

from Winnipeg to Portage la Prairie, and begun work on a heavy contract "subbed" from the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company. This latter contract begins at Plaster Rock, on Tubuque River, in New Brunswick, and runs east twenty-eight miles. The country here is rough or rolling and heavily timbered.

**COBALT.**—Since the Government has taken over the extension of the northern part of the T. and N.O. from the firm of McRae, Chandler & McNeil, the work on the road has been most progressive. Driftwood City marks the end of the steel. "Cochrane," the future junction of the T. and N.O. and the Transcontinental, is forty-two miles north of the Chutes, and it is calculated that the road will be laid to there by the end of the season.

**COCHRANE.**—The J. H. Reynolds Construction Co. have taken a contract to do one hundred and fifty miles of grading in the Abitibi district from this junction point to the east. Good progress is being made with this stretch. The Fauquier Bros. have a contract for grading from the junction one hundred miles west. They expect to have ten miles of their grading done by the winter, and to have a tote road built along the right-of-way for bringing in supplies for the winter.

**PORT ARTHUR.**—Pease Bros. have a section on the C.N.R. betterment near Kabigon. A large number of teams are engaged on the work. This is a portion of the work that the C.N.R. have in view for the betterment of the service between Port Arthur and the West.

**PORT COLBORNE.**—The Minister of Railways has intimated that steps will be taken to connect the new grain elevator here with the present railway tracks by the building of a new spur. It is expected this spur will be built before the close of navigation.

**SAULT STE. MARIE.**—Following on the heels of the closing of the plant of the Algoma Steel Company comes the story that it will be taken over by the Canadian Pacific Railway in addition to the Algoma Central Railway. Draftsmen and others are busy compiling figures relative to the plant, and a party of Canadian Pacific people started on Friday last on a second trip over the Algoma Central.

#### Alberta.

**CALGARY.**—Mr. R. T. D. Aikins, of the Montreal Engineering Company, is here, and has had several interviews with reference to the city granting his company a twenty-five year franchise for a street railway. Should the city not agree to Mr. Aikins' terms, his company is willing to construct the line for the city.

**RED DEER.**—Work has been commenced by the Canadian Pacific Railway in completing the new steel bridge over the Red Deer River at this point. The concrete abutments were put down last season, and stood the spring freshets without any apparent damage whatever.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

#### Nova Scotia.

**YARMOUTH.**—The Nova Scotia Telephone Co. submitted a contract for new telephones in the town offices under the new system. The combined cost would be \$142 per phone, an increase of \$49 over the old rate.

#### Ontario.

**AYLMER.**—The town council purpose sinking another eight-inch well, as with the present flow they are not able to supply new industries.

**AMHERSTBURG.**—Dunbar & Sullivan's dynamite manufactory at Dynamite Island has been completed and work of making "powder" has commenced. Seventeen hundred pounds are made daily, and, as it requires no curing process, what is made one day is used the next. This amount is just what is required for Dunbar & Sullivan, and, though at present there is no mention of extending the plant, the inconvenience other Detroit River contractors are experiencing in getting dynamite may result in their going in on the deal in some way.

**PORT ARTHUR.**—Applications will be received by the undersigned up to Saturday, July 25th, 1908, for an experienced Road Commissioner for the city of Port Arthur. The Commissioner will be given full charge of all street work. Applicants will please state references, experience, and salary expected. J. McTeigue, clerk.

**STRATFORD.**—Mr. Mellis Ferguson, of Kingston, Ont., was appointed city engineer at a salary of \$1,200 per annum. He will devote his whole time to city work. There were some fifty applications.

**SIMCOE.**—The Ontario Government has decided to purchase a plot of ground in Norfolk County, to be used for the cultivation of nursery stock. This will be established on the south half of Lot 24, Concession 2, in the Township of Walsingham, in South Norfolk. The plot is 100 acres in area, and is situated on the borders of a section several thousand acres in extent, which is unsuited for agricultural purposes, but admirably adapted for the cultivation of trees. The forestry outfit for the new nursery has been moved thither from the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, and it is said Mr. E. J. Zavitz will take charge there, with three trained foresters from the college.

**TORONTO.**—There will be sold by public auction on July 30th, 1908, at 68 Wellington Street West, at 2 p.m., the assets of the estate of the Dominion Pressed Steel Co., of Port Elgin, consisting of contractors' supplies and machinery. E. R. C. Clarkson & Sons, assignees.

#### Manitoba.

**WINNIPEG.**—Shurly & Dietrich, of Galt, Ont., were also forward at the Exhibition in the Western metropolis with their usual splendid exhibit of saws and tools. Their exhibit took up the whole end of one of the buildings.

#### Saskatchewan.

**MOOSE JAW.**—Wm. Newman & Co., Winnipeg, engineers and reinforced concrete specialists, have commenced work on a reinforced concrete abutment over Moose Jaw Creek for the Saskatchewan Government, the work to be completed this season. The same company are at present working on nine reinforced concrete piers and one abutment over the Saskatchewan River at Battleford. There are five spans of 250 feet each and three spans of 200 feet each. This bridge crosses two channels, one 1,250 feet, to an island, and the other 600 feet to the other bank. This work is also being done for the Saskatchewan Government, and is to be finished this season.

### PERSONAL.

**MR. W. G. WINTERBURN, M.I.N.A.,** has opened an office in Victoria, B.C. as a consulting engineer and surveyor.

**MR. MELLIS FERGUSON,** of Kingston, Ont., has been appointed City Engineer of Stratford.

**MR. J. A. MACDOUGAL,** County Engineer for York, has been appointed temporarily engineer for the Township of York.

**MR. JAMES P. GORDON, B.A.Sc.,** has been transferred from Moosomin, Sask., to Portage la Prairie, Man., where he has charge of work for Mr. Willis Chipman.

**PROF. SAMUEL W. PERROTT, B.A.,** Dean of the Engineering School, University of New Brunswick, has resigned his position and accepted an appointment with a technical college in Liverpool, Eng.

**MR. P. S. GIBSON,** Dean of the Ontario Land Surveyors, and for over thirty-five years Township Engineer for York, has resigned. Mr. Gibson sent in his resignation on the ground that his private practice interfered with his duties as engineer.

**MR. J. C. GARDENER, B.A.Sc.,** has just returned to Canada after having spent two years on the location and construction of the Chilian Government Railway from Arica to La Paz, Chili. Mr. Gardener will open an office at Niagara Falls, Ont., as a Consulting Engineer, giving special attention to hydraulic and railroad work.

**MR. W. F. JENNISON, C.E.,** who has been in communication with the Federal Government regarding the gypsum