

Captains of Industry.

This department of the "Canadian Manufacturer" is considered of special value to our readers because of the information contained therein. With a view to sustaining its interesting features, friends are invited to contribute any items of information coming to their knowledge regarding any Canadian manufacturing enterprises. Be concise and explicit. State facts clearly, giving correct name and address of person or firm alluded to, and nature of business.

McKay & Gress's floating mill, at Renfrew, Ont., was destroyed by fire, March 26th; loss about \$35,000.

McNichol's sash and door factory, at Renfrew, Ont., was destroyed by fire, March 26th; loss \$3,000.

The capital stock of the Canadian Colored Cotton Mills Company has been increased from \$100,000 to \$5,000,000.

The woolen mills of Messrs. Logan Brothers, at Renfrew, Ont., were destroyed by fire, March 26th; loss about \$25,000.

The Kootenay Powder Works Company has been incorporated at Nelson, B.C., with a capital stock of \$25,000, to manufacture explosives.

Messrs. Goddard & Scott, manufacturers of butter tubs, at Knowlton, Que., are putting in machinery for the manufacture of cheese boxes.

Messrs. Saddler, Henderson, Shields and others, of Gainsboro', Assn., N.W.T., are organizing a stock company to erect a flour mill at that place.

The Malto-Peptonized Porter Company, Truro, N.S., has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000, to manufacture peptonized porter.

The fruit canning and preserving business of O'Kell & Morriss, Victoria, will be transferred to a joint stock company and the works will be enlarged.

The Westminster, (B.C.) Slate Company employ carrier pigeons to perform an air line message service between their office and the quarry at Jarvis Inlet.

Fire in the organ and piano factory of Messrs. D. W. Karn & Co., Woodstock, Ont., on March 29th, damaged the concern to the extent of about \$30,000.

Messrs. Watts & Trott, boat builders, Vancouver, B.C., have recently been making some considerable shipments of boats' cars to Auckland, New Zealand.

The Calgary Brewing and Malting Company is being incorporated at Calgary, N.W.T., with a capital stock of \$100,000, to engage in the brewing and malting business.

The J. D. King Company of Toronto has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$250,000, to take over the boot and shoe manufacturing business of Messrs. J. D. King & Co.

The new factory buildings of the Brockville Carriage Company, Brockville, Ont., which are now being erected will cost \$32,000, and will be ready for occupation in September.

The Union Suspender Company is a new concern which has recently started business in Toronto. They manufacture suspenders, belts, sashes and similar articles for gentlemen's use.

The Lake Weedon Pulp-Wood and Lumber Company has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000, with headquarters at Lake Weedon, Que., for the purpose of manufacturing pulp-wood, etc.

The Westminster Woolen Mills, Westminster, B.C., will not be moved to Victoria, as proposed some months ago. The promoters of the scheme will build a new mill in Victoria, and continue to operate the mill in Westminster as usual.

A TELEGRAM from Regina, N.W.T., states that the Richelieu French Coffee Manufacturing Company are doing a big business at their works at Whitewood. The mill is running night and day and is turning out 2,000 pounds of prepared chiefly every twenty-four hours.

The Erie Glass Company of Canada are seeking incorporation with a capital stock of \$100,000, to erect glass furnaces and engage

in the manufacture of glassware at Humberstone, Ont., near the south end of the Welland Canal, where it is said bountiful supplies of natural gas fuel can be obtained.

The Halifax Shovel Company, Ltd., have issued an illustrated price list which contains much information useful to buyers of the articles mentioned therein. The shovels, spades, scoops, etc., manufactured by this company are all E. L. Fenerty's patents, over which the company has exclusive control for the Dominion.

The Lunenburg Iron Company, Lunenburg, N.S., appears to be getting on well. The foundry is well equipped and is in full running order. Its resources have been fully taxed by orders for special castings, and all the energy that can be spared from this work is devoted to the casting of special lines of stoves of the company's registered patterns.

The Dominion Suspender Company, Niagara Falls, Ont., are making a much-needed addition to their factory. The new building is 50x50 feet, two stories high. The capacity of this concern to manufacture their well known Hercules suspenders and braces was 36,000 pairs per week, but their sales have increased so rapidly that an addition to their factory was necessary to keep up with the demand.

The Taylor Decarbonized Iron and Manufacturing Company has been incorporated at Montreal, to manufacture decarbonized iron under a process invented by Mr. F. D. Taylor, one of the incorporators. The process consists in the use of a compound material which is placed in the molten metal after it is drawn from the cupola, the effect being to drive off the scoria and excess of carbon, thereby producing a purer and denser iron which partakes of the nature of mild steel.

The brewery now being erected in Victoria, B.C., by Messrs. Loewen & Erb, will be an exceedingly handsome and ornamental building, the cost of which will be \$60,000. Its size is 110x88 feet, and 90 feet high. The Albion Iron Works of that city are manufacturing a large portion of the apparatus and machinery, including mash tubs, brew kettles, ice tanks, water tanks, boilers, etc.; much of the technical machinery, including a ten-ton ice-marking machine, coming from Milwaukee, Wis.

The Rue Manufacturing Company, Philadelphia, Penna., have sent us their 1892 illustrated catalogue having reference to the Little Giant, Fixed Nozzle and Unique injectors, of which they are the sole owners; to Rue's patent boiler-washing and testing apparatus, and to other injectors, ejectors, jet apparatus, steam valves, boiler checks, etc., made by them. This concern have been in this business about twenty years, during which time they have acquired a deservedly high reputation; and those who may be in need of any apparatus in this line may feel assured of fair dealing from them.

The St. John, N.B., *Gazette*, replying to the statement that the St. John Cordage Works would be closed by the syndicate controlling the cordage factories of Canada, and that the machinery was being removed to Montreal, says: "This story is wholly without foundation. Instead of removing the machinery, the works are being made ready to start, and in a few weeks from date will be running at their full capacity. One machine for making small rope like lobster twine and the like has been transferred to Montreal, the reason being that there is a surplus of such machines here and a scarcity in Montreal. Regarding the monopolists of the West, it may be said that the price of lathe ties a few years ago was 10½ cents per pound, and to-day they can be bought at 4½ cents for a similar quantity."

The Stratford Flax Mill Company, Stratford, Ont., have made an offer to that city to start a binder twine factory, employing at first some twenty or thirty hands, and ask for exemption from taxation for ten years. The offer is likely to be favorably considered. In Perth county, it is claimed, better flax is grown than anywhere else upon the continent, both the soil and the climate being peculiarly adapted to the successful raising of flax. At present most of the flax grown about there is exported to the United States, where it is worked up into twine, towelling and thread, and then returned to Canada in its manufactured condition. The manager of the Flax Mill Company took some flax direct from there and had it manufactured into twine, when it turned out a very superior article, and one which gave more twine to the pound than the ordinary imported goods. An industry, such as it is proposed to establish, if properly protected, should grow to gigantic proportions, and completely oust the American article from our markets.

The gas well put down by the New Toronto Gas Company a short time ago was developed on Saturday in a way that has put the ideas