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### A NEW DEPARTMENT.

After June 1st, 1905, THE CANADIAN ENGINEER will be issued and conducted under new auspices; both as regards ownership and the editing of its columns. For twelve years this journal—with its familiar red cover—has been published by Biggar-Samuel, Limited, having business office at Montreal, and editorial headquarters in Toronto.

With the conservatism characteristic of Canadian enterprise, and a wise selection in the subject matter of its issues—supplying the wants both of the Engineer as theorist, and of the practical man in the workshop—THE CANADIAN ENGINEER has made for itself a solid and permanent position in the industrial field of Canada. The steady rise in its circulation, and the gradual increase in the number and standing of its advertisers, has encouraged those responsible for its existence with the warranted belief that a bright future is ahead. But to make it worthy of its proud position as the leading Engineering Journal of Canada, and in order to meet the demands of the new era of prosperity in iron and steel, which one can hear coming on every passing breeze, increased capital is necessary for gathering the latest and best data on engineering enterprise in all parts of the world; whilst renewed energy, and a wide resourceful experience on the editorial staff is of vital importance, if the journal is not only to maintain its high standard, but to keep abreast of these times of startling transition in the domain of engineering.

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The new editor, Mr. Samuel Groves, is a trained English Engineer, with a ripe knowledge of the best modern engineering practice, gathered in some of the largest industrial establishments in England, the United States and Canada. He is an expert in Metallurgical Science, and was 1904 Lecturer on “Mines, Furnace, and Foundry” to the Carnegie Technical Schools, Pittsburgh.

Under this new regime, it is hoped to make THE CANADIAN ENGINEER a fertile field of suggestion, where the wide-awake Civil, Mechanical, or Electrical Engineer, enterprising Manufacturer, and intelligent Mechanic, may gather reliable data, which will aid them in solving many a problem in Applied Science, and by the association of ideas, enable them to design, with greater ease and precision, appliances, structures, and plants for developing the great natural resources and boundless mineral wealth of the Dominion.



—The investigation into the telephone question by the special committee of the House of Commons is being continued, and the evidence collected from many quarters shows not only that the Bell Telephone Company has in many instances given unsatisfactory service at rates much higher than would be charged by independent companies, or by a service owned by municipalities, but that the general policy of the company has been inimical to the interests of the public and the municipalities whenever its monopolistic purposes have been interfered with. Indeed the president of the company in responding to the toast of his health at Montreal, where the Bell Company entertained the members of the parliamentary committee with princely hospitality the other day, frankly avowed that the study of the company was the profits to shareholders, and not necessarily the public benefit. “I do not hesitate to say,” observed the president, “that the shareholders have been considered first, and the public second.” It is quite right that shareholders should look for a return upon their investment, but when the public advantage and convenience are the very basis of the success of such an appliance as the telephone, and when the processes