

SPARKS.

The contract for cars for the new electric street railway at Brantford has been given to Patterson & Corbin, St. Catharines.

The incorporation at Montreal of the Packard Lamp Co., with a capital of of \$6,000, is announced. The company will manufacture electric lamps and machinery.

The Light, Heat and Power Company, Newmarket, Ont., has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$40,000 to make and supply electric, steam and water power.

The limited Sunday car service which obtained in Hamilton under the old regime, will it is said be discontinued, for the reason that it would not pay the company to get up steam for the purpose.

The Canadian General Electric Company, with headquarters at Montreal, has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$1,000,000 to manufacture machinery, apparatus and supplies of every kind connected with the use of electricity.

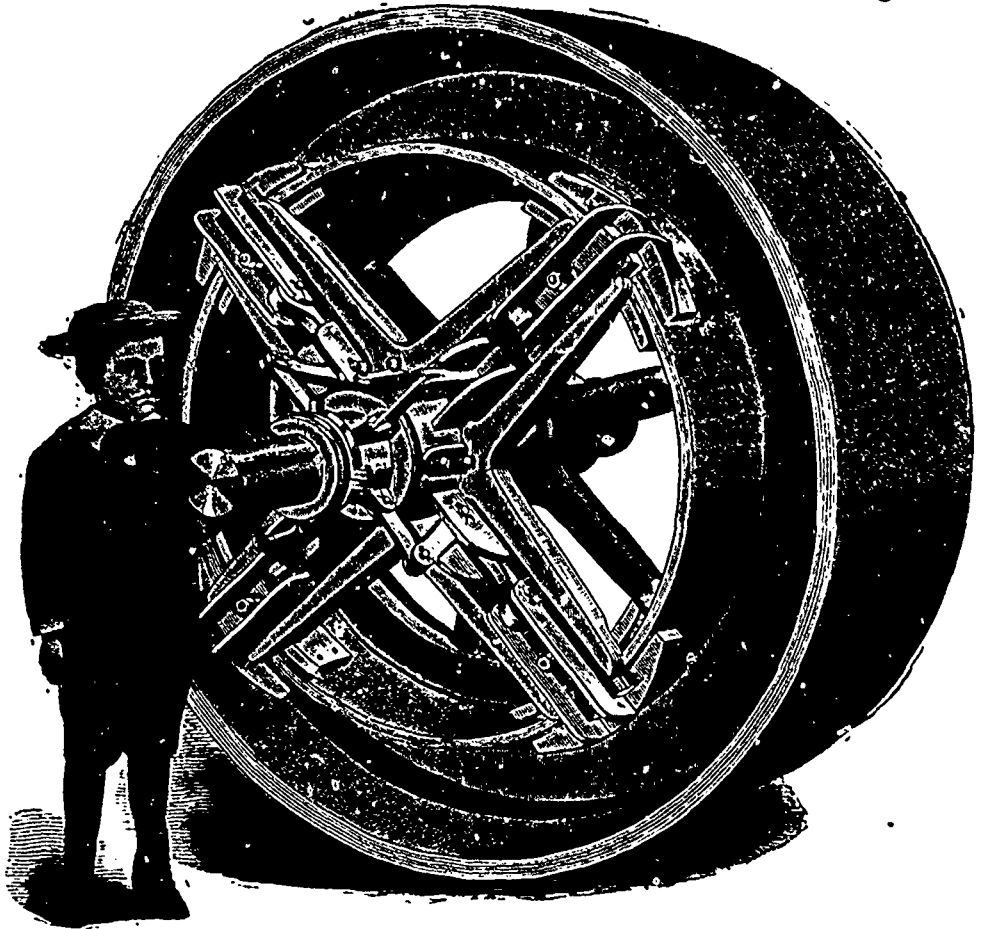
The electric railway between Mimico and Parkdale is being pushed rapidly. The iron bridge across the Humber is nearly completed, and the tracks and wires are up as far as the Mimico Creek. It will be ready for running before long.

Mr. L. M. Piolet, of Montreal, visited Toronto on the occasion of the Edison Convention in the interest of the *Electrical Engineer*, of New York. The other representatives of the foreign press were Mr. Sullivan of the *Steel Railway Gazette*, Chicago, and Mr. Price of the *New York Electrical Review*.

The Beacon Electrical Co., have in view the establishing of a factory in Canada for the manufacture of incandescent electric lamps, which is expected to give employment to thirty or forty hands. Mr. H. S. Kaliske, business manager of the company was in Canada recently prospecting for a suitable location.

The building known as Pierce's saw mill at the Chaudiere bridge, Ottawa, has been fitted up as the power house of the Ottawa Street Railway, and is about to go into operation. The upper flat is to be used for the storage of wire, on the main floor are the dynamos. Three water wheels, each 500 h.p., one at the front and two at the rear of the building, will supply the motive power. It is the intention of the company to supply heat as well as light and power. The power house itself will be heated by the apparatus devised by Mr. Ahearn.

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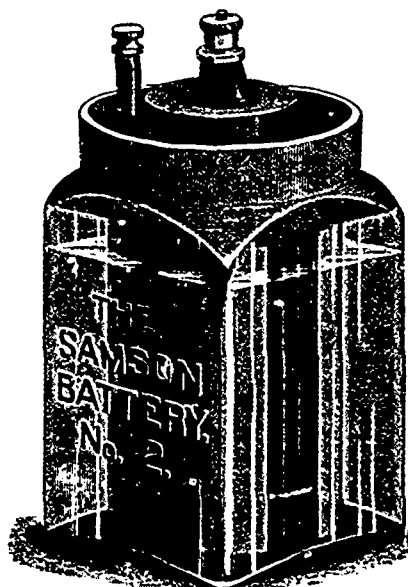
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The following companies are announced as incorporated: The Citizens' Telephone and Electric Company, Rat Portage, capital \$40,000; the Manitoulin & North Shore Telephone and Telegraph Company, capital \$20,000.

Messrs. C. F. Stacey & Co., of Bathurst, N. B., have recently installed an electric plant, consisting of one of the Consolidated Electric Company's dynamos, two 1,200-c. p. arc lights, ten 24-c. p. and twenty-four 16-c. p. incandescent lights.

A delegation recently waited on the government at Ottawa, and asked that the rails used in electric railways which weighed over 30 pounds be admitted free of duty under the same classification as rails used for locomotives. The government in reply stated that electric railways are classified as tramways, and the rails used for electric railways are dutiable, irrespective of weight.

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