

been established, the City Hall built and the city government has been remodelled by the redistribution of the wards and establishment of the Board of Control.

NEW LINE OF COAL CARRIERS.

One of the direct results of the deepening of Canada's system of inland waterways to fourteen feet is the announcement that a new corporation has been formed, composed of leading Canadian and American commercial men, amongst the latter being Mr. W. F. Havemeyer, the New York sugar king, for the purpose of developing the coal-carrying trade between the American ports on Lake Ontario and the city of Montreal. The Montreal Coal & Towing Co., having secured a charter from the State of West Virginia, will not only be able to bring coal to Montreal, but do a coasting trade as well between the American lake ports. An interesting feature in the new enterprise is the peculiar kind of boat or barge selected for the work. They are designed from the old pin-plat of the French-Canadian voyageur, will carry 800 tons, and cost \$8,000, against \$25,000 paid for similar boats built at the American ports. They are good carriers, and as tugs do the hauling, they carry no sails. The capital of the company, which starts with a well-equipped fleet, is \$250,000, and the directors are Messrs. John Torrance, Henry Miles, W. F. Torrance, S. O. Shorey and G. Ernest Muir, Mr.

W. F. Torrance, being president of the company, and Mr. Muir secretary-treasurer.

THE SUGAR BEET INDUSTRY.

In a recent speech Premier Ross, speaking of the cultivation of the sugar beet in Ontario, and the manufacturing of beet sugar, said:—

We imported last year 251,000,000 pounds of sugar. We believe a great deal of this may be produced in this country. Germany produces all her own sugar and exports millions of pounds in the bargain. I think a reasonable and proper encouragement of the beet-root sugar industry would lead to an industry that would yield a large profit to the farmers and give employment to our own people. It would have three effects. It would improve the agriculture, the average profit on an acre of beets is twenty dollars, which is more than the average profit on wheat, oats or barley. This will give improved agriculture, and employ a great many people, and the factory will employ a great many more. Then it will bring capital into the country and will make us self-sustaining so far as the consumption of sugar is concerned. We have made various tests; we have been inquiring into this matter. We have been for the last three years making tests as to the soil, and we find the soil of York, Welland, Elgin and Kent grows beet root containing saccharine matter a good deal above the average of the beets

in the States of the Union, and better than the average in Germany, where the industry has prospered so well—another illustration of the great wealth which a beneficent Creator has given us, and which we may enjoy if we will utilize to the best advantage. Now, if we can with a very small assistance establish a few beet root sugar factories in this Province we will have gone a good way to supply ourselves with that essential article of domestic use; we will have given employment to a large number of people, and will have made our Canadian soil that much more productive than it was.

When Mr. Ross was made Premier of Ontario he outlined a bold policy looking toward the development of the resources of the Province; and it is evident that he has not become weary in well-doing, but is constantly devising new plans for fostering the great industries of Ontario.

THE WOOD PULP TRADE.

There is a temporary depression in the pulp business at present and prices have dropped somewhat. As a result of this and for other reasons not assigned, the Clergue syndicate's big mill at Sault Ste. Marie has been shut down for a time. No hardship is caused in this case, however, as all the men are employed in one or another of Mr. Clergue's various enterprises in and about the Soo. A curious reason given for the depression in the trade is that the bountiful rains of the last few months have so swollen the

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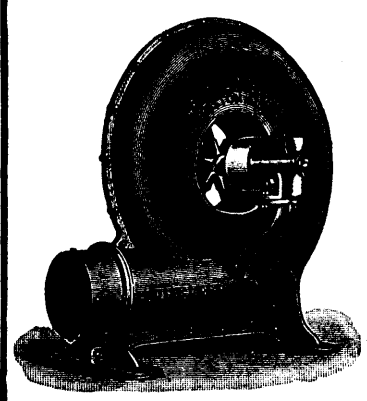
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