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THE Canadian Niagara Power Company are about to double the present intended capacity of their wheel pit. It is now about half finished, and it will take eleven turbines of 10,000 horse-power each. It will be 540 feet long and 170 feet deep

WE hear of another private bank in trouble at Oakville, Ont. It is that of C. W. Anderson & Son, who have assigned to E. R. C. Clarkson. The liabilities, we understand, are in the neighborhood of \$200,000, which are thought to be more than covered by the assets.

THE Medicine Hat and Northern Alberta Railway announces its intention to build a system of branches and extensions. The chief will be from Medicine Hat to the international boundary at Milk River, and another from Battle River in a northwesterly direction to Hudson Hope.

ULDERIC GAUVIN, of Quebec city, who started retailing in the hardware line in January, 1901, has assigned. He was formerly a butcher, and his lack of success as a storekeeper is not a surprise for he did not know the business. His principal creditor, one V. E. Paradis, who is interested to the amount of \$3,000, has taken over the estate, and it is hoped creditors may realize their claims in full, or nearly so.

THE Ottawa firm of Bedingfield & Mc-Cusker, jobbers of groceries, feed, etc., who have become embarrassed, have submitted a statement of their affairs to creditors, showing direct liabilities of \$13,593, and indirect liabilities of about \$10,000. They propose a compromise at 35 cents in the dollar and most of their creditors seem disposed to accept the

NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C., electors have carried a by-law granting certain privileges to the Vancouver, Westminster & Yukon Railway Company, such as exemption from municipal taxes for a period of ten years, and a free right of way through lands owned by the corporation outside of the township of North Vancouver, and a free grant of three acres for each passenger depot located on corporation lands. The company, in return, engages to begin within two years building a standard gauge railway from near Second Narrows, Burrard Inlet.

THE Cuba Company, a branch of the Cuba Railway Co., which, with Sir Wm. Van Horne at its head, has just inaugurated its train service from one end of the island of Cuba to the other, recently held its annual meeting in Jersey City, N.J., and re-elected officers as follows. President, Sir Wm. Van Horne; 1st vice-president, Gen. G. M. Dodge; other directors, Hon. W. C. Whitney, Gen. S. Thomas, T. F. Ryan, G. C. Haven, E. J. Berwind, P. A. B. Widener. W. L. Elkins, H. Walters and H. L. The other officers are: 2nd vicepresident, J. K. Corbiere, assistant to president, P. Farquhar; secretary, T. S. Beatty; treasurer, H. M. Francis.

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