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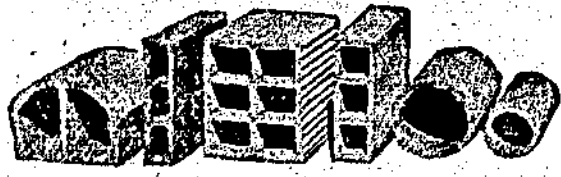
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STORE ADDITIONS FOR PREMISES ON ROBSON ST. TO COST ABOUT \$10,000

Plans are now being prepared in the offices of Architects Townley & Matheson, 325 Homer street, for extensive alterations and additions to the premises at 1270 Robson street. The plans will be ready about the end of this week and selected tenders will be called by the architects for the work.

The project includes the erection of two storey addition flanking the present dwelling, comprising a building 66 by 66 feet in size of brick and hollow tile. A number of improvements and changes to the present dwelling and connections between the two structures will also be provided for. The cost of the addition and improvements is expected to run in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

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PLANS NEW BANK FOR LANGLEY PRAIRIE

Gardiner & Mercer Receiving Tenders For Another \$14,000 Branch of Royal Bank

Architects Gardiner & Mercer, 827 Birks building, who were commissioned some time ago by the Royal Bank of Canada to prepare plans for a new branch bank for that financial institution at Langley Prairie, have now completed the plans and are receiving tenders from selected contractors for the new bank building.

The plans show that the structure will be a two-story one of frame construction. It will have a frontage of 24 feet and a depth of 45 feet and the entire lower floor will be laid out for banking office accommodation. The building will cost about \$14,000 and will have quarters and accommodation for the staff on the upper floor. There will be a small annex adjoining which will contain the heating equipment and lavatory. The architects expect to award the contract about the end of next week.

WALLACE YARDS PLANS

3 STORY JOINERS' SHOP NORTH VANCOUVER—As a preliminary move to provide much needed additional accommodation for the big crew of carpenters and joiners who will be engaged on the construction of the new C. P. R. passenger steamer intended to replace the wrecked Princess Sophia, the Wallace Shipbuilding Company has taken out a permit for a three-story joiners' shop which is to be erected on the Esplanade, east. The building will be of frame construction and will cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000. Work on the structure is to be started at once and will be carried out by the firm's own workmen under the day labor plan.

CALL TENDERS SOON FOR NEW VICTORIA THEATRE

VICTORIA—Mr. J. R. Muir, managing director of the B. C. Paramount Theatres, Ltd., accompanied by Mr. Fred L. Townley, of the firm of Townley & Matheson, architects, Vancouver, visited the city to make the final arrangements for the approval of the plans for the new Capitol theatre which is to be erected in this city soon at a cost of about \$200,000. Mr. Townley, whose firm are the supervising architects for the erection of the company's fine theatre in Vancouver, costing \$500,000, have appointed Mr. Percy Fox, of this city as supervision for the construction of the local theatre.

Plans and specifications brought to the city by Mr. Muir give an excellent idea of the beauty of the theatre. Details are being arranged with the civic authorities so that everything will conform to the city by-laws, and before Mr. Muir returns to Vancouver later this week, he hopes to have some definite information regarding the dates upon which contract bids will be received for the construction.

FINE WAREHOUSE FOR MISSION MERCHANT

First Reinforced Concrete Structure There To Be Built By Mr. T. E. Cutler

There is now being prepared in the drafting rooms of Architect A. E. Henderson, Davis chambers, the plans for a two-story, reinforced concrete and hollow tile feed storage warehouse which is to be erected in Mission City shortly. This structure will have the distinction of being the first reinforced concrete building in the Fraser Valley town, and will be erected and occupied by Mr. T. E. Cutler, a prominent merchant of Mission, who intends to reduce the fire risk on his stock of feed to the absolute minimum.

As soon as the plans are ready, which is expected to be in about a week's time, they will be forwarded to the owner who intends to erect the building under his own direction. The warehouse will be 50 by 10 feet in size and will be very substantially constructed, capable of carrying a much heavier load than grain in case it should be desired at any time to do so.

BIDS ARE INVITED FOR VANDERHOOF SCHOOL

Mr. A. E. Foreman, provincial public works engineer, is calling for tenders on the construction of a four-room frame school and out-buildings at Vanderhoof, in the Port George electoral district. Tenders will be received up to noon of Friday, October 22. Plans and specifications can be seen at the offices of the government agents in the court houses at Vancouver and Fort George, or from A. E. Mitchell, secretary of the school board at Vanderhoof.

GYM AND CLASS ROOMS FOR TRINITY CHURCH

Trinity Methodist Church, on Seventh Avenue, west, is to have a large addition erected shortly to provide additional class rooms and also a gymnasium. The plans for the addition are now being prepared by Architects E. Evans & Son, 207 Duncan building, who will be accepting tenders soon on the new addition.

The church addition is to be of frame construction, 35 by 76 feet in size, and two stories in height. Besides the facilities of a first class gymnasium and shower baths in the lower floor, it will also have nine class rooms on the second floor. The building will cost in the neighborhood of \$11,000.

GOT ELECTRICAL CONTRACT

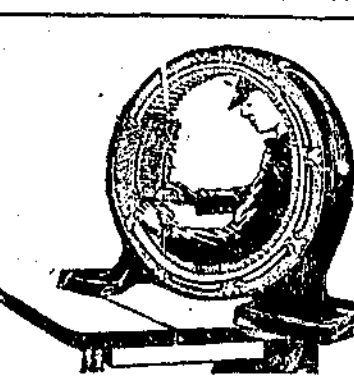
The Universal Electric Company, Ltd., 1517 Broadway West, were the successful tenderers for the electrical work on the new \$30,000 contract comprising an addition story to the four-room school at Cumberland. Through error the electrical contractor was announced to be Mr. W. W. Fraser.

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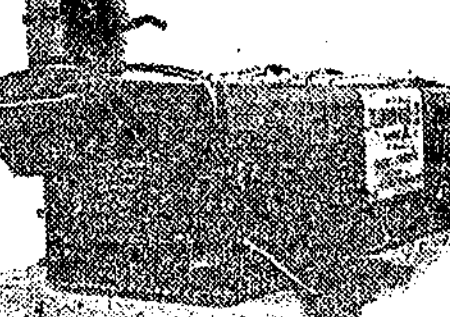
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fort to obtain more buildings, we are
burning up in a few years as much as
we build in one. Because of the pres-
ent urgent need of buildings of all
kinds, and especially dwellings, our
appalling fire loss is a near-interna-
tional calamity.

According to statistics published by
Bradstreet's New York Agency, the
average annual value of new build-
ings constructed in Canada and the
United States during the past ten
years from 1910 to the beginning of
1920 amounted to \$914,376,500. The
highest figures for construction dur-
ing this ten year period was, not back
in pre-war days, as one would think,
but last year when the total was \$1,
326,936,700, and the lowest yearly total
was in the last year of the war, 1918,
when the construction work in the
United States was curtailed to nothing
but absolutely necessary under-
takings. That year the building total
dropped to \$445,549,500. But the av-
erage was \$914,376,500, and these fig-
ures cover 171 leading cities in Can-
ada and the United States.

From the reports of leading insur-
ance companies covering risks in
these 171 cities, the surprising fact is
evolved that the average annual fire
losses for this ten year period amount
to the appalling total of \$242,201,600.
This huge sum represents the actual
adjustments made. It does not take
into account the fact that buildings are
never insured for their full value and
that many heavy losses are not cov-
ered by insurance at all. In other
words the ratio of fire losses to new
buildings constructed figures out at
0.265.

Looking at the figures from another
angle, we see that with all our record
breaking activity during 1919, the ac-
tual CONSTRUCTION in 171 cities
during that one year is no more than
the DESTRUCTION by fire during the
past five years. Even this poor show-
ing is better than the average for ten
years, which actually indicates that
we burn up practically the value of
one year's building in less than four
years.

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building superintendent of the school
board, on the erection of a new \$50,
000 school building on the site of the
old Strathcona school. The new
building will be a one-story structure
and is being built with the salvaged
brick and other material from the old
Strathcona school, which is being de-
molished after being condemned some
time ago.

The heating of this new eight-room
school will be accomplished by con-
necting up with the other large school
building on the site at the corner of
Pender street, east, and Jackson Ave-
nue. The school is to be largely of a
temporary nature and will be roofed
with ready roofing, in order to get it
ready as soon as possible to relieve
the school congestion that exists in
this section of the city.

**LOCAL MEN ON COUNCIL
OF ARCHITECTURAL BODY**

OTTAWA—At the closing session
at the convention of the Royal Archi-
tectural Institute of Canada last Sat-
urday, David Brown of Montreal was
elected president; L. H. Jordan, Win-
nipeg, and W. D. Cromary, Ottawa,
were elected vice-presidents; A.
Chausse, Montreal, honorary secre-
tary, and Charles S. Cobbe, Toronto,
treasurer. Mr. Chausse, who is the
founder of the institute, was elected
secretary for the thirteenth time.

The newly-elected council includes:
A. J. Wilson, Edmonton; S. M. Eve-
leigh, Vancouver; A. L. Mercer, Van-
couver; David Webster, Regina; A.
Melville, Winnipeg; R. B. Pratt, Win-
nipeg, and M. W. Sharon, Edmonton.
The next assembly of the Institute
will be held in Winnipeg.

**DECLARES BANKERS NOW
DICTATE TO ARCHITECTS**

OTTAWA—Credit has ceased to
function as far as the building indus-
try is concerned in this country and
the United States, and the industry
has, to a great extent, passed from
the hands of bankers and architects
into the hands of bankers and credit
men, Charles H. Whitaker, of the Am-
erican Institute of Architects said at
yesterday afternoon's session of the
Royal Architectural Institute of Can-
ada.

"Bankers are telling us the kind of
buildings we are to build, not contrac-
tors and architects, and the result is
that the industry in the United States
is paralyzed and at a standstill, ex-
cept in the isolated cases where cost
is of no consequence," he added.

He referred to the special session
of the New York Legislature recently
at which special laws affecting build-
ing and rents passed. "It is utterly
impossible to pack more people into
New York City. Imagine the State of
New York legislating to build houses
in the cities when 33,000 farms were
abandoned throughout the State in a
single year. The housing problem can
not be solved until the land problem
is dealt with."

The Brahmaputra River in India is
supposed to have an enormous water-
fall, but this has not yet been discov-
ered.

Toeing the mark means that some-
one has put their foot down.

**POINT GREY'S PERMITS
SHOW LARGE INCREASE**

POINT GREY.—The municipal
building department is justly proud
of the splendid increase shown by the
report of the building inspector for
September, which demonstrates in an
unmistakable manner the growing
popularity of Point Grey for home-
builders. During the past month there
were 88 permits issued, of a total val-
ue of \$242,345, which is nearly double
the aggregate value of the construc-
tion, authorized during the same
month of last year, when the 56 per-
mits issued had a total value of \$133,
855.

The big bulk of this total, it is sat-
isfactory to note, is for the construc-
tion of the many handsome new
homes for which Point Grey is be-
coming justly noted. There were no
fewer than 57 new dwellings com-
menced during the month, which is
nearly a score more than was com-
menced during the month in Vancou-
ver. The total value of these new
dwellings aggregates \$230,400, while
repairs and alterations accounted for
\$6,715 of the total, and the 14 garages
erected amounted to \$4,230.

For the first nine months of the cur-
rent year there has been 586 permits
issued authorizing construction of an
aggregate value of \$1,687,159, which
shows considerably more than a fifty
per cent. increase over the figures for
the same period last year, when the
342 permits issued had a total value
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dar Hill Rd., \$300. Munro, contr.
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ertson.

**ROYAL CITY BUILDING
SHOWS GOOD INCREASE**

NEW WESTMINSTER.—The Sep-
tember report of City Building Inspec-
tor Thos. Turnbull shows that build-
ing has not only been active in the
Royal city but there has been a satis-
factory increase over the amount of
building for the same period last year.
For the past month the total value of
the permits was \$19,700 which re-
veals a considerable jump on the same
month last year when the total was
only \$14,000. For the first nine
months of the present year and ag-
gregate value of buildings authorized
amounts to \$251,000 as compared with
\$130,182 for the same period last year.

**ASK BIDS FOR ADDITION
TO CANYON CITY SCHOOL**

The provincial department of pub-
lic works is calling for tenders on the
construction of a one-room addition to
the Canyon City school, in the Kaslo
electoral district. Plans, specifications
and form of contract may be secured
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 New ferry landings have been badly needed at both these places for some time owing to the constantly increasing amount of motor and other vehicular traffic across the Fraser river at this point. The landings in each case are to be of the floating type secured by piles, as owing to the varying changes of water level due to both tides and the state of the river, it is impracticable to have a fixed landing.
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 Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Dry Dock at Esquimalt British Columbia" will be received at this office until 12 o'clock noon, Thursday, Dec. 9, 1920, for the construction of a Dry Dock at Esquimalt, British Columbia.
 Plans and forms of contract can be seen and specification and forms of tender obtained at this Department, at the offices of the District Engineers at Victoria, B. C.; Equity Building, Toronto, Ont.; Shaughnessy Building, Montreal, P. Q.; and at the Post Office, Vancouver, B. C.
 Tenders will not be considered unless made on printed forms supplied by this Department and in accordance with conditions contained therein.
 Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, equal to five per cent. of the amount of the tender. War Loan Bonds of the Dominion will also be accepted as security or War Bonds and cheques if required to make up an odd amount.
 Note: Blue prints can be obtained at this Department by depositing an accepted bank cheque for the sum of \$50, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, which will be returned if the intending bidder submit a regular bid.
 By order,
 R. C. DESROCHERS,
 Secretary,
 Department of Public Works, Ottawa,
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
 Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for wharf at Alice Arm, B. C." will be received at this office until 12 o'clock noon, Tuesday, October 26, 1920, for the construction of a wharf at Alice Arm, Skeena District, B. C.
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 Tenders will not be considered unless made on printed forms supplied by this Department and in accordance with conditions contained therein.
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 R. C. DESROCHERS,
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 Department of Public Works, Ottawa,
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
 Richmond District, Woodward-Ladner Ferry.
 TENDERS will be received by the Honorable Minister of Public Works, to noon of Monday, the 11th day of October, 1920, for the construction and erection of Ferry Landings on the Fraser River at Woodward's and Ladner.
 Plans, specifications, etc. may be seen, or may be obtained upon depositing five dollars (\$5) as security for their return at the Department of Public Works, Victoria, B. C., or at the office of the District Engineer, Court House, Vancouver, B. C., on or after the 22nd September, 1920.
 An accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit for 10 per cent. of the amount of the tender, made payable to the Honorable Minister of Public Works, must accompany each proposal, to be forfeited if tenderer refuses to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or fails to complete the work contracted for.
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