

CONSTRUCTION NEWS SECTION

Readers will confer a great favor by sending in news items from time to time. We are particularly eager to get notes regarding engineering work in hand and projected, contracts awarded, changes in staffs, etc. Printed forms for the purpose will be furnished upon application.

RAILWAYS—STEAM AND ELECTRIC.

Quebec.

MONTREAL.—The management of the Street Railway Company is considering the question of large extensions to its system, not only within the city limits, but on the Island of Montreal. It is understood that the Company has in view the expenditure of a large amount of money during the coming season. This expenditure will include the construction of several new lines to be built in the suburbs and along the lake shore. A new circuit will connect the Back River and the Cartiersville systems.

Ontario.

OTTAWA.—The Minister of Railways has given notice of a resolution providing for increasing the Board of Railway Commissioners from three members to six. The new appointees will be an assistant Chief Commissioner, at a salary of \$9,000, and two additional Commissioners at salaries of \$8,000 each.

Saskatchewan.

BATTLEFORD.—The Board of Trade has appointed E. H. White and A. Champagne as a delegation to interview the various railroad officials with a view to completing arrangements for the entry into the town of the lines projected in the direction of Battleford. They are also deputed to wait on the Ministers of the Federal Government on other matters of importance to the town and country.

British Columbia.

VANCOUVER.—The C.P.R. contemplate considerable expenditure in the Kootenays during the coming year. The building of the jetties on the harbor front here will be continued. Twenty-one miles of heavier steel will be laid west of Cascade and between West Robson and the foot of the grade. A large amount of bridge work will be done in the Kootenays. Particular attention will be paid to the improvement of the water transportation in the Kootenays. A tug, the same size as the "Valhalla," at present in use, is to be built on Kootenay Lake; also two fifteen car barges for the transfer of freight between Kootenay Landing and Proctor. On the Arrow Lakes a tug and one eight-car barge will be built; on Slocan Lake an eight-car barge will also be built, and on Okanagan Lake an eight-car barge will be built to care for the fruit traffic between Kelowna and Okanagan Landing. A deck barge will be built for Trout Lake to run between Trout Lake City and Gerrard.

NEW WESTMINSTER.—Four more modern up-to-date interurban cars, two work cars and twenty city cars, the whole valued at approximately \$200,000, is the output outlined for the B.C.E.R. car shops of this city for the present year.

LIGHT, HEAT, AND POWER.

Ontario.

HAMILTON.—The council here will be asked to appoint an engineer to draw up specifications for the street lighting plant.

HAMILTON.—Estimates made by Board of Works include \$44,380 for gas, arc and Nerst lamps.

STRATFORD.—A contract will likely be made with the Hydro-Electric Commission for the supply of Niagara power. Debentures will be issued for \$35,000 for the erection of a distribution plant.

GALT.—The town council have decided to take 600 horse-power from the Hydro-Electric Commission. A canvass of the town showed a possible sale of 1,200 horse-power. A vote of \$66,000 for a distributing plant has been passed,

and now the power to the extent mentioned will be applied for. It is the feeling of those who know the local situation that the 600 horse-power will easily be utilized. The town lighting and waterworks acquirement need a great part of it. In this connection the question of dealing with the existing lighting company with a view to acquiring their plant and water power will soon be an issue. It is believed that both parties will approach the matter in a good spirit, and that a mutually satisfactory deal will be the outcome.

Nova Scotia.

SYDNEY.—The recently constructed transmission line of the Cape Breton Electric Company to North Sydney was used recently for the first time, and from now on the residents of the town across the harbor are to be supplied with electrical energy generated in this city.

Manitoba.

MINNEDOSA.—The citizens of this town expect soon to have a waterworks and power system combined, and an electric plant of not less than 600 horse-power may be erected in the near future.

TENDERS.

Ontario.

HAILEYBURY.—Tenders are asked until March 6 for building of a public school here. J. I. Rankin, secretary, Haileybury.

CHUTE A BLONDEAU (County of Prescott).—Tenders will be received for the construction of landing pier here until March 18. Fred. Gelinas, Secretary Department of Public Works, Ottawa.

OTTAWA.—Tenders will be received until March 4 for the erection of a club house for the Ottawa Country Club on the Aylmer Road, near Ottawa. Darling & Pearson, architects, Toronto.

NEW LISKEARD.—Tenders will be received for the construction of timber bridges over the White River at Englehart and Hilliardton, in the District of Temiskaming, until March 4. J. O. Reaume, Minister of Public Works.

Quebec.

MONTREAL.—Tenders will be received until March 2 for rebuilding wall, Basin No. 2, and side Basin No. 1, Lachine Canal. L. K. Jones, secretary Department Railways and Canals, Ottawa.

New Brunswick.

FREDERICTON.—Tenders will be received until March 9 for rebuilding the Fraser Bridge over Bay du Vin River, Northumberland county. C. H. LaBillois, Chief Commissioner, Department Public Works, Fredericton.

HILLSBORO.—Tenders will be received until March 23 for building Mill Creek Mouth Bridge, Albert county. C. H. LaBillois, Department Public Works, Fredericton.

RENFREW.—Tenders will be received until March 13th for construction of a public building here. F. Gelinas, Secretary Department Public Works, Ottawa.

VICTORIA.—Tenders will be received until March 16 for supplying the following cast-iron water pipe: 33,000 feet, 12-inch; 18,000 feet, 8-inch; 36,500 feet, 6-inch; 25,000 feet, 4-inch. C. H. Topp, city engineer.

NEW BUILDINGS.

Quebec.

QUEBEC.—A new post-office building will be erected here. The site has already been chosen at the corner of St. Joseph and Dorchester Streets.