

The Allen Mfg. Co., Toronto, has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$500,000, to manufacture apparel, etc., and machinery necessary to such manufacture. The provisional directors include A. W. Allen, A. P. Allen and Frederick Woodland, all of Toronto.

The buildings for the manufacture of a new explosive, cerberite, at Sudbury, Ont., are now well under way, and the factory will be completed shortly. The plant when completed, will be a large industry in that particular line. Four of the seven buildings required have been completed, and the excavations for engine house and other general power, with concrete bottoms, have been made. Two thousand dollars' worth of machinery has arrived, but there are specially constructed parts yet to come. The capacity of the plant will be five tons per day, and it will require from seven to eight hundred dollars' worth of chemicals daily in the making of this quantity. About twenty hands will be employed. The company have had satisfactory re-

ports from another company in Duluth for the manufacture of cerberite, but they are not so far advanced, this being the first plant erected outside the original one at Washington, D.C. Enquiries for the explosive are coming from Rat Portage, Winnipeg, Kamloops, B.C., and many eastern points.

Negotiations are being conducted in England by Messrs. R. O. and A. B. McKay, of Hamilton, Ont., for the purchase of the fast turbine steamer King Edward, recently built on the Clyde. Their intention being to run her between Hamilton and Toronto. She is said to be a very fast vessel. Messrs. McKay and their associates have it is said, also practically completed arrangements with another English ship-building firm for four new steel steamers. Two of them will be of the package freight kind for service between Quebec and Toronto. The other two will be large freighters of about 5,000 tons capacity and will engage in the Michipicoten ore trade. The plan is to have the two large steamers

reduced in length when first put together, so that they may pass up the canals. They will carry as cargoes across the Atlantic their own middle sections. On their arrival on the upper lakes, they will be put on a graving dock, and their middle sections inserted.

The Copp Foundry Co., Fort William, Ont., will erect a stove and range foundry, the mounting and machine shop of which is to be 100x48 feet long and two stories high, also a moulding shop 125x70 one story high, with an addition of a cupola room, charging room and other buildings for offices and storage.

James Ross, president of the Dominion Steel & Coal Co., Sydney, N.S., announces that the net earnings for the first four months of their fiscal year, March, April, May and June, exceeded those of the same months last year by \$300,000. The steel company will manufacture this month 10,000 tons of steel, and Mr. Ross claims that the cost is from 35 to 40 per cent. less than when the concern began operations.

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