THE electric light is being put into the asbestos mines at Asbestos.

THE authorities of Lachute have resolved to light the streets of the town.

THE insolvent estate of the Canada Machinery Agency, Montreal, has been purchased by A. R. Williams & Co.

THE Owen Sound Sugar Manufacturing Co. has been incorporated; capital, $150,000. Also the Toronto Whip and Novelty Company; capital, $25,000.

As the result of the conference with the Ontario Premier, says the *Courier*, it is expected the West Brantford Cordage Works will be in full swing again in a couple of weeks, with the usual 70 hands employed.

IN the Hamilton House of Refuge matter, to which we have referred, Judge Snider finds, among other things, that $200 was paid to certain parties to enable Peacock Bros. to get the meat contract, and that $400 was paid so that T. Small & Son could get the grocery contract, also that the gross weight was charged the city, the contractors thus receiving hundreds of dollars for tea caddies, which were paid for as tea at 60c. per lb., and sugar barrels which were also weighed in as sugar. The same thing was done when supplying oatmeal and other goods in large quantities.

ON Tuesday afternoon last, at the office of E. L. Bond, president, the Marine Underwriters' Association of Montreal met, Mr. Bond occupying the chair. A matter discussed was the fact that the Government dock at Quebec cannot accommodate vessels the size of the new Dominion liner, the "Canada." And so the association will press upon the Department the advisability of having the dock extended during the coming winter. The president made a report to the effect that the representations made to the Ottawa Government regarding telegraph service at Belle Isle and new lights on the St. Lawrence were being favorably acted upon.

LUMBER CUT OF OTTAWA DISTRICT.

As to the lumber manufacture in the Ottawa district, says the *Citizen*, practically the season's cut in the district this year is about the same as last, although the quantity made in the city is somewhat larger in proportion to that of the mills in the district. The following estimate is obtained from several lumbermen well in touch with the extent of the season's manufacture :—

J. R. Booth, Ottawa, 115,000,000 feet.

Buell, Hurdman & Co., Hull, 55,000,000 feet.

McLauchlan Bros., Arnprior, 54,000,000 feet.

Bronson, Weston & Co., Ottawa, 52,000,000 feet.

Hawkesbury Lumber Company, 52,000,000 feet.

W. C. Edwards & Co, Rockland, 43,000,000 feet.

Gillies Bros., Braeside, 35,000,000 feet.

Gilmour & Hughson, 30,000,000 feet.

Shephard & Morse, New Edinburgh, 25,000,000 feet.

Canada Lumber Company, Carleton Place, 20,000,000 feet.

W. Mason & Sons, Ottawa, 15,000,000 feet.

Pembroke Lumber Company, 12,000,000 feet.

Ottawa Lumber Company, Calumet, 12,000,000 feet.

Ross Bros., Buckingham, 11,000,000 feet.

Maclaren Estate, Buckingham, 10,000,000 feet.

Klock Bros., Aylmer, 8,000,000 feet.

Gillies & Co. (west of Arnprior), 3,500,000 eet.

Total, 557,500,000 feet.

The market for lumber is reported by the manufacturers as very fair. Probably about 20 per cent. in value of this season's cut remains unsold. As to the prospects for 1897, they are reported as having greatly improved within the last month in view of the English and Quebec buyers having made heavy purchases. And stocks in the United States being low, and the Presidential election settled, a more lively trade with the Americans will naturally follow.

TORONTO STOCK TRANSACTIONS.

Most of the dealings for the past week were in Commercial Cable and Postal Telegraph. Cable was easier, with sales at 156½, 159 and 158. Postal selling at 89½. Western Assurance was weaker at 164 to 159. The Street Railways were neglected and easy in tone. Small lots of Commerce sold at 132, Imperial at 180. Canadian securities were not very active; they were weak at the beginning of the week, but firming up toward the close

We append our usual list of the week's transactions:—Bank of Commerce, 59 at 131-132; Imperial Bank, 78 at 180; Bank of Hamilton, 2 at 57; Brit. Amer. Ass Co., 20 at 119½; Western Ass. Co., 20 at 159-164; Consumers' Gas Co., 20 at 200; Dominion Telegraph, 20 at 163¾; Commercial Cable, 1,130 at 156½-159; Toronto Railway, 200 at 68½; Postal Telegraph, 1,000 at 86-89½; Can. Land and Nat., 25 at 1 5½; Huron and Erie, 9 at 160-162.