

Coast to Coast

Prince Rupert, B.C.—The G.T.P. Railway officials expect to have the big dry dock at Prince Rupert completed before the end of the present year.

Edmonton, Alta.—Work on 137,000 square yards of paving and concrete sidewalks will commence almost immediately. The work will cost in the neighborhood of \$400,000.

Windsor, Ont.—As a result of the decision handed down in the High Court in Toronto, all work on the city's new incinerator plant at Windsor has been abandoned temporarily.

Brantford, Ont.—It is reported that by August 1 negotiations will have been completed, and both the Brantford Street Railway and the Grand Valley Railway will belong to the city of Brantford.

Moose Jaw, Alta.—A recent report states that the C.P.R. line of 70 miles from Kerrobert to Monitor, Alta., will be completed shortly. This will establish through connection from Moose Jaw to Lacombe, Alta.

Halifax, N.S.—Telephonic communication with Prince Edward Island on a commercial basis was formally inaugurated on July 7. The new cable was laid by the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company.

East York Township, York County, Ont.—It was announced at the meeting of East York township ratepayers that the construction work on the hydro-electric power line extension up the Don road would be commenced immediately.

MacLeod, Alta.—It is expected that the Calgary MacLeod branch line of the C.N.R. will be completed this season. The new line will run directly north to Red Deer, continuing north several miles west of Lacombe and Edmonton to Athabasca Landing.

Brandon, Man.—No definite decision was arrived at by the Railway Commission at its recent sitting in Brandon in reference to the city's application for an order directing the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company and the Canadian Northern Railway Company to establish joint terminals in Brandon.

Saskatoon, Sask.—A great many gas and oil leases have been filed during the past few weeks at the Dominion lands office in Saskatoon. The district in which the lands leased are located is an area of over 60,000 acres, partly in the Hanley district and partly in the townships on the boundary or near the Hanley district.

Victoria, B.C.—Arrangements have been completed by the contractors, Messrs. Grant, Smith, and McDonnell, for the immediate shipment of rock to the piers under construction by that firm at Ogden Point from the new quarry which has opened up at Esquimalt. More rapid progress will now be made upon the work.

Hamilton, Ont.—The works committee of the Hamilton council has decided to recommend to the board of control that a by-law be submitted next January to ratepayers regarding the purchase of a stone quarry, as well as with reference to the offer of the Canada Crushed Stone Corporation to supply stone to the city at from 85 to 90 cents per ton.

Winnipeg, Man.—A communication from the Dominion public works department to the Winnipeg and St. Boniface harbor commission, stated that parliament has granted the sum of \$200,000 for harbor improvements to be effected on the Red River at Winnipeg and St. Boniface. Work on the docks is to be commenced and carried on as rapidly as possible.

Victoria, B.C.—According to the assertion of H. E. Beasley, general superintendent of the E. and N. Railroad, the opening of the line for service will take place between July 25 and August 1. The construction of the Trent River bridge has been completed, and the laying of rails and ballasting is practically completed into Courtenay, the temporary northern terminal of the line.

Weyburn, Sask.—Within the coming year, the town of Weyburn expects to acquire connection with three railways. The C.N.R. has promised construction of a link to that centre. Through trains from Winnipeg to St. Paul to be operated over the C.P.R. cut-off to Vancouver are now definitely promised. And the G.T.P. is already completing plans for opening up the territory to the southeast of Weyburn, and the position of the town as a distributing centre is expected to be assured.

Montreal, Que.—The G.T.R. Company has completed the installation on the Victoria Jubilee Bridge across the St. Lawrence River, a new type of automatic train signals, which is the first of the kind to be used in Canada. The new apparatus, known as the alternating current, 3-position semaphore, consists of eleven signals, the total length of the first line covered being $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles. It replaces the Hall banjo type, which was installed in 1902 and which was at that time the first automatic signal put in use in Canada.

Vancouver, B.C.—The plans for the Dominion Government drill hall, which is to be erected at Vancouver at a cost of \$350,000, have been completed by Perry and Fowler of Vancouver, and are now on inspection. The building measures 278 by 174 feet. The drill hall proper, measuring 225 feet by 120, will extend up to the roof of the building with a sweeping arch above. It will be well lighted and ventilated. Surrounding the drill hall on the main floor will be company armories and officers' rooms. The basement will provide a swimming pool, gymnasium, miniature rifle range and bowling alleys as well as ordinance store rooms, armory repair shop and sheds of different descriptions.

Chatham, Ont.—Chatham is experiencing considerable difficulty in arriving at a solution to its power problem. The Chatham Gas and Electric Company has refused to accept the proposition recommended a short time ago by the Hydro-Electric Commission that the city purchase the plant of the gas company for the sum of \$410,000. The last offer of the company to the city is to reduce the rates of electricity to a basis equal to the probable rate that Hydro power would be sold at in Chatham, run the plant for 10 years, and then take the accrued profits and turn the plant over to the city without the expenditure of a dollar. The city council is now considering the advisability of accepting this proposition.

Montreal, Que.—At the Maisonneuve plant of the Canadian Vickers Company will commence on August 1 the construction of what will be the second largest icebreaker in the world, and will cost \$1,000,000. It is to be used by the Canadian Government for icebreaking in the river and gulf of St. Lawrence, and is to be launched next May. It will be of the heaviest type of construction, will carry a crew of 90 men and will have the following dimensions: length, 292 feet; width, 56 feet; draft, 19 feet. It will be equipped with 8,000 horsepower engines. To form the launching ways between 800,000 and 900,000 feet of southern pitch pine is being brought to Montreal from Georgia in a vessel which sailed for Montreal on July 4th.

St. Hyacinthe, Que.—Within 35 miles of Montreal, across the St. Lawrence River, and close to the town of St. Hyacinthe, drillers are boring for natural gas under the direction of the promoters, the Canadian Natural Gas Company. The company has secured the right to operate throughout the counties