

The M. Langmuir Mfg., Toronto, manufacturers of trunks, travelling bags, etc., a large portion of whose factory was recently destroyed by fire, are pushing the reconstruction of their works with great vigor. In addition to rebuilding the portion de-

stroyed by fire, a brick extension will be made along King street to the corner of Niagara street, covering an area of 160x50 feet, three storeys high. In this building, at the corner of King and Niagara streets, will be the offices of the company, which,

we are informed, will be of large and comfortable proportions and furnished in elegant style. The show rooms will be in this building.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Hamilton Blast Furnace Co. and Ontario Rolling Mills Co. was held at Hamilton May 1 for the purpose of ratifying the agreement of amalgamation between the two companies. The amalgamated company will apply for a charter at once under the name of The Hamilton Steel & Iron Co. Its capital will be \$2,000,000, and it will erect a steel plant by October in the vicinity of the smelting works. It will have several 100-ton furnaces, and the plant will be up-to-date. Representatives of the new company will visit Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Minneapolis in a few days to get ideas on the manufacturing of Bessemer steel, and the information gathered in the American cities will be put to good use in the Hamilton steel plant.

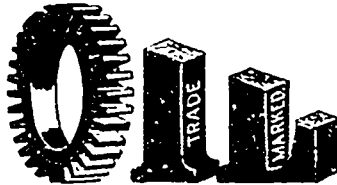
Application has been made to the Dominion Parliament for the incorporation of the Canadian Inland Transportation Company, among those interested being Messrs. Wm. Christie, J. K. Osborne, and Geo. H. Bertram, M. P., of Toronto, Alex. Lumsden, M. P. P., and John McRae, of Ottawa, and Hon. Senator Forget, of Montreal. The company propose to build a fleet of ten steel barges, 276 feet in length, by 43 feet beam, with a capacity of 78,000 bushels of wheat, on a fourteen-foot draft of water. The promoters think they can carry cargoes to Montreal from Lake Superior cheaper than the present rate to New York, and a profitable business in return cargoes. The carrying of ore from Lake Superior to the blast furnace at Hamilton, and to the proposed one at Toronto, is also contemplated. The capital stock of the company will be \$4,000,000.

The large vinegar factory being built in Toronto for the recently formed vinegar trust is about completed, it being expected that it would be put in operation about May 1. It is expected that the output will be about 500,000 gallons of vinegar the first year, after which it will be increased, the capacity of the works being largely in excess of that quantity. Mr. W. D. Wilson is general manager.

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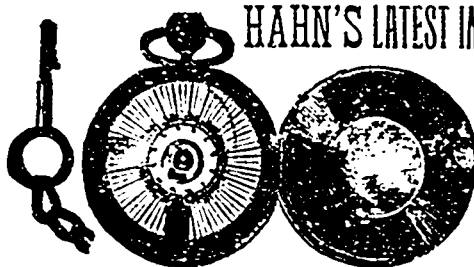
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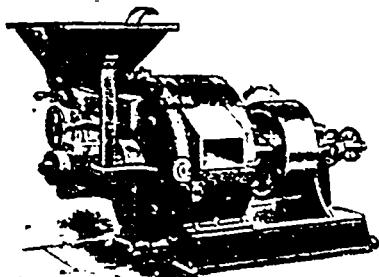
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