

Electric Flashes.

THE Brantford Street Railway Company are putting two new engines into their power house.

THE Milton, Ont., Electric Light and Power Co., capital stock \$15,000, is applying for incorporation.

THE Winnipeg Street Railway Company have put out a contract for a 600 h.p. direct-connected railway generator.

VICTORIA, B.C., Electric Light Co.'s works were seriously damaged by fire three or four weeks ago. Loss between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

D. C. DEWAR has been appointed manager of the Bell Telephone Co.'s exchange in Ottawa, in place of T. Ahearn, who resigned recently.

HESPELER, Ont., electrical light plant has been purchased by Mr. Skinner. He has not yet decided whether to run it in Hespeler or to remove it altogether.

SUPR. FOLGER, of the Kingston, Portsmouth & Cataraqui Electric Street Railway, has received several applications from girls wanting to be appointed as conductors on that line.

THE Kingston, Portsmouth & Cataraqui Electric Railway are having built for them two open cars with double trucks for summer traffic, each with accommodation for 150 passengers.

THE Park avenue branch of the Montreal Street Railway will be extended through Montreal Annex to Van Horne avenue this spring, and will be in operation probably by the Queen's Birthday.

THE Guelph, Ont., Light & Power Co. held their annual meeting a short time ago, and the reports were received with satisfaction. Mr. Guthrie, president, and the old board of directors, were re-elected.

THE Berlin Gas & Electric Light Co. have been awarded the contract, for a term of five years, for supplying electric power for the street railway system which is to be installed at Guelph, Ont., this spring.

THE Toronto Street Railway Company has taken over the Scarboro' Railway, and it will be run hereafter as part of the city system. The stockholders of the Scarboro' road will get Toronto Railway shares for their holdings.

J. H. BEEMER has now fully decided to construct an electric railway throughout the city of Quebec and extending to La Bonne, St. Anne. In connection with the scheme, a large hotel and park will be established at Montmorency Falls.

THE Hubbell Primary Battery Co., Ottawa, have elected officers: President, D. Henderson; vice-president, F. C. Sparks; secretary-treasurer, E. F. Hubbell. Satisfactory tests on the battery have been made, and its manufacture will be proceeded with as soon as possible.

THE Ottawa Electric Street Railway have decided on the extensions to their system which are to be carried out this year. They will shortly start work at the corner of Charlotte street, and proceed thence, via Daly avenue and Wurtemberg street, to Rideau. The Ann street line will be continued to Bell street. The time for the construction of the Preston street line has been extended for a year.

THE Aerial Tramway Company, through its attorney, George W. Pound, who is also one of the directors, is applying to the State Legislature of New York for a charter for a scheme to build a cable tramway over the brink of Niagara cataract. A double set of cables will be stretched from the towers in the Canadian and American parks, with a supporting tower on Goat Island. On these cables cage-like cars will be suspended by trolleys and operated by electricity from the American side. The aerial line will follow along the brink of the American Falls to Goat Island, and thence to the Canadian shore, forming a chord to the bow of the Horse Shoe Falls. The cars will be of steel. The floors of the cars will be perforated to allow visitors to look below, and the side views will also be unobstructed. If the bill just sent to the New York Legislature becomes a law, expert engineers will be engaged to superintend the construction. The projectors claim that the aerial tramway line will be as safe as the suspension bridges. Each cable will be independent of the other, and sufficient to sustain ten times the weight of the cars and passengers. The electrical engineer will be able to stop and start the car anywhere on the line. A charter has been obtained on the Canadian side. The scheme is likely to be a profitable one, though costly.

Two new huge water wheels are being made for the Ottawa electric power house.

THE Avenue Road extension of the Toronto Street Railway will be constructed this spring.

C. B. POWELL, on behalf of an Ottawa syndicate, is endeavoring to secure an electric railway charter in the Island of Jamaica.

ROBT. BUSTIN, of St. John, N.B., has formed a company to put in the market a street railway car fender which he has invented.

RESIDENTS of Burlington Beach, Hamilton, are going to oppose any legislation for the construction of electric railways over the Beach.

THE Controller of Customs has decided that electricity comes under the head of unenumerated articles, and must pay a duty of 20 per cent.

THE W. A. Freeman Co., Hamilton, are applying for incorporation with a capital stock of \$40,000, for the purpose of manufacturing agricultural fertilizers.

THE Ontario Government intend to introduce during the session a General Electric Railway Act, under which all proposed roads will have to be operated.

E. A. C. PEW, of the Erie aqueduct scheme, says that a large portion of the electrical energy obtained will be used for heating purposes in the city of Hamilton.

THE Robb Engineering Co., Amherst, N.S., have shipped a Monarch Economic boiler and Robb-Armstrong engine to the electric light station in Dartmouth, N.S.

WORK is being resumed on the Montreal Street Railway building which partially collapsed some weeks ago, and the company expect to take possession about November 1st.

THE London and Western Ontario Electric Railway Co.'s application to be incorporated has been passed in due form to the Private Bills Committee of the Ontario Legislature.

THE St. John, N.B., Electric Railway Co. will begin operations on the Bay street route as soon as the weather permits. Tracks will probably be laid on the cemetery route before the fall.

THE Inland Revenue Department have just approved a new stamp to be used in receipts for payment of electric light inspection fees. The stamps will be of the following denominations: 25 and 50 cents, \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5 and \$10.

THE Welland Electric Light Co. are putting in steam power to supplement their water power. An improved and altogether reliable electric light system is looked for. The company's buildings will be extended in order to accommodate the enlarged plant.

THE petitions against any further extensions of time for the Kingston and Smith's Falls Railway Company in which to build the road between Kingston and Ottawa, are being largely signed. An effort will be made to revoke the bonus and apply the money towards the employment of people.—*Whig*.

WINNIPEG city council is asking the Legislature for power to enable the city to construct and operate a plant for the production of gas for illuminating and heating purposes, and in connection with this to establish a plant for electric street and house lighting. It is claimed, however, that the existing gas company has a monopoly until March, 1898.

THE Hamilton Radial Electric Railway are asking for changes in their charter whereby the branches from Hamilton to Guelph, to Mount Forest and Berlin, may be operated either by steam or electricity, or by both, and whereby their bonding powers may be increased from \$20,000 to \$30,000 per mile on these branches, in order to provide a better roadbed. Some surveying is now being done for this company around Hamilton.

THE Hamilton, Valley City and Waterloo Railway Co., if their application for incorporation is passed by the Legislature, as will probably be the case, will start the work of construction with as little delay as possible. One call has so far been made on the company's stock, and it was paid with gratifying promptitude. Much of the surveying work has been already done. It is the intention, if possible, to have the road in operation before the end of the present year.

ST. LAURENT, Que., council have granted the Montreal Park and Island Railway Co. a thirty years' franchise for the establishment of an electric railway and lighting system, and also exemption from taxation for twenty-five years, and the exclusive right to erect poles and carry wires through the municipality. In addition to this, the whole right of way will be granted free. The municipality covers 54 square miles, and includes St. Laurent, Cartierville, Bord au Plouffe, Cote Virtue, Cote Liesse and Lower Cote des Neiges. The road is to be in operation before the end of next year.