

of 80 lbs., erected on foundation, ready for operation, at \$1,950.

Saskatchewan.

SASKATOON.—A contract for the construction of an attachment to the C. N. R. bridge was awarded to Strickland Brothers at \$2,200.

Alberta.

WETASKIWIN.—Contracts have been awarded by this municipality for a 40 h.p. gas engine to the Canadian Westinghouse Company, at \$3,200, and for a Dean gas driver pump, at \$1,950.

British Columbia.

SOUTH VANCOUVER.—This municipality has let a contract for grading south boundary of 667, at \$26 per chain to S. Bliss. The road is to be cleared 33 feet wide and 24 feet graded between outside and ditches. Mr. Bliss also received a contract for clearing and grading Somerville Street, at \$22 a chain, while Joseph Rogers was given an order for grading and clearing at \$22.50 per chain.

VICTORIA.—Contracts for twelve steel tubular poles for trolley and arc lamp supports have been awarded by this city to Messrs. Hutchinson Bros., Company, Limited, of Victoria, at \$1,500.

VICTORIA.—Tenders for thirty-five tons of lead pipe were received from the John Colbert Company, and A. Sherret at \$4.30 per cwt. each, and for waterworks brass goods from the J. Colbert Company, at \$2,520, E. G. Prior, at \$2,757.90, and A. Sherret at \$2,520. The contracts have not yet been given out.

RAILWAYS—STEAM AND ELECTRIC.

Nova Scotia

HALIFAX.—Much damage has been done on the Sydney & Louisburg Railway by washouts.

New Brunswick.

ST. JOHN.—Representatives of the New Brunswick, Quebec and Federal Governments, the National Transcontinental Railway Commissioners, the Railway Commission, the Miramichi Lumber Company, the Alexander Gibson Manufacturing Company, the New Brunswick Lands and Power Company, and the Grand Falls Power Company, will meet in Ottawa on December 16, to discuss the proposal that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway should operate its trains through the New Brunswick forest region by electricity, generated at Grand Falls on the St. John River. This matter was discussed in the New Brunswick Legislature last year, and the plan suggested as a means of protecting the valuable timber areas from fire.

Quebec.

MONTREAL.—Montreal Street Railway Company are about to commence the construction of the new \$1,000,000 shops in the northern part of the city. The buildings will consist of car-building shops, machine shops, electrical and winding shops, blacksmith and paint shops, and a large building for the stores and material of the company.

MONTREAL.—On Saturday, December 4th, the first train over the new line of the Canadian Northern Railway between Quebec and Ottawa, left Quebec, reaching Ottawa early on Sunday morning.

SHERBROOKE.—It is thought here that the Grand Trunk Railway intends making Sherbrooke a divisional point.

Ontario.

OTTAWA.—The latest issue of the Canada Gazette contains notice of an application to incorporate the Ottawa, Montreal and Eastern Railway Company, which seeks authority to construct a line from Lake Megantic to Montreal, with power to construct a bridge or tunnel for railway purposes, vessels, and pedestrians, and to collect tolls, and poses, through Hochelaga, Jacques Cartier, Laval, Terrebonne, Two Mountains, and Argenteuil counties, crossing the Ottawa river, and passing through Prescott, Russell and Carleton counties, to Ottawa city. Branch lines to Arthabaska, Victoriaville and Yamaska are proposed. The Quebec Colonization Railway Company seeks authority to build a line from Tadousac, north-westerly to a point between Lakes Chibougamou and Mistassini and thence to Hannah Bay, Ontario, with a branch from Mistassini to the National Transcontinental.

ST. THOMAS.—The special committee appointed to report on the requirements of the street railway in order to put

the road in shape recommended that a by-law be submitted to care for the following: Purchasing two new single truck cars, \$8,000; lowering the large two truck cars and adding equipment and windows to same, \$2,000; repairs to six closed cars, \$3,000; extending line on Elgin Street to Centre Street, \$2,200; placing Ross Street line, Wellington to Forest Avenue on cement foundation and steel ties, \$790; extending Ross Street line, Forest Avenue to Hemlock and placing it on concrete foundation, with steel ties, \$5,200; placing Wellington Street, William to Ross, on concrete foundation, with steel ties, \$4,500, a total of \$25,690.

TORONTO.—The Grand Trunk have completed the 36 stalls for an engine-house at New Toronto, at a cost of \$1,400 each, or a total of \$50,400. In the spring another engine-house will be erected, at a similar cost.

TORONTO.—After twenty-eight days in court the case of Mr. M. A. Pigott against the Guelph & Goderich Railway Company for \$500,000 was settled on Saturday and dismissed by Mr. Justice Britton, both sides paying their own costs, which approximately amount to \$50,000. It is understood that the case was settled for \$175,000.

Manitoba.

BRANDON.—Messrs. E. J. Gifford and H. J. Skynner again made application to the city council for a franchise for the establishment of a heating plant, also for a street railway, and power and light plant.

WINNIPEG.—On Monday next the C. P. R. will open the Pheasant Hills branch.

Saskatchewan.

CARLYLE.—Grading on the C. N. R. has been completed by Cowan's construction outfit to mileage 150, which is 113 miles south and west of Carlyle.

Alberta

LETHBRIDGE.—The question of a street railway for Lethbridge and neighborhood, has been the subject of much discussion here recently.

British Columbia.

VANCOUVER.—The British Columbia Electric Railway Company have just placed an order for 50 car tenders of the Watson type.

VANCOUVER.—General Manager Sperling of the British Columbia Electric Railway, on returning from England on Tuesday the 7th December, announced that the directors had passed six million dollars for expenditures. One large work to be immediately undertaken will be the erecting of a 20,000 horse-power steam auxiliary plant in Vancouver.

VANCOUVER.—Nearly all the details of a project for building a subway between the Inlet front and the False Creek railway yards have been worked out by the local engineering staff of the C.P.R., and the work may be started next year.

SEWERS, SEWAGE AND WATERWORKS.

Ontario

KINGSTON.—A cedar culvert will be constructed on North Street here at a cost of \$1,600.

ST. CATHARINES.—The Water Commissioners have recommended the installation of a new 24-inch supply pipe from the reservoir. This would give a supply $2\frac{1}{4}$ times greater than that of the present main.

Saskatchewan.

SASKATOON.—Sewer and waterworks extensions to cost \$160,000 will be made next year by this municipality.

British Columbia.

VANCOUVER.—Work is progressing favorably on a dam which the Quesnele River Hydraulic Gold Mining Company is building across the Swift River, 600 feet long and 45 feet high, for the purpose of bringing water to its properties on Quesnele River. The company will construct its 26-mile ditch system in the spring, necessitating two miles of five-foot diameter pipe. The balance will be ditch flume and tunnel. The company has about 300 men at work now, and Mr. H. B. Fergusson, of Burr & Fergusson, is the chief engineer.

LIGHT, HEAT, AND POWER.

Ontario.

LONDON.—The agreement between the city council and the London Electric Company, for street lighting, mentioned in these columns last week has been ratified and the streets will be lighted on the sliding scale for a year.