

### SPARKS.

The Reliance Electric Light Company will locate in St. Catharines.

The Bell Telephone Co.'s line is to be extended from Shelburne to Orangeville, Ont.

The damage caused to the electrical industries of Connecticut by a recent storm is placed at \$250,000.

A sixty-five horse power engine has been purchased in Toronto to run the Napanee electric light plant.

On January 31st the Royal Electric Company declared a quarterly dividend to shareholders of 2 per cent.

A new water wheel has recently been placed in position at the electric light station at Carleton Place, Ont.

The Peterborough Street Railway Co. have ordered five electric cars, and expect to have their line in operation this year.

Mr. W. S. Battin will, it is said, establish in Toronto a rival telephonic company, charging a certain fixed rental and a small amount for each call.

On account of a series of mishaps the contractors for the electric lighting of Conitcook have been given an extension of sixty days to complete their work.

Mr. Harry Abell, son of Mr. E. R. Abell, of Selkirk, Man., is studying electrical engineering in Chicago, and is reported to be making rapid progress.

Mr. J. A. Culverwell, son of Mr. J. T. Culverwell, of Toronto, has received the appointment of contract agent with the Edison General Electric Company, Canadian district.

The Edison General Electric Company have leased a four storey brick building on Bay street, Toronto, which will be used as the business headquarters of the Company in Canada.

The Sun Life Assurance Co. are having an electric elevator, the first to go into operation in the city, put into their new building in Montreal. Messrs. Miller Bros. & Toms, Montreal, have the contract.

For accepting commissions from manufacturers who were desirous of supplying the city with electric fire alarm apparatus, Mr. Crawford has been dismissed from the position of city electrician of London, Ont.

The stockholders of the Edison General Electric Company, New York, ratified the action of the directors in increasing the capital stock from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000. It is stipulated that \$1,000,000 shall be kept as a reserve fund.

The Bell Telephone Co. have 136 miles of wire and 271 instruments in use at Brantford, Ont. The daily calls average 2,000. At Kingston the Company have \$30,000 invested. There are 300 subscribers, 290 miles of wire and 3,000 feet of aerial cable.

The Abbe Leflamme, vice-president of the Royal Society, in an article on the census in Canada, strongly recommends a special return showing the progress of electrical enterprise in the Dominion. He further presses on the attention of electrical engineers the immense field that exists in the Province of Quebec for power suitable for small workshops such as electricity can supply.

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