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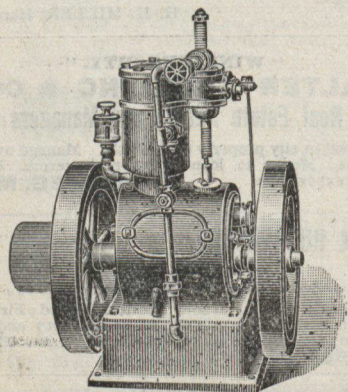
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The Allan steamer "Sicilian" of 8,000 tons has arrived in Montreal from Glasgow.

J. FULLERTON'S tannery in Albert, N.B. was last week struck by lightning and burned to the ground.

THE British Columbia government is sending out a party of surveyors to map out a route for the proposed Kootenay railway.

THE contract for the first five miles of the James Bay Railway from Parry Sound has been let to Beveridge & Poulin, of Ottawa, for \$50,000.

THE Everett-Moore syndicate, which controls some 1,300 miles of suburban electric railroads, are said to be negotiating for the consolidation of all the street railroads in and near the cities of Toledo, Detroit and Cleveland. Their present capitalization is \$100,000,000, which will be increased when other companies are taken in.

AMERICAN capitalists are said to be making efforts to amalgamate all the leading biscuit manufacturing concerns in Canada. It is not believed, however, that much success will attend the scheme.

WE are not informed as to the reason, or reasons for the assignment of J. W. Brisbin, butcher, Midland, who went there from Peterboro, in November, 1899, in which latter place he carried on a grocery business for fifteen years, and where finally he failed and compromised with creditors.

WHEN a business man shows a statement of his affairs to parties interested by reason of their dealings with him, and that statement is to the effect that he is worth \$2,000, on a certain date, and free of all liabilities, it follows that he must have a reason for making an assignment within a short period after. That reason might be one of these; sickness, competition, inexperience, speculating, fire without insurance, note endorsing, credit to customers, or fraudulency.

VICTORIA BOARD OF TRADE.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Board of Trade, formerly the British Columbia Board of Trade, was held last week, when the following officers were elected: Mr. McQuade, president; Mr. Todd, vice-president; council: Messrs. J. G. Fox, Lindley Crease, Henry Croft, Thomas Earle, A. B. Fraser, H. M. Grahame, D. R. Ker, Simon Leiser, C. H. Lugin, J. A. Mara, A. G. McCandless, James Patterson, John Piercy, E. G. Prior and R. Seabrook. It was resolved that the name of this Board be, in future, the Victoria, British Columbia, Board of Trade.

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