

THE organization meeting of the Moncton Street Railway, Heat and Power Company was called for the 3rd instant.

THE committee of the St. Catharines City Council appointed to enquire into street lighting, reports in favor of a municipal plant to cost \$9,125.

A PROJECT is on foot in Montreal for substituting electricity for steam at the waterworks pumping station, the electric power to be supplied by the Lachine Rapids Power Company.

THE Riverside school, Montreal, has been fitted with the Warner system of electric time, by the Canada Electric Company. This system is also working in the Aberdeen, Victoria and Dufferin schools, giving great satisfaction.

S. G. CHAMBERS, J. A. Leaman, P. McG. Archibald, F. A. Laurence, W. Craig and M. Dickie, Truro, N.S., have held a street railway charter since 1889. It has now been extended to 1897, and they are expected to make progress with the undertaking.

A REPORT has been current that a company was about to start in St. Catharines, Ont., in the manufacture of electrical appliances. The report, we understand, originated in the preparations being made by Thos. L. Willson's company for the manufacture of calcium carbide, a water power privilege at Thorold having been bought for that purpose.

CAPITALISTS from the United States, including J. N. S. Brown, Baltimore, president of the Maryland Trust Company; J. Shear and W. J. McCracken, New York; and F. O. Blackwell, C.E., are interested in the Quebec Electric Street Railway scheme. The absorption of the Electric Light Co.'s plant, and the Quebec, Montmorenci and Charlevoix Railway, is contemplated.

THE increase of trade with J. H. Farr & Co., Toronto, manufacturers of insulating compounds, during the past year, has again necessitated the enlarging of their already commodious and well equipped works. In view of the general depression of business, this speaks well for the firm, and demonstrates that their goods are giving the highest satisfaction.

ELECTRIC railway building will be brisk this summer on the Island of Montreal. Over 30 miles of track is to be laid by the Montreal Park and Island Railway Company. A syndicate has agreed to take that company's bonds and build the road, and furnish rolling stock and everything necessary to the complete equipment of the line. The system will comprise seven miles of double track to Lachine, seven miles to St. Laurent, and four miles to St. Vincent de Paul, including a bridge over the Black River to cost \$20,000. Mr. Reid is at the head of the syndicate.

THE promoters of the Hamilton Radial Electric Railway have secured the right of way over the Beach, crossing the canal by the new Government bridge, and the great expense of crossing the Desjardins Canal on the other side of Hamilton Bay is thus saved. It is the intention of the company to start building early in the spring, and to have the line completed as far as Burlington in June. The officers of the company are: Alex. Turner, president; Thos. Leather, vice-president; W. W. Osborne, Secretary; W. A. Wood, treasurer. Directors—A. Zimmerman, Geo. Lynch Staunton and John Moodie.

THE building of the Lanark-Perth electric road, for which Lanark some time ago voted a bonus, is causing much discussion in the county of Lanark. Other towns are anxious for connection with Lanark as well, and a road from Carleton Place to Lanark is spoken of. Almonte wants connection with the O. A. & P. S. railway, and bonuses have been voted by the different municipalities through which the line would pass. The easiest solution of the problem, a correspondent thinks, would be an electric road running up the valley of the Mississippi river from Fitzroy harbor on the Ottawa river, where one of the largest and most cheaply available water powers in Canada is lying idle, through the towns of Galetta, Pakenham, Blakeney, Almonte, Appleton, Carleton Place and Innisville, thence to Lanark. All of these towns mentioned possess undeveloped water power, and all now manufacture extensively, indeed millions of dollars' worth of woollen goods and cheese are shipped from these points every year. This line would give the towns named outlets by the C.P.R., the O.A. & P.S. railway, and the Ottawa river. A branch from Carleton Place to Smith's Falls, through Franktown, would do a good local traffic and would connect the system with the Rideau canal. Our correspondent points out the advantages of lower freight rates to the towns on the C.P.R., as he says that road has been known to charge nearly as much for hauling goods sixty miles from the point where competition stopped as had been required to bring the goods to that point from Great Britain.

## Mining Matters.

THE Antler Creek Mining Co., Ltd., has been incorporated to mine in the Cariboo district, B.C.

THE Crown Point is working 20 men and has nearly 1,000 tons ready for shipment.—*Roseland Miner*.

THE Torbrook iron mines, Annapolis, are being pumped out, and work will be resumed in a short time.

It is said that McConnell's gold mine on Lake Wahnapiatx, Ont., is under option to some Montana mining men at \$150,000.

I. MATHESON & Co., of New Glasgow, have turned out \$10,000 worth of machinery for the Fifteen Mile gold mine, N.S.

THE city council of Vancouver, B.C., has granted \$500 towards getting information regarding the establishment of a smelter and refinery there.

HIRAM WALKER, Walkerville, Ont., has leased the farms of P. Macdonald, J. Murray and A. Marquis, of Bothwell, Ont., and will bore for oil.

R. A. THOMPSON, while drilling for water to run his mill, at Lynden, Ont., last month, struck natural gas, which throws a blaze five feet in the air, out of a four-inch pipe.

WELSH coke is being brought into the British Columbia smelters. It is hoped that the Dunsmuirs will be successful in producing a workable coke on Vancouver Island.

THE report given some time ago of the discovery of gold in the Birch Hills, Prince Albert, N.W.T., appears to have had something in it. Claims are being staked out at a rapid rate.

FROM the Cariboo claim at Camp McKinney from \$8,000 to \$12,000 per month is being taken out in gold, besides a large quantity of rich concentrates, which are shipped to Tacoma for treatment.

FEARS are expressed that hydraulic gold mining in the upper benches of the Fraser river may, as is the case of the Sacramento river, result in silting up and flooding. Extensive dredging is proposed as a safeguard.

RETURNS from 12 tons of pyritic dry ore shipped from the Howard Fraction and Exchange claims, on Springer Creek, New Denver, were 163 ounces of silver and \$17.50 in gold to the ton.—*Victoria Times*.

H. A. WILEY, G. T. Marks, F. S. Wiley, Port Arthur; W. Southam, J. H. Tilden, J. Hoodless, T. W. Lester, H. N. Kittson, H. Beckett, and F. C. Bruce, Hamilton, are the provisional directors of "The Saw Bill Lake (Ont.) Gold Mining Company (Ltd.)" Capital is \$100,000.

MR. M. RYAN, township clerk of Bagot and Blythfield, Renfrew Co., Ont., says an asbestos mine is being opened up about six miles from Calabogie station, by Jas. Carswell, of Renfrew, Ont., and others. About 800 acres of land have been purchased.

IN the first week in March the Hall mines smelter shipped its first matte to the refinery. The matte shipped ran 50 per cent. copper, and carried 285 ounces of silver to the ton. This, reckoned at 64 cents an ounce for silver and 7 cents a pound for copper, makes the matte worth \$249.20 in Nelson, B.C.

FOUR cars of plumbago from the Calabogie, Renfrew Co., Ont., mines, of the Ottawa Graphite Company, were sent down recently over the O. A. & P. S. Railway. This is the first shipment from these mines. The plumbago will be prepared for market at Ottawa, and preparations are being made to handle nine tons a day.

THE *Ottawa Journal* says that the gold and iron ores recently discovered on the farm of Thos. G. Armstrong, situated about a mile from Carp, have been tested and found to be of good quality. It was estimated that the iron will yield 95 per cent. of magnetic ore, while the gold mine yields \$18 to the ton.

AT Harrison Corey's nitro-glycerine factory, Petrolea, Ont., a dreadful accident occurred on March 23rd, by which John Owen and William Huggard were instantly killed. It is probable they were thawing out some material, but no evidence of the cause can even be discovered, owing to the awful destruction caused by the explosion.

THE strike at the Joggins Mines ended on March 21st, by the leaders of the riot submitting to arrest, and the announcement of the retirement of the manager. The strike, which had lasted for two months, was caused by a ten per cent. reduction in salaries. During the last week of the strike a riot took place, in which a number of miners were seriously injured, and armed resistance was offered to the police.