

Fort William, Ont.—The commencement of construction on the 2,646-foot sea wall at the mouth of the Mission river is well under way. All of the timber for the cribwork has arrived from British Columbia and no interruption is anticipated until the contract has been completed. Three cribs, each 120 feet long, are in the water ready to be placed in position as soon as dredging has been completed to the depth required for sinking the cribs.

Victoria, B.C.—An agitation is on foot at Victoria to hasten the bridging of Seymour Narrows. It is planned that a special committee will take in hand the forwarding of the project, and that the committee shall send a delegation to Ottawa at the earliest possible date to urge the importance of the commencement of the work; also that all the various municipalities and associations interested be asked to send delegates to Ottawa with the Victoria delegation.

Leaside, Ont.—Construction is commencing at Leaside upon the factory building for the Canada Wire and Cable Company, to be erected at a cost of about \$1,000,000. It is said that the structure will be one of the longest factory buildings in the Dominion. One section will be 500 feet in length and 3 stories in height, while the rest of the building will be one story. Already the most of the brick foundation has been laid, and a compressed air plant is being installed, so that the steel construction may be undertaken.

Medicine Hat, Alta.—The city engineer's report for the month of April shows that at Medicine Hat the high-pressure mains of the natural gas system were extended 1,500 feet; the water distribution system was prolonged by 3,863 feet of 6-inch pipe; 2 miles of domestic and storm sewers were laid; 3 miles of 6-foot cement sidewalk, 2,250 square feet of street crossings and 432 square feet of lane crossings were constructed; and in the electric light department about 2 miles of lines were erected.

Ottawa, Ont.—It has been reported at Ottawa that a movement is being made by the Hon. Robert Rogers to provide for an increase in the Government subsidy allotted to the construction of drydocks. This action is being taken so as to encourage these constructions to be of the first class. The present act provides for a subsidy of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum of the cost of the drydocks for 35 years; where the expenditure is over \$1,000,000. The Government now proposes to increase the subsidy to 4 per cent. per annum.

London, Ont.—London has already embarked upon pavement construction work for 1914 which will entail an expenditure of \$100,000. Work on contracts amounting to \$25,000 is now in progress, and tenders have been called for the Wortley road pavement, to cost \$35,000. Pavements costing \$40,000 in all will be laid during the summer on various other streets and roads of the city. Asphalt pavements with concrete bases will be laid in the majority of cases, although vitrified brick and other pavements will be tried in various sections.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.—The International Joint Commission has approved the joint applications of the Michigan Northern Power Company of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and the Algoma Steel Corporation of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., to erect compensating works at a point in the St. Mary's River between the two cities. The approval has been given upon certain conditions, with respect to the construction of the works which have been recommended by the Government engineers of the U.S. and Canada, and also upon conditions governing the works after construction.

Moose Jaw, Sask.—By-laws are being advertised at Moose Jaw to provide for the raising of \$12,985 for the extension of the city's waterworks through River Park and Wellesley Park; to provide \$35,000 for construction of cement sidewalks with curb and gutter; \$12,000 required to complete street paving; \$106,761.78 for extension of sanitary

sewers through various portions of the city; \$155,000 for extensions to the electric light and power system; \$17,015 for the extension of sanitary sewers in River Park and Wellesley Park; \$18,700 to pay the deficiency of moneys on civic works previously undertaken; and for \$73,238.22 for extensions to the civic waterworks system.

Amherst, N.S.—A great deal of bridge work is contained in the program of construction to be carried out this year on the Intercolonial Railway. 105 light steel bridges will be strengthened so as to accommodate heavy power from Truro to River du Loup, and already contracts for 40 have been awarded to various bridge contracting companies in Canada. The Rhodes, Curry Company, of Amherst, N.S., have secured contracts from the Dominion Government for 9 girder bridges; and the steel that will be used is to be imported in channels and fabricated at the shops of the Canadian Car and Foundry Company, of Amherst.

Montreal, Que.—The surplus earnings of the Montreal Light, Heat, and Power Company, or earnings available for dividend purposes, for the year ended April 30th, will be over \$3,000,000, or what will mean a rate of close upon 18 per cent. The percentage of the previous year was 15.9. An idea of the growth of the company is afforded by a reference to the company's record. Gross earnings before operating and maintenance expenses and fixed charges were below the \$3,000,000 mark in 1904. The company is now earning more for dividends than it took in in gross receipts nine years ago. This has been accomplished in the face of a steady reduction in both electric and gas charges to its consumers.

Ottawa, Ont.—It is reported that there will be an overdraft amounting to several thousands of dollars this year in the Ottawa city waterworks department. The appropriation for the department for the year is \$153,000. In January the expenditure was \$35,866; February, \$12,006; March, \$16,606; April, \$12,504; the total amount spent to the end of last month being \$76,979. The total expenditure up to end of April last year was \$63,536. The increase is due to the fact that this year the waterworks department has a number of additional expenditures, including the maintenance of the booster plant and the wells, and the cost of the new intake pipe. However, the department hopes to keep the expenditure for the twelve months within \$155,000.

Ottawa, Ont.—According to the statement of Sir Donald Mann, recently published at Ottawa, the C.N.R. line now under construction from Ottawa to Port Arthur, via Pembroke, Eastport, North Bay and Sudbury, will be put in operation for freight and local traffic some time next fall. With the completion of this line from Ottawa to Port Arthur the C.N.R. will have a through line in operation from Quebec to British Columbia, passing through Montreal, Ottawa, Pembroke, North Bay, Sudbury, Winnipeg and most of the large and important centres in the West. Ottawa will be the junction point on this transcontinental line for the line to Toronto and on through Parry Sound, joining the main line again at Capreol, a comparatively short distance west of Sudbury.

Montreal, Que.—Active work is now in progress on the general plan of improvements along the Montreal harbor front. The main works so far are at the Victoria pier, where the old wooden pier has been removed and the site is being dredged out to make place for a modern concrete jetty, while there will also be put in a new pier 1,800 feet long. Similar work is being done at Section 27, where the old wooden pier is being replaced by a concrete jetty. Work is also being done filling in the space between the Canadian Vickers Company's drydock and the shore. All the gas and spar buoys, as well as the lightships, have been placed in Lake St. Louis. It is stated that with the completion of this work all the