

McCOSH & REIDER have begun building operations for an electro-plating works at Paris, Ont.

THREE drop-water tube Kingsley boilers have been placed in the new C. P. R. Hotel at Quebec.

THE Cherry Hill cheese factory, near London, Ont., has been burned. Loss, \$25,000; fully insured.

G. W. AYER & Co.'s shingle mill at Magog, Que., has been burned. Loss about \$4,000; insurance \$1,000.

MANSON & BRIGHT'S grist mill at Magog, Que., has been destroyed by fire. Loss \$4,000; insured for \$2,000.

PURDY & WILLIAMS, Westminster, B.C., have been awarded the contract for building the reservoir at Vancouver.

HORACE BURNETTE, of the Chicago Canning Co., is considering the establishment of a milk-condensing factory at Montreal.

THE Victoria Wheel Works, Galt, Ont., have been so busy of late that part of their staff have been working overtime.—*Reporter*.

GILMOUR'S chair factory at Coaticook is closed, and the employees have removed to Waterloo, Que., where the industry will be continued.

CHATEAU FRONTENAC, the magnificent new C.P.R. hotel at Quebec, was opened on Dec. 18th. It is declared to be the most artistically furnished hotel on the continent.

THE Watrous Engine Co., of Brantford, Ont., have made arrangements whereby their steam mill specialties will be manufactured by the W. E. Hill Co., of Kalamazoo.

A COMPANY is applying for incorporation as the Drummondville Hydraulic Manufacturing Co. for the purpose of building dams and factories on the St. Francis River at Drummondville.

A CORRESPONDENT to the *Montreal Witness* says that it is proposed at Quebec to erect powerful elevators for the purpose of obviating the difficulties of ascending to the upper levels of that city.

A BOILER room, engine room, and coal shed are being built at the asylum at Lancaster, N.B.—"not before they are needed," says the *Argus*. A larger chimney also will probably be found necessary.

THE W. C. Edwards Co., Ottawa, has purchased McClymont's saw mill and McKay's grist mill, in New Edinburgh, Ont. The price for this property, including the "French" Woolen Mill, was nearly \$100,000.

CHOWN & CUNNINGHAM'S stove factory at Kingston, which has lately been operated by the J. Smart Manufacturing Company, Brockville, will shortly be sold by auction, owing to the foreclosure of a mortgage.

THE Board of Road Directors of Strathroy, Ont., recommend the calling of tenders for new bridges, one between Caradoc and Metcalfe and one over Dignan's Creek, between Delaware and Westminster.—*Age*.

PETER BERTRAM'S hardware store, at Hamilton, has been gutted by fire, which started near one of the registers connected with the furnace. Loss on building, \$8,000; loss on stock, \$20,000, insured for \$14,000.

J. C. WILSON & Co., paper makers, Montreal, have purchased the entire plant of the late Star Collar and Box Co., of the same city, and will change their premises, which are too small for their requirements, to those occupied by the latter firm.

THE Underwriters' Association are holding a correspondence with Perth, Ont., town council regarding an increase of the safeguards against fire in that town, the former threatening to raise the rate of insurance unless something be done at once.

AMONG the new building enterprises proposed for Quebec is a large opera house in conjunction with a grand hotel, to be erected by B. Trudel, on the site of the present Royal Albion. The C.P.R. will, perhaps, build another large elevator on the Louise docks.

THE Record Foundry and Machine Co., Moncton, N.B., are extending their works, with the object of making iron bridge building a department of their business. They are putting in some new machinery for the same purpose and have already taken some orders.

AN American company suggests that the Montreal city council should pass a by-law compelling citizens to separate garbage from ashes. The company proposes then to convert the garbage into merchantable articles by use of superheated steam, the process being said to be entirely inoffensive and inodorous. One of the products of the process is grease, which is of value in soap-making, and the other contains a large amount of ammonia and might be used as a fertilizer.

J. T. HUBER, whose glue factory at Berlin was recently burned, has secured J. Cluthe's mills at Doon, Ont., and will in future manufacture at the latter place.

THE Aetna Cooperage Co.'s cooper shop at Bridgen, Ont., was burned on the 29th ult., the outfit of the workmen and a good deal of stock also being destroyed.

FAWCETT'S foundry, Sackville, N.B., together with the nickel rooms, moulding shops, furnace and engines, was burned to the ground last month. Loss, \$75,000; insurance small. The fire originated from a watchman's stove. Forty men are thrown out of employment.

ST. JOHN, N.B., though not pre eminently a manufacturing city, now has 601 separate industries, employing 3,672 persons, and paying out \$1,200,000 annually in wages. The capital invested is about \$3,700,000, the working capital being \$1,000,000, and the finished product is worth \$4,400,000.

THE Canada Paper Co.'s pulp factory at River du Loup is now doing grand work; the mill has not stopped since last March, and is bringing large profits to its owners. It is one of the best located mills in Canada. The water-power is just grand, 48 in. turbine under a 90 ft. fall developing nearly 2,500 horse-power. It is said to be the strongest water-wheel in the world.

IN our October number we had an item to the effect that Ald Bell had proposed that the Toronto authorities should deposit ashes and such material under bridges so as to fill up the hollows to the street level, thus saving a considerable amount of money. The *Renfrew Mercury* now draws our attention to the fact that A. A. Wright some time ago made a similar proposition for that town.

HEDLEY J. DONAHUE, of Chicago, representing the McCallum Steel Wagon Co., of that city, has been visiting Hamilton with a view to starting a Canadian branch there. The company started by making steel wagon wheels, but now make wagons almost entirely of steel, and claim that the result is a lighter and stronger wagon. About 100 or 150 men will be employed in the Canadian branch, which number will be increased, as they propose to do an export trade from this branch. The *Times* says Mr. Donahue is an old Hamiltonian.

WHIPPLE & COOPER, who recently started business on Mary st., Hamilton, as brass founders and manfrs. of aluminum anti-friction metal, have already made more than a local name for themselves. Mr. Cooper, who has charge of the foundry, is a young man who has just entered his twenty-first year, yet he has turned out work which has been a surprise to his friends in the trade, and he bids fair to become a genius in this line. He recently turned out three castings in Foster bronze, weighing 1,800 pounds each, and the work was perfect.

THE *Eastern Chronicle*, New Glasgow, N.S., says: John Stewart, of this town, has the contract for the construction of four bridges in this Province; one at Lockeport, Shelburne Co., which is two spans, 85 feet 9 inches each, and a pivot span of 116 feet. This bridge is to be made strong enough to carry engine and cars over the proposed narrow gauge line; another bridge is Phinney's Bridge in Digby Co., 81 feet, one span, 16 feet roadway; another, Meisner's Bridge, in Lunenburg Co., 80 feet, one span, 15 feet roadway; another, Ball's Bridge, near Sydney, C.B., 80 feet, one span, and 15 feet roadway.

Mining Matters.

GOLD mining at Point de Bute, N.B., is reported to be progressing favorably.

ARCHIBALD BLUE, of the Ontario Mining Bureau, is making an official examination of Eastern Ontario mines.

A CORRESPONDENT writes us that there is a prominent outlook for nickel in one of the townships near Kingston.

FRED WELLS has discovered near Fort Steele, B.C., some gold-bearing quartz, sampling from \$400 to \$1,000 per ton.

THE St. George, N.B., granite works have shut down for the season, after the most successful season so far experienced.

ORE is being shipped regularly from the "Skylark," Boundary Creek district. Its leaseholders have now also leased the Dickman claim.

THE Halifax *Herald* says there is considerable excitement in Moncton, N.B., over the discovery of gold-bearing quartz about five miles from the city. Analysis shows \$3.80 of gold and 20 cents of silver to the ton. Millions of tons of quartz are in sight.