

The Government of the North-West Territories has granted a charter to the Calgary Building Society, Limited.

The Dominion Government has bought a corner property in Owen Sound on which to erect a building for inland revenue, post office, and customs office purposes.

The Canadian Pacific Railway freight sheds at Moose Jaw, Assa., were on the 25th inst. destroyed by fire, including a large quantity of freight and effects, at a loss of \$20,000.

The Federal Government has disallowed the recent legislation by the British Columbia Parliament restricting the immigration of Japanese and their employment on public works and in coal mines.

The Dominion Department of Marine will shortly call for tenders for facing 4,000 feet of the pier at Port Colborne, with cement. The estimated cost is \$20,000.

The village of St. André, in Kamouraska County, Quebec, was on Tuesday morning almost completely destroyed by fire, including the Desjardines Company's stove foundry and carriage factory. The loss is figured at nearly \$50,000, with only small insurance.

A new dam has just been built by the Dominion Department of Public Works at Poupore's Village, near Buckingham. The old dam, it will be remembered, was washed away when the landslide occurred a year or so ago.

Dr. R. L. Botsford, of Moncton, is about to establish a sanitarium for the treatment of tuberculosis. A suitable spot is being selected. The institution will be placed close to Moncton, on a plot of land containing over 200 acres, at an elevation of about 800 feet.

The Miracle Pressed Stone Company, which has numerous plants at various points in the United States for the manufacture of concrete blocks for building purposes, proposes to establish a factory in Canada. Mr. H. W. Hogue, of Toronto, is the company's representative in Canada.

The Canadian Pacific Railway announces further particulars of the two new steamers it intends putting on the Atlantic route next summer. They are expected to make their maiden voyages early in the summer next year. Montreal will be the summer port, and St. John the winter port. They will be 570 ft. long with beam 65 ft., and hold 40 ft. deep, and will be fitted with quadruple expansion engines of the reciprocating type.

On the 18th inst. a terrific explosion occurred on board the Government vessel "Scout," at Kingston, Ont. An acetylene gas generator in the stern of the boat had just filled two huge buoys on the dock, and was engaged on a third when, in some manner, the gas exploded. Two of the buoys were hurled into the air, and in an instant the boat was a mass of flames. Three of the crew were killed instantly and several injured. Thousands of windows were broken in the vicinity. The boat was practically destroyed at a loss of \$50,000.

Hamilton city council will ask the Legislature for power to issue debentures for \$100,000, of which \$20,000 will be used to extend water mains, etc., and \$80,000 to pay the city debt.

The Boundary district, B.C., mines have made a large increase in their shipments of ore so far this year, while the smelters have also largely increased their output. In January the ore shipments amounted to 68,074 tons; in February the total was more than 30 per cent. more, or over 72,000 tons; in March another decided advance was made in tonnage output, being 90,000 tons, or 25 per cent. more than for February. The rate for March, if kept up for twelve months, would give

a total output of over 1,000,000 tons for 1905. The total output for the district mines for the three months is in excess of 230,000 tons, or an estimated value of more than \$1,000,000, all of which with few exceptions, came from what are known as low grade mines.

It is stated that the Ontario-Niagara Power Company has sold to manufacturers, and others in New York State, 60,000 horse-power per year for a period extending into 1950 with renewal rights for sixty years more. The company is to develop 125,000 horse-power, and is with in its rights, according to the agreement with the Canadian Government, to export one-half of this.



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