

Application has been made by C. S. Drummond, representative of the British Traction Co., London, Eng., to the City Council at Nelson, B.C., for a thirty year charter to run an electric street railway in the Kootenays. The city to have the privilege of purchasing the line under certain specific conditions. Instructions were given to the City Clerk to notify Mr. Drummond that the Council was favorably disposed towards the plan and that the franchise requested would be granted as soon as terms could be agreed upon. The British Electric Traction Company is said to be a strong corporation and amply able to carry out any undertaking it may enter into.

The Crystal City Flour Mill, Crystal City, Man., will build a new grain elevator in connection with the mill.

The Thompson Valley Power Co., Kamloops, B.C., has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000 to utilize the water-power of the North Thompson River, B.C.

Amidst all the fluctuations and changes which time brings in trade and manufactures, the Cobourg Matting Factory has unwaveringly continued active operations since it came into the hands of William Mitchell, whose carefulness and diligent application to business has continued to advance the capacity and importance of this manufactory. And at the present time the products of the Cobourg Matting Works rank with the best on this continent. Not only in workmanship and faultless finish, but in texture and beauty of design as well. In the sample room may be found almost exhaustless piles of new and old designs in endless variety, for mats, matting and carpets, in hemp, jute, cocoa, and all wool, as well as of mixed material. In

the shipping rooms large consignments were being packed and prepared for shipment. Mr. Mitchell has lately imported at large expense a very fine loom, with all modern improvements, from Dundee, Scotland, which enables him now to turn out some of the best and most sought for articles. From year to year, as demand increased, the machinery and capacity of this flourishing manufactory has been added to, until it now stands unrivalled as one of its kind on this continent. Owing to the Spanish-American war having had a disturbing effect in the markets upon the material used in the Matting Works, Mr. Mitchell has made much larger purchases this year than usual, and we found the spacious store rooms packed to overflowing, so that if there should be an appreciable rise in the fibre used, this factory will not be affected for some time. This concern gives employment to a large number of operatives. *Cobourg Sentinel Star.*

The Miller Bros. Co., Montreal, have applied for incorporation with a capital stock of \$300,000 to manufacture paper, wood and straw pulp, etc.

A rather unusual whaling venture has been started in Newfoundland, under the management of Mr. Neilson, late Superintendent of fisheries at St. Johns. The company is called the Cabot Whaling Company. A small steamer was built in Norway, manned with experienced Norwegian whalers, and fitted up with all the modern improvements for whaling. It arrived at St. Johns a short time ago, and after landing some cargo and coaling, began operations about the mouth of Conception and Trinity, not far from St. Johns. Although the whaling business in most waters seems to

have died out, in a week or ten days she had brought in no less than seven whales ranging from sixty to 100 feet in length, of the fin-back and sulphur-bottom species. This extraordinary success has made quite a sensation, and it seems to have been proven that there are immense numbers of whales around the coast, and that the Norwegians know how to capture them. These whales are not nearly so valuable as the Greenland or "right" whales, because the bone in their mouths is an inferior article, though of considerable commercial value. The oil is excellent. The correct estimate of the value of one of these whales is \$700 to \$1,000. The Cabot Company has erected a factory for the manufacture of the oil at Snook's Arm, Notre Dame Bay. The "Cabot" carries a gun in her bows from which is fired a harpoon. On striking a whale a bomb explodes, killing the whale instantaneously and developing a gas which prevents it from sinking. The loss of a whale by this method is very rare.

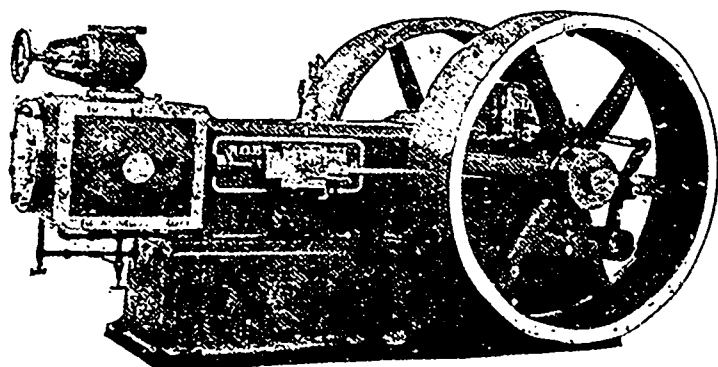
The large new lighthouse at Port Dalhousie, Ont., was struck by lightning and completely destroyed by fire August 12th.

The Magnetawan Tanning and Electric Co., Burk's Falls, Ont., will extend their plant and building.

The Noble Five Mining Co., Sandon, B.C. has just installed a new seven-drill Compressor Plant supplied by the James Cooper Mfg. Co., Limited, Montreal, together with one and a-half miles of pipe line and necessary accessories for plant.

The Electric Co. of Windsor, N.S., has ordered a 100 horse power Robb-Armstrong engine from the Robb Engineering Co.

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