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EASTERN PROVINCES

BRANTFORD, ONT. The Council has given an option on the old Waterous property, for \$42,960 if a threestory block of stores be built on it.

COCHRANE, ONT. The Council has remitted taxation on all buildings which replace those destroyed by the big fire, so that the tax this year is almost a land tax; for of the old assessment of \$540,000, no less than \$300,000 has been remitted; the tax rate is 20 mills for general purposes and 16 mills for school tax. This arrangement hits the speculative holder; and an instance of a man who bought a corner lot for \$600, who has refuwsed \$1,500 for it; he has never even cleared the stumps, and simply waits for the investments of his neighbors to improve his values.

HAMILTON, ONT. The Hydro-electric power was formally turned on by the Duke of Connaught. - The Steel Company of Canada will make a \$2,000,000 addition to the plant here during the coming year, providing labour for 1,000 more men. - The Ontario Pipe Line Company has given notice that there will be 500,000 feet less of natural gas than last year, owing to a shortage in the flow of the wells at Dunnville.

KINCARDINE, ONT. As complaints have been made about insufficient street lighting, it was decided that a Committee from the council and from the water and light commission should drive through the town some dark evening, to decide where best to install more lights; complaints about the shop lights not being put on in time are to be remedied by the chairman calling for the light by telephone, as his shop is an average one, and lights will be put on as soon as his shop requires it.

LAPRAIRIE, QUE. There is a proposition to have the Montreal and Southern Counties Railway extend its electric car line along Boulevard Edward VII. from St. Lambert.

MONTCALM, QUE. The town has refused the proposition of the city of Quebec for annexation.

MONTREAL. Deputations from Mc-Gill and Laval Universities were given assurance by Mayor Guerin municipal aid would soon be forthcoming; the recent successful campaign has not freed McGill from financial embarrassment. - 3,685 Canadian steamers passed through the Lachine canal, a decrease from the pre-vious season. — The Canadian Mining Institute decided to erect a suitable building as a permanent home. — The City Attorney states that the Corporation has not sufficient legal authority to construct and operate an underground tramway, and he suggests that the Legislature be asked to confer the necessary power. - The establishment of a Juvenile Court is now formally accomplished. - The Council has been asked to obtain power from the Legislature for the establishment of municipal Ice Houses, by which the poorer

classes would benefit. - The City Council decided that there was not enough money to buy the land offered in the district of Two Mountains for a municipal sanitorium. — Two new ten-story buildings will be erected on Place d'Armes, one on the corner of St. Sulpice street, and the other to replace the Royal Trust Building. - The Street Railway Company is accused of overcrowding the cars and not providing a sufficient number. -- The Council is gathering information against the alleged illegal tariff of the Bell Telephone Company.

OUTREMONT, QUE. The civic authorities want to compel owners to put down lawns in front of their houses or to have the town do it and charge the cost to the proprietors, also to have the weeds cut in vacant lots and charge the expense to owners.

OWEN SOUND, ONT. The C. P. Ry. elevator was burnt with 1,000,000 bushels of grain.

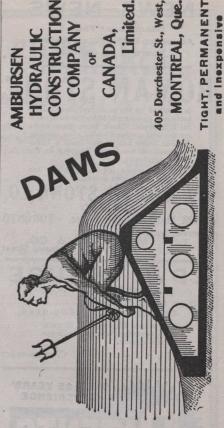
PORT ARTHUR, ONT. An armory and drill shed is to be built here in the spring. — There is the probability of a stove industry being started here, with a plant costing \$200,000, and employing at least 175 men for the first two years; the city is asked for a tenacre site near Current River, a fixed assessment of \$50,000 for ten years, except school and local improvement, and a 200-foot dock site for which they will pay \$25 per foot. — The electric light department intends to compel everybody to put in a meter and all that is now delaying the matter is the striking of an equitable meter basis.

PORT COLBORNE, ONT. An electric line is to be constructed by the C. N. R. from Fort Erie through intermediate points here.

QUEBEC, QUE. Arrangements have been made with the Quebec and Levis Ferry Company to furnish steamboat communication during the winter between Quebec and the Island of Orleans. - As the site of the old Champlain Market is not satisfactory as a railway terminal, another place will be selected.

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT. The Board of Trade wants the Council to purchase the Tagoma Water & Light Co., whose franchise expires in 1914.

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