

is immediately necessary, even if the present volume of business is maintained, and still greater additions must be made if the volume of business increases. Elevator No. 3 at its inception was planned as the first unit of a future expansion just to provide for such contingencies.

The present storage capacity is two million bushels, but the working arrangements, intake and delivery were designed to serve a very much larger house, the ultimate capacity contemplated being between twelve and fourteen million bushels, the plan being to add additional units of about three million bushels capacity from time to time as the increase in business demanded.

The Commissioners therefore earnestly ask for authorization to proceed with a second storage unit of three million bushels at Elevator No. 3, the estimated cost of which is \$2,700,000, which sum includes cost of pile foundations, connecting conveyor galleries and all other necessary equipment.

2.—Extension of Conveyor Galleries in Central Harbour, \$65,000.

The Alexandra, King Edward and Jacques Cartier Piers having been lengthened about 250 feet to accommodate the largest ships now coming to the port, it is necessary to extend the existing conveyor galleries, on both sides of these piers, sufficiently to serve the enlarged berths, and the estimated cost of the necessary extensions amounts to \$65,000.

3.—Improvement and extension of Conveyor Galleries at Elevator "B", \$100,000.

Plans, specifications and estimates for this work were submitted and approved last year, but while the total estimated cost amounted to \$400,000, only a sufficient amount, namely, \$300,000, was asked for, and granted, for the sections of the work carried out last year.

The work has been carried out according to program and authorization and the above sum of \$100,000 is necessary to carry out the work proposed to be done this year, according to program already approved.

4.—Installation of protective devices in Elevators numbers 1, 2 and "B", \$160,000.

The explosion which took place in Elevator "B" on December 1, 1924, not only occasioned a very thorough investigation of the origin by several independent authorities, at the request of the Commissioners, but during the past year a very serious study was made of the possibilities of eliminating contributory conditions, with a view to making the harbour elevators as nearly as possible immune from this danger, not only for the protection of harbour property and the lives of the operators, but also for the safety of properties in the vicinity of the elevators and the public in general.

After consultation with expert authorities and their own officers, the Commissioners decided to install at the earliest possible date a system of protective devices, consisting of automatic windows and shutters, together with vents in the legs, bins, hoppers, etc., and the installation of dust collecting systems in the older elevators, numbers 1, 2 and "B"; the new elevator No. 3, having been already equipped with all such devices during erection.

The total cost of these protective measures in the three elevators amounts to \$160,000.

5.—New power station at Elevator No. 1, \$130,000.

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The installation of six car unloaders in Elevators numbers 1 and 2, together with the extensions of the conveyor galleries on the central piers, greatly increases the power requirements at these elevators, and as power can no longer be supplied from the main railway power station on account of greater power requirements for the operation of the railways, it is necessary to establish a new sub-station in the vicinity of Elevator No. 1, for 12,000-volt service to take care not only of the additional requirements above described, but also to provide for increased power and lighting service in general in this section of the harbour.

The estimated cost of erecting and equipping the station amounts to \$130,000.

Total for grain elevators, \$3,155,000.

H—SUNDRIES

1.—Paving—Consequent upon the completion of numerous authorized items of construction the following items of paving have to be provided for:—

Victor Street, Berri Street and Victoria Pier ramps.	\$30,000
High level roadway between Berri and Victor street.	13,000
New wharf from Shed No. 27 to Delorimier Ave.	22,000
Papineau Avenue Ramp.	7,000
Aylwin Street subway and new Ramp.	15,000

Total for paving. \$87,000

2.—Water mains and drains. Following upon the completion of authorized items of construction, the following extensions to the water supply and drainage system are necessary:—

Extension of water main from Papineau Avenue to Fullum Street, including hydrants.	\$28,000
Drains from Papineau Avenue to Fullum Street.	10,000
Drainage at Aylwin Street subway.	2,000

Total for water mains and drains. \$40,000

Wharf lighting, \$15,000.

The above sum provides for the extension of the Harbour lighting system, mainly in the vicinity of the new harbour development at Maisonneuve, between Sections Nos. 43 and 53.

Total for sundries, \$142,000.

PRIVATE BILLS

SECOND READINGS

Bill M2, an Act to incorporate the Quebec Occidental Railway Company.—Hon. J. H. Ross.

Bill P2, an Act respecting the Commercial Travellers Mutual Insurance Society.—Hon. Mr. Haydon.

DIVORCE BILLS

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

Bill S2, an Act for the relief of Amy Humphrey Lowe.—Hon. Mr. Willoughby.

Bill T2, an Act for the relief of Erik Herman Delling.—Hon. Mr. Willoughby.

Bill U2, an Act for the relief of Samuel Stanley McNeely.—Hon. Mr. Willoughby.