

**Tilbury, Ont.**—The Dominion Cannery have issued instructions to the local management to proceed with the erection of a big addition to the local plant. The addition will be 180 by 40 feet.

**Tod Inlet, B.C.**—A report states that a local syndicate has completed all preliminaries toward the erection of a tourist hotel on Tod Inlet. Mr. Thos. Hooper, Victoria, B.C., architect, is drawing plans for the structure, which will have upwards of two hundred rooms.

**Toronto, Ont.**—The Confederation Life Association has secured a permit to build a one-story brick and steel addition to their Victoria street building, to cost \$10,000.

**Victoria, B.C.**—Mr. H. S. Griffiths, architect, is preparing plans for an eight-story office building for the Dominion Trust Company, which will be erected on the corner of Fort and Douglas Streets.

**Winnipeg, Man.**—The T. Eaton Company has decided to square the present building and make a complete nine-floor structure with a frontage of 266 feet on Portage Avenue by 315 feet on Donald Street. There will also be installed five new passenger elevators and several freight elevators, two of the latter being so designed that they will carry either the delivery vans or loaded drays to the furniture floors where the loading and unloading will be done. Mr. H. McGee, vice-president, is considering estimates, etc.

**Welland, Ont.**—The plans of the Dominion Canning Company's plant to be erected in Fonthill, near Welland, have been issued. The main building will be three stories high, and will be used for canning tomatoes and fruit. It is expected that another large building will be put up in which corn and peas will be canned.

**Winnipeg, Man.**—An effort is being put forth by the members of the Anglican Church to build a cathedral near the centre of the city. It is the intention to have all the details sufficiently advanced to submit to the next meeting of the Synod in June.

## BRIDGES, ROADS AND PAVEMENTS.

**Kerrisdale, Point Grey, B.C.**—This municipality is seeking government aid in the construction of a bridge across the deep ravine leading to the university site. It is estimated the bridge will cost in the neighborhood of \$120,000.

**Nelson, B.C.**—A delegation waited upon the provincial government for the purpose of urging that body to construct a bridge across the Kootenay River.

**Province of Ontario.**—Experiments in treating clay roads with a solution of tannic acid will be conducted by Mr. W. A. McLean, provincial engineer of highways, during the coming spring and summer. This treatment will give a hardened surface to clay, rendering it tough and rubbery.

**Welland County, Ont.**—A report states that the good roads bill has received the official approval of the government, and will now be acted upon by the council.

**York County, Ont.**—Forty miles of macadam highway are to be constructed in this county. Mr. Ed. James, engineer. Tender will be found in this week's issue.

**York County, Ont.**—The York Highway Commission has deputed Messrs. J. J. Ward and George Henry to Ottawa with delegations from the Good Roads' Association, to wait on the Government on February 8, to ask for federal aid in the improvement of roads.

## FIRES.

**Halifax, N.S.**—The Woodside plant of the Acadia Sugar Refining Company was totally destroyed by fire with a loss of over a million dollars.

**Woodstock, Ont.**—Fire damaged the Queen's and Victoria Hotels and stables to the extent of \$20,000.

## CURRENT NEWS.

**St. John, N.B.**—The Dominion Government are considering the contract for the harbor improvements at St. John, involving an expenditure of about nine million dollars. A company headed by Norton Griffiths, M.P. (Britain), is

the lowest bidder in the tenders received by the late government.

**Niagara Peninsula, Ont.**—A report states an item for the construction of the new Welland Canal will be brought down in the House of Commons at an early date. The amount to be set aside for this work is to be \$30,000,000.

**Calgary, Alta.**—Within the next few weeks Calgary will have one thousand new telephones in operation, and by the month of July, two thousand more will be available to customers.

**Maritime Provinces.**—A convention of delegates from every agricultural society, and every board of trade, the warden from each county, mayors, editors of newspapers, representatives from all farmers' and dairymen's associations, the Fruit Growers' Association, and representatives from the transportation companies, will be held in Fredericton at an early date, to discuss various means of increasing the trade of these provinces.

**Winnipeg, Man.**—Competitive plans for a new city hall for the city of Winnipeg will be called for shortly by the board of control.

**Ottawa, Ont.**—The municipal auditor is of the opinion that a purchasing agent be appointed for civic works.

## LIVERPOOL DOCK EXTENSION.

The Mersey Docks and Harbor Board has decided upon a dock extension scheme, which will include a deep-water approach to accommodate vessels of 1,100 feet. The improvements, it is estimated, will cost \$15,000,000.

## SOME RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION NOTES.

Probably the longest branch line, the Regina-Colonsay branch, of the Canadian Pacific Railway constructed last year was opened for traffic in November. The distance is 152 miles. From Regina to Colonsay it is 133 miles, while from Valeport, where the smaller branch leaves the large branch, to Bulyea, it is 19 miles. Another branch, from Outlook to Kerrobert, Saskatchewan, over 100 miles, is being constructed, and another from Weyburn and Macklin to Lethbridge. This line when completed will open a new route from Portland, Oregon, to St. Paul, Minneapolis and Chicago. From Swift Current, two branches of the Canadian Pacific Railway are being built and two branches from Wilkie.

The Canadian Northern Railway Company has spent over a million and a half dollars in improving its line between Regina and Prince Albert, a distance of about 250 miles. This line was originally known as the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan railroad, and was controlled by English capitalists and operated for many years by the Canadian Pacific Railway upon a lease which was taken over by Sir William Mackenzie when it expired in 1906.

In construction work on the Canadian Northern Railway 16,686 men are engaged. This road west of Port Arthur is operating at the present time 4,000 miles of railway. In addition, there is a line running from Fort Frances to Virginia, Minn., 98.9 miles long, controlled by the Canadian Northern. To the end of September last year 985 miles of track had been laid out of a total of 1,982 miles of new construction. It was expected that an additional 100 miles of track would be laid before the end of the year.

The Georgian Bay and Seaboard Railway of the Canadian Pacific Railway, from Victoria Harbor to Bethany Junction, Ont., was built during the year. Victoria Harbor is situated at the southerly end of the Georgian Bay, and Bethany Junction 14 miles west of Peterboro', on the present main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, between Montreal and Toronto. The length of the new line is 88 miles, 12 miles of which, from Victoria Harbor easterly to Coldwater, were completed in 1909. Work was started on the balance during the summer of 1910, and the line was opened for traffic late last year. The important towns passed through are Orillia and Lindsay. Extensive terminals are being constructed at Victoria Harbor, the yard tracks amounting in all to about 13 miles. A grain elevator has been constructed having a capacity of 2,000,000 bushels, accommodation being provided for five additional units of similar capacity.