

**Mercantile Summary.**

The Canadian Electrical Association will hold their annual convention in Montreal on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd prox., when it is expected that some 200 delegates will be present.

The Fidelity Gas and Oil Company, Leamington, Ont., has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000. It will do a mining, milling and development business. A. S. Holmes, of Leamington, and J. W. Rosendale, of Buffalo, are members.

The Breitung Iron Company, a corporation incorporated under Michigan laws, has been granted power by the Ontario Government to carry on an iron and other mineral mining business in certain townships in Algoma, with a capital not exceeding \$1,000,000.

Incorporation has been granted J. Rattray & Co., Limited, Montreal, for the manufacture and dealing in cigars, cigarettes, and all kinds of tobacco. The capital stock is \$100,000. It carries on the long-established business of J. Rattray & Co.

The citizens, of Fort William, Ont., last week carried by an overwhelming majority the by-law to grant a bonus of \$300,000 to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway for the purchase of the mission property, on which the company is to locate its principal works, docks, elevators and offices in that town for the Superior division.

The Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Electric Railway Company have decided to abandon the Vineland extension, which was only completed a year or so ago, owing to the demand of the Lincoln county council that the track should be moved in certain places further back from the highroad. It is claimed the line does not pay.

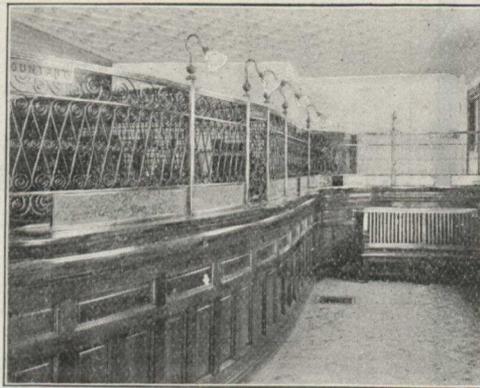
The Municipal Committee of Halifax, N.S., consisting of an equal number of members of the city council and Board of Trade in that city is asking that the Dominion Government take immediate steps to provide additional yard room at the Intercolonial terminals there, and a double track from Richmond to Deep Water, in accordance with the report of General Superintendent Price, of the Intercolonial Railway, requirements there. The committee also ask that a new flour pier and shed be provided this summer.



**WANTED TO GET EVEN.**

A correspondent sends us the following extract from the pious petition of a good old colored brother in a Georgia settlement:

"Lawd, we wants a blessin' for ever' one, 'cept one; en dat one is a yaller nigger, what boarded de railroad train, en runned off wid de whole collection what wuz took up ter pay my salary wid! Lawd, please make de train jump de track—don't hurt de yuther passengers, but take off one leg from dat nigger.—Atlanta Constitution.



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**RECORD FOR 1904.**

Policies Issued and Taken '04	\$5,103,413	Interest received, 1904.....	\$133,262
" " " '03..	4,278,850	" " 1903.....	93,035
<b>INCREASE 19%</b>	<b>\$824,563</b>	<b>INCREASE OVER 40%</b>	<b>\$40,227</b>
Business in Force Dec. 31, '04..	\$20,611,399	Total Assets, Dec. 31, 1904....	\$2,557,983
" " " " '03..	18,023,639	Liabilities, " " ....	2,017,291
<b>INCREASE 14%</b>	<b>\$2,587,760</b>	<b>SURPLUS TO POLICY-HOLDERS..</b>	<b>\$540,692</b>

**Average Interest Earned, SEVEN per Cent.**

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