

PATENT RIGHTS.

THE American Stoker Co. have forwarded to us the following letter, with a request that it be printed in this number :—

The General Engineering Co. of Ontario, Limited, 80 Canada Life Building, Toronto, Ont.

DEAR SIRs,—The American Stoker Co., having an office at Room 54, Street Railway Chambers, Montreal, have submitted to us your circular letter, dated 26th May, 1898, and have also called our attention to an item which you caused to appear in the June number of the CANADIAN ELECTRICAL NEWS, in both of which it is stated that the American stoker now being introduced into Canada by the American Stoker Company is an infringement on certain alleged Canadian patents owned by you, and that as soon as the American stoker is installed in Canada, your solicitors have been instructed to take proceedings in the Exchequer Court of Canada against the user as well as against the manufacturer and importer, and warning the public against the use of the American stoker.

We are instructed by the American Stoker Company to inform you that the stokers manufactured by our clients are protected by Canadian patents, and are not an infringement of any patents legally held by your company.

We are also instructed to inform you that the American Stoker Company have sold and delivered five stokers to the Dominion Cotton Mills Company, and are about making delivery of stokers to other purchasers in Canada, and are prepared to defend any action for infringement or damages which may be brought by your company in virtue of such sales or the use which may be made by the purchasers of these stokers, and we are authorized to accept service of any legal proceedings which you may bring against the American Stoker Company. We have further to inform you that in the event of your company not making good your threats contained in your circular letter and in the article in the CANADIAN ELECTRICAL NEWS, within fourteen days from this date, both of which are calculated to deter prospective users of the stokers from purchasing from our clients, we are instructed by the American Stoker Company to institute legal proceedings against you for damages and for an injunction to restrain you from threatening legal proceedings on the ground of alleged infringement of patents. All other rights are reserved.

Your obedient servants,

MACMASTER & MACLENNAN.

The ratepayers of Hamilton will vote on the question of acquiring the street railway and operating it under municipal control. The questions submitted will be : (1) Shall the city now purchase the Hamilton Street Railway? (2) If the city does not now purchase the Hamilton Street Railway, should the council extend the franchise of the company for fifteen years—that is, until 1928?

SPARKS.

H. C. Baird & Son will probably put in an incandescent light plant at Parkhill, Ont.

The village of Beeton, Ont., has passed a by-law to raise \$3,500 for an electric light plant.

The Hull Electric Company were recently recommended by the coroner's jury to equip their cars with fenders.

Stuart & Harper, Winnipeg, Man., will supply and install a 150 light electric plant in J. Y. Griffin & Co.'s packing house, Winnipeg, Man.

The Electric Co. of St. Johns, Nfld., are increasing their plant, and have ordered a 150 horse power tandem compound engine from the Robb Engineering Co.

The special committee appointed to consider the question of the establishment of a civic electric light plant for the city of Hamilton have recommended that an expert be engaged to report on the subject.

An electric railway fare box which not only receives the ticket, but registers the fare, has been invented by E. B. Nagle, of Ottawa. The device is claimed to be simple, cheap and complete in every particular.

The Goldie & McCulloch Co., of Galt, offer prizes of from \$50 to \$100 for suggestions by their employees regarding the improvement of tools, machines, and for advanced ideas conducive to greater efficiency of the works.

The electric light station at Norwich, Ont., is about completed. It is a one-story structure, 25 x 52 feet, with storage addition. The power plant consists of an 80 h.p. boiler and 40 h.p. engine. The latter may be increased later.

A proposal is to be made to the city council of St. John, N.B., to secure legislation to take over the property, privileges and franchises of the St. John Street Railway Company, to be conducted by the city in the interest of taxpayers.

The agreement between the city of Brantford and the Brantford Electric and Operating Company for street lighting has been signed, the franchise being for ten years. It is said the company will expend immediately about \$10,000 in additional plant.

Mr. John Forman, of Montreal, has just completed the installation of 65 enclosed arc lamps in the store of John Murphy & Co. in that city. It is claimed that this is the first time that these lamps, lighted by an alternating current, have been used in Canada.

The Grand Falls Power Company have decided to proceed at once with the development of the water power of the Grand Falls of the St. John river, in New Brunswick. Senator Proctor, of Vermont; Mr. James Manchester, Mr. G. F. Baird and Col. H. H. McLean, of St. John, are interested in the project, and it is proposed to develop about 80,000 horse power.

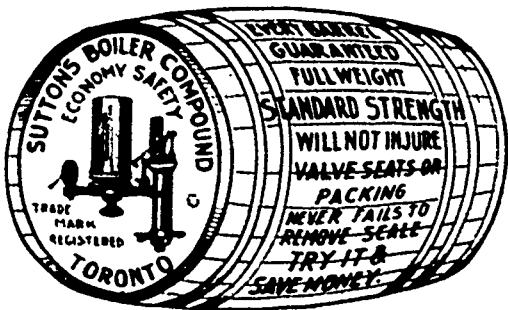
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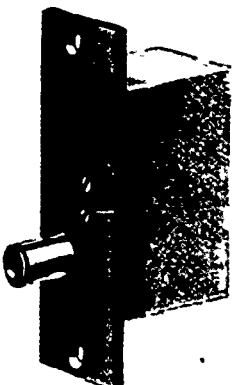
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