

MISCELLANEOUS.

Ontario

KINGSTON.—The City Council has given the Canadian Locomotive Company a lease of property on Earl Street for building shops, and work will commence in the spring.

OTTAWA.—A deputation from the Engineers' Club of Toronto waited upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier on Jan. 29 and asked for the appointment of Canadian engineers upon the Quebec Bridge Commission. The deputation which was introduced by Mr. Hugh Guthrie, M.P., was composed of Messrs. A. B. Barry, president; R. B. Wolsey, secretary; John Fielding, Claude Macdonell, M.P., John Tolmie, M.P., and J. G. Sing, Chief Engineer of Public Works, Toronto.

OTTAWA.—The final report of the Georgian Bay Canal Commission has been placed before Parliament. In the main this has been discounted by a preliminary report which appeared last session. Some additional details, however, appear. It has already been noted that the cost will be \$100,000,000, and the additional information is vouchsafed that the annual cost of maintenance will be \$900,000. The plan advocated is to have the summit level above Lake Nipissing. To use Lake Nipissing as the summit level would cost an additional \$100,000,000 at least, and introduce twelve additional miles of canal cutting. The water supply conditions are satisfactory. Appended is a recommendation as to forest conservation. The report says: "A commission should examine the great canals of the world."

PORT ARTHUR.—Competitive plans are invited for a Collegiate Building, to be erected in Port Arthur, on the present site of the High School. Total cost \$60,000. Allowing \$15,000 for gymnasium, heating, plumbing, ventilation and equipment. Plans to be submitted not later than February 20th, 1909. J. W. Morgan, secretary-treasurer of the Board.

Alberta.

CALGARY.—Mr. F. P. Aylwin, C.E., of Ottawa, is to carry out a large irrigation scheme near Calgary. The scheme affects nearly seventy thousand acres, and water is to be diverted from the Daw River. The estimated cost is \$500,000.

British Columbia.

PRINCE RUPERT.—Owing to a reduction in wages paid by the Grand Trunk Pacific the work of surveying the townsite has been brought to a standstill. Transitmen have been paid \$100 and chainmen \$45 per month with board. Some weeks ago notice was sent out by the officials of the company that the wages would be cut to \$75 for transitmen and \$35 for chainmen on January 1, and on Jan. 9th the 100 men employed all quit work with the exception of half a dozen, who it is reported have been kept on at the old rate of pay. Considerable dissatisfaction is felt, the men claiming the move is a violation of the agreement made between the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Provincial Government, who are paying one-fourth of the expenses of surveying the townsite; and they also maintain that the former rate is the current wage paid for this class of work in the district.

VANCOUVER.—Surveys are to be begun in a few days of Vancouver harbor with a view of making improvements to safeguard navigation. It is proposed among other things to make some improvements in the Vancouver narrows and to erect semaphores at Prospect Point and Brockton Point to be used in making signals to warn mariners when steamers or other craft are entering the narrows from either end, and in this way make the navigation of the entrance more safe than it is at present. The surveyors appointed for the work will make a thorough survey of the harbor and report with regard to the work necessary for its improvement. It is proposed to do considerable dredging in the narrows and mark a channel with buoys.

CURRENT NEWS.

Quebec.

MONTREAL.—The Mexican Northern Power Company has been organized here. The directors are: G. F. Greenwood, C.E., president; E. B. Greenshields, vice-president; Edmund Hanson, S. J. Moore, J. D. Paterson, S. M. Brookfield and Hon. B. F. Pearson, M.P.P. Frank Thompson is secretary of the company, and W. F. Tye is general manager and chief engineer.

SOCIETY NOTES.

Association of Manitoba Land Surveyors

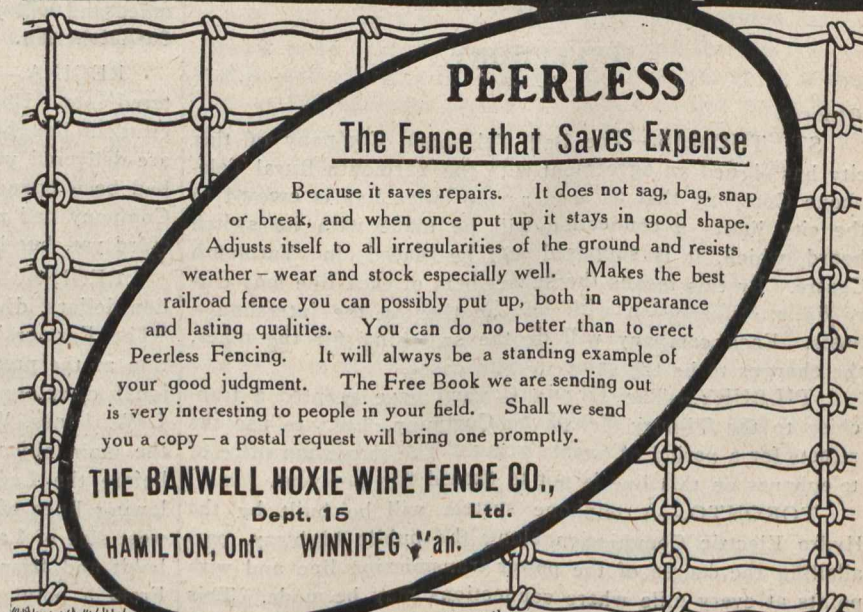
At the annual general meeting of this Association, held on Wednesday, January, 20th, the following officers were elected: President George McPhillips; vice-president, L. S. Vaughan; secretary-treasurer, C. C. Chataway; members of council (for two years), G. A. Bayne, and W. B. Young; auditors, G. B. McColl and A. R. Davis.

Alberta Association of Architects.

The third annual meeting of the Alberta Association of Architects was held in Edmonton on January 29th and 30th. The officers elected were: Hon. President, James E. White, Edmonton; president, R. Percy Barnes, Edmonton; first vice-president, James A. Macdonald, Lethbridge; secretary, H. M. Widdington, Strathcona; treasurer, James Henderson, Edmonton; council, W. S. Bates, Calgary; H. D. Johnson, Edmonton; J. Llewellyn Wilson, Calgary; C. Lionel Gibes, Edmonton; Roland W. Lines, Edmonton; James E. Wise, Edmonton. It was decided to recommend an amendment to the Mechanics' Lien Act.

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