

Works since the adjournment of the House, and that for some time past the engineers of the Department in charge of the plans and specifications were using every effort to get them ready, when tenders might be called, and that as a matter of fact he expected that tenders would be asked for within a very short time. Tenders are now being asked for and some preliminary work has already been done at this time.

TRANSPORTATION MATTERS.

During the year the Board has received from the Toronto Board of Trade and Mr. DeW. Carter, of Port Colborne, Ont., lengthy memoranda on the transportation problem, as connected with the question of diverting the grain traffic of Manitoba and the North-West through Canadian channels. The Toronto Board took strong grounds against granting the petition of several bodies in Canada that United States vessels might participate temporarily in carrying grain for export only from Fort William to Canadian lake and river ports, and it was stated that the absence of business enterprise in cultivating the all-Canadian route in the past might be said to be largely owing to the lack of return cargoes. The Toronto Board advocated the construction of a line of railway, under and controlled by the Government, across the portage to Georgian Bay from Toronto. On the other hand, the Port Colborne people advocated the enlargement and deepening of Port Colborne harbor and providing at the head of our canal system the latest improved equipment for the rapid transfer of cargoes from the largest lake craft to smaller vessels.

In connection with this subject, Mr. A. McFee, President