of the machine. It is accurate, reliable, of convenient size, neatly finished, and suited to carry in the pocket. The spindle is made of best tool steel.

THE CANADIAN ASBESTOS COMPANY.

The Canadian Engineer was the first technical journal to call attention to the advantages of "Asbestic" (asbestos) as a wall plaster and a fire-proof material for interior work in buildings, and it is satisfactory to know that time has fully justified the predictions made for it when introduced about four years ago. We learn from the Canadian Asbestos Co., of Montreal, who are sole manufacturers of this material, and whose principal warehouse is here illustrated, that 10,000 tons of asbestic were sold last year, and the output is increasing year by year. The original factory at Danville, Que., which was destroyed by fire the other day, is being rebuilt on a large scale and will be

loads of asbestos and roofing paper to Dawson City, Yukon. Th catalogue just issued by the company gives illustrations of some of the large structures in Great Britain, Europe and the United States for which asbestic has been adopted, while some remark able tests are recorded showing the fire-proof, cold-proof, sound proof and other qualities of asbestic. The same catalogue describes more or less in detail the other products of the company, such as asbestos cement for furnaces, retorts, stoves, etc.. asbestos roofing and building papers, asbestos packings, lubricating compounds, mill board, asbestos cloth, fire-proof curtains, ropes, asbestine fire and waterproof paint, boiler coverings, and other engineers' and ship's supplies. The demand for goods of which asbestos is the raw material is so great that this company is about to open out another mine in the province of Quebec to which reference will be made in a later issue. As dealers in raw as well as manufactured asbestos the company supply the principal United States asbestos manufacturers. Our



equipped with new machinery. The company now have 350 local agents throughout Canada, while asbestic plaster is used in the most modern structures now being erected in the United States and Great Britain. It has been called for in the reconstruction of the western block of the Government buildings at Ottawa, the hospital in that city, the Donalda College. Stanley Flats, Karn Hall, Her Majesty's theatre and many large private buildings in Montreal and other cities, while among the new buildings now under construction in Montreal in which it is being used are the publishing houses of La Presse, The Montreal Star, S. Greenshields, Son & Co.'s wholesale dry-goods warehouse. Henry Morgan & Co.'s new wing, the St. Jean Baptiste church at Mile End, the municipal and school buildings of Westmount, etc. Among the shipments to distant points which the Canadian Asbestos Co. now have in hand are five car-

readers may remember a record shipment made by the company last autumn to one of these United States firms, the shipment consisting of 38,000 bags, or five train loads. This is the largest order for asbestos ever filled by any firm in the world. Wm. Sclater, whose jovial face is familiar to nearly every dealer in these lines of goods in Canada, and who may be called the pioneer in the trade, is president and managing director of the Canadian Asbestos Co.; B. Shepherd is vice-president and B. Marcuse, who was one of the founders of the original asbestic factory at Danville, is secretary-treasurer.

Ogdensburg, N.Y., capital is to put a large light draught boat on between that place and Montreal this season. Passengers and ireight will be carried, and it is hoped the single boat will grow into a line.