

Coast to Coast

Blairmore, Alta.—A recent fire wiped out practically the whole business section of the town.

Chatham, Ont.—The construction of a new and up-to-date station to replace the one which was burned to the ground at Charing Cross, has been commenced by the Michigan Central Railway at the site of the old depot. The plans and specifications call for a much larger and more modern building which will be, when completed, 70 feet long by 20 feet deep.

Claresholm, Alta.—Claresholm is to have electric light, water and power under a franchise of the Claresholm Light, Water and Power Co., which has been given a charter by the provincial department. Calgary will be the head office, and the capital is set at \$100,000.

Galt, Ont.—The Standard Paving Co. will shortly commence work on the construction of new pavements.

Guelph, Ont.—Col. Royce, president of the Toronto and Suburban Railway, arrived in the city on September 19th over the new radial line, on a tour of inspection. It is understood that this inspection tour means that the road is being turned over to the operating department for the first time, having been in the hands of the construction department since the line was built.

Kingston, Ont.—That Kingston would be linked up with hydro-electric power the first of October, was announced by R. H. Toye, chairman of the civic utilities, who recently returned from Toronto, where he had a conference with hydro engineers. Work on the line from Napanee is almost completed and it is expected that the hydro will be able to furnish the entire need of the city this fall and winter.

Ladysmith, B.C.—The smelter which was recently put in operation by the Ladysmith Smelting Corporation, will be capable of handling 1,200 tons of ore per day, although the initial capacity is 700 tons. There are two blast furnaces, one 42 in. x 120 in., and the other 42 in. x 160 in. The boiler plant consists of two 80 h.p., one 88 h.p., and one 104 h.p. boilers. Two electric generators furnish power for the motors and lighting system.

London, Ont.—Government Engineer William Losee, of the Ontario Department of Public Works, in company with Middlesex County Engineer Charles Talbot, has commenced the annual inspection of the road improvements of the county. Upon Mr. Losee's report will depend the amount of the government grant for road making in the county next year. His report will be submitted at the December sitting of the county council. This year's grant from the government was \$28,000 for construction and maintenance purposes.

New Glasgow, N.S.—A 4,000 kilowatt steam turbine is now being erected at the Allan mine. This addition to the existing system will give a plant of 7,000 kilowatts, constituting one of the largest power plants in the province.

Newmarket, Ont.—The new reinforced concrete bridge that is being erected at the north end of the town by the York Highway Commission is now rapidly nearing completion, and should be ready for traffic in about a month. The new bridge, when completed, will cost about \$4,000.

Ottawa, Ont.—This year only a little work is being done on the proposed provincial highway, and that is being done around the township of Pickering. The work is just temporary repairs, such as replacing old culverts and gravelling and surfacing the road to keep it in as good a condition as possible till the real work begins after the war is over. The Ottawa-Prescott highway will not be begun till next spring at the earliest. This decision has been arrived at after careful consideration. The condition of the labor market and the price of materials is the reason for the delay in this work.

Penticton, B.C.—A good roads convention was held here on September 6 and 7, at which delegates were present from Vancouver and interior towns. The primary object of the convention was to boost the Canadian national highway project.

Perth County, Ont.—The Ontario Government has contributed \$10,573.44 to the county of Perth, as its share for the construction and maintenance of the county roads for the year 1917, under the Ontario Highway Act.

Quebec, Que.—The City Council recently voted the sum of \$6,000 asked by the Health Committee to carry on the work of purifying the city's water supply. It is necessary to improve conditions at the source of supply in the St. Charles River.

Regina, Sask.—The value of the building permits issued in this city during the month of August was \$164,670, and for the first eight months of the year the total was \$330,670.

Scarborough, Ont.—The Hydro-Electric Power Commission has notified the Township Council that work has been started on a line to go through Birchcliffe, Scarborough Junction and Agincourt. It is hoped to complete the work this fall.

Sherbrooke, Que.—McBean and Williams, Montreal, the contractors for the new dam on Frontenac St., have taken action against the city for \$82,029.36, which amount they claim is due to them under their contract, and for the value of certain extraordinary work, which they allege they were obliged to do last winter owing to severe climatic conditions.

South Vancouver, B.C.—Under a recently completed agreement with the city of Vancouver, South Vancouver has been given direct connection with the high pressure mains of the city system. This does not mean, it is stated, that the district will get any better pressure, but it is hoped that it will mean a material reduction in operating expenses for the municipality.

Stouffville, Ont.—The electric light plant, which was formerly operated under steam, has been changed over to a gas engine. It is anticipated a saving of \$1,000 a year will be effected.

St. Thomas, Ont.—The Michigan Central Railway Company's pumphouse at Lake Pinafore is now being operated by hydro-electric power, furnished through the city's power station. Eighty-five horse-power is being supplied for the plant, which furnishes water for all the locomotives at this point.

Toronto, Ont.—According to a statement made before the Board of Control by G. H. Gooderham, the Toronto-Hamilton highway will be completed in a month.

Toronto, Ont.—A deputation from Etobicoke Township recently waited on the Minister of Public Works, Hon. Finlay Macdarmid, with the request that the Toronto-Hamilton highway be widened in Etobicoke to 56 ft., with an open drain, instead of as at present proposed, 50 ft. and a tile drain.

Toronto, Ont.—The Shaft and Tunnel Contract Co. have obtained letters patent under the Ontario Companies Act, with a capital of \$40,000, and are locating their head office in this city. The firm propose to carry on the business of general contractors and to undertake engineering works of all kinds, including general mining operations.

Trail, B.C.—Last week another important step in providing an adequate water supply for Trail was taken, when Victor Bianco, who has the contract at \$7,037, started a gang of men at work on trenching for the conduit pipe line, from Cambridge Creek to Violin Lake. The line is 1,950 feet in length, the salt-glazed, vitrified pipe is 14 inches inside diameter and will connect the lake, which will be used eventually as a storage reservoir, with the creek. Later, the dam at the south end of Violin Lake will be constructed by the city. Mr. Bianco also has a contract from the city for laying about five miles of steel water mains throughout the municipality and is well advanced on the work, all the steel pipe having been received and much of it laid.

Windsor, Ont.—On account of the new act affecting approval for real estate subdivisions the border chamber of commerce is recommending to the various municipal councils of this metropolitan district that the services of Thomas Adams, town planning expert, be secured at once, and that he be instructed to prepare a plan as a basis for all future expansion within and beyond the corporate limits of the seven border municipalities of Sandwich East, Ford, Walkerville, Windsor, Sandwich, Ojibway and Sandwich East. Each of these councils will be asked to appoint one of its members to a joint town planning committee, with power to act.

Woodstock, Ont.—The value of the building permits issued during the month of August amounted to \$16,883, an increase of \$2,917 over the corresponding month last year. For the first eight months of the year the total is \$79,027, as compared with \$75,623 during the corresponding period last year.