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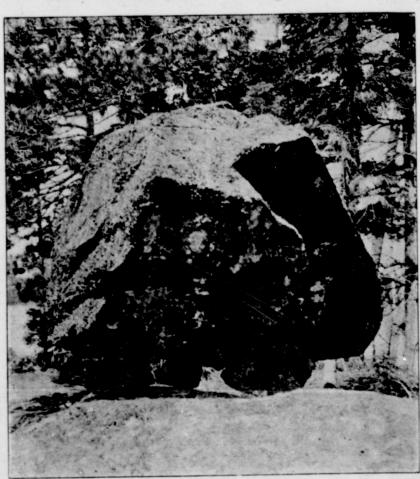
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AN INDUSTRY OF MAGNITUDE

How Ottawa Car Company's Operations Have Grown-Started in a Small Way, Twelve Years Ago, and now Employs 200 Men-What the Company Manufactures.

From small beginnings, one of the leading manufacturing establishments in Ottawa has grown in twelve years to a concern with 200 men on its pay roll and an annual output of over a quarter of a milion dollars. This is the Ottawa Car Company, Limited, the magnitude of which is known to but few people in Canada. The present directors are T. Ahearn, President; W. W. Wylie, Vice-President and Managing Director; W. Y.

tawa Car Company, formed in 1893. Cars manufactured in its shops are to be found from Sydney, C.B., to Vancouver, B.C.

EXTENT OF OPERATIONS. The new company was authorized to issue \$200,000 of stock. Half of this has been paid in. The wages paid by the company each year amount to \$75,000. The operations of the company extend to carriage building, the building of limbers

machine shop with a number two universal mill machine and shapers, tools and cutters, grinders without number in the departments for wood and iron working, and in the cabinet shop. In every department, especially in the painting and upholstering, skilled mechanics are required. and these all draw a high rate of wages.

HIGHLY PRAISED. The products of the company have been



Soper and J. D. Fraser, Secretary-Trea-

When the Ottawa Street Railway was first built in 1891, cars were made at St. Catharines. It was soon found that they could be made in Ottawa just as well, and just as profitably in the factory of Mr. Wylie. So Messrs. Ahearn and Soper, the promoters and builders of the Ottawa Electric Railway, proposed to form a joint stock company for the manufacture and building of cars, and the big works bounded by Albert, Kent and Slater streets, and having 50,000 square feet in floor space, have come into existence.

The company was organized in September, 1893.

Having found that better cars could be built in Ottawa than in any other place, the directors of the railway company, with characteristic energy, at once began to organize a new company for the construction of cars, and joined hands with Mr. Wylie. To-day the company is swamped with business, although it does no advertising, issues no catalogues, has no travellers on the road, and has no warerooms for the display of goods. Yet it does business all over Canada. Such is the success that has attended the Otand gun carriages for the militia department, and the building of cars. It turns out upwards of 1,000 vehicles a year. There are 120 men in the carriage department, and sixty-five in the car manufacturing branch. They are busy as the busy

The company has always been solicitous as to the health of its employees, and the premises are steam heated and well ventilated. Dust, smoke and fumes are removed by an exhaust process of fans, and the place is lighted by arc and incandescent lights. Electricity is developed on the premises by an engine of 125horse power.

In the blacksmithing department there is a series of vacuum and steam hammers that is a revelation to those not acquainted with the application of mechanical force. A steam hammer strikes a 1,000pound blow. An air vacuum hammer has 500 pounds back of it. A specially constructed machine for putting tires on wheels cold is eperated by a 10-ton hammer with eighteen hydraulic rams, the combined pressure being over 100 tons. This obviates the old-time heating and cutting of tires and the process is quick and sure. There are five lathes in the highly praised by the department of militia. It constructs everything on wheels wagons, tool carts, engineers' wagons, ambulance wagons and water carts are all made. The attention of the carriage department is directed more to the construction of heavy vehicles. Cabs, landaus, vis-a-vis, omnibus and hearses are among their products. The company also builds all the wagons for the Dominion and Canadian Express Companies, as well as the wagons used in Canada for the

The above cut represents a sample product of the works of the Ottawa Car Co. This beautiful 50-foot royal car was specially built for the Ottawa Electric Railway Company and was used upon the occasion of the recent visit of His Royal Highness the Prince and Princess of Wales, then the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, in a tour in and around the City of Ottawa.

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The record of the Cttawa Car Company is one of splendid achievement, and all who know and value the advantage to Canada of such an institution wish it