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MONTREAL CHAMBRE DE COM-MERCE.

A special meeting of La Chambre de Commerce, of Montreal, was held last week. Mr. L. E. Geoffrion was elected president of the Chamber for the year; Messrs. Damase Masson and H. A. Breault, first and second vice-presidents respectively; Mr. U. Garand, treasurer; and Mr. Joseph Haynes, secretary. Forty names were proposed, to be voted for twenty seats on the council, the voting taking place on the 13th instant, and the result to be declared on the following day.

THE calcium carbide manufacture in Sweden is increasing rapidly. Not only is the Trollhottar factory, which for some time was the only one in Sweden, being extended; but new works have been erected at Alby, Mansbo, and Brattfors, the first of which has already commenced operations. This will bring the annual production up from 1,000 to 6,000 tons. As the home consumption in Sweden was only about 100 tons last year, the bulk of the calcium carbide appears to be intended for export.

THE British Columbia Gazette, of January 25th, gives notice of the incorporation of the following companies: Ladysmith Gold Copper Mining Company, of Trail; capital, \$1,500,000. Atlin & Willow Creek Gold Mining Company, of Victoria; capital, \$500,000. Evening Star Mines, of Rossland; capital, \$200,000. Morrison Mines, of Greenwood; capital, \$150,000. V. & M. Mines Company, of Vancouver; capital, \$250,000.

PITTSBURG, PA., Times says the profits of the Carnegie Steel Company for 1899 will be forty million dollars. Mr. Carnegie values the aggregate properties at three hundred million dollars. Thus the profit will be 13 per cent.; Mr. Carnegie's share will be \$22,000,000, and H. C. Frick's, \$4,500,000. In 1899 the company made a profit of \$12 a ton on steel; ordinarily it is \$4 a ton.

THE British Columbia boards of trade are busy with the road question. As a result of recent meetings, deputations from Victoria, Vancouver, and New Westminster boards will wait on the Government to urge the construction of a road from Hope, to open up the Similkameen district. The cost of the proposed road is estimated at from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

THE annual statement of the Peterborough Lock Manufacturing Co. showed a prosperous year; a dividend of six per cent. was declared, and it was decided to make improvements in the plant. The old board of directors was re-elected, viz.: President, Hon. J. R. Stratton; vicepresident, R. B. McKee; directors, A. A. Cox, A. L. Davis and T. H. Fortye.

The Montreal Trust and Deposit Company held its annual meeting in the company's offices on the 1st inst. The following directors were elected for the ensuing year: Messrs. George Hague, Hon. L. J. Forget, R. Wilson-Smith, Hector Mackenzie, Frank W. Ross, A. P. Macdonald, A. Hanson, J. A. L. Strathy and W. F. Carter.

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