

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that under the Companies' Act, Letters Patent have been issued under the Great Seal of Canada, bearing date the 24th day of July, 1900, incorporating the Honorable Alfred Arthur Thibodeau, Senator, Richard Wilson Smith, broker, Garnett Henry Meldrum, broker, all of the City of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, Thomas Bliss Stillman, analytical chemist, and Humes Hall, analytical chemist, both of the city of New York, in the State of New York, one of the United States of America, for the following purposes, namely:—

(a) To carry on the business of treating timber, wood and other substances so as to render the same fireproof; to sell, deal and generally trade in such fireproof timber, wood and other substances; to manufacture and deal in merchandise, goods and effects made out of such fireproof materials;

(b) To carry on the business of timber merchants and saw mill proprietors;

(c) To buy, sell, grow and prepare for market, manufacture, import, export and deal in timber and wood of all kinds;

(d) To acquire, own and hold all patents and patent rights covering the process for rendering such materials fireproof, and all patents relating to the manufacture and use of the same; the operations of the Company to be carried on at the City of Montreal and elsewhere throughout the Dominion of Canada by the name of "THE ELECTRIC FIREPROOFING COMPANY OF CANADA, LIMITED," with a total capital stock of Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000.00) dollars, divided into three thousand (3,000) shares of \$100.00. Dated at the office of the Secretary of State of Canada, this twenty-sixth day of July, nineteen hundred.

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TORONTO LETTER.

Helped out by the Non-Tariffs—Good Times for the Toronto Ferry Company—A Sudden Death—The Exhibition Time—A Yearly Increasing Fire Hazard.

Dear Editor,

There is an interesting item about the insurance upon the Bowman & Zinkan tannery destroyed by fire last week in Southampton. It seems that the tempting rates offered by certain of the newer non-tariff offices resulted in a large slice of the business going to them, so the recent event has turned to be the gain of the Board Companies interested. There is some chuckling being done in more than one office I know of.

The Toronto Ferry Company is doing good business this year, and the management must feel pleased, as owing to the coolness of the past few weeks, an increased number of people have been taking their outings closer to the city than usual, and the Island has received an extra share of attention in consequence. Islanders and all those who frequent the Island long for the Ferry Company to get rich, as they expect that new and speedier ferry-boats would be one of the welcome results of such enrichment.

The sudden death of Mr. J. J. Withrow, an ex-president and the father of the Toronto Exhibition, came as a shock to this community in which he was

so well known as an earnest Christian man, and a great worker for all that tended to build up, and increase Toronto. Especially in the inner circle of his acquaintances and friends he will be long missed as a warm friend and councillor.

In all too brief a space, for its coming marks the close of our summer, the Great Toronto Exhibition will open with its old time energy and old time attraction for dwellers in Ontario generally, and in Toronto particularly. Its coming is a joy to hotel-keepers and the boarding-house folk, because it is a harvest-time for them, as also to all dealers in provisions of all kinds, for at this time there is a wonderful increase in the consumption of all edibles and portables; when the hearty appetites of our country visitors have to be appeased. They like the best of everything too, when out for a holiday. So it comes to pass that what with the expenditure in this way and with the sight-seeing and sundry purchases in other directions, quite a respectable volume of money is left in the city, coming as a welcome financial help after the sluggish trading of the holiday season, when so many people are out of town.

There is a feature of the Exhibition season to which my attention has been specially drawn this year. It is the ever-varying but ever-increasing hazard, temporary as it may be, involved in the novelties of one kind or another introduced and put in operation in the Exhibition Buildings. The Secretary of the Toronto Board of Fire Underwriters has scores of questions to answer each season as to whether, this or that, novelty will increase the fire insurance hazard. There is a section or group of articles that fire underwriters cannot fail to look upon with serious eyes as affecting the Exhibition Buildings as insurance risks, and which may be generally classed as inventions and novelties in cooking, heating, and lighting appliances of various kinds. Take one item in this list, under which it is proposed to exhibit in full working order some 125 gasoline vapour lamps. Of course there is a limit of one quart of gasoline to each lamp provided for, the gasoline supply tank being properly outside and distinct from buildings, but then the aggregate of 125 quarts of gasoline in one spot, constitute no mean hazard. It is said the mechanism is so arranged that no explosion is possible, only in event of accident, a large flame. There are, of course, the usual coal oil stoves, electrical machines and appliances, in ever-increasing number, so that taking everything into consideration, the Board Rate of \$2 per \$1,000, for the Exhibition term of say 20 days, is a very moderate charge. As you may suppose, there is a heavy amount of extra insurance required to cover Exhibition goods during the term. It may not be generally known that the Toronto Board, in the interests of the insurance companies, employ a well-qualified inspector, whose duty it is to watch and inspect all exhibits as arranged and operated in those buildings, and, if any special hazard be developed, to report immediately to the Secretary of the Board under whose supervision he acts. With all the officials and private watching the Exhibition Buildings receive when open, they should be safe, and "Eternal vigilance is the price of safety."

Yours,

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Toronto, 7th August, 1900.