

**MANY NEW BRIDGES  
ERECTED IN ALBERTA**

**Two Hundred and Eighty-four  
Built by Government  
Last Year.**

The report of the Department of Public Works covering all branches of the work for 1908, has been published in book form, says the Edmonton Bulletin. Most reports on public works

ing. Not so this report. It is written in splendid style and comprehensive language, and is supplemented this year by full page cuts of public buildings, ferries, bridges and mines. It will be most useful reading for all who wish to keep in touch with the rapid development which the province is making in the department, over which presides Hon. W. H. Cushing, minister of public works.

John Stocks, deputy to the minister in his general survey of the year, says that the increase and extension of the work in this department still continues. The large influx of population to the outlying districts is given as being in a measure responsible for the increase. In answer to the urgent requirements from all over the province

roads have been extended, bridges built and ferries installed where possible. The Government is also increasing the strength and weight of structures to provide for the increased size and weight of threshing and traction engines in the country and during the year all the structures were built with this end in view. The department has also carried out a large scale policy of constructing permanent bridges. Of the 429 structures dealt with during the year, 284 were new structures, principally of the standard type, pile-trestle. Twenty-six steel bridges have been added to the list which brings the number of steel bridges to some 1,000, and the thing over 90.

"Some of the bridges are deserving of special mention," says the report. "These are the bridge over the Bow river on Blackfoot Indian reserve southwest of Gleichen, consisting of three 175-foot steel highway spans; 18-foot roadway on concrete substructure; bridge over the Bow river east of Calgary, consisting of three 135-foot steel highway spans on concrete substructure, 16-foot roadway

bridge over the Red Deer river west of Penhold, three 125-foot steel highway spans on concrete substructure, 16-foot roadway; and bridge over the South Saskatchewan river at Medicine Hat, consisting of five 180-foot steel highway spans, 20-foot roadway and 6-foot sidewalk on concrete substructure. Our bridge construction in all cases is handled by our regular bridge crews under the supervision of our own engineers. In addition

tion to the bridges built and completed during the year 1908 there is under construction at the end of the year a bridge over the Old Man river at Macleod, consisting of three 175-foot highway spans, 18-foot roadways on concrete substructure; and another over the Red Deer river at Red Deer, consisting of two 200-foot spans, 18-foot roadway with 6-foot sidewalks on concrete substructure; and another over the Belly river at Taber, consisting of four 175-foot spans, 18-foot roadway on concrete substructure, all three of which we expect to complete early in 1909."

The report shows that twenty-five ferries were operated during the season, eight of these being new ferries installed.

During the year the Normal school building at Calgary, court house at Cardston, and telephone exchange building at Strathcona were completed; and the construction of Parliament

ment buildings, Edmonton; court house at Ketasiwin, hospital for the insane at Ponoka, and titles building at Calgary and telephone warehouse and office buildings at Calgary were carried on, some now nearing completion, as shown in detailed reports from the architectural branch. A number of plans were prepared in connection with other contemplated buildings.

## NARROW ESCAPE FROM DISASTROUS FIRE

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### Conflagration Checked in Time in Cameron Lumber Mill

A fire which, but for the prompt and quick work of the fire brigade, might have resulted in a big loss of property broke out Tuesday night about 7:30 at the mills of the Cameron Lumber Company where it was found the fire was confined to the boiler room. The brigade was able to confine it to the space where it started with the result that the damage done

the mill property was small. The alarm was sent in by the mill watchman, who had to run some three hundred yards to sound the alarm. Owing to the road work on Government street the brigade was unable to reach the fire by the shortest route and was compelled to go by Douglas street and Garbally road. By the time the brigade arrived the flames had spread to the rafters and roof of the boiler room. The firemen connected two lines of hose one a distance of 1,700 feet from Garbally

The mill will probably be shut down a few days until repairs are effected.

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## EXCURSIONISTS HAVE ENJOYABLE TIME

A special from Prince states that Princess Charlotte, Captain Hugh arrived there at 11 yesterday morning after visiting Ikeda Bay, Jedway a Queen Charlotte city. At the la mentioned place the passengers had opportunity of inspecting the towns at their leisure and were agreeably entertained. Manager Young reports very satisfactory results from the visit. The weather conditions so far have

been perfect, and all on board were highly pleased with the conduct of the excursion. The steamer left Prince Rupert southbound at midnight.