

MCMILLAN & HAYNES, saw manufacturers, St. Catharines, Ont., have leased the old battery factory adjoining their works, and will extend their own factory.

E. CARON has retired from the Sherbrooke, Que., Iron Works, and the business will in future be carried on by the remaining partners, A. G. Campbell and D. W. Hyndman.

THE saw mill belonging to the Norris estate, St. Catharines, Ont., was sold at auction a short time ago to John Sully, representing a Canadian syndicate, for \$34,000.

THE machinery and limits of Leamy & Kyle's saw-mills, Victoria, B.C., were put up for sale by auction last month, and the property was bid in by the mortgagees at \$55,000.

A FIRM of Chicago billiard board makers are establishing a branch factory in Windsor, Ont., and the machinery is about to be put in place. About 25 hands will be employed.

A PARTY of surveyors have been engaged in laying out a waterway from Chippewa Creek, near Gainsborough, Ont., to Ball's Falls, near Jordan. The chief idea is to benefit Welland.

S. S. COOPER, of Clinton, Ont., has the contract for building in that town a House of Refuge for the county of Huron. It will cost \$9,874, and is to be completed by Oct. 1st next.

THE Brantford, Ont., Starch Co. (Ltd.), capital stock \$100,000, has been incorporated. They will manufacture starch, glucose and syrup, taking over the works formerly owned by Geo. Foster & Co.

S. CHERRY has a gang of men at work pulling down the ruins of his saw mill, at Preston, which was burned down recently. If the weather will permit, a new five-storey building will be put up at once.

THE Hamilton Auer Light Co. are applying for incorporation, for the purpose of acquiring the right to manufacture, sell or lease the Auer gas burner. The capital stock is \$50,000. Among the applicants are Thos. E. Leather and Alfred Ward, of Hamilton, and A. O. Granger, of Montreal.

THE Facer Hammered Solid Steel Car and Locomotive Steel Co. (Ltd.), Perth, Ont., are applying for incorporation for the purpose of manufacturing wrought or forged steel wheels, including car and locomotive wheels, etc. Capital stock, \$150,000.

MONCTON, N.B., sugar refinery, which has been closed down a long time, during which extensive repairs have been made, is now in operation again. The hoop and barrel-making machinery in connection with the refinery will be worked in future.

JAMES C. ROBERTSON, James Mowatt, Charles A. Palmer and Thomas Miller, of St. John, and John D. Chipman, of St. Stephen, have applied under the Joint Stock Companies Act for the incorporation of the Portland Rolling Mills Co., Ltd., with a capital stock of \$200,000, with head offices in St. John.

WM. MILNER, late manager of the wagon department of the Chatham Manufacturing Co., is about to start a factory in Chatham, Ont., for the manufacture of wagons, carts and lorries. He is fitting up the works with the latest improved machinery, and will employ from 25 to 30 hands, with a capacity of three to five wagons per day.

THE employes of the Royal City Planing Mills, Vancouver, have struck work owing to a cut in wages ranging from 10 to 30 per cent. This and the Hastings mill, which belongs to the same company, are the only large mills in British Columbia, and the owners claim they cannot pay higher wages owing to the keen competition of the Puget Sound mills.

RICHMOND, Que., ratepayers have passed the by-law granting a bonus of \$2 500 to the Richmond Water Power and Manufacturing Co. to aid them in establishing a trunk and valise factory, employing a hundred hands. The works, which will be under the direction of L. Labelle and G. B. Coram, of Montreal, will, it is hoped, be in operation in a short time.

CONTRACTS for the construction of the new Quebec City Hall have been awarded as follows: Excavation and masonry, J. B. Jinchereau, \$71,316; carpentry and joinery, J. B. Gingras, \$27,966; plumbing and gasfitting, P. Parent, \$1,775; heating apparatus, Ovide Picard, \$7,400; roofing, N. K. Connolly, \$5,400; painting and glazing, Gauthier & Frere, \$2,755. Total, \$116,612.

IN another place is chronicled the disastrous dynamite explosion in Hull. Another one took place about the same time at Little Glace Bay, C.B., whereby two men were killed, the explosion being brought about by the same cause, namely, careless thawing of the dynamite required in blasting in connection with the Dominion Coal Co.'s waterworks. Surely it is time that some more efficient regulations were laid down for the carrying on of this dangerous practice.

ST. LOUIS DU MILLE END council have awarded the contract for the construction of sewers in the Montreal annex, to Bastien & Valiquette, Montreal, the lowest tenderers. The price is \$34,975. The work will be put in hand at the earliest opportunity.

T. C. WALLACE has established a factory near Milledgeville, N.B., for the treatment of the moss which abounds in that neighborhood. The product is very useful for littering stables, deodorizing closets, &c., and it is hoped to create quite a large industry.

THE Guelph, Ont., Heading and Stave Co. have purchased a building, which they will use as a factory. Machinery is now being put in, and the mill is expected to be in readiness for operation this month. The capacity will be about 2,000,000 staves and 500,000 headings per year. About twenty hands will be employed.

THE Dominion Rubber Reclaiming Co. (Ltd.), Montreal, has been incorporated. Capital stock, \$100,000. They will make up reclaimed rubber and supply it to rubber manufacturers. The incorporators are Wm. Clendinneng, Wm. Currie, W. T. Costigan, Wm. D. Lighthall, all of Montreal, and F. Dagenais, of St. Henri.

THE first of the monthly dinners of the Association of Architects for the Province of Quebec was held a week or two ago in Montreal. After the dinner, the members of the association adjourned to their rooms, where Chas. Baillairgé read a paper on "A quick and easy way of getting at the weight of iron scantling, girders, columns, etc."

As noted in a recent issue, a joint stock company is being formed to take over the piano and organ business of L. E. N. Pratte, Montreal, and to engage in the manufacture of musical instruments at Huntingdon, Que. L. E. N. Pratte, A. Desjardins and G. J. Shepherd are those principally interested, and the capital stock of the company is to be \$200,000.

THE Canada Paper Company will build a new dam at their works at Windsor Mills, Que. When completed, this dam will give an increased capacity of between 3,000 and 4,000 horse-power, part of which will be utilized in establishing an electric light plant for lighting the company's factory and the town in general. Altogether, about \$200,000 will be spent.

THE plans are now in readiness for the new swing bridge to be built across Burlington Canal, near Hamilton. They show a bridge 262 ft. 11½ in. in length, the part spanning the canal to be 161 ft. 4½ in. long from the centre of the pivot, and the end over land to be 101 ft. 7 in. Tenders for the masonry work will be received at the office of the Resident Engineer, 36 Toronto street, Toronto, and at the Department of Public Works, Ottawa, up to the 10th inst.

THE Royal Paper Mills Company, Montreal, are applying for incorporation, with special power to acquire the property of the Royal Pulp and Paper Co., and to issue to such shareholders of the Royal Pulp and Paper Co. as may become shareholders of the new company, deferred stock certificates of the latter. Capital stock, \$400,000, with power to increase it. The applicants are W. B. Ives, Rufus Pope, F. B. Buck, G. Van Dyke and Irwing W. Drew.

THE St. Anthony Lumber Co. (Ltd.) have been granted letters of incorporation by the Ontario Government. Capital stock, \$1,500,000. They will carry on a lumbering and milling business and the manufacture of wooden products, purchase mills and factories, and run steam and other vessels, as may be found necessary. Amongst the incorporators are E. M. Fowler, of Chicago, E. C. Whitman, of Minneapolis, and J. P. Whitney, Q.C., of Morrisburg, Ont.

IN the last assessment in Hamilton the Hamilton Gas Company's mains were assessed \$125,000. The court of revision reduced this to \$74,000, but the company appealed against the assessment altogether, taking the ground that gas mains were not taxable. Judge Muir has given judgment upholding the assessment, taking the ground that the Act passed after the case of the Toronto Street Railway suit was meant to cover just such cases, and made all such property liable to taxes where it was not specifically exempt.

As mentioned in last number, J. A. Pickett, C.E., has been engaged in preparing a scheme of water supply for Digby, N.S. He estimates that for \$35,000 a water supply could be put in on the gravitation system, sufficient for a town of 10,000 inhabitants or more. For fire purposes hydrants could be put in and a pressure of 90 pounds or more to the square inch obtained, which would enable the water to be thrown 100 feet above the highest point in the vicinity, thus doing away with the necessity for fire engines. The town council has now decided, therefore, to borrow \$35,000 for the purpose of carrying out this plan, and it is hoped that the work will be completed before next summer.