

**MONTREAL.**—Mr. J. P. Mullarkey has been awarded the contract by Messrs Mackenzie & Mann for the construction of the extension of the Canadian Northern Quebec Railway, from the St. Jacques village to Rawdon, a distance of about ten miles. The work of construction has already begun, and it is expected that the line will be finished this year.

#### Ontario.

**WELLAND.**—The builders of the electric railway bridge at Welland have met with an unexpected difficulty. The structure is to rest on piles. The first pile was sent down thirty feet and went as easily the last two feet as the first. Another thirty-foot pile was fastened to the top of it and the sixty-foot pile was driven down. And still the bottom was not reached.

#### Manitoba.

**WINNIPEG.**—J. W. Stewart, of the firm of Foley, Welch & Stewart, has left for Kenora. This trip of Mr. Stewart marks the completion of the work done by Foley Brothers & Larson in connection with the double tracking of the C.P.R. In Kenora he will close up the office of the company and will look after certain details in connection with the completion of that work. It is almost three years since the contract for this important undertaking was awarded to the firm and three years was agreed on as the period in which the work was to be completed.

**WINNIPEG.**—F. J. George, engineer at the head of the C.P.R. construction, has returned to Saskatoon after a long period spent in the West, which includes supervision of the closing up of the line running westward. On September 19th steel laying was completed into Wilkie, the first divisional point West of Saskatoon, and the farthest point west to which the company will operate this year. With the line into Wilkie there remains 130 miles of grade between that point and Battle River still to be supplied with the rails before the trains will be running right through. No effort will be made to reach Battle River with the steel from the east this year. The bridge at the river is completed and trains run all the way from there into Wetaskiwin. There remains about three weeks' work of grading on the 130 miles of gap. Since early in the season the C.P.R. had given up all intention of making Battle River with the steel this year.

#### Saskatchewan.

**PRINCE ALBERT.**—The activity of the C.N.R. here is creating a good impression. The work of grading the track up to the traffic and railroad bridge is nearly completed, and the false work for putting on the steel is well on its way across the river. When President Mackenzie was here a short time ago, he promised that the grading of the road through Shellbrook would be started this fall. His promise will likely be carried out, as Contractor Mann is here looking over the ground with a view to tendering on the work of grading. This line when completed will strike the main line at Battleford.

### TELEPHONY.

#### Ontario.

**HAMILTON.**—The by-law giving a five-year exclusive franchise to the Bell Telephone Company was given a two weeks' hoist at the City Council on September 28th. For \$4,000 a year and 150 telephones for the use of the city at \$25 a year each, the company asked for an exclusive franchise. Hugh Baker, manager of the company, said the company would not reduce its rates of \$45 a year for business and \$30 a year for house phones.

**DELHI.**—The rural telephone company is busy erecting poles on the streets, and expects to be ready for business in a short time.

**HARROW.**—The private telephone line extending from Harrow to points in the Township of Colchester, has been connected with the lines of the Bell Telephone Company at Harrow.

### LIGHT, HEAT, AND POWER.

#### Ontario.

**WEST TORONTO.**—A by-law was passed accepting the Inter-Urban Company in place of the Stark Electric Company, who had the lighting contract, upon condition that the Inter-Urban Company waive any protection they may enjoy under the Conmee Act.

**NIAGARA FALLS.**—Robert C. Board, secretary and treasurer of the Ontario Power Company of Canada, has returned from Pittsburg, where he was negotiating the purchase of a generator and switchboard from the Westinghouse Company, the contract involving an expense of \$70,000.

#### British Columbia.

**VICTORIA.**—It is believed that W. Meredith, the engineer who has been in charge of the surveys at Jordan Meadows on behalf of the B. C. Electric Company, will report favorably on the suitability of that water for a power supply.

### SEWERAGE AND WATERWORKS.

#### Quebec.

**MONTREAL.**—Suit for \$25,000 damages has been brought by the Montreal Water and Power Company against the Royal Spinning Company and the Town of St. Paul, mis-en-cause. The Water and Power Company claims that it has an exclusive right to supply water to the town of St. Paul for domestic and industrial purposes, and, therefore, resents the granting to the Royal Spinning Company of the right to lay pipes to carry its own water supply from the canal.

#### Ontario.

**TOTTENHAM.**—Galt & Smith, consulting engineers, Toronto, have prepared a report for the Town Council on a possible waterworks system. The scheme, if adopted, would call for an expenditure of some \$25,000.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

#### Quebec.

**MAISONNEUVE.**—As a result of long-drawn-out negotiations and difficulties the town of Maisonneuve, through its attorneys, Messrs. Taillon, Bonin and Morin, has brought suit against the Montreal Gas Company, to cancel the contract under which the company supplies the citizens of the town with gas.

#### Ontario.

**CORNWALL.**—That W. H. Magwood, engineer in charge of the construction of a municipal drainage system in Cornwall township, had no right to grant the contractors a progress estimate on the work, is the claim of Cornwall township in their appeal from the decision of the Drainage Referee at Ottawa, by which the contractors, Barret Bros., were given judgment for the full amount of the estimate, \$7,061, and costs. The township had paid \$3,000 of the amount before they objected to the estimate.

**OTTAWA.**—All the parts for the civic asphalt plant have now arrived in the city and the plant will be in operation in about a week. It was put out of commission some time ago by the fire and for the work which was urgent the city had to hire the Foley plant, which for the four days cost the city \$200.

**BERLIN.**—The County Council of Waterloo has received word from the Minister of Public Works approving of their by-law to expend \$6,000 on county roads.

**NEWMARKET.**—The York Construction Company are rushing work on the Newmarket extension of the Trent Canal. They have now completed the excavation for the first lock, and the Concrete Pole Company of St. Catharines are placing the concrete.

#### British Columbia.

**VICTORIA.**—The government is having plans prepared for a structure to replace the bridge over the Elk River at Fernie, which was burnt down in the recent conflagration. Plans are also being drawn for a new bridge over the Elk River at Hosmer, and for the new court house at Fernie.