

CAPTAINS OF INDUSTRY.

The following items of information, which are classified under the title "Captains of Industry," relate to matters that are of special interest to every advertiser on these pages, and to every concern in Canada interested in any manufacturing industry whatever, this interest extending to supply houses also.

If a new manufacturing enterprise of any kind is being started, or an electric lighting plant instituted, or an electric railroad, or a telephone, or a telegraph line is being constructed; or a saw mill, a woolen, cotton, or knitting mill; or if any industrial establishment has been destroyed by fire with a probability of its being rebuilt, our friends should understand that possibly there may be something in the event for them. Do you catch on to the idea?

The starting of any such concern means a demand for some sort of machines, machinery, or supplies, such as steam engines and boilers, shafting, pulleys, bolting, lubricants, machinery supplies, wood or iron working machinery, ventilating and drying apparatus; pumps, valves, packing, dynamos, motors, wire, arc and incandescent lamps, and an infinite variety of electrical supplies, chemicals, acids, alkalis, etc. It is well worth the while of every reader of the Canadian Manufacturer to closely inspect all items under the head of Captains of Industry.

The Rumpel Felt Boot Factory at Berlin, Ont., is being enlarged by the addition of a four storey brick building 125x50 feet, which means the employment of about 100 more hands.

Messrs. J. & B. Goldstein and D. W. Ferguson, of Montreal, will establish a tobacco factory at Leamington, Ont.

Mr. Archibald Blue, Director of the Bureau of Mines, has returned from Renfrew County, Ont., where he spent a week inspecting the corundum belt. The best showing was on what is known as Block's farm. The corundum appears there in a syenite rock, which extends over a large area. Large numbers of float boulders, in which the white variety of corundum was to be seen, were encountered on the road. Several other deposits of considerable extent in Carlow and Ruglan Townships were examined.

Stirling, Ont., will spend \$20,000 in bringing water from Lake Somerset by gravitation.

The Cleveland Bicycle Co., Toronto Junction, will build a three-storey brick addition to their factory, 140x60 feet.

The Belleville, Ont., Gas and Electric Light Works were damaged by fire September 15th, to the extent of about \$500.

R. G. Anderson's grist and sawmill at Port George, Ont., was destroyed by fire September 13th. Loss about \$1,000.

J. V. Methot's carding mill at St. Antoine de Tilly, Que., was destroyed by fire a few days ago.

Robt. Bell, Jr, Hensall Engine Works, Hensall, Ont., has just shipped a large planer and matcher to C. F. Bennett & Co., St. John's, Nfld; 25-h.p. stationary engine and boiler to John Taman, Goderich, Ont.; one medium sized sawmill to London, Ont.

The Quebec Chronicle states that the cotton factories at Montmorency, Que., are to be still further enlarged, owing to a new field which has been discovered for their produce. This is Mombasa, on the West coast of Africa, where for some time past American cotton has been driving out the English product. Now the Montmorency cotton is superseding there both the English and American.—This is stale news as the facts above stated were published in full in the columns of this journal some three months ago.

The Guelph, Ont., Board of Trade have appointed a committee to confer with and assist Messrs. Wallace, Duff & Buckingham, of that city, to organize a company to establish an extensive pork-packing establishment there.

During the month of August the Londonderry Iron Co., Londonderry, N.S., turned out and shipped 700 tons of cast iron pipes.

Messrs. Brown, Pole & Tanner's cheese factory at Mayfair, Ont., was destroyed by fire September 16th.

The Montreal Street Railway Co. car sheds, Montreal, were destroyed by fire September 16th. Loss about \$150,000.

St. Roumald's College, Levis, Que., was destroyed by fire recently. Loss about \$13,000.

Regarding building operations in Toronto the books of the City Commissioner show that during the year 1896 the value of buildings erected and alterations made aggregated \$657,168, against \$938,619 during 1897, and \$1,419,790 during the first nine months of 1898. The following is a summary of the distribution of the operations during the current year to Sept. 30:—

Dwellings.....	\$436,900
Alterations and additions to dwellings.....	61,105
Factories.....	162,500
Alterations and additions to factories.....	110,120
Stores.....	25,520
Alterations to stores.....	56,780
Warehouses.....	150,100
Alterations to Warehouses.....	71,665
Office building and repairs.....	22,000
Schools and additions.....	117,500
Churches and additions.....	18,600
Charitable Institutions.....	65,500
Hotels and restaurants.....	34,000
Theatres and repairs.....	27,200
Bank and repairs.....	13,000
Sheds and stables.....	27,285
Miscellaneous.....	20,105

Total, 1898, till Sept. 30th... \$1,419,790

Some of the prominent timber merchants of Campbellton, N.B., have decided to try the Australian markets in competition with British Columbians and Norwegians. Two dealers, Messrs. Richards & Shives, are loading two large sailing ships, of respectively 1,500 and 1,100 tons, which will sail from Campbellton for Sydney. They will carry about 225,000 feet of deals and deal ends. The cargoes have been specially selected, and a competent agent in Sydney has been engaged to see to the sales. The New Brunswick and Nova Scotia timber trade will look anxiously towards the result of this venture.—Maritime Merchant.

The new industry in the fish curing way recently established at Centreville, Digby, is being well tested this season. The canning of herrings had never been undertaken in Digby before, and the present indications are that the venture will prove very successful. The fish are brought from Grand Manan, and forty or fifty men find employment in putting them up.—Annapolis, N.S., Spectator.

The Vankleek Hill Electric Light Co., Vankleek Hill, Ont., are increasing their lighting capacity by the installation of a 50 kilowatt S.K.C. two-phase generator.

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