

COAST TO COAST.

Edmonton, Alta.—Premier Sifton made the statement in the Provincial House on October 22nd that the Government will expend next year about \$2,000,000 in telephone extensions.

Ottawa, Ont.—A West End Ratepayers' Association has been formed with the prime purpose of securing drainage for the district west of Rosemount Avenue, a matter which has been delayed for some time, much to the disadvantage of this section.

Vancouver, B.C.—The city solicitor has been instructed by Mayor Baxter to bring before the Railway Commissioners the matter of commencement on the C.P.R. tunnel from its west end reserve to the waterfront to obviate the great inconvenience to traffic.

Sutherland, Sask.—The program of civic works for which some time ago the ratepayers approved by-laws amounting to \$200,000, will be commenced in its entirety early next season. However, grading operations on the thoroughfares is now in progress.

Vancouver, B.C.—The C.P.R. has presented to the city board of works plans in connection with the proposal to take over the railway reserve, which has become a warehouse district. But action upon these has been deferred until more comprehensive plans are produced by the railway.

Coquitlam, B.C.—A syndicate of Fort William, Minneapolis, and Winnipeg capitalists has selected Coquitlam as a grain elevator site. The head of the syndicate is Mr. J. H. Henderson, of Fort William, formerly head of the Grain Growers' Association elevators of that city.

Lethbridge, Alta.—The inefficiency of the Lethbridge waterworks system is shown in the report of City Engineer Harvey for the month of September. The report says that the city waterworks system sprang a total of 45 leaks, and this is a great increase upon the leakage of previous months.

Hamilton, Ont.—To endeavor to eliminate neglected features in connection with civic works in Hamilton, Alderman Byers is advocating the appointment of a works commissioner, who will closely inspect all works and conduct a cost system in connection therewith, and who will furnish a report weekly, or more frequently, to the city's board of control.

Vancouver, B.C.—Alderman Black, chairman of the civic water committee, has been considering with the water rights commissioner of Victoria the question of securing additional water supply for Vancouver. His desire is to obtain from the water rights and forestry departments of the Government full information in regard to the question of supplying additional water facilities from Seymour Creek.

Montreal, Que.—The firm of investment bankers, Nesbitt, Thompson & Company, of Montreal, have recently purchased \$600,000 of the limited preferred stock of the Dominion Power and Transmission Company, Limited. This investment is a recognition of the important position the Power Company has taken and maintains in Hamilton and the surrounding territory.

South Vancouver, B.C.—A deputation from the Main Street Improvement Association has asked the Richmond Municipal Council to assist the association in its campaign to obtain the Main Street bridge across False Creek for the north arm of the Fraser River. The proposal is to remove this bridge from False Creek when it has been filled in, and when a sea wall 300 feet west of the bridge has been completed.

Victoria, B.C.—In connection with the construction and plans of the C.N.P. Railway's bridge across Selkirk water, Alderman Gleason has objected to the proposed pile structure across the beautiful waters of the Arm, and considers that at least a steel bridge should be erected. The council finally adopted a motion made by the alderman to leave the matter with the engineer and solicitor to bring the subject to the attention of the Canadian Northern representatives.

Toronto, Ont.—The new Danforth Avenue civic car line in Toronto has been duly opened with a formal ceremony and with evening illuminations, music, and processions in carnival dress. Those taking part in the official ceremony were Miss Hocken, daughter of the Mayor, the Mayor, and several of the city's aldermen and controllers. A dinner was served later in Playter's Hall; and a meeting was held in Riverdale rink, at which speeches were given by Hon. Dr. R. A. Pyne, Hon. A. E. Kemp, and Geo. S. Henry, M.P.P.

Vancouver, B.C.—The board of works for Vancouver has approved the plans of the southern approach to the Second Narrows bridge, and these have been placed before the Railway Commissioners at their sitting here on October 27th. The site of the approach was moved some sixty feet east, but the general location of the railway line was approved, subject to the bridge company's consent to construct retaining walls, and the necessary subways and bridges. The city engineer was authorized by the board to sign the plans upon these conditions.

Port Arthur, Ont.—The most modern elevator in the entire world, the new government elevator at Port Arthur, is now receiving the finishing touches to its construction. The contractors, the Barnett & McQueen Company, are still in charge of the contract, not having handed the elevator over to be operated under the government's control, nor will it be turned over until completed in every detail, which will perhaps not be for two or three weeks more. Although grain is being unloaded for storage, the full capacity of the big plant will not be called upon until such time as all the last bits of machinery are installed.

Fort William, Ont.—It is reported that the big Stanley Avenue sewer is nearing completion, and under favorable conditions will be finished this year. The open trench work running from the Kaministiquia River to a point 700 feet east of the Canadian Car and Foundry Company's plant was to be completed in October; after which, 300 feet of pipe will be laid under the car works, through which a tunnel will be run if possible. The trench has been built through a heavy loam and blue clay, and the workmen have experienced great trouble with water oozing into the cut when it had been dug to a certain depth. The entire length of the trench had to be shored up with long planks to keep the sides from caving in.

Elmira, Ont.—On October 29th the Hydro-Electric power was turned on in the skating rink at Elmira by Reeve I. Hilborn, and in the evening the current for the street lights was turned on by the Hon. Adam Beck. Delegates were present from all neighboring municipalities, and a band was in attendance to give the event an enthusiastic celebration. Many formal proceedings presided over by Reeve Hilborn, notably a "Made-in-Elmira" exhibition, were conducted by the municipal officials, and were lauded by the congratulatory speeches delivered by the guests of the day. A 250 horse-power current has been thus inaugurated in this enterprising village of a population of 200.

Peterboro', Ont.—At Peterboro', a street lighting system in connection with the Hydro-Electric system has almost been completed. Iron poles and brackets are now in position to support the magnetic arc lamps, which will be assembled in the course of a few days. There is, however, difficulty