

G A S .

A requisition, numerously signed by the inhabitants, appeared in the *Ottawa Citizen* on the 4th March, 1854, requesting the Mayor to call a public meeting, to consider the propriety of getting up a gas company, the result of which meeting was that an Act of Incorporation for the Bytown Consumers' Gas Company was obtained from the Provincial Parliament, and operations for carrying out the objects of the company were commenced in the following October. A casualty attended the progress of the work the summer succeeding :—On the 11th September, whilst in progress of erection, a great part of the front of the building fell, carrying with it several workmen engaged thereon, three of whom were very seriously injured, but fortunately none of the cases ended fatally. The city was first lighted with gas on the night of the 31st December, 1855. This building was the first on which slate was used for roofing ; and the entire cost of the undertaking amounted to about £12,000. It is likely to prove a remunerating speculation.

WOOD AND COPPER ENGRAVING.

It is about two years since Mr. Cox opened an office for engraving, on wood and copper. At first, the project was thought a bad one, but the superior workmanship and energetic character of this young gentleman has secured him both work and friends, and there is every appearance of his enterprise proving successful.

