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THE electric railroad between Woodstock and Ingersoll has been completed.

THE Imperial authorities have ordered 10,000 tons more of hay to be shipped from St. John to South Africa in August.

THE Dominion Iron & Steel Co. are about to install a new 5,000 horse-power boiler and equipment at their rolling mill in Sydney.

THE British Columbia Government is making preparations to build a new bridge over the Fraser river, at New Westminster.

PREPARATIONS are being made by the Dominion Government for the erection of a new geological museum, in Ottawa, and Mr. Ewart, chief architect of public works, is now on a trip through Europe, gaining pointers.

It is believed in Portage la Prairie, that the Canadian Pacific Railway will shortly reopen the old Manitoba and North-Western shops at that place.

PRESENT indications in Manitoba and the North-West Territories point to very heavy crops this year. Agents' reports to the Canadian Pacific all speak of highly favorable conditions, and it is expected that wheat will average at least 25 bushels per acre.

THE British Columbia Pharmaceutical Association held their annual meeting and banquet last week in Victoria, and elected officers as follows: President, R. G. Macpherson; vice-president, D. C. Curtis, New Westminster; council, Mr. Hiscock, Mr. Cockrane, George Seymour, and T. Atkins.

THE Canadian Electrical Association, at their convention in Ottawa last week, elected the following officers: P. G. Gossin, Montreal, president; B. F. Reeser, Lindsay, first vice-president; Ed. Slade, Quebec, second vice-president, and C. H. Mortimer Toronto, secretary-treasurer. It was decided to hold next year's convention in Quebec.

A CONTRACT was recently signed in New York for a complete outfit of rolling stock, for a new line to be constructed between the Republic mines, in Eastern Washington, and Grand Forks, B.C. There are said to be \$8,000,000 worth of gold and silver ore now waiting on the dumps for carriage to Canadian smelters. At Republic, there is an absence of suitable fluxing ore, which would render the erection of smelting works unprofitable.

THE Russian Consul-General at Halifax has been making a tour of inspection through Cape Breton, the prospects of which region, as also those of Sault Ste. Marie, he considers very promising. He says he will recommend his government to purchase a quantity of its coal for naval purposes in Canada. He was greatly interested in the increasing iron and steel industry in this country, and also thinks there will soon be a large market for Canadian machinery in Siberia.

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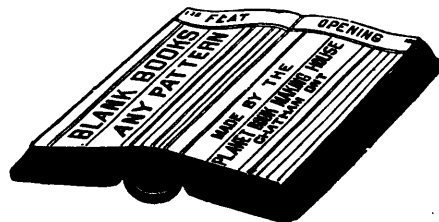
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