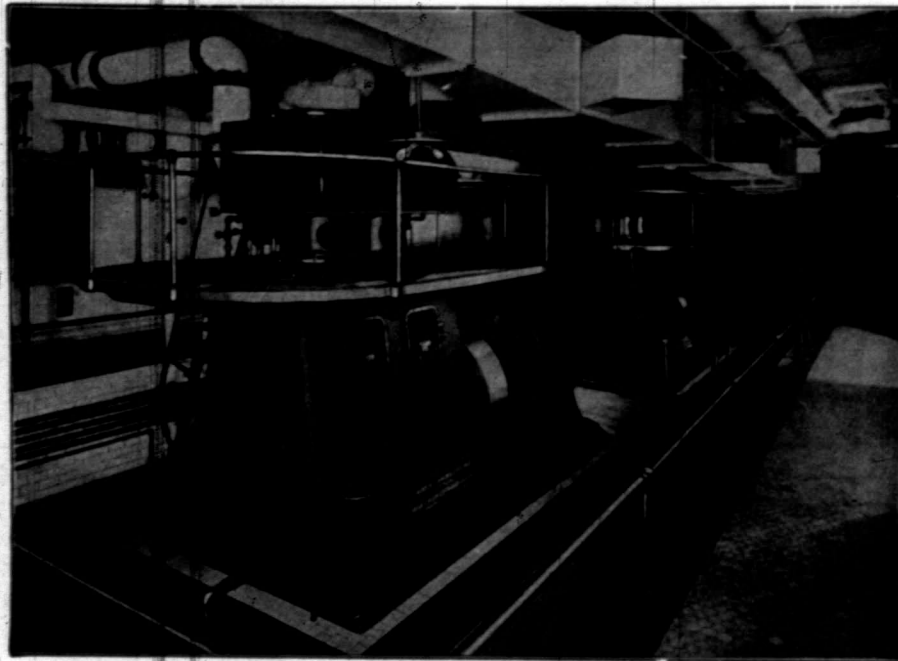


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The Ontario Government will sell five hundred beaver skins. A correspondent asks whether the skins will be included.

The importance of the automobile trade to the railways is shown by the fact that the Grand Trunk is now advertising for tenders for 500 special automobile cars. These are steel-framed box-cars, with doors taking up almost their whole end, so that big touring cars can easily be run in or out. The Grand Trunk touches Detroit and other big auto manu-

facturing cities of Michigan and the west, and has found special equipment necessary for this trade.

Prospective investors in the fruit lands of British Columbia, will be interested in the statement of Mr. T. W. Stirling, a fruit grower of Kelowna, British Columbia, that buyers from England and Belgium were refused fruit, because there was none available, one order from England for 100 cars being turned down. The market on the prairie absorbs all the fruit offering.

### NEWS AND NOTES.

The number of directors of the Hailybury Navigation Company, Limited, has been increased from five to seven.

A branch of the Traders Bank of Canada will be opened at Stewart, British Columbia under the management of Mr. H. E. Armstrong, formerly manager at Kenora.

A branch of the Imperial Bank of Canada has been opened at Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan, under the management of Mr. W. R. Thomson, formerly manager at Hague, Saskatchewan.

A license had been granted the Western Canada Trust, Limited, authorizing it to do business in Manitoba. Mr. F. J. Sharpe, Winnipeg, has been appointed principal agent for the province.

A special general meeting of the shareholders of the Ottawa and Gloucester Road Company, will be held at Ottawa, on May 5th to consider by-laws, reducing the capital stock from \$63,880 to \$41,522, and authorizing the directors to issue \$14,000 bonds for general business.

Mr. F. B. Newland has been appointed special agent for Michigan of the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York. He will have his headquarters at Detroit. Mr. Newland has been associated with Mr. Minnehan at the Toronto branch of this progressive company, and his associates in the Queen City, last week, gave him a hearty send-off.

The Canadian Gas Association is to be congratulated on the enterprise shown in regard to the expositions to be held in Hamilton, Ont., from June 6th to 11th inclusive. This will mark the first attempt made at a Gas Show in Canada, and the promoters deserve every encouragement for the manner in which they have worked to ensure the exposition being a success. Mr. A. W. Smith, 52 Adelaide Street East, Toronto, is the secretary-treasurer, and to him all communications should be sent.

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