

THE Montreal Rolling Mills Co. have elected the following officers: President, Andrew Allan; vice-president, Hugh Maclean; directors, G. A. Drummond, E. S. Clouston, H. Montagu Allan, H. Archibald, and (managing director), Wm. McMaster.

FOLLOWING the example of Fredericton, the people of Moncton, N.B., have decided to erect a hospital if the Provincial Government gives the subsidy asked for. The *Eastern Chronicle*, New Glasgow, N.S., urges a similar institution for that progressive town.

HAMILTON city engineer recommends that the sewers committee should be granted \$30,000 this year, in order to enable it to complete the sewers on Robinson and Wood streets, and to construct a main sewer on Sanford avenue, works which are urgently required.

THOS. ALLISON has been in Chatham, N.B., lately, looking for a site for a proposed new pulp mill. He has behind him capitalists who are ready, he states, to form a company with a capital of \$200,000 for the purpose of building a mill capable of producing 30 tons of chemical pulp per day.

TORONTO Board of Works recommend the council to submit a by-law to the citizens for improvements in the waterworks supply, having especially in view fire protection for the crowded parts of the city. The improvements in question, as estimated by the city engineer, would cost about \$226,000.

MONTREAL city attorney has entered an action against the Water and Power Co. to recover \$72,000 due on water furnished by the Waterworks to the company for the supply of Coteau St. Louis and Maisonneuve. The company is alleged to have collected the water rates, but did not pay the city's bill.

A COMPANY is about to start the manufacture of gas in St. Louis du Mile End, Montreal, supplying it at a very cheap rate. It is understood that the new company has a subscribed capital of \$100,000, and that it will start operations in May, should the municipality grant exemption from taxation for 25 years.

THE Contractors and Builders' Association, Ottawa, have appointed the following officers: President, John E. Askworth; first vice-president, John McKinley; second vice president, Joseph Gravelle; recording secretary, James Bennett; assistant recording secretary, H. Burgess; treasurer, E. B. Butterworth.

FREDERICK TOMS, contractor for the Dominion Government buildings at Victoria, B.C., died of pneumonia in that city on Feb. 25th. His condition had become so serious recently that he abandoned the contract, which was taken over by Elford & Smith of that city. Mr. Toms was a native of Newfoundland.

HAMILTON Bridge Works were sold last month by the local master in Chancery to J. H. Tilden, of the Gurney-Tilden Company, for \$49,900. A new company is now being organized to carry on the business, although there is a possibility of the works being removed from Hamilton. The works originally cost \$135,000.

NEARLY all the proprietors on Melinda street, Toronto, which was practically ruined by the recent fires, have decided to rebuild. The Osgoodby Building will cost about \$40,000 to reconstruct. To repair the McKinnon block it is estimated the cost will be \$60,000. It has not so far been decided whether to rebuild the *Globe* building or not.

THE celebrated trial of Boyd and Somerville, agricultural implement makers, Huntingdon, Que., has at last ended. A verdict of guilty was returned against both parties on a charge of having obtained money under false pretences from the Eastern Townships Bank. Notice of appeal to the Court of Queen's Bench, Montreal, was entered.

THE Wm. Hamilton Manufacturing Co., of Peterboro, have received an order from the C.P.R. for the steam plant for the new elevator at Prescott, Ont. The plant will consist of a 16 x 20 in. Payne-Corliss engine and two steel boilers, with a Worthington condenser. The latter will be manufactured by the Caledonia Iron Works, Montreal.

THE *Toronto World* is agitating for an increased protective duty on bicycles, which, it claims, would have the effect of keeping all the trade in these articles within Canada. It states that the output of Toronto factories alone this year will aggregate 18,400 wheels, the number of employes being 524, and the weekly amount paid out in wages being \$4,780.

THE Samuel Rogers Oil Co., of Ottawa, is to be incorporated as a joint stock company, as the "Rogers & Morris, Ltd." The applicants for incorporation are Samuel Rogers, A. S. Rogers and J. P. Rogers, Toronto, and W. D. Morris and Mary Ann Rogers, of Ottawa. Capital stock, \$70,000. The business will still remain a branch of the Queen City Oil Co.

L. THOMAS, Melbourne, Que.; W. E. Jones, Richmond, Que.; J. M. Nunns and H. A. Allen, Melbourne; and K.A. Cummings and F. N. Nunns, Coaticook, Que., are seeking incorporation as the Richmond Industrial Co., with a capital of \$100,000. They will acquire the real estate, plant and franchise of the Richmond Water Power and Manufacturing Co.

JAS. HARDMAN, who for some years past has acted as the Western Ontario representative of Robin, Sadler & Howarth, leather belting manufacturers, Montreal, has severed his connection with that firm and accepted a similar position with Goodhue & Co., leather belting manufacturers, Danville, Que. Mr. Hardman's address in Toronto is 90 Bay street.

THE Ottawa Investment Co. are applying for incorporation, with a capital stock of \$425,000, for the purpose of purchasing large manufacturing and business properties, and selling them to outside speculators. They hope by this means to establish several new industries in Ottawa. J. W. McRae and Thos. Ahearn are among the provisional directors of the company.

ARCHIBALD FORD's action against the Citizens' Gas Control Co., Montreal, claiming \$10,000 damages on the ground of an alleged infringement of certain patents belonging to the plaintiff, has been dismissed, as the plaintiff refused to furnish the security ordered by the court for costs to be incurred by defendants on the proceedings taken and taxable against the plaintiff.

A. C. LESLIE & Co., Montreal, manufacturers' agents for iron and steel, also cutlery, American fencing wire, etc., who have had an office in Toronto for the past eight years, last month determined to close the latter. They do not intend, however, to give up their large connection with merchants and manufacturers throughout the West. For the present W. S. Leslie, who has been in charge of the Toronto office, will cover the ground, and arrangements are now being made for a thoroughly good representation of the firm in western Ontario.

ON the evening of the 25th ult. a terrific explosion occurred in John M. McLaughlin's mineral water factory, Sherbourne street, Toronto. A large portion of the walls of the two-storey brick building were blown down and neighboring houses more or less damaged. When the firemen came to clear away the debris it was found that it had been caused by the bursting of the boiler, the cause of which has not been ascertained up to the time of writing. The loss is about \$10,000, and as Mr. McLaughlin is not insured against boiler explosions, there is no insurance to cover the loss. Mr. McLaughlin was in California when the accident took place.

A. G. SINCLAIR, late president of the New York Emery Co., having been forced out of the combination by its so-called friendly action, has decided to stay on the outside, yet remain in the same line of business. He has, therefore, connected himself with the Tanite Co., of Stroudsburg, Pa., and solicits for that company the trade which in former times he controlled as salesman for the Ashland Mills, and later for the New York Emery Co. and the American Emery Mills. As Mr. Sinclair is one of the oldest salesmen in the emery trade, and also a practical manufacturer of emery, he knows something as to the intrinsic quality of that article, and also as to the needs of the trade. Having learned what Tanite Mills Emery is by several years' competition with it, he now offers it with confidence, and asks equal confidence from old customers and friends.

WHILE the grindstone still remains, and possibly always will remain a popular and useful tool in the manufacture of iron and steel goods, the mechanical public were quick to see the value of an artificial wheel whose emery grains were harder and sharper than those of natural and sometimes rounded sand. Hence the solid emery wheel soon made its way into public favor. It seems strange that a similar material and process was not at the same time successfully applied to the production of hone stones, oil stones and whetstones. Early attempts were made to introduce such articles, but, for various reasons, failed. The peculiar properties of Tanite, which fit it for a base in emery wheel manufacture, have been applied by the Tanite Co., of Stroudsburg, Pa., U.S.A., to the production of solid emery whetstones. The result has been a great practical success, though the prejudice of the trade and the novelty of the article have conspired to make the demand irregular and scattering. That this state of the trade is not due to the quality of the artificial whetstone is evidenced by the fact that in quarters where it has once been introduced the demand is regular. The Tanite whetstone is adapted to the mill pick, the carpenter's and stonecutter's chisel, the bit of the moulding mill and the axe of the woodman.