

**SPARKS.**

The Fort Wayne Electric Co. has been given the contract for lighting the city of St. Thomas.

A Bill has passed the Legislature enlarging the powers of the Mimico Electric Railway and Light Co.

Dr. Knight has been delivering a series of instructive lectures on electricity at the night school classes for workmen at Kingston, Ont.

The Perth Electric Light Co. have purchased a 540 light incandescent plant, and will in future operate both arc and incandescent systems.

At the Government printing bureau at Ottawa there has lately been installed an incandescent plant supplying 1,100 lights. This is the largest isolated incandescent plant in the Dominion.

The Port Hope Electric Co. have been unfortunate by reason of the occurrence of several accidents on their premises. It is gratifying to learn, however, that affairs are now running smoothly with them.

The St. Catharines Electric Street Railway, owing to the financial embarrassment of the proprietor, has passed under the control of the Bank of Toronto, and is being operated under the management of Mr. Tios. Nihias.

In the Bill authorizing the amalgamation of the Kingston gas and electric companies, the charter of the new concern has been limited to twenty years, at the end of which period the city is given the privilege of acquiring the plant.

The manager of the Hamilton Electric Light Co. states that the manufacturers of electric globes in Canada charge 50 per cent. higher prices than those prevailing in the United States; consequently American globes are being purchased.

Toronto Central Division No. 123, of the order of Railway Telegraphers, was organized a few weeks ago with the object of raising the standard of the profession. Delegates were appointed to attend the annual convention of the order at St. Louis, in June.

The Bell Telephone Co.'s new building at Hamilton is to be ready for occupation early in July. It will contain a new multiple switchboard capable of accommodating 3,000 subscribers. It is said to be the intention to reduce the present rates to small consumers.

A Pembroke lunatic started out to shoot a citizen of that town the other day for the alleged offence of exercising undue influence upon him by means of a galvanic battery or other electric apparatus. The would-be murderer was "switched off" to the county jail.

Mr. A. E. Elliott has succeeded Mr. Geo. E. Bander as manager of the electric street railway at Vancouver, B.C. The retiring manager, prior to leaving for Seattle to enter upon the duties of a new position, was presented with an easy chair, scarf pin and complimentary address by the employees of the company.

Mr. Tait has introduced a measure in the Ontario Legislature authorizing municipal councils to compel telephone, telegraph, electric light and other corporations stringing overhead wires to place their wires in cables; also to compel such companies to allow other wires to be strung on their poles, subject to payment of a reasonable rent, such rent, in the event of dispute, to be fixed by an electrical expert to be appointed by the Commissioner of Public Works.

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