

ALEX. GIBSON, Marysville, N.B., is about to build fifteen refrigerator cars.

GREENWOOD, B.C., one of British Columbia's new mining towns, proclaims its lack of a saw mill in the local papers.

It is said that sand suitable for glass manufacture has been discovered at the peat works, Wainfleet, near Welland, Ont.

A \$30,000 extension is being made to the Walkerville brewery. Its products will be sent in wood to Detroit and bottled there.

PLANS are being prepared for a new R. C. cathedral at Charlottetown, P.E.I., to cost about \$100,000. The architect is Mr. Berlinguet, Quebec.

AN offer of 20 cents on the dollar is made by Kelley & Murphy, carriage makers, of St. John, N.B. The liabilities are in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

THE bridge at Ste. Anne de la Perade, Que., was carried away by an ice shove, December 30th. All the machinery and material for the new bridge was also swept away.

R. R. DOUBELL and other wealthy men in the city of Quebec are said to be organizing a company for the cold storage and exportation of meat and agricultural produce.

THE Collins Manufacturing Co., of Toronto, are reorganizing and intend to go extensively into the manufacture of metallic shingles and wire fencing this coming season.

JOHN COATS, C.E., president of the Ottawa, Ont., Gas Co., is spoken of as a Liberal Unionist candidate in the approaching election in South St. Pancras, London, Eng.

GODFROI TREMBLAY, owner of a saw mill at Lorette, has taken suit in the Superior Court against the city of Quebec for \$12,000 damages. He alleges that the water works deprives his mill of the required power.

THE Steam Boiler and Plate Glass Insurance Co., London, Ont., have abandoned the steam-boiler branch of their business in favor of the Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co. of Canada, head offices in Toronto.

THE purchase of a second steam fire engine for Toronto, which was to have been made from an Elmira, N.Y., firm, has been deferred until after the engine now ordered from the Watrous Engine Company has been delivered and tested.

THE town of Arnprior, Ont., seems to be favored by industrial promoters at present. Two different parties from the United States are talking of establishing pulp mills, and a glass factory that's "out-o'-work" has its eye upon the town.

THE district immediately north of Peterborough is to have three new saw mills this winter. Coon's mills, near Havelock, will be rebuilt at once, and North River Bridge, Belmont township, and Otter Lake, Methven township, are the sites of the other two.

PLANS for the proposed extension of the Protestant Hospital, Ottawa, Ont., have been submitted by Arnold & Ewart, and A. M. Calderon. The plans were all within the limit of \$45,000 set. The decision of the committee as to which plans are accepted will shortly be announced.

AT the municipal elections in Hamilton the proposed water works extensions were voted down by a big majority. The electors did not see their way to spending \$175,000 on a scheme which would give them no more water than at present. Some new plan will be proposed later on.

THE annual report of the city engineer, of Toronto, shows that the pumping station consumed 21,033,210 pounds of coal in pumping 6,639,763,535 gallons of water. There were 5.816 miles of pavement of various kinds constructed. The new down-draught furnaces at the water works have effected an enormous saving in coal.

WHITMAN BREWER, of St. Mary's, N.B., has been awarded the contract for building the new bridge across Vaughan's Creek, at the foot of Hardscrabble Hill, and also the breakwater in Vaughan's Creek to protect the roadway from the sea thrown in by the Dominion Government breakwater at the mouth of the harbor.

THE canning factory boom goes gaily on. Miller & Soby, of Picton, Ont., will receive a free site and exemption from taxation in Napanee. T. A. Code, John Hart, Andrew McArthur, W. A. Moore, Dr. Grant, J. G. Campbell and J. M. Rogers, of Perth, are the incorporators of the Perth Canning Co., under letters patent from the Ontario Government. A number of gentlemen interested in the establishment of a large canning factory in Hamilton, Ont., were in the city recently. Among them were G. L. Pearson, of London; John Shaw and Robert Logan, of Waterford; James and John Gosnell, of Highgate; D. C. Gosnell, of Dutton, and the Messrs. Morrow, of London, Ont.

Cornwall, Ont., has a chance to secure the Watson Heater Co.'s works for that town. R. S. White, J. Bartley and J. Watson, of Montreal, recently looked over the town with a view of locating there. From 60 to 200 men would be employed, and plumbers' supplies generally would be manufactured as well as heaters.

THE B. Greening Wire Co., of Hamilton, have received the Canadian patent for their cow tie, under date of Dec. 27th. An English manufacturer has already sought to place an infringement on the market, but the Messrs. Greening are fully prepared to enforce their rights should any of these goods be sold in Canada.

THE people of Ottawa, Ont., do not want to spend any money on improvements at present. The public library scheme was voted down in spite of the offer of the Perley estate of a residence valued at \$70,000 for the purpose. The proposed expenditure of \$40,000 on Landsdown Park and \$45,000 for fire protection were also voted down.

A new wholesale fruit market building is to be erected in Toronto early in the spring. It will be built under the auspices of the City Council, and will be situated at the foot of Yonge street. The Council are also preparing to build a new pumping station at the Island. This will cost about \$15,000, including the machinery, which will amount to about half the total.

WHAT felt like the shock of an earthquake was experienced at Ottawa on the 6th Dec. It was learned subsequently that 2,000 pounds of nitro-glycerine had exploded at the factory of the Ottawa Powder Company, situated about two miles from the city. The explosion took place in the mixing-house, which was demolished, with a loss of about \$1,000. John Reynolds, assistant foreman, received injuries from which he died. He was 26 years of age, and a native of New Jersey.

AMONG the fires of the month one of the most serious was that in St. Catharines, which destroyed so much of the valuable plant in Patterson & Corbin's car factory. The large middle building of the works, containing the machine shop, cabinet shop and paint shop, was completely gutted and the machinery ruined. The insurance will not cover the loss, which amounts to fully \$12,000. We hope to see Messrs. Patterson & Corbin put their plant into operation again with their usual enterprise and energy.

THE estate of the Watson Manufacturing Co., of Ayr, which has been in the hands of the liquidator for sometime, was sold by auction at Judge's Chambers, Berlin, on Dec. 13th. The purchaser was Wm. D. Watson, and the price paid \$14,500, for the factory plant, book debts, and all assets. The many friends of the Watson Company will be glad to learn that the matter is satisfactorily settled, and that they have been successful in securing the business again.

THE Westinghouse Air Brake Company is creating quite a stir in several Canadian towns by sending round a representative to look up a site for a branch of their business in Canada. Hamilton, Toronto and Ottawa are the chief points being considered, we believe. The Ottawa Land Company, which is composed of a number of the leading shareholders in the Electric Railway Co., will make a gift to the W. A. B. Co. of water power and land at the Little Chaudiere sufficient for their purpose, if they will locate in Ottawa.

A MONTREAL firm has been lately in correspondence with the mayor of Almonte, Ont., Wm. Thoburn, the well-known woolen manufacturer, endeavoring to make terms for the establishment of a glass factory in the town. We have not been able to learn whether the necessary sand is alleged to be procurable in the neighborhood, but from the fact that the enterprise appears to be of the usual got-up-among-local-capitalists-by-the-retiring-as-soon-as-complete-outsider, we suspect it is merely the (gold) dust that is to be of local origin.

AT the annual meeting of the St. John, N.B., Iron and Hardware Association the following officers were elected: President, W. H. Thorne; vice-president, Thomas McAvity; secretary, treasurer, John J. Barry. Directors, J. C. Robertson, R. B. Emerson and S. Hayward. Executive committee, the officers and directors. Wholesale committee, W. H. Thorne & Co., T. McAvity & Sons, S. Hayward & Co., Kerr & Robertson, M. E. Agar, J. C. Robertson & Co. and Emerson & Fisher. Manufacturers' committee, J. C. Robertson, of the Portland Rolling Mills Co.; Geo. Ketchum, of I. & E. R. Burpee & Co.; Jas. Pender, of James Pender & Co.; R. B. Emerson, of Emerson & Fisher; Geo. McAvity, of T. McAvity & Sons; John Robertson, of J. Robertson & Co., and S. Sheraton, of Sheraton & Whittaker.

AT the annual meeting of the Metal and Hardware Association of Montreal, James Crathern was re-elected president; Thomas J.