

be in here shortly. It is negotiating with the holders of the Macleod, Montana & Cardston charter.

British Columbia.

VANCOUVER.—President Elliot, of the Northern Pacific Railway, and L. P. Gilman, assistant to the president of the Great Northern, were at Vancouver recently with a party of officials to confer with the city authorities concerning the location of joint terminals in the East end of the city.

SEWERAGE AND WATERWORKS.

Ontario.

HAMILTON.—The Sewers Committee last week appointed Chairman Jutten and Ald. Allan to procure more land for the proposed west end sewage disposal works, and the Ontario Government will be asked to pay a share of establishing and maintaining the works.

FINANCING PUBLIC WORKS.

New Brunswick.

CHATHAM.—Tenders will be received by the town of Chatham until February 24th for \$25,000 electric light debentures, bearing 4 per cent. interest. Address: Robert A. Logie, chairman, Finance Committee.

Ontario.

BARRIE.—Tenders will be received by the town of Barrie, for \$12,000 20-year, 4½ per cent. electric light debentures. Address: E. Donnell, treasurer.

BLIND RIVER.—The town of Blind River is offering \$17,000 to any transportation company which will construct a line of railway from Blind River to Lake Natininda thence to Lake Chiblow, a distance of seventeen miles. John Muncaster, Secretary of Board of Trade.

FORT WILLIAM.—Tenders will be received by the city of Fort William until February 22nd for \$156,500 local improvement debentures. Address: Wm. Phillips, treasurer.

Saskatchewan.

MELVILLE.—The municipal council is soliciting offers for \$6,000 debentures for grading streets and building sidewalks, repayable in fifteen years.

Alberta.

RED DEER.—Tenders will be received by the town of Red Deer until March 1st for \$19,400 sewer local improvement debentures, bearing 6 per cent. interest. Address: A. T. Stephenson, commissioner.

WETASKIWIN.—On January 30th, the City Council sold the balance of the waterworks and sewerage bonds, amounting to \$105,000, to the Ontario Securities Company, Limited, Toronto. The City Council will take immediate steps to complete the installation of waterworks and sewerage system.

TELEPHONY

Nova Scotia.

SYDNEY.—It is understood that F. A. Bowman, manager of the Eastern Telephone Co., will shortly remove to Halifax, where he will assume an important position with the Nova Scotia Telephone Co. Mr. Bowman was formerly in the electrical department of the Dominion Steel Co.

Manitoba.

WINNIPEG.—An item of particular interest and one which has figured for the first time in Manitoba's budget was the telephone statement. The income in this, the first year under Government operation, was \$656,486.74. During the year there have been 408 miles of long distance 'phones constructed and 583 miles of farmers' telephones. During the fiscal year the number of telephone subscribers increased from 14,000 to 20,000.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Ontario.

HAMILTON.—At the Waldorf Hotel, Hamilton, this week was held an exhibition of hardware and builders' supplies.

The management gave space on first, second and third floors to the following firms and their respective lines: Canada Wire Goods Manufacturing Company, Hamilton, all kinds of steel and iron jail work, entrance doors, steel wire guards, jail bunks, etc., plain wrought iron gates, wire binding for reinforcing concrete, sand and gravel screens, bank and office railings; Hamilton & Toronto Sewer Pipe Company, Limited, Hamilton, square and oval flues, terra cotta chimney tops and sewer pipe; Allith Manufacturing Company, Limited, Hamilton, door hangers, track and automatic fixtures; Taylor-Forbes Company, Limited, Quelfh, Ont., hardware specialties, mowers, and woodware; F. W. Bird & Son, Hamilton, Ont., Paroid roofing. (This firm has recently supplied 770,000 square feet of their roofing to Messina, Italy.) Canadian Hart Wheels, Limited, Hamilton, power grinders; Pittsburgh Wire Fence Company, Pittsburgh and Canada fencing; E. C. Atkins & Company, Hamilton and Indianapolis, belt and strap punches, vest saws for cutting nails; S. F. Bowser & Company, Toronto, oil storage tanks.

HASTINGS.—Mr. Stevens, of Randolph, McDonald & Company, the contractors who have the contract for this section of the Trent Valley Canal, has returned to town and opened an office here. The contractors will commence the construction of their scows and boats shortly. Once the work on the dam and locks starts the river will be blocked, and no lockages made at this point, it is expected, for the balance of the season.

Manitoba.

BRANDON.—The City Council are advertising for a city engineer. Harry Brown, city clerk. (Advertised in The Canadian Engineer.)

Alberta.

EDMONTON.—The city will spend \$120,000 this year on street paving. For this work the Bitulithic Paving Co. have made an offer of \$3.10 per square yard, with a five-year guarantee.

British Columbia.

VICTORIA.—Tenders will be invited shortly for the construction of two stern-wheel steamers of the type of the steamer Distributor, built last year for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad Company. The two steamers will be similar in size and design to the steamer built by Alex. Watson of this city last year for the railroad company.

VICTORIA.—City Engineer Topp has suggested the following approximate amounts for street maintenance for the current year: Cleaning, \$12,000; drains, \$5,000; sprinkling, \$7,000; horse and cart maintenance, \$2,300; bridge repairs, \$2,000; oiling pavements, \$900; tools maintenance, \$2,000; car fares, \$100; new sprinkling, \$1,500; four horses and carts, \$1,600; surfacing streets, \$20,000; plank sidewalks maintenance, \$4,300; contingencies, \$3,000; moving large crusher in quarry and bunkers et al to different points, not including land, \$2,600; total, \$64,300.

FERNIE.—At the last meeting of the City Council it was decided that tenders for the erection of the new municipal building should be called for at once. The structure is to be proceeded with immediately.

CURRENT NEWS.

Ontario.

OTTAWA.—The International Portland Cement Co. reports for the year ended November 30th, 1908, a profit from sales of 252,234, equal to 20.17 per cent. on the paid-up capital of \$1,250,000. There is now \$72,000 at the credit of depreciation account, and \$68,227 profit and loss.

CHATHAM.—City Engineer Bell, of St. Thomas, who has recently designed a number of bridges for the county of Elgin, has been asked by the council of Kent county to prepare an estimate for a bridge over the Thames River, twelve miles below Chatham. It will be a swing bridge of 200 feet, with a fixed span of the same distance, and will be used for general traffic.

OTTAWA.—A new patrol steamer has been launched at the yards of Swan & Hunter, Newcastle-on-Tyne, for use by the Canadian Government in Georgian Bay waters in con-