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An elevator company in Minneapolis, Minn., in which Mr. A. McMichael is interested will erect fourteen elevators in the North-West Territories, and have them completed in time for this year's crop.

The Canadian Otis Elevator Co., are erecting an additional passenger elevator in the large departmental store of the Robert Simpson Co., Toronto. It is intended to be in operation by October, 1.

The American-Abell Engine Co., Toronto, will establish a branch foundry, machineshop and warehouse in Winnipeg, Man.

What is said to be the largest contract for leather belting ever given in Canada has been awarded by the American Cereal Co., Peterborough, Ont., to Sadler & Haworth, leather belting manufacturers, Montreal and Toronto.

The factory of the Toronto Biscuit & Confectionery Co., Toronto, was destroyed by fire August 12. Loss about \$60,000.

The ratepayers of Hawkesbury, Ont., have voted favorably on three by-laws by which \$100,000 will be raised for the installation of a system of waterworks, \$73,000 will be expended on sewers and \$20,000 on good roads.

James Wilders, Montreal, T. S. Aspinwall, Toronto, and Charles Ed-

wards, Gananoque, Ont., have been granted a bonus of \$15,000 and a free site by the council of Cornwall, Ont., to erect a furniture factory there.

It is stated that a British syndicate has been formed for the purchase of all the coal properties in Cape Breton not under the control of the Dominion Coal Co. The shipping terminus will probably be at Sydney, N.S.

The Raven Lake Cement Co., Lindsay, Ont., who are erecting a factory at Raven Lake, have the hoisting apparatus specially constructed for lifting the marl from the lake and depositing it automatically in the building.

COLLINGWOOD, ONT.

While during the last few years there have been many references to the prosperity of the country, the fact may be better realized by a concrete illustration. Take, for instance, the town of Collingwood. A little more than two years ago the Collingwood Shipbuilding Co. commenced installing a most complete plant for the construction of steel ships. Since that time the company has built two magnificent ships, viz., the steamer Huronic, which is a passenger and freight ship, having accommodation for 300 first-class passengers and freight capacity of over 3,000 tons. The guarantees given

by the shipbuilders, both as to speed, economy, fuel and freight-carrying capacity, have in every respect been exceeded.

Last fall, when the steamer Huronic was launched, the first plate of the keel of the ship Agawa was laid by the Hon. Mr. Tarte, Minister of Public Works, and this ship has since been built and thoroughly equipped. By a fortunate coincidence the Hon. Mr. Tarte visited Collingwood recently on his tour of inspection of the chief harbors of the great lakes, and was astonished to find that the single keel plate which he had laid last fall had grown into a great ship, with a carrying capacity of 7,000 tons.

The company has at present contracts for the building of two large steamships, which are to be completed by May and June, 1903. The building of these ships and the other works on hand will for the coming year afford constant employment to from 800 to 900 men. The value of such an industry as this cannot be over-estimated, and its effects upon Collingwood have already been felt. There is an air of prosperity and confidence in the town. New buildings are being erected. There is not an empty house to be had, and the population within eight months, it is estimated, has increased about 1,500. The Shipbuilding Co. is now building a new dry dock, and purposes erecting a

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