WM. KIRK'S dry goods store at Bracebridge has been burned down. Loss, $8,000; insured.

WM. HOGG, of Toronto, has made an offer to sell the Eugenie Falls to that city for $400,000. The falls are 85 miles from Toronto, with a drop of 80 feet.

THE Montreal city council is trying to come to some arrangement with the Street Railway Company whereby the latter will take charge of the cleaning of all the city streets.

ON Monday last Galt passed by-laws to extend the waterworks system of that place, to purchase ten acres of land for a public playground and to raise money to purchase a site for the Carnegie Free Public Library.

THE first annual report of the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company shows that the gross revenue of the company amounted to $1,760,285, and the net profits to $729,721. Out of this there have been declared four quarterly dividends of one per cent. each and the balance, $141,753, was placed to the credit of surplus account. The report shows a net increase in the output of gas of 54,-291,000 cubic feet.

LAST week the city of Montreal sold by auction about 38,000 feet of land at the corner of St. Catherine and Dorion streets, which they had taken some time ago from the Canadian Pacific Railway in exchange for a tract in the East End near the Place Viger Station. It was sold by auction in separate lots and fetched on an average 54½c. per square foot. The value of the property will be increased by the opening up at once of a street through its centre.

NEW regulations have been formulated by the Dominion Government for the disposal of coal lands in Manitoba and the North-West. In future lands containing anthracite coal may be sold at an upset price of $20 per acre, other property at $10 per acre, or by public competition if the Minister of the Interior so decides. In addition to the above, a royalty of ten cents per ton will be levied and collected on the output of the mine. Not more than 320 acres shall be sold to one applicant.

THE annual meeting of the Golden Crown Mining Co. of Ontario, limited, was held at Ottawa last Friday. This company holds dredging leases covering 110 miles of the Stewart river, in Yukon Territory, and in one part the value of gold was discovered to be $11 per cubic yard. A dredge is now being built for its use by the Laurie Engine Works, Montreal. The following were elected directors for the ensuing year: Messrs. J. S. Buchan, William Gamble, William Ogilvie, R. R. Samuel, N. C. Smillie, W. Morley Ogilvie and J. T. Bryson, and at a meeting of the above board, Mr. J. S. Buchan was elected president; Mr. William Gamble, vice-president; Mr. William Ogilvie, managing director; Mr. R. R. Samuel, secretary-treasurer, and Mr. W. Morley Ogilvie, chief engineer of the company.