

Messrs. Fox Bros. Co.'s pork packing plant at Brantford, Ont., was destroyed by fire August 23. Loss about \$70,000.

The Stromberg-Carlson Co., of Rochester, N.Y. and Chicago, Ill., manufacturers of supplies for independent telephone companies will probably erect a factory at Brantford, Ont., to supply the Canadian trade.

The Andrews & Johnson Co., Limited, a United States incorporation, have been licensed to operate a machine shop and to manufacture iron, etc., in Ontario with a capital of \$60,000. F. Armstrong, Toronto, is their attorney.

The Breckon Fire Escape Co., Toronto, have been incorporated with a capital of \$40,000, to manufacture fire escapes, elevators, wire fencing, etc. The provisional directors include J. A. Breckon, Geo. Crompton and J. F. Hayes, Toronto.

The Anglo-Canadian Cold Storage Exchange, Limited, Toronto, have been incorporated with a capital of \$1,500,000, to carry on a cold storage and warehousing business. The provisional directors include Wm. Griffith, L. Sterne and Jas. McGregor, London, England.

The Whaley Automatic Smoke Preventer & Fuel Saver, Limited, Toronto, have been incorporated with a capital of \$125,000, to manufacture smoke consumers, castings, etc. The provisional directors include J. T. Eastwood, N. W. Tovell and F. Hodgson, Toronto.

The Peterborough Cement Roofing Co., Peterborough, Ont., have been incorporated with a capital of \$40,000, to manufacture fire-proof cement roofing, roofing materials, etc. The provisional directors include Jas. Thompson, Havelock, Ont., A. Cunningham, Norwood, Ont., and Wm. Shea, Peterborough.

The Ontario Pipe Line Co., St. Catharines, Ont., have made application to the city of Hamilton, Ont., for a franchise to supply that city with natural gas. They propose to charge at the rate of 55 cents per 1,000 feet for heat and light, and a lower rate for power purposes.

Wm. Mustard's saw and planing mill at Bayfield, Ont., was destroyed by fire August 26.

Official announcement is made that the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. have purchased 60,000 tons of steel rails at \$20 to \$21 a ton. The rails have been sold by the United States Steel Corporation, and the Pennsylvania Steel Co.

The Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, are inviting tenders for a wall adjoining No. 1 and No. 2 locks and No. 1 basin of the Lachine canal. The work will cost about \$49,000.

Messrs. Cockburn & Rea, Toronto, have been incorporated with a capital of \$150,000, to manufacture dry goods, millinery, etc. The provisional directors include W. A. Cockburn, T. W. Rea and C. A. Cockburn, Toronto.

The Imperial Paper Mills at Sturgeon Falls, Ont., were partially destroyed by fire August 24.

A bylaw will be submitted to the people of Kingston, Ont., for the expenditure of \$100,000 for the improvements to the lighting plant.

The Union Stock Yards Co., Toronto Junction, Ont., will erect a large hotel at a cost of \$60,000.

A House of Refuge will be erected at Lindsay, Ont., at a cost of about \$40,000.

The J. C. Scott Co., Toronto, will increase their capital from \$60,000, to \$150,000.

The Grand Union Hotel at Alexandria, Ont., was destroyed by fire August 25. Loss about \$6,000.

The Donnelly Wrecking & Salvage Co., Kingston, Ont., have been awarded the contract for supplying and laying the pipe for the waterworks at Whitby, Ont.

Messrs. Shafer, Killer & Co.'s factory belonging to the Canada Furniture Co., Waterloo, Ont., was destroyed by fire August 26. Loss about \$100,000.

The Canada Preserving Co.'s brewery at Hamilton, Ont., was damaged by fire August 25. Loss about \$2,400.

Building permits have been issued in Toronto to the Firstbrook Box Co. for a three-story addition to their factory to cost \$13,000; to George Goulding & Sons for a four-story brick and concrete warehouse to cost \$35,000, to Alex. B. Elder for a three-story frame and roughcast factory to cost \$1,200.

The Government cruiser Vigilant, which is being constructed at the Polson Iron Works yards at Toronto, will be launched in a few days and machinery installed. She will be put into commission in the fisheries protection service on Lakes Erie and Huron.

The Lake Superior Corporation, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., have commenced the manufacture of steel rails and the Dominion Government have made a contract with them for the supply of 10,000 tons of 80-pound rails for the Intercolonial Railway, to be delivered as soon as manufactured. The contract of 1900 (never implemented) called for 25,000 tons per year for five years. The present contract is described by the Department as a partial renewal of the old one.

Another large oil well has been bored at Petrolia, Ont., which has a capacity of 125 barrels per day. Wm. Bradley, Petrolia, is interested.

The Department of Marine and Fisheries, have ordered two rendering plants for the purpose of converting dogfish into oil. They will be erected in Nova Scotia. One location will probably be on the Strait of Canso. It is not intended to offer a bounty for the taking of dogfish, but the Government will purchase them from the fishermen at a certain rate per ton.

The report has been received at the Ontario Bureau of Mines regarding the reported discovery of tin on the Manitoba side of the inter-provincial boundary west of Rat Portage, Ont. Prof. Miller is now in Rat Portage, however, and may look over the district on the Ontario side of the boundary to see if there are any indications of tin.

A bylaw was carried at New Hamburg, Ont., granting \$7,000 for building an addition to the public school and other improvements.

Messrs. Barnett & Record, contractors, Minneapolis, Minn., have commenced work on the construction of the Empire Elevator Co.'s new elevator at Fort William, Ont.

The Ford Motor Co. have been organized with a capital of \$125,000, to manufacture automobiles. They have acquired the old plant of the Walker-Milner Wagon Co., at Walkerville, Ont., and will employ about 60 men.

The Board of Education, Toronto, are preparing plans for the erection of a fifteen room schoolhouse to cost \$50,000, an enlargement of five rooms to Huron Street School, costing \$22,000, and an addition of three rooms to Cottingham Street school, costing \$9,000.

The Sturgeon Falls Pulp & Paper Co., Sturgeon Falls, Ont., will increase their capacity and enlarge their works at a cost of about \$1,500,000.

The secretary-treasurer of Rat Portage, Ont., will receive tenders for materials for laying 40,000 feet of water mains and 36,000 feet of tile sewers.

The Rat Portage Lumber Co.'s dry kiln at Norman, Ont., was destroyed by fire August 22. Loss about \$30,000.

The electors of Preston, Ont., have voted in favor of municipal ownership of electric lighting plants. A new power station will be erected and a first-class plant installed.

The Fort William Imperial Oil Co., Fort William, Ont., will build two more large tanks and erect a cooperage at a cost of \$20,000.

The Craig Shipbuilding Co., Toledo, Ohio, have received a contract from the Grand Trunk Railway for a car ferry to operate from the port of Milwaukee, Wis. The ferry will be 360 feet long and of 56 feet beam, and will cost about \$400,000.

The Simplex Railway Appliance Co. will erect a large plant in Montreal, for the manufacture of steel springs and for the construction of railway cars. They will employ about 1,000 men.

The Pressed Steel Car Co., Pittsburg, Pa., will erect a plant in Montreal for the construction of railway cars, etc. They now have a large contract with the Grand Trunk Railway Co.

The St. Raymond Pulp Co., Montreal, will erect pulp and paper mills at St. Raymond, Que., at a cost of \$150,000.

Tenders have been called by the Quebec & Lake St. John Railway Co., Quebec City, for the construction of the proposed branch line, running to La Tuque, in the St. Maurice River district, Que., a distance of 38 miles.

A new cathedral will be erected at Sherbrooke, Que., at a cost of \$150,000.

A dam will be constructed at the outlet of one of the lakes on the Upper Lievre River near Buckingham, Que.

The Singer Sewing Machine Co., have completed plans for the erection of their plant at St. Johns, Que. There will be two buildings, six stories high and similar in construction, one the machinery building, 600x60 feet, and the other the cabinet building, 750x60 feet. The other buildings include a storage, grinding and rumbling building, 200x60 feet; foundry, 400x100 feet, with two wings, one 70x40 feet and one 60x34 feet, used as cupola and core room respectively; foundry shed, 200x60 feet; japanning building 150x75 feet; forge shop, same dimensions; forge shed, 150x40 feet; veneer, cutting and trimming building, 75x40 feet; veneer storage building, 100x75 feet; power house, 150x150