

SPARKS.

The Bellechasse Telephone Co. has been incorporated.

Tenders are being asked for lighting Leamington, Ont., by electricity.

An incandescent electric light plant is being installed at Mitchell, Ont.

The ratepayers of the township of Etobicoke have granted the Toronto and Mimico electric railway a bonus of \$10,000.

A deputation from Orillia visited Toronto Junction recently for the purpose of inspecting the electric light plant, having in view the purchase of plant.

The High Level Bridge Co., have been given the privilege of supplying electric power throughout Grantham township, and also the right to build an electric railway.

Mr. G. Forbes, of England, consulting engineer for the Cataract Construction Co., has stated that wires conveying power should be placed underground if possible.

Electric light at Smith's Falls is very cheap to the consumer. He can burn nine 16-candle power lights all night for \$12 per year. This is on account of there being two rival electric light companies in the town.

The Bell Telephone Co. has been given an exclusive right, on paying \$1,000 a year, to supply London, Ont., with a telephone service, and the Canadian General Electric Co. has been given a franchise at the same place for incandescent lighting.

While engaged at their avocation at the corner of Yonge and Richmond streets, Toronto, two surveyors were thrown violently to the ground by coming in contact with a gas pipe which had become charged with current from the street railway company's wires.

Mr. Dingman, general manager of the Toronto and Scarboro' Electric Railway, has asked the East Toronto council for a right of way to be granted to his company on the main streets for the electric car service. If this is arranged the line would be in active operation by July 1st next.

The Montreal Street Railway Co. are about to build their new power house, which will be completed, it is expected, by next fall. A large number of new cars have been ordered from Belleville, and it is stated that within two years the company will have four hundred cars running in Montreal.

The Toronto and Richmond Hill Electric Railway Co. have been informed, through Mr. T. Caswell of the city solicitor's office, Toronto, that they cannot run their cars within that city. He has also written, asking the Toronto and Scarboro' Electric Railway Company for plans and details of their proposed routes affecting Toronto.

At a recent meeting of the shareholders of the Kingston Light, Heat and Power Co. the following officers and directors were appointed: Mr. R. T. Walkem, president; Mr. R. Kent, vice-president; Mr. B. W. Folger, manager; Messrs. I. A. Breck, J. S. Muckleston, W. Nickle, W. McCrossle and F. A. Folger, jr., directors. A dividend of 5 per cent. was declared on the company's capital stock.

An English syndicate with headquarters at Montreal has a bill before Parliament to secure power to buy up and amalgamate all the electric light, as well as gas companies in Canada. The transfer of the controlling interests in the Ottawa Gas Company and the Ottawa Electric (arc) Light Company to the syndicate has already taken place, the transaction involving the exchange of \$500,000 in money. The capital stock of the two companies together amounts to about \$650,000, and the newcomers have purchased from the holders about \$500,000 of stock in order to have a controlling interest. The Ottawa Electric Light Company are possessed of valuable privileges, and own their own water power, besides a magnificent plant, at the Chaudiere. Among those who have figured prominently in this deal we find Senator Clemow, Col. Allan Gilmour, Mr. R. Blackburn and Mr. S. Howell. The Ottawa Gas Co. are to hold their annual meeting this month when probably some further details will come to light.

The Toronto Incandescent Light Co., will apply for a special Act from the Ontario Legislature empowering them to construct and operate a street railway in Toronto and other municipalities in the County of York.

It is proposed to join Arkona, Forest, Strathroy and adjoining places by means of an electric railway. The line will cover a distance of 32½ miles, with stations at convenient intervals. Telegraph and telephone lines will be constructed along the route. If the places interested will grant the required bonus of \$75,000, it is said the line will be put into operation inside of four months, although no actual company yet exists.

The Canadian General Electric Co. is making preparations for starting business in London. Plans have been prepared for a power house to be erected on Thames and Bathurst streets. The power house will be 8 x 130, and will have from 1,000 to 1,200 horse power boilers and engines. The total cost of establishing the plant will be about \$100,000, and the area over which it is intended at first to extend the wires will be within a radius of half a mile from the power house.

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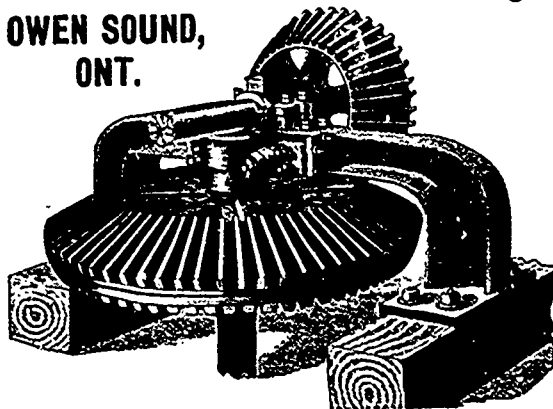
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