

CURRENT NEWS

Quebec.

MONTREAL.—The St. Louis Council have considered the question of building the proposed tunnel under the Canadian Pacific Railway tracks on St. Lawrence Street. The town engineer's report places the cost at \$135,000. The Council adopted a motion to call for tenders for construction.

SHERBROOKE.—The by-law granting the Structural Steel Co. a free site for the erection of a factory and exemption from taxation was passed by the ratepayers. The company will erect a plant valued at \$25,000. The manufacture of bridges and boilers will be the main industry.

Ontario.

GODERICH.—H. W. Bell, secretary of the Public School Board, is advertising for plans for an eight-room brick school, to be erected here.

TORONTO.—Mr. G. G. Shortreed, of Barrie, who was interested in the Norland power plant on the Gull River and the Raven's Lake Cement Works, has sold the works to the Scarboro' Securities for about \$500,000. The power plant supplies power to the cement works. The interesting part of this sale lies probably in the fact that behind "Scarboro' Securities" are the Mackenzie & Mann interests.

TORONTO.—Mr. C. H. Fullerton, engineer of the Provincial Public Works Department, left last week to survey the route of the new Gowganda road from Charlton to Gowganda. An appropriation of \$50,000 was passed for this work at the recent Legislative session. The awarding of the contract for the work will follow immediately on the determination of the route, as the Government hopes to have construction commenced by June 1st. The estimated distance of the road is thirty-two miles.

Ontario

LONDON.—The placing of a dam for Lake Erie across the Niagara River, with the idea of raising and maintaining the lake levels, is to be dealt with in a special report of the International Waterways Commission, which will appear in about a month. The project is part of the larger plan to maintain the lake levels, and for two years the work of collecting complete data in regard to this matter has been going on. Various plans for raising the lake levels have been suggested, of which the Niagara River dam is one.

PORT ARTHUR.—Good progress is being made on the Thunder Bay elevator. The pile driving is completed. Some 6,000 piles were driven down, a good hard-pan foundation being found at 30 feet on the average. The sheet piling is now going down and that too will be finished in about ten days. For the purpose of bringing in cement (of which 15,000 barrels will be required), and other materials, a temporary dock out to deep water about in a line with the blast furnace docks has been built. The elevator will be entirely of concrete. It is to be of 1½ millions bushels capacity and will cost in the neighborhood of \$600,000.

THORNBURY.—The town of Thornbury have passed without a dissenting vote a by-law to loan by way of bonus \$10,000 to the Thornbury Transportation & Reduction Co. to establish works. In addition they also give a free site for twenty years with harbor and water privileges. This company, besides employing a line of steel vessels, intend operating an iron smelter. It is composed largely of Meaford and Toronto capitalists.

TORONTO.—Darling & Pearson, architects, have been advertising for tenders for the erection of a bank building at the corner of College Street and Dovercourt Road.

TORONTO.—The Provincial Cabinet met on April 15th to approve of the final draft plans for the enlargement of the Parliament Buildings. It was decided to advertise for tenders and commence the work at once. The central portion of the present buildings will be extended northward as far as the driveway across the Park. The boiler-house now in operation will be lowered to permit of the carrying out of the new portion of the building. It is the intention to provide accommodation for the Education Department, Hydro-Electric Commission and staff, and T. & N. O. Railway Commission. The sum of \$750,000 has been set apart for the building.

TORONTO.—The Board of Railway Commissioners will meet in the City Hall on Tuesday, April 27th, at 10 o'clock, to consider the viaduct question. Other matters to be taken up are: High-level bridge at Queen Street East crossing, protection at railway crossings at Sunnyside, Ellis Avenue, and Windermere Avenue. The city has also asked for an order compelling the railways to issue commutation tickets to and from towns near Toronto.

PRESCOTT.—The new C.P.R. roundhouse, completed last fall, was totally destroyed by fire at 3 a.m. on April 12th, together with a freight engine and a shunter, which were in the building. General Superintendent Murphy stated that the loss would be about \$25,000 or \$30,000.

OTTAWA.—On April 7th a deputation from Guelph placed before the Board of Railway Commissioners the claims of the City of Guelph for a new railway station. As a result the former order was practically reaffirmed. The passenger station is to be started not later than September 1910, and a subway asked for will be built before it.

FORT WILLIAM.—The C.P.R. is considering a proposition to establish a plant here, the by-products of which will furnish material for the creosoting of millions of railroad ties annually. The mayor has also reported to the council that a wireworks and a car factory are negotiating for sites.

OTTAWA.—Nine tenders have been received for the National Transcontinental Railway Bridge at Winnipeg. The tenderers are: J. J. Collins; V. W. Geroux; T. Kelly & Sons; Faulkner, McDonald & Bender; Haney, Quinlan & Robertson; Toronto Construction Company; William Newman & Company, Ltd.; J. D. McArthur; Canada Foundry Company, Ltd.; Dominion Bridge Company, Ltd. The award will not be made for probably a week.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nova Scotia.

NEW GLASGOW.—The Harris Forge Co. have been incorporated for \$25,000, with James A. Stairs, president, and Geo. E. Harris, vice-president and general manager. The company will undertake shape and drop forgings in all its branches. Mr. Harris, the general manager, was formerly superintendent for the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co. and for A. Finkl Sons & Co., of Chicago, Ill.

Ontario.

PORT ARTHUR.—The city council have been calling for tenders for the construction of all sidewalks during the present year.

GUELPH.—A number of cement sidewalks and sewer extensions will be constructed this year. Included in the estimates are: Board of Works, \$14,990; markets and public buildings, \$4,309; fire and light, \$19,000; sewerage, \$600.

HAMILTON.—The Hamilton Ferry Co. have commenced the construction of a dock.

LONDON.—By-laws to construct asphalt pavements, with cement curbs and gutters, were passed at a recent meeting of the city council.

ST. CATHARINES.—The City Council have recommended the construction of concrete curbs on a number of streets.

Manitoba.

WINNIPEG.—The erection of a reinforced concrete elevator, capacity 300,000 bushels, will be commenced early in May by the Ogilvie Milling Co. The contract has not yet been let.

WINNIPEG.—Plans have been received at the local branch of the Bank of Montreal for a magnificent new building, which is to be erected on the south-east corner of Portage Avenue and Main Street. The building is to be modelled after the head office in Montreal. The cost will be a million dollars. The building will be the finest in Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG.—The Municipal Council have given notice of their intention to make certain local improvements, including plank walks, cedar block pavement, asphalt pave-

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