

The London Cold Storage Co. is putting in a lighting plant, direct connected to Leonard self-oiling engines. The Electrical Construction Co., Ltd., London, Ont., has the contract.

The London, Ont., Electric Light Co. has just put in four new boilers, and the Berlin, Ont., Gas Co. one new boiler. The Kingsville Electric Light Co. is putting in a Leonard self-oiling engine.

A company to build electric launches is being organized in Hamilton, Ont., by S. R. Sintz, Chicago, and A. Ives, Detroit. The batteries will be built by the Volta Storage Battery Co., Hamilton, Ont.

The E. B. Eddy Co., Ltd., has contracted with Conroy Bros., Deschenes, for 800 electrical horse-power at \$15. The use which is to be made of this large amount of power by the E. B. Eddy Co., has not been allowed to become public.

Application will be made to enable the Buffalo Ry. Co., or the Buffalo and Niagara Falls Electric Ry. to acquire the franchise and business of the Niagara Falls Park and River Ry. Co., the Clifton Suspension Bridge Co., the Queenston Heights Suspension Bridge Co., and the Queenston Heights Bridge Co.

The Hon. A. A. Thibadeau, R. Wilson Smith, G. H. Mel-drum, Montreal; T. B. Stillman and H. Hall, New York, are being incorporated as the Electric Fire-Proofing Co., of Canada, Ltd.; capital, \$300,000; headquarters, Montreal; to carry on the business of treating timber, wood and other substances so as to render the same fireproof.

The Hoeffner Refining Co., Hamilton, Ont., has placed an order with the Canadian General Electric Co. for two 1,500 amp., 120 volt generators, to be used for electrolytic purposes. These machines are to be direct-connected with Stanley motors, and the power will be supplied by the Cataract Power Co. from the DeCew Falls transmission lines.

At the annual meeting of shareholders of the Hamilton Electric Light & Cataract Power Co., Ltd., the officers and directors were elected as follows: Hon. J. M. Gibson, president; Jas. Dixon, vice-president; John Moodie, treasurer; John Patterson, secretary; J. W. Sutherland, John Dickenson, M.L.A.; J. A. Kammerer, Toronto, and Allan B. Forbes and Edward P. Smith, Chicago.

At the annual meeting of the Lachine Rapids Hydraulic and Land Co., a satisfactory statement was made, and the directors re-elected. The directors' report stated that the company's revenues had been dependent on private consumers hitherto but that they hoped to secure a city lighting contract at an early date. The lighting contract is now held by the Royal Electric Co.

Mayor Wilson, of Winnipeg, Man., has prepared a by-law voting \$300,000 for the purchase of the plant now operated by the gas company, or the erection of a new one; also for the securing of the franchise for private electric lighting by the city. The Mayor states that the unqualified success of the city in handling the waterworks and the street lighting proves the utility of municipal ownership, and warrants the city in securing other franchises.

The Central Passenger Association has granted a special rate of a fare and one-third, on the certificate plan, from all points in its territory to Chicago and return, for delegates and friends attending the twenty-third convention of the National Electric Light Association, to be held in Chicago, Ill., May 22nd, 23rd and 24th. It is expected that the various other passenger associations will announce the same concession at an early date.

J. Patterson, J. Moodie, J. Dixon, W. W. Osborne and the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Hamilton, Ont.; J. Dickenson, Glanford, Wentworth county, Ont., and J. A. Kammerer, Toronto, have been granted incorporation to manufacture carbolite and products from its manufacture, and to utilize slag for its production, under the name of Carbolite, Ltd. The capital of this company is \$1,000,000, and the head office is to be in Hamilton, Ont.

At the annual meeting of the Canadian General Electric Company the stockholders sanctioned the issue of \$300,000 in new stock. The financial statement showed remarkable increases in business during the year. The annual report showed that the net profits for 1899 were \$281,995, out of which \$108,000 were paid in dividends, \$69,358 written off machinery

and other assets, \$100,000 transferred to reserve fund, and \$58,437 to profit and loss account. The reserve fund is now \$140,000.

The Royal Electric Co. is supplying the electrical equipment for the Pratt & Letchworth iron works in Brantford, Ont.

The town council of Neepawa, Man., in accepting the electric light power plant recently installed by the Robb Engineering Co., passed the following resolution. "That this council has much pleasure in bearing testimony to the efficient manner in which J. F. Porter has installed the engine and boilers in connection with our electric plant, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Robb Engineering Co." Carried.

J. S. Clark, Ayr, Ont., vice-president and managing director of the Grand Valley Railway Company, which proposes to build an electric line from Port Dover to Goderich via Brantford, Paris, Galt and Berlin, says the company has behind it some well-known capitalists in New York and London, Eng., including D. W. McNair, J. Acton Lomax, Charles R. Sickles, Dr. Sanger, of New York; Hon. Jas. Roche, late of the Alaska Boundary Commission; and O. McNair, of the Warsaw Bank, Buffalo. Mr. Clark says that he completed arrangements for buying the charter of the Preston and Berlin Electric Ry. Co. He has also bought the toll road from Ayr to Paris, Ont.

At 11 o'clock on Tuesday night, January 9th, fire occurred in the power house of the St. Jerome Light and Power Co., St. Jerome, Que., which destroyed its electric plant. On Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock the Royal Electric Co. was instructed by the St. Jerome Co. to forward as quickly as possible, a 75-k.w. S.K.C. generator complete with exciter and switchboard; the whole went forward that evening, was received in St. Jerome Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, the destroyed plant was removed and the new one put in its place, and the lights turned on as usual at 5 p.m. on Friday, or 48 hours after the receipt of order by the Royal Electric Co. in Montreal, lights were again burning in St. Jerome.

Marine News.

The Yarmouth Marine Railway Co. has declared a seven per cent. dividend for the year.

F. Cormier, Moncton, N.B., has invented a rudder to be carried and shipped in case of accident to the regular rudder.

Thomas Henry, Canadian freight agent of the Northern Pacific Railway, has been appointed general traffic manager of the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Co.

The St. Lawrence Terminal & Steamship Co., Ltd., is applying for incorporation to build wharfs, docks, elevators, etc., at Sorel, Que., or some other point on the Richelieu River.

G. R. Walker, formerly on the engineering staff of the Manchester Ship Canal, is now in Canada in the interest of the proposed Georgian Bay Canal.

The Cape Island Steamship Co., Ltd., is being formed for the purpose of doing business on the south shore of Nova Scotia, with Clark's Harbor as the chief place of business; capital, \$10,000.

The Davis Dry Dock Co., Kingston, Ont., has the contract to build a steam yacht for the St. Lawrence Yacht Club. It will have a draught of not exceeding two feet, will be 65 feet by 13 feet beam, and 4 feet deep. The boilers will be Davis' water tube, carrying 200 lbs., the engine 8 inch by 8 inch cylinders. The speed is to be ten miles an hour.

A large and influential deputation from Port Hope, Ont., and Cobourg, Ont., recently interviewed Hon. A. G. Blair, and asked that the Trent canal plans be altered so that instead of the canal being constructed from Rice Lake to Trenton, a distance of 64 miles, it be cut from Rice Lake to Port Hope, a distance of 10 miles.

R. Pickford, W. A. Black, G. W. C. Hensley, C. S. Pickford, W. A. Black, Halifax, N.S. (of whom Robert Pickford, William Anderson Black and George William C. Hensley are to be the first or provisional directors of the said company), are being incorporated as Pickford and Black Steamships, Ltd.; capital, \$600,000.