

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.

TENDERS.

New Brunswick.

DOUGLAS.—Tenders for Cardigan Bridge will be received at the Department of Public Works, Fredericton, until Monday, 16th day of November, 1908, at noon, for rebuilding Cardigan Bridge, over Keswick River, parish of Douglas, York county, according to plans and specifications to be seen at the Public Works Department, Fredericton, N.B., and at the residence of Dr. O. E. Morehouse, Smith's Corner, York county, N.B. John Morrissy, Chief Commissioner, Department of Public Works.

Ontario.

BARRIE.—Tenders will be received until November 24th, 1908, for the construction of a steel bridge over the Nottawasaga River by J. T. Simpson, chairman Bridge Committee, Barrie, Ont. C. H. Mitchell, C.E., Traders Bank Building, Toronto, engineer in charge. (Advertised in *The Canadian Engineer*.)

OTTAWA.—Tenders for a new hydrographic steamer will be received up to noon of the 10th day of December, 1908, for the construction of a twin screw steel steamer for the hydrographic service on the Atlantic coast, of the following leading dimensions, namely: Length over all, 173½ feet; breadth of beam, moulded, 29 feet; depth, 15½ feet; to be delivered at Sorel, in the Province of Quebec. G. J. Desbarats, Acting Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

Manitoba.

WINNIPEG.—Sealed tenders, addressed to the chairman of the Board of Control, will be received at the office of the undersigned up to 11 a.m. on Monday, November 16th, 1908, for supply and erection of air compressor and motor for Well No. 7. M. Peterson, Secretary. Board of Control office, Winnipeg, November 3rd, 1908.

Alberta.

EDMONTON.—Tenders will be received until Dec. 1st, 1908, for the granite for Parliament Building, Edmonton. J. Stocks, Deputy Minister of Public Works. (Advertised in *The Canadian Engineer*.)

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

Nova Scotia.

HALIFAX.—The Dominion Iron & Steel Company has just received a large order from the Government of New South Wales, Australia, of about 18,000 tons of steel rails to be delivered as early as possible next year.

Quebec.

MONTREAL.—The William G. Hartrauft Cement Company, Montreal, have secured from the Department of Railways and Canals two contracts for work on the Lachine Canal, one for ten thousand barrels and one for twenty thousand barrels of Vulcan cement.

Ontario.

SIMCOE.—The fire, water and light committee have sold the fire engines to Hug Cameron and Company, Canadian agents of the Waterous Engine Company, Brantford, receiving in exchange an up-to-date No. 1 hose wagon and a cheque for \$200.

Foreign.

LONDON, ENG.—Two important contracts for railway construction on behalf of the Chilean Government are now being advertised in this country. One of the railway projects is the long-standing scheme for the Arica to La Paz Railway, for the building of which tenders are invited up to

December 1, by the Assistant Secretary of the Department of Public Works at Santiago. The time in which the contractor undertakes to do the work will be taken into consideration in the award of the contract. Bids for the other contract for a line from Ligua to Copiapo and a branch line from Papudo to Copiapo may be submitted up to February 1, 1909, to the Department of Public Works. The plans of these works and other information may be obtained from the Chilean Legation in London. The Chilean Government Estimates for 1909 include a big sum for new rolling stock.

RAILWAYS—STEAM AND ELECTRIC.

New Brunswick.

MONCTON.—The International Brotherhood of Railway Employees on the I.C.R. is no more, but the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway employees has taken its place, and although the members of the former order are now members of the latter, it is practically a new organization. A. R. Mosher, of Halifax, is now grand president, and M. M. McLean, of Halifax, grand secretary-treasurer.

Quebec.

MONTREAL.—The Post Office Department is negotiating with the Montreal Street Railway, and may enter into contract for the carrying of mails on closed cars, not only to the head office, but to all the branches.

Ontario.

SARNIA.—It is again rumored that the Canadian Pacific Railroad is about ready to extend its line from Komoka to Sarnia. This line is already surveyed by way of Petrolea. It practically parallels the Grand Trunk main line, but would dip down into new territory now indifferently served. The prime purpose in building this extension is probably to add to the lake ports which the railroads already touches, and which form so important a part of the Canadian Pacific Railway system.

WALLACEBURG.—It has been definitely announced that the Chatham and Wallaceburg Electric Railway will be extended from Wallaceburg to Dresden and on to Thamesville next summer.

Manitoba.

WINNIPEG.—The Winnipeg Electric Street Railway Company will shortly complete the construction of its new Fort Rouge belt line which is to connect with the line running south and east from Maryland Bridge. The heavy rails are laid in concrete from Pembina to Lilac Street along Corydon Avenue.

WINNIPEG.—S. R. Poulin, engineer in charge of district F. of the National Transcontinental has returned from one of his periodical trips down the line. The rails, he states, are now laid for about twelve miles beyond Renne. Work, however, is at present concentrated on ballasting the track east of the present steel terminus. In a short time steel-laying will be resumed, and it is expected that rails will be laid from St. Boniface to the Winnipeg river by Christmas.

Saskatchewan.

MOOSE JAW.—The first train running to Conan from Moose Jaw was operated by the Canadian Pacific on November 2nd, the train making the return trip.

SASKATOON.—The first train on the Wilkie service pulled out of the C.P.R. station on November 2nd, bearing as its freight an army of commercial men who are out after the business of the promised intervening and newly-opened country.