

COAST TO COAST.

Toronto, Ont.—It is reported that work will be commenced on the new Union Station for this city early in the coming spring.

Galt, Ont.—Building permits issued in this town during October last have a total value of \$80,000. This is 100 per cent. above the same period last year.

Haileybury, Ont.—The Haileybury Board of Trade is opposed to the re-building of the Energite Explosive Foundry here. This is the factory which was destroyed by the explosion in which six persons lost their lives.

Calgary, Alta.—City Commissioner John Chalmers and A. W. Ormsby, of Edmonton, made an examination of the lighting facilities of the city in order that a report might be prepared for the consideration of the Edmonton authorities.

Calgary, Alta.—Figures recently made public by the chief clerk of the electric light department show that the number of users of power for domestic and other purposes from the civic electrical department increased by about 500 during the month of October last.

St. John, N.B.—Mr. W. T. Thorne, president of the Imperial Dry Dock Company, as a director of the proposed steel works for this city has requested the provincial government for aid in the finances of the project. If this work is commenced it is expected that the plant will cost about \$3,000,000.

Montreal, Que.—The plants of the Canada Cement Company at the present time are operating on an output of 8,000,000 barrels a year, but with the extensions to present plants and new ones being erected, the company expect by the first of August of next year that there will have been an increase of 50 per cent. in output, bringing the total output for the year to over 12,000,000 barrels.

Province of New Brunswick.—The Transcontinental Railway commissioner has decided in the public interest to operate the completed line of the National Transcontinental Railway in New Brunswick temporarily, or until such time as the G.T.P. has applied for and been granted a lease of this section of the line, under the terms of the National Transcontinental Railway.

Ottawa, Ont.—The Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company, of London, England, have signed a contract with the Canadian Government for the operation and maintenance of nine additional stations on the Great Lakes in Canada. When the stations are completed the company will receive an additional subsidy from the government of \$31,500 per annum. The agreement is for nineteen years.

Petrolea, Ont.—At a largely-attended meeting of delegates from various portions of Lambton County of an organization to be known as the Lambton County Good Roads Association, the following were elected officers:—President, Dr. C. O. Fairbank; vice-president, A. D. Arvillee; secretary, A. B. Rocu, and the executive committee will consist of the Reeves of all the municipalities in the county. A grant will be immediately asked for from the county to cover organization expenses. The meeting was addressed by Mr. W. A. McLean, of Toronto, the Provincial Good Roads Engineer.

Oriole, Ont.—The joint campaign committee of the Good Roads Association and Ontario Motor League, at a recent meeting discussed the appointment of a man who would give his whole time to the work of rousing the Ontario public to a realization of the necessity of improving the highways of the province. The board decided to seek for this important position the services of an energetic young man, preferably with newspaper training. In order that as large a number

of applications as possible might be received by Mr. George Henry, of Oriole, Ont., the secretary of the Good Roads Association, it was decided to leave the appointment until a subsequent meeting to be held on Friday, November 22nd.

Peterborough, Ont.—That the city may in the near future be defendants in an action for damages instituted by the townships of Otonabee, North Monaghan, and South Monaghan for alleged pollution of the Otonabee River with sewage, was brought out at the meeting of the city council last week. Notice of the issuance of a writ by the legal firm of Peck, Kerr and McEderly on behalf of the said townships, for an injunction restraining the city from polluting the Otonabee River with sewage, and for damages, was submitted for the consideration of the council. On motion of Ald. Johnston and Ald. Anderson, the city solicitor was authorized to appear on this writ within ten days, as after that time plaintiffs would be allowed judgment by default.

Toronto, Ont.—Commissioner R. C. Harris has presented a report, on a proposed Garbage Disposal Plant, to the municipal council. According to the figures submitted the plant will cost \$942,000, and the yearly cost of operation will be \$298,000 less \$224,000, the value of the by-products. Under the plan the commissioner proposes the establishment of four loading stations within the city limits, with incinerators adjacent thereto, at which the garbage is stored in railway cars during the day and removed at night to reduction works, located outside the city limits. The rubbish gathered would be burned at the incinerators near the loading stations, together with a quantity of ashes containing sufficient combustible matter to aid in the destruction of the rubbish, the balance of the ashes to be used for purposes of filling.

Canadian Pacific Railway.—The Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employees, claiming to represent 5,000 men on the Canadian Pacific, has for some time been threatening a strike on that road. Last week reports from Winnipeg said that 1,500 of these men, mostly clerks in the freight department, had left their work. They had demanded a large increase of pay. Officers of the road said that the places of the strikers would be filled without much delay. The Minister of Labor, Mr. Crowthers, refused to appoint a board of conciliation, and the railway company not only refused to deal with the representatives of the brotherhood, but announced that it would not nominate a member of the proposed conciliation board. Giving its reasons for its position, the railway company said: "We cannot permit any employees engaged in confidential positions or who have access to the company's correspondence to be a member of any organization, as such would be contrary to the interests of the company. If the employees were permitted to join an organization such as this the records of the company would be confidential no longer. The company from time to time has granted and quite recently granted substantial increases to the above-mentioned class of employees."

Hamilton, Ont.—The municipal council have requested the Dominion Railway Commission to act as arbitrators in the matter of a civic law calling for all electrical companies in Hamilton to bury their wires underground. At a meeting of the board Manager Coleman, of the Hamilton Street Railway Company, testified that it would occasion the Cataract Company a loss of \$123,000, and maintained that compensation should be allowed. He was willing that the board's engineer should estimate the extra cost to the company. Chairman Drayton, of the Dominion Railway Board, said it seemed to be felt that the Cataract Company, in estimating the cost, was not merely charging for the work which would be made necessary by the change, but for the improvement of the system. Hon. Adam Beck added that in the estimates the board could take cognizance of the actual