

reading. He objects to the transaction on the grounds that the agreement does not accord with the proposition voted on by the people, and that the price per horse-power to be charged is only an estimate. A writ of mandamus will be issued against the three aldermen.

MERRITTON.—The council is still wrestling with the electric light question. A special meeting was held recently, when the electrical expert, Mr. K. L. Aitkin, was present, and went over a number of important points with the reeve and councillors. As yet the council has received no quotation for power from the Hydro-Electric Commission.

TORONTO.—The Hydro-Electric Power Commission will call for tenders for transforming stations shortly. The specifications are nearly ready. The F. H. McGuigan Construction Co. will not tender for this work, as it is largely a matter of electrical equipment. The stations will be twelve in number, and will be built at the following points: Niagara Falls, Dundas (combined transformer and inter-switching), Toronto, Brantford, Woodstock, London, Guelph, Preston (supplying Galt and Hespeler), Berlin (supplying Waterloo and New Hamburg), Stratford, St. Mary's, and St. Thomas. Stratford and St. Mary's will, of course, be cut out if the Stratford by-law fails to carry.

TORONTO.—The Interurban Electric Co., Limited, with a capital of \$400,000, has been incorporated. The incorporators are: E. S. Edminson, gentleman, Oshawa; Fred Grundy, broker; A. N. Morine and C. H. Porter, barristers; M. McDonald, student-at-law; G. D. Lewis, gentleman; Margaret D. Gray and Ethel Greenway, all of Toronto; and G. T. Turnbull, trader, of Seaforth. The objects of the company are set forth in part in the "Ontario Gazette" as follows: To carry on in the municipalities of the city of West Toronto, Township of York, city of Toronto, Township of Etobicoke, and the Township of Toronto, the following operations: To acquire, construct, maintain, complete, and operate works for the production of steam and water power, and for the production, sale, and distribution of electricity. To acquire the plant, works, property, rights and powers, undertaking, franchises, and all other assets of the Stark T., L. and P. System, Limited, at such price, consideration, terms, and conditions as may be agreed upon. To acquire and hold the stock of any company having objects similar to those of the company for which incorporation is hereby sought, and to again sell and dispose of same. The head office is to be at Toronto.

WHITBY.—As a result of the unanimous action by the town council, Mayor Jackson is corresponding with towns east from Whitby, proposing a conference at once in regard to their inclusion in the Hydro-Electric Commission's Niagara power service.

Alberta.

CALGARY.—A new schedule of rates for electric lighting has been adopted: House Lighting—K.W., 12; discount, 20 per cent., nett, \$9.40. Electric Signs and Hotels—K.W., 11; discount, 20 per cent., nett, \$8.80, up to 500 K.W.; K.W., 11; discount, 25 per cent.; \$8.25, or over 500 K.W. Churches, Public Hospitals and Charitable Institutions—K.W., 10; discount, 25 per cent.; nett, \$7.50. Commercial Rating—New rating: 13 cents per K.W. hour. Up to 150 K.W., 15 per cent.; nett rate, \$11.25; 150 to 300 K.W., 20 per cent.; nett rate, \$10.40; 300 to 600 K.W., 30 per cent.; nett rate, \$9.10; 600 or over, 40 per cent.; nett rate, \$7.80. Power Rating—Up to 250 K.W., 7 cents per K.W. hour; discount, 15 per cent.; nett, \$5.95; 250 to 500, 7 cents per K.W. hour; discount, 20 per cent.; nett, \$5.60; 500 to 1,000, 7 cents per K.W. hour; discount, 25 per cent.; nett, \$5.25; 1,000 to 2,000, 7 cents per K.W. hour; discount, 30 per cent.; nett, \$4.90. Flat Rates—Flat rates for one light, \$1; flat rates for two to four, 75 cents, payable in advance; hall lighting in blocks, apartment houses, etc., first ten lights, \$1 per light; each additional light, 75 cents; 25 per cent. discount for prompt payment. Minimum Rates—Minimum rate for lighting shall be \$1 per month, whether current is used or not. Minimum for power will be \$1 per horse-power per month.

SEWERAGE AND WATERWORKS.

Ontario.

HAMILTON.—The Smart-Turner Machine Company, Limited, Hamilton, are supplying the Corporation of Hamilton, with a duplex pump for the sewage disposal works.

TORONTO.—The Board of Control instructed the Assessment Commissioner to purchase the Leslie nursery property, in Riverdale, for the purposes of the sewage disposal plant. The property is about 42 acres, and the city will pay \$135,000 for it.

TELEPHONY.

Ontario.

NORTH AUGUSTA.—Of the one hundred and sixty shareholders of the Leeds and Grenville Independent Telephone Co. only three or four were absent from the organization meeting held here August 14th. The following were elected directors: President, Reeve, J. H. Dawson; vice-president, A. P. Bissell; managing director, Chas. J. Johns; treasurer, Geo. W. Chapman. The remaining directors are Messrs. Simpson, Connell, Arthur Bissell Landon and R. E. Griggs, manager of the Metropolitan Bank at North Augusta, was employed as permanent secretary. The provisional directors, Messrs. T. W. Ralph, R. E. Griggs and George A. Love, reported that the line was nearly completed throughout the Township of Augusta, and there was a large demand that it be extended into the Township of Edwardsburg. The rate fixed for all users was \$10 per year. When the work is completed in Augusta the application of residents from Edwardsburg to have the line installed in that township will be considered. In two weeks it is expected that connections will be made with the Bell Company here.

Manitoba.

SELKIRK.—Telephone communication between this town and Gimli was established on August 8th.

Alberta.

EDMONTON.—S. Edwards, who for the past two years has been superintending the Government telephone lines in Alberta, is in Calgary, having just returned from the coast, where he has been for his health, which is much improved. Mr. Edwards has resigned his position with the Government and will return to Winnipeg and assume the managing directorship of a company there, in which he is a large shareholder.

RECENT FIRES.

Quebec.

MONTREAL.—Damage estimated at \$40,000 was done to Stanley Hall and the garage of the Automobile Import Co., Limited, 90 to 96 Stanley Street, Montreal, Que.

Ontario.

BRANTFORD.—Lightning struck the chimney of the city waterworks plant, cracking the outer shell from top to bottom.

ST. CATHARINES.—Lightning struck the transformer house of the Fall Power Co. and did damage to the extent of about two thousand dollars.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Ontario.

BRANTFORD.—This city will undertake the construction of \$150,000 worth of street pavements in addition to the work already in progress.

GUELPH.—Two surveyors are at present working in this district in the interest of the Militia Department. They are Messrs. E. H. MacColl and W. L. Cassels, of Ottawa, both students at McGill. For the past three months they have been engaged in Western Ontario, taking land elevations. The object of the survey is to give a complete map