appliances.

Irons for domestic purposes .....	500	25	
	Cap. in W.	Pr. M.	
Irons for commercial purposes.....		\$2.50	
Disc stoves .....	350	25	
Water heaters (1 pint) .....	300	25	
Water heaters (1 quart) .....	500	50	
Toasters for domestic purposes....	350	25	
Coffee percolators for domestic purposes .....	350	25	
Tea kettles—for domestic purposes..	500	50	
Chafing dishes .....	500	25	
Warming pad .....	60	25	
Coffe urn .....	1400	2.50	
Domestic purposes .....	1500	75	
Broiler for commercial purposes.....		10.00	
Electric ovens for domestic purposes	1200	2.00	

**Meter Rates.**

1st 50 killiwatts.....	12	cents per	killiwatt
2nd 50 killiwatts.....	11	"	
Next 100 killiwatts.....	10	"	
Next 200 killiwatts.....	9	"	
Next 300 killiwatts.....	8	"	
Next 300 killiwatts.....	7	"	
Next 500 killiwatts.....	6	"	
Next 500 killiwatts.....	5	"	
All over 2,000 killiwatts.....	4	"	

A discount of 10 per cent. shall be allowed on all the above rates if paid on or before the 15th of the month for the previous month.

The following rates are for the supply of power to consumers using 50 horse-power and under, and all other rates heretofore in force are hereby cancelled: On the first killiwatt hours, 5 cents per killiwatt hour; on the second killiwatt hours, 4 cents per killiwatt hour; on the next 50 killiwatt hours, 3 cents per killiwatt hour; all in excess of 250 killiwatt hours, 2 cents per killiwatt hour.

**Manitoba.**

**WINNIPEG.**—On November 6th the first sod in the excavation of the canal and power-house site at Point du Bois was turned. It is expected that Winnipeg will realize benefits of the scheme by 1910.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Quebec.**

**MONTREAL.**—A terrific explosion took place in the harbor of Montreal, about one o'clock Sunday afternoon, shattering the glass of many of the large office buildings in the business district near the harbor front, and causing people for miles distant to rush to their doors to ascertain what had happened. The detonation by the explosion of a quarter of a ton of dynamite being held for the purposes of the Harbor Commissioners in the harbor of Montreal. The boat or barge upon which the dynamite was stored was anchored off the end of the Guard Pier, some distance out from the centre of the harbor. A fire was being maintained within it for the purpose of keeping the dynamite from freezing, though, as a matter of fact, the day was reasonably mild, and there was no possibility of the dynamite freezing at that particular time. The watchman was barely able to escape in time after noticing that the boat was afire. As he rowed away for dear life the explosion took place, and he was in the midst of falling timbers, none of which touched him. No one was injured, largely owing to the cessation of activities, owing to the day being Sunday. The damage will amount to many thousand dollars. The Commissioners began an investigation at once.

**Ontario.**

**COBOURG.**—On November 2nd the first sod for the construction of the big steel and rolling mill plant was turned. The establishment of this plant is looked upon as the dawning of a new era of industrial activity for the town, which has already been chosen as the Canadian terminus of the G.T.R. Company's big car ferry. About fifty men are now actively engaged in the construction of the buildings. M. Jek & Co., of Cobourg, have the contract.

**DESERONTO.**—The smelting works owned by the Deseronto Iron Company, which were struck by lightning and burned down last September, are being built up again. The company expect to have the works in full operation by April next.

**WELLAND.**—The Ontario Iron and Steel Company at Welland has added a new branch to its already large industry. It will manufacture rail joints. This will necessitate the employment of about thirty additional skilled workmen. A building 120 by 90 feet will be erected, and the first work will be turned out in about one month.

**WINDSOR.**—City Solicitor Ellis is taking action on behalf of the city of Windsor against the American Bonding and Surety Co. to collect a guarantee of \$6,000 that the company placed on asphalt block pavement laid by a Toledo firm about six years ago. The city claims that the pavement was not in specified condition, and is trying to collect from the bonding company, the paving company having been dissolved.

**TELEPHONY.**

**Ontario.**

**BROCKVILLE.**—The private telephone system extending to North Augusta, Bellamy and Algonquin has been