

A deputation, of which E. F. B. Johnston, Q.C., was spokesman, waited on Hon. E. J. Davis last month, and asked a concession from the Ontario Government of certain lands on the Montreal river, which flows into Lake Temiscamingue. The syndicate proposes to expend \$100,000 on a plant, and agrees to employ 25 men during the first year. Those interested are: W. C. Phillips, Dr. Lynd, P. McArthur, R. Davies, W. R. White, W. Kerr, John Gray, A. Niven, John Ferguson and E. F. B. Johnstone.

The Dowd Milling Co., Ltd., is applying for incorporation; capital, \$100,000; headquarters, Quyon, Que., to mill oatmeal, flour, etc. The following are the applicants: H. S. Dowd, Quyon; B. W. Dunnett, Pakenham, Ont.; J. A. Cameron, Dominionville, Ont.; G. T. Mohr, J. Amm, Quyon; J. Pritchard, North Wakefield, Que.; D. B. Maclaren, Fitzroy, Ont.; R. H. Sayer, Aylmer, Que.; E. Graham, Bristol, Que.; W. H. Meredith, Quyon; G. Walsh, Onslow, Que.; C. Brooks, Quyon, and W. Harrison, Quyon.

Some time ago the boiler in the Crescent Milling Company's factory, London, Ont., exploded, wrecking the brick engine-house, but not damaging the factory close by. The force of the explosion moved the boiler about fifty feet. Fragments of the engine-house were afterwards found two hundred feet away. J. Hetherington was the only man in the engine-house at the time. He was seriously scalded about the head and shoulders, but was not fatally hurt. The cause of the explosion is said to have been the giving way of a patch in the end of the boiler.

It is stated from Quebec that a new proposition for the establishment of refrigerators and abattoirs in the district of Quebec is to be made shortly to the Provincial Government by various tenderers for its consideration before the coming session. The proposal contemplates a fixed subsidy not exceeding \$30,000 a year for a certain period, instead of the previously proposed guarantee of 3 per cent. on \$1,000,000, not to be paid till the business has been established, and some \$500,000 spent on buildings and plant.

A special train took 500 laborers from Boston, U.S., for Sydney, C.B., recently. They will be employed on the construction of the large plant of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, Ltd. Workmen of all kinds, from all parts of the country, are going to Sydney, where an opportunity for employment awaits most who apply. It is expected that within six months from two to three thousand workmen will be employed upon the plant in the capacity of carpenters, blacksmiths, steamfitters, plumbers and ordinary laborers. In all cases those who have gone have paid their own railway fares.

Justice Rose, Toronto, has granted an order to wind up the business of the Canadian Locomotive and Engine Company of Kingston, and appointed A. F. Riddell, of Montreal, accountant, as provisional liquidator. The application was made on behalf of James W. Pyke, of Montreal, a creditor, and the order was consented to by the Bank of Montreal, who are the heaviest creditors of the company, which admitted its insolvency. A meeting of creditors, shareholders and contributories will be held at Kingston on Feb. 10, when the question of the appointment of a permanent liquidator and other matters will be decided upon.

The Canada Paint Co., Ltd., Montreal, Toronto and Victoria sent out a circular at the end of last month stating that the price of the best paints, such as the "Elephant," "Prism" and "Stag" brands had been advanced to \$1.20; their extra grade floor paints to \$1.10, and their standard grades to \$1 per gal. The reason given for these advances is the rise in the price of turpentine, oil, lead, zinc and tin cans. Since "Elephant" paints were \$1 lead has advanced 2c. per lb., zinc 1½c. per lb., linseed oil 18c. per gal., turpentine 20c. per gal., and tin cans average an advance of 4c. per gal. This advance is said to be equivalent to 28c. per gal.

The Ontario Association of Architects held its annual meeting, January 16—19th in Toronto. The business proceedings have to a great extent centered on the resolution to establish themselves in a headquarters on King street, with a suite of rooms suitable for the usual meeting of the society, and for classes, sketch clubs and other assistance to the education of students, which it is desirable to establish. The new council of the association are: President, A. Frank Wickson; first vice-president, Fred Henry, London; second vice-president, Grant

Helliwell; treasurer, F. S. Baker; council, G. E. Belcher (Peterborough), S. H. Townsend, W. A. Langton, G. A. Pearson, A. H. Gregg; honorary registrar, W. R. Gregg.

The proposed system of waterworks and sewage for the town of Gananoque, Ont., as designed by Willis Chipman, C.E., is estimated to cost \$120,000, as follows: Intake pipe laid, \$5,000; pump house, \$4,000; machinery, \$5,000; water tower, \$7,000; 300 tons of cast-iron pipes and specials with 41 fire hydrants, valves, etc., \$13,000; trenching, cartage, pipelaying, lead backfilling, and all other labor exclusive of rock work, \$6,000; one-third cost of rock in 18,000 feet of trenching, and all the cost in 2,500 feet, \$16,000; two sewer outlets, each 400 feet long, \$3,000; 24,000 feet of sewer pipes and all other materials, \$11,000; 25,000 feet of excavating, pipe laying, jointing, backfilling, and all labor exclusive of rock work, \$14,000; two-thirds the cost of rock in 16,500 feet of trenching, and all on 8,500 feet, \$36,000.

The following company announcement is among the most important that has been published for some time in the Ontario Gazette: Francis H. Clergue, Bertrand Clergue, Ernest V. Clergue and H. C. Hamilton, of Sault Ste. Marie, and E. S. Douglas, W. P. Douglas and F. S. Lewis, of Philadelphia, U.S., have been incorporated for the following purposes: (a) As a contractor, to construct railway and public and private works of all kinds and to equip the same and operate any of the works constructed by the company except railways; (b) To acquire by legal title mines and mining lands, timber and timber lands, and other lands, and to lease, sell, or otherwise dispose of the same; and (c) To manufacture and sell the products of raw material; the corporate name of the company to be the Algoma Commercial Company, Ltd.; and its share capital to be ten million dollars, divided into 200,000 shares of \$50 each; the head office of the company to be at the town of Sault Ste. Marie.

The Elastic Carbon paint which is being put on the market by the Atlantic Refining Co., Toronto, is being warmly recommended for roofing purposes. The company states it to be unexcelled for roofing purposes of every description. It will make a worthless roof practically as good as new and make it serviceable for years at a comparatively small expense when otherwise an entirely new roof would be necessary. It is said to make a roof, be it metal, canvas, wood, felt or shingle, impervious to water; also makes a splendid appearance on metal roofs, it filling the seams and small holes, making them perfectly waterproof, preventing formation of rust. In covering capacity it far exceeds ordinary paint it is said. On felt, paper, canvas and shingle roofs, one gallon covers 100 square feet, while on metal and other smooth surfaces one gallon covers 250 to 300 square feet. It is used for painting bridges, steel plates, vessel bottoms, piers, etc. Gives a lustre similar to enamels and possesses all desirable features of a metal paint. It can be used for agricultural implements, painting fences, pumps, and iron work of any description.

As a result of a meeting of the Canadian Furniture Manufacturers' Association held in Stratford, Ont., on December 27th, 28th and 29th, the British American Furniture Co., Ltd., has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$3,000,000 divided into 30,000 shares, of which 20,000 shall be preferred. J. R. Shaw, J. L. Tangher, Toronto; W. H. Hobbs, T. S. Hobbs, London, and Wm. McN. Shaw, Walkerton, Ont., are the provisional directors of the company, which will have its head office in Toronto. So far as at present known twenty-four firms will come under the syndicate. They are: W. R. Hobbs, London; Snyder, Roos & Co., and Schaefer, Keeler & Co., Waterloo; J. S. Anthes Manufactory Co., The Simpson Co., and H. Krug, Berlin; Burr Bros., Guelph; Knechtel Furniture Co., Hanover; Krug Bros. & Co., Chesley; Siemon Bros. Manufacturing Co., Hill Chair Co., and Jas. Young, Wiarton; Watson Malcolm, Kincardine; Broadfoot & Box, Furniture Co., Seaforth; Thos. Bell & Son Manufacturing Co., and Button & Fessant, Wingham; E. F. R. Zoellner, Mount Forest; The Furniture Manufacturing Export Co., Berlin; L. Hahn, New Hamburg; American Rattan Co., Walkerton; Jos. Orr & Sons and George McLagan, Stratford; Union Furniture Co., Wingham.

—The fifteenth annual meeting of the Illinois Society of Engineers and Surveyors was held in Moline, Ill., 24th, 25th and 26th ult. A number of valuable papers were read. Almon D. Thompson, president, presided.