

Electric Flashes.

AN electric lighting plant will shortly be put in at Roberval, Que.

AN electric railroad between Owen Sound and Meaford is talked of.

RENFREW, Ont., council will shortly ask for tenders for lighting that town by electricity.

THE Bell Telephone Co. will probably extend their line from Avonmore, Ont., to Moose Creek.

HAMILTON city council have authorized an appropriation of \$38,000 for additional street lighting.

PERTH, Ont., town council is considering the expediency of purchasing a municipal electric plant.

It is proposed to establish systems of waterworks and electric power and lighting in Gravenhurst, Ont.

It is likely that Stellarton, N.S., will shortly put in an electric lighting plant for the lighting of the town.

THE *Petrolia Advertiser* is agitating for an electric railway between that town and Sarnia via Marthaville.

THE Montmorency Electric Power Company is very busy at present putting in lights in various large buildings in Quebec.

THE Kingston, Ont., Electric Street Railway Co. have decided to extend their lines in different townships neighboring the city.

THE Calais-St. Stephen Electric Railway Co. are at work clearing the road to the Shore Line, with which they will make connection.

FARNHAM, Que., electric lighting plant was last month destroyed by fire. Loss, including a saw-mill, which was also destroyed, \$6,000.

WORK will commence this month on the establishment of an electric light plant in St. Boniface, Man., the by-law authorizing the same having passed.

THE Muskoka Improvement Co., Huntsville, Ont., capital stock \$25,000, are applying for incorporation. They will build and operate electric railways, etc.

THE Welland Electric Light and Power Co. intend removing their plant across the river to the banks of the hydraulic canal, where cheaper power can be obtained.

THE Stormont Electric Light and Power Co. are applying to the Ontario Legislature for permission to increase their capital and consolidate with the Cornwall Gas Co.

THE Holmes Electric Protection Company, Montreal, have re-elected the following directors: A. Desjardins, Robt. Bickerdike, T. J. Drummond, G. R. Lighthall, and J. B. Wood.

MEREDITH, CAMERON & JUDD are petitioning the council of East Williams, Ont., for the right of way for an electric railway from London, Ont., to Lucan, Ailsa Craig and Parkhill.

GALT and Preston Electric Street Railway Co. have re-elected the following board of directors: Thos. Todd, H. McCulloch, D. Spiers, W. H. Lutz, R. G. Cox, J. D. Moore and F. Clare.

THE Westport, N.S., and Digby Telephone Co. have re-elected R. W. Ford manager, and A. Staling, of Digby, and L. C. Bowers, J. A. Peters and J. A. Collins, of Westport, have been elected directors.

THE Galt and Preston Street Railway Co. have received letters patent for the extension of the present line from Preston to Hespeler, and for the increase of the capital stock from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

THE Peterborough and Chemong Park Railway Co. are applying for incorporation for the purpose of constructing an electric railway from Peterborough to Chemong Park. Capital stock, \$50,000.

WINNIPEG fire, water and light committee have recommended the council to call for tenders for the electric lighting of the streets for a term of three years from next month. From 150 to 200 arc lights will be called for.

THE London, Ont., Street Railway Company held their annual meeting recently. The annual report showed that the gross receipts for the past year were \$57,010, and the operating expenses \$45,529. The profits were thus \$11,481. The following officers were elected: President, H. A. Everett; vice-president, E. W. Moore; manager and treasurer, Chas. E. A. Carr; secretary, S. R. Break; assistant secretary, Chas. Curry; superintendent, L. H. Deharte.

O. HIGMAN, electrical expert for the Government, is instructing the gas inspectors in their new duties as inspectors of electric light meters. The Act is to come into force on April 1st.

THE Hamilton Storage Battery Co. (Ltd.) is applying for incorporation with a capital of \$10,000. The applicants are Dr. Stark, Dr. Oberson, W. D. Long, G. H. Bisby, Geo. Lowe, Joseph Farrell and H. E. Copp.

THE St. Catharines & Niagara Central Railway Company will ask power from the Dominion Parliament to extend its line from Hamilton to Brantford, and thence to Woodstock, with a branch to Port Dover or to Port Burwell.

OTTAWA Electric Street Railway Company are preparing plans for the extension of their system called for by their contract with the city. Additions to their lines must be completed in both the east and west ends of the city before June 1st.

THE Canadian works of the Whitney Electrical Instrument Co., at Sherbrooke, Que., which were burnt out on the 29th Dec., are now running and in complete working order. A lot of special machinery has been added since the fire.

THE Montreal Street Railway Co. recently unearthed a conspiracy for defrauding it. It was found that some of the conductors were provided with a small metal trough which fitted into the slot at the top of the fare-box and caused five-cent pieces to slide out into the holder's hand.

THE annual meeting of the Hamilton Electric Light & Power Co. was held last month. The reports presented were very satisfactory. The directors elected were as follows: R. Thomson, president; John Knox, vice-president; J. T. Teetzel, secretary-treasurer, and Alex. Turner, of Hamilton, and S. F. McKinnon and H. M. Pellatt, of Toronto.

THE Sarnia Gas and Electric Light Co. held their annual meeting a few days ago, and re-appointed the old board of directors, viz., Thos. Kenny, Chas. Mackenzie, Geo. Leys, W. B. Collins and Wm. Storey. Thomas Kenny was elected president, and William Williams manager and secretary.

THE Hubbell Primary Battery Company of Ottawa has been incorporated, with a capital stock of \$45,000. The provisional directors are Alex. A. Henderson, N. C. Sparks, J. W. McRae, Archd. Stewart, J. A. G. Trudeau, H. B. Spencer, S. M. Rogers, and E. Fitzroy Hubbell, Ottawa.

CRERAR, CRERAR & BANKIER, of Hamilton, are applying to the Ontario Legislature for power to build an electric railway through the townships of Barton, Ancaster, West Flamboro', and Beverley, through Wentworth county to Waterloo, with a branch from West Flamboro' or Beverley to Guelph. The line will be known as the Hamilton, Valley City and Waterloo Railway.

J. J. MACFARLANE, manager of the British Columbia Iron Works, Vancouver, B.C., was arrested last month on a charge of bribing Ald. McCraney, in connection with the city's contract for the construction of an electric plant. Both MacFarlane and McCraney deny the charge. The court decided that there was not evidence to warrant prosecution, and ordered defendant's release.

MAITLAND YOUNG is promoting a scheme to build a trolley line from Hamilton to Burlington, and has given notice of his intention to apply to Legislature for a charter for a company, to be known as the Hamilton, Burlington and Lake Shore Electric Railway Co. They will ask for power to build a line either *via* the south side of Burlington Bay and across the Beach, or *via* the north side of Burlington Bay, or both.

THE Toronto, Hamilton and Niagara Falls Electric Railway has now been surveyed from Toronto Junction, through Lambton Mills, Islington, Cooksville, Credit, Trafalgar, Palermo, St. Ann's, Nelson, Burlington, *via* the Beach, to Barton township and Bartonville, where it will connect with the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Road. The line will extend from Grimsby to St. Catharines, whence there will be a belt line to the Falls, *via* Merriton, Thorold, Stamford, Lundy's Lane and St. David's. The whole railroad is expected to cost \$10,000 per mile.

THE electrical power houses at the Chaudiere, Ottawa, had much difficulty for a few days last month in obtaining a full supply of current, owing to the sudden fall of the river to the extent of four feet. The fall was probably due to the formation of an extra amount of anchor ice in the vicinity of the falls, owing to the extremely cold weather. The trouble is causing the Electric Street Railway Co. to talk of establishing an auxiliary steam plant, and one is also proposed for the waterworks. Some prominent Ottawa citizens are agitating for the formation of a commission to investigate the water problem and suggest some means for preventing a repetition of the failure.