

offices have almost completed their works and Ogden Point resembles a small settlement. The contractors are greatly favored by having a natural bay close to the Point. The scows are run in at high tide, and as the water recedes they are left high on the sand.

**Edmonton, Alta.**—Between twenty and thirty elevators will be built, and put into operation by the Alberta Co-Operative Elevator Company, working with government assistance, in time to move the present season's crop.

**Toronto, Ont.**—The report of Mr. J. F. Whitson, commissioner in charge of the \$5,000,000 grant to New Ontario, has been presented to the legislature by Hon. W. H. Hearst. Last year Mr. Whitson spent \$208,446 out of the fund and cut or improved 253 miles of road. This year he proposes to spend \$1,000,000. Last year the construction was confined entirely to the district of Temiskaming, but work for the current season will be carried out in the districts of Rainy River, Kenora, Thunder Bay, Sudbury, Algoma, and Sault Ste. Marie and Nipissing, as well as an extension of the roads started last year in Temiskaming. Trunk lines are recommended in the Fort William and Port Arthur districts along the lines of the Grand Trunk Pacific and Canadian Pacific Railway, and in the district of Sudbury there will be trunk roads to agricultural and mining sections west and north of the town and north-east through the Wahnapitae Lake district, and a mining road north to the Shining Tree district.

**Winnipeg, Man.**—The government experiment station at Estevan, for the purpose of demonstrating the commercial possibilities of lignite coal, is now in the initial stages of construction, and it is expected that before many weeks Professor Darling, the leading recognized authority on this mineral in the United States, who has been placed in charge of the investigation by the provincial government, will have proven, through his experimental work, that the extensive coal deposits of the Souris Valley form the most important source of power in the southern portion of the province. The result of the recent exhaustive investigation into this subject, conducted by R. O. Wynne-Roberts, was that lignite coal is now being used extensively in many parts of the world as a fuel and power producer. The matter of installing a gigantic power plant in the near vicinity of Estevan, on the proof of the commercial feasibility of the scheme, is now in the hands of New York financiers, and the money has been found to finance the proposition immediately the tests are completed.

**Ottawa, Ont.**—That the work of bringing water to Ottawa from the Gatineau Hills will be completed in two years, or in three at the outside, is the statement made by Mayor Ellis. The surveys and preliminary engineering work required for the calling for tenders will be proceeded with at once. Part of this work will be done by the government. The Department of the Interior has never had surveys made of the Gatineau district, though these surveys have to be made sooner or later. Hon. T. W. Crothers, acting Minister of the Interior, stated that the geodetic survey branch of the department will commence its surveys of this district at once. The city is employing a representative of Sir Alexander Binnie & Son's firm, and Mr. J. B. McRae, of Ottawa, to do the required preliminary engineering work, and will also undertake any other survey work which is essential for the proposed water supply, and outside the work of the geodetic survey. It is intended that the geodetic survey should co-operate with those employed by the city. In this way it is expected that the requisite survey and preliminary engineering work will be completed this summer. This becomes possible only through the co-operation of the geodetic survey, so kindly promised by the acting Minister of the Interior. At least a year, and perhaps two, will be gained in this way.

## PERSONAL.

MR. J. C. JOHNSTON has been appointed engineer of Port Alberni, B.C.

C. H. TOPP, recently the consulting engineer of Victoria, has been appointed consulting engineer for the municipality of Saanich.

FRANK C. ASKWITH, C.E., who has been acting city engineer since Mr. Ker resigned, has been appointed assistant city engineer of Ottawa.

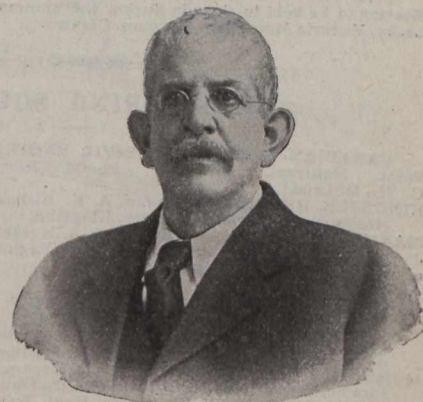
MR. A. W. DOW, Chemical and Consulting Paving Engineer, New York City, on March 11th delivered an illustrated lecture on the "Manufacture of Wood Paving Blocks," before the graduate students in highway engineering at Columbia University.

MR. NELSON P. LEWIS, M.Am.Soc.C.E., Chief Engineer, Board of Estimate and Apportionment, New York City, on March 13th delivered an illustrated lecture on "Methods of Paying for the Construction of Street Pavements," before the Graduate Students in Highway Engineering at Columbia University.

H. F. McDONALD, B.Sc. (McGill), and C. D. BROWN, B.A. Sc. (Queen's), have opened offices at No. 904 Confederation Life Building, Winnipeg, as consulting engineers and land surveyors. H. F. McDonald has for the past three years held the position of townsite surveyor to the Canadian Pacific Railway. C. D. Brown recently resigned the position of right-of-way surveyor to the same company. Both Mr. McDonald and Mr. Brown hold surveyors' commissions for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta and intend paying particular attention to subdivisions and town planning in the Western provinces.

## OBITUARY.

GEO. H. PEDLAR died suddenly at his home in Oshawa while preparing for a business trip to Chicago. Deceased was president and manager of the Pedlar People, Limited, a company he established over 50 years ago, and which through his ability, became a flourishing concern, having at present offices in Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, London, Chatham, Winnipeg, and Vancouver. He was 70 years of age, and was throughout his busy life actively interested in public and social affairs and a generous giver to all charities.



The Late Geo. H. Pedlar.

## CALGARY BRANCH OF THE CANADIAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.

At a largely attended meeting of the members of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, resident in or near Calgary, held on the evening of the 12th instant, it was resolved to proceed with the organization of a branch in Calgary. Temporary by-laws were adopted, modelled largely on those of the Victoria Branch, and the following officers were appointed to serve until the branch is formally organized, viz.: H. B. Muckleston, chairman; P. M. Sauder, secretary-treasurer; F. H. Peters, A. S. Dawson and E. L. Miles, executive committee. It was decided to secure suitable quarters for a club and reading-room in the near future.