

Crow's Nest Pass Ry. into Macleod during the coming spring." The C.P.R. has been operating its trains in and out of Macleod for some years, it being on the dividing line between the Lethbridge and Cranbrook sections. The line to Calgary joins the line from Medicine Hat to the Crow's Nest Pass line 1.1 miles from Macleod.

Branch from Lacombe.—Surveys have been completed for a branch line easterly from Lacombe, 114 miles from Calgary, Alta., and we were advised Mar. 9 that it had been decided to proceed with the construction of 25 miles during this year. A contract had not at that date been let.

Branch from Wetaskiwin.—It has been decided to construct during the year a branch 25 miles easterly from Wetaskiwin, 152 miles from Calgary, Alta. Surveys for this line have been made, but we were advised Mar. 9 that the contract had not been let. (Jan., pg. 23.)

British Columbia Southern Ry.—Application will be made during the current session of the Dominion Parliament for an act extending the time within which the company may construct the eastern and western sections of its line; and extending the time for the commencement of construction of the branch lines from its main line, and also from its authorized railway from Fort Steele to Golden, B.C.

Revelstoke Yards.—The work of rearranging and enlarging the yard at Revelstoke, B.C., will be gone on with during the year.

Pacific Division.—During the current year it is proposed to relay a considerable mileage with heavier steel, and to do a good deal of ballasting at various points throughout the division.

The principal work which will be gone on with during the year on this division will be replacing with permanent structures the present bridges along the line at Kamloops lake.

Vancouver Hotel.—With reference to the completion of the hotel at Vancouver, it has been decided that nothing will be done in the way of removing the old portion of the building, and replacing it with a new wing to conform to the new structure, until after the tourist season is over. (Dec., 1903, pg. 422).

Tourist Hotel at Victoria.—The details of the plans for the proposed tourist hotel at Victoria, B.C., are being worked out by F. M. Rattenbury, architect, Victoria. The new hotel will be a seven story building of cut stone, dressed and rock faced, with a slanting slate roof, in the French Renaissance style, somewhat in the style of the Chateau Frontenac. The front of the hotel will face the harbor, the main entrance being in the centre, with square towers at either end, which will have snuffer turrets of the baronial style. It will have a frontage of 230 ft., a total depth of 200 ft., and will be built on three sides of a square. This portion will contain all the public rooms and bedrooms for 175 guests. The remaining wing will front on Douglas st., and will be entirely given over to bedrooms, having accommodation for an additional 175 guests. The central portion enclosed by the building will be laid out as a palm garden. The foundations for the wing now to be erected are to be built under the direction of the C.P.R. engineering staff, and will be gone on with early in the spring. The interior accommodation will include a large hall in the old English style, which will lead into the glass-roofed palm garden, which will be decorated in Chinese style. The dining-room will be 50 ft. by 100 ft., and there will also be on the ground floor a ladies' saloon,

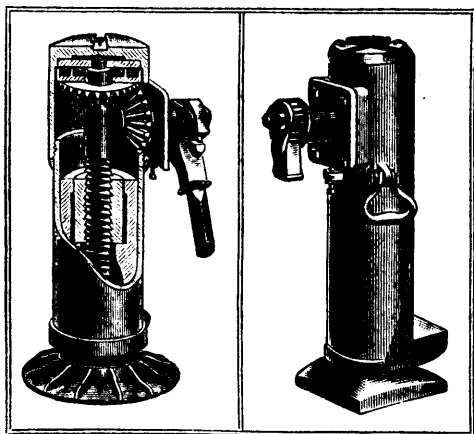
to be decorated in Marie Antoinette style, together with a reading room and library. In the basement there will be a grill room, billiard room, Turkish bath, lounge room, and bar. The five upper floors will be devoted to bedrooms, which will be large, airy rooms, provided with open fire places, cupboards and bathrooms. The rooms will be all direct lighted, and there will be a direct elevator service from the kitchen so as to permit of meals being served in the rooms. (Dec., 1903, pg. 422).

C.P.R. Irrigation Work.

The irrigation project upon which the C.P.R. has embarked in the Northwest Territories, is the largest of the kind as yet attempted on the continent. The area proposed to be reclaimed by the plan is some 3,000,000 acres, about 4,700 square miles, in extent, and lies between Medicine Hat, Assa., and Calgary, Alta., being intersected by the C.P.R. transcontinental line. The soil generally throughout the area is first class, but during the majority of years the rainfall is insufficient to mature crops, and as a consequence very little settlement has taken place. The C.P.R. proposes to reclaim this area by means of irrigation and thereby promote its settlement. The water is to be obtained from the Bow river, near Calgary, and construction of the first section of the undertaking is about to be proceeded with. This section involves the construction of a main canal 20 miles in length, with a bed width of 60 ft., and carrying water to a depth of 10 ft., in addition to about 100 miles of secondary canals. The completion of this section of the project is estimated to involve an expenditure of \$1,300,000. The work of constructing the head gates and river protection is in hand, and tenders for the construction of the main

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