

THE Renfrew, Ont., Creamery Co are now building the largest creamery in Canada, perhaps the largest in the world. It is 44 ft wide, 160 ft. long and three storeys high. The contract for apparatus has been awarded to D. Derbyshire & Co., Brockville. The boilers are to be 35 horse-power and the engine 12 horse-power.

E. J. RAINBOTH, of Ottawa, who was recently granted by the town of Aylmer a franchise for building and operating a system of water works there, has transferred all his rights and privileges to W. Poupore, of Morrisburg. The latter is reckoning on commencing operations at once and pushing the work forward with all speed.

AFTER a good deal of legal fighting, injunctions and counter-injunctions, the Montreal Gas Company has at length handed over to the Consumers' Gas Co the purchase price of the latter's works and franchises, viz., \$387,500, payable in stock of the old company at par, which at the present market price represents about \$700,000.

AMONG the amendments which the city of Montreal is endeavoring to make in its charter, in addition to those mentioned in our "Electric Flashes," is one authorizing the council to grant \$1,000 to the heirs of firemen mortally wounded or killed in the discharge of their duties, and to authorize the council to pass a by-law compelling firemen to insure themselves.

THE claim of P. Boileau & Freres, Montreal vs the Syndics of the Roman Catholic Church of Hochelaga, for extra work done in the completion and interior decorations of the building, has been dismissed on the ground that a special clause in the contract stipulated that no extra claims should be allowed except on a written order. There was no written order for any of the extra work performed.

THE St Lawrence Lumber Co., which had extensive properties in Bersimis, Que., and in Gloucester county, N.B., is being put into liquidation, owing to the failure of the Novelli Bank, London, Eng., their financial agents. The total liabilities amount to between \$350,000 and \$400,000, of which amount about \$60,000 is due in Canada for supplies. Senator Burns has been appointed liquidator.

A MEETING of the creditors of Wm. Brown, insolvent carriage hardware merchant, Toronto, was held recently, and a statement was submitted, which showed that the liabilities are as follows: Direct, \$20,841.50; indirect, \$800; secured, \$4,500; preferred, \$1,085; total, \$27,226. The assets amount to \$33,332, showing a nominal surplus of \$6,105. It is likely that the estate will be wound up.

THE Niagara River Tramway Co., Ltd., with a total capital stock of \$40,000, are applying for incorporation, headquarters at Niagara Falls Town, Ont. Their purpose is to operate a cable tramway across Niagara River by means of cables stretched between towers erected on each side of the river. The applicants are J. Flett and J. Tait, Toronto; G. W. Pound, Lockport, N.Y., and others.

THE Minister of Militia has awarded the contract for historical monuments, which were agitated for by the Canadian Institute and the Lundy's Lane Historical Society, to D. McIntosh & Sons, Toronto. They have been commissioned to erect granite obelisks 30 or 40 feet high, at Lundy's Lane, Chrysler's Farm and Chateauguay, each to be provided with a plate inscribed with a record of the action fought in its locality.

THE Montreal Gas Company are preparing a tender whereby they will be allowed to charge prices which will yield the shareholders a maximum dividend of ten per cent. on their capital stock. When the earnings of the company yield a revenue exceeding the amount necessary to pay a ten per cent. dividend, after paying expenses, the prices of gas are to be reduced sufficiently to reduce the earnings of the company to the maximum dividend of ten per cent. fixed by the agreement.

MONTREAL'S city surveyor, sanitary engineer and boiler inspector have finished their test of the Thackeray incinerator, and report that it gives absolute satisfaction, is in accordance with the specifications, and accomplishes the work required. They recommend that the incinerator be accepted, and placed under the supervision of the sanitary engineer, and that the sum of \$32,000, at 4 per cent. interest, be given to the contractors, according to contract. During the test the amount of refuse consumed per week was 81½ tons, this being more than 100 tons over what was called for in the contract. The cost of burning material was \$19.18 for 150 tons per day, while the contract called for \$21.60 for the same amount.

THE Dominion Government last month came to an important decision affecting the manufacturing interests of this country. Henceforward 99 per cent. of the duty paid on imported goods will be refunded, provided they enter into the manufacture of articles which are subsequently exported, whether materials of a similar nature to the former are manufactured in Canada or not. The minimum amount of any claim for "drawback" has been reduced also from \$50 to \$25.

A RECENT estimate of the number of feet of lumber sawed in the various mills in the Ottawa Valley this season reads as follows: J. R. Booth, Ottawa, 90,000,000; Bronson & Weston, Ottawa, 73,000,000; Buell, Orr & Hurdman, Hull, 70,000,000; W. C. Edwards & Co., Rockland, 65,000,000; Hawkesbury Lumber Company, 55,000,000; McLachlan Bros., Arnprior, 50,000,000; Gilmore & Hugheson, Hull, 40,000,000; MacLaren estate, Buckingham, 35,000,000; W. C. Edwards, New Edinburgh, 25,000,000; Gillies Bros., Braeside, 25,000,000; Ross Bros., Buckingham, 10,000,000, the total being 538,000,000 feet.

THE *Monetary Times*, Toronto, has the following reference to the affairs of Stevens & Burns, iron and brass foundries, London, Ont., whose insolvency was noted in these columns recently: "The preferred claims amount to \$9,545, viz., bank liens, \$6,100; wages, \$1,434; taxes, \$948; insurance, \$130; mortgagees' distress, \$850; advertising auction sale, \$83. To these must be added the costs of assignment. At the auction sale held on September 18th, no offer was made that would realize even one half of the preferred claims, and the stock had to be withdrawn from sale. Subsequently an offer was obtained from the mortgagees of \$10,000 for all the assets, and this was accepted by the inspectors as the very best that could be done under the circumstances. We now learn that the estate does not pay the unsecured creditors one cent in the dollar, and that these unsecured liabilities reach \$40,000. Yet the concern is running again under the style of the Stevens Manufacturing Company, and is asking credit. They make the statement to one house whose goods they want that their position now is better than ever, as they have no liabilities and have all the assets of the old company, when as a matter of fact the buildings, machinery and stock are owned by Fallows, Fitzgerald & Labatt, the mortgagees, who will not be liable for any new debts as they were in the Stevens & Burns Co."

Electric Flashes.

FRITZ LOVELL has just finished putting in a system of electric lights at Stanstead, Que.

AN English syndicate has purchased the electric street railway and electric lighting system of Vancouver, B.C.

TRURO, N.S., Electric Light Co. are about to instal a 600-light dynamo, similar to the one put in only a short time ago.

ROBERT WEDDELL has been awarded a contract for the erection of a new power-house at Trenton, Ont., at a cost of \$5,400.

CHAS. BANCROFT, JR., is pushing work on installing the plant at Foster, which is to supply Waterloo, Que., with electric lighting.

SMITH'S FALLS, Ont., Electric Light Co. have put in a new water wheel at Old Glys, which considerably improves the light.

THE Regina, N.W.T., Electric Light and Power Co. advertise their plant and premises for sale under execution on 19th inst.

STETSON, JORDAN & Co.'s saw mill, at Pleasant Point, N.B., is now lighted by electricity, and has begun to work at night as well as in the day.

STANSTEAD, Que., Electric Light Co. will probably sell their plant and privileges to the same company who recently purchased the water works.

THE Amherst, N.S., Electric Light Co. have placed an order for two new dynamos. These will give the plant an additional capacity of about 600 lights.

A SCHEME is under contemplation to build an electric railway from Parry Sound to Ahmic Harbor, power to be obtained from a waterfall in the neighborhood of Parry Sound.

BROCKVILLE, Ont., town council have appointed a committee to confer with A. B. Wilgers, with reference to his proposition to construct an electric railway in that town.

TORONTO Street Railway Company have purchased the building at the corner of King and Church streets for \$55,000, and will, after enlarging and improving it, use the same for general offices, their present building being too small for their requirements.