

Price Bros. & Co.'s saw mill at Amqui, Que., was burned down Sept. 5. The loss will amount to about \$100,000.

Abraham Leyer, contractor, of Montreal, has assigned at the instance of Ovid E. Galarneau, with liabilities of about \$20,000.

Bylaws to raise \$18,000 for a new central school and to raise \$4,000 to extend the waterworks system were both carried in Owen Sound recently.

The industries at Deseronto, Ont., are in a very flourishing condition, both the cement works and the new charcoal iron smelter being ordered many months in advance.

Darling & Pearson, architects, Toronto, have been asked to prepare plans for a large hotel in Muskoka, Ont. This hotel will accommodate 500 people. Hamilton capitalists are interested.

The flour mill and shingle mill of Mills Bros., Merrickville, Ont., was destroyed by fire Sept. 5th. The flour and oatmeal mill belonging to H. Easton was also burned, and Watchorn & Co.'s woolen mill was damaged.

Inspectors Noxon and Christie, and Architect Heakes of the Ontario Government staff, are preparing plans for the reconstruction of the Penetanguishene Reformatory into an asylum. The Government has decided to build a new reformatory in Oxford county.

A bylaw was passed at Vancouver, B.C., recently, giving council power to raise a loan of \$150,000 for the purpose of extending and improving the city sewage system. At the same time a bylaw to raise a loan of \$20,000 for the purpose of acquiring certain lands fronting on English Bay for a public bathing beach and recreation grounds was lost.

—Dr. Andrew MacMeans, of Mexico, a native of Toronto, and a graduate of Trinity University, was in the city recently, spending a few days. Chatting with a Toronto World reporter, Dr. MacMeans said: "I paid my first visit to Mexico ten years ago, and was highly pleased with the progress that country was making, in fact my expectations were surpassed. The vast improvement Mexico has made in the last quarter of a century is almost phenomenal. Twenty years ago there was hardly a railroad, to-day the country possesses over 12,000 miles, and 18 miles of street railway. He further states that the exports of Mexico are the imports of Canada, and the imports of Mexico are the exports of Canada. There is a very great hatred in Mexico for the United States, and everything coming from that country and Canada should profit by this.

—The discovery of the extent and importance of the hematite or limonite deposits in the Michipicoten district seems to promise an enormous development in the iron-smelting industry of Ontario. A realization of the immense area and valuable nature of the deposits has been obtained by the receipt of a 43-lb. sample of brown hematite at the Bureau of Mines, accompanied by an explanatory letter from Prof. A. P. Coleman, Provincial Geologist, who has been spending some time in the Michipicoten region. The ore specimen in question contains 60 per cent. of iron, and it was taken from a deposit on the claim of Mr. E. V. Clergue, of Sault Ste. Marie, which is about ten miles north of Michipicoten Post.

The city of Winnipeg has decided to purchase a softening plant for its new waterworks, the plant to cost \$17,430 and the installation work \$12,500, or a total of about \$30,000. The Pittsburgh Testing Laboratory, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, has been awarded the contract for the plant by the fire, water and light committee subject to the approval of the council.

The Ottawa Electric Company has forwarded to Ald. Campbell, acting Chairman of the Civic Railway and Lighting Committee, the following letter, which sets forth the liabilities which the city will have to assume in case of its purchasing the entire plant and equipment of the company: "In compliance with your request I beg to submit the following to enable you to arrive at the amount that the city would be required to assume to take over the business, franchises, etc., of this company, as set forth in our letter of April 27th last. I might add that the figures are taken from our statement of April 30th last, the date of last closing of books:—Capital stock, fully paid up, \$765,000; debentures bearing interest at 5 per cent., \$320,000; accounts owing, bills payable, \$155,940.41; total, \$1,241,740.41. I might further add with reference to the item of \$155,940.41, that this is about offset by such assets as accounts due to the company, merchandise, stores, etc., on hand. Trusting that this information is satisfactory. (Signed) D. R. Street, Secretary-Treasurer."

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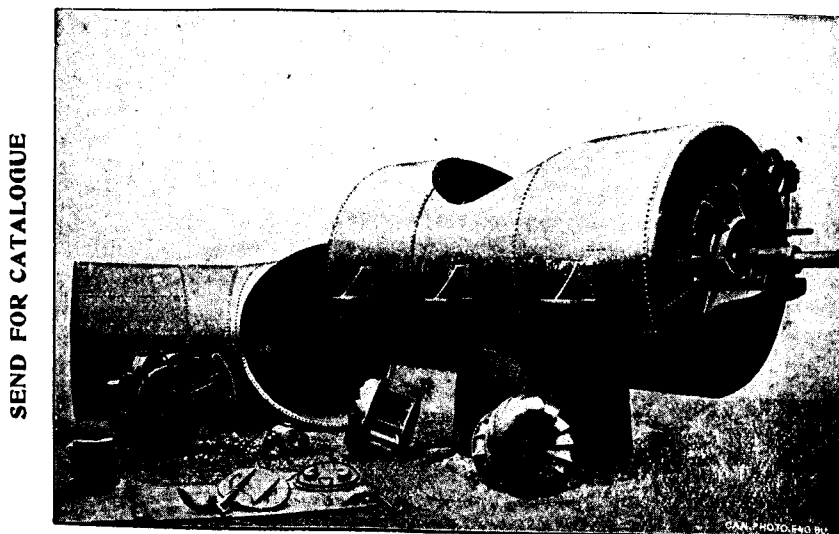
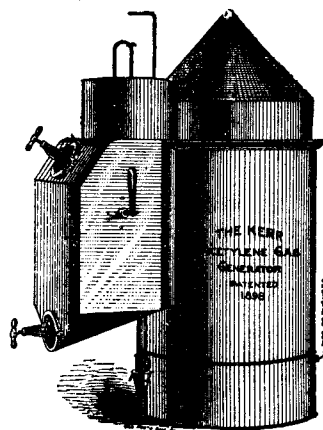
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