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WESTERN CIVIC NOTES.

AYLMER, ONT. The Council will rebuild the water and light plant recently destroyed by an explosion.

AMHERST, N. S. President J. A. Johnson, Board of Trade, and Ex-Mayor Melreith, Halifax, spoke to a large gathering of business men in favour of the extension of the C. P. Ry. through Nova Scotia to Halifax, and the plan was warmly endorsed.

BERLIN, ONT. Mayor Hahn and Mr. Edward Smythe, President of the Board of Trade, formed a deputation to Premier Whitney to ask to have the regulation abrogated, which compels the City to obtain the consent of similar industries before granting a bonus to a new one.

BRANTFORD, ONT. The Waterous Engine Works, Ltd., has purchased the Seagrave Fire Apparatus Co.'s plant at Walkerville, Ont., and will remove it to this city; they have acquired additional space adjoining their works for extension. — The Federal Government has offered to give a \$150,000 post office, but wants the City to give up part of the Market Square.

COBOURG, ONT. The Council has approved the plans of the C. N. Ry. for entering the town, and withdrawn the petition for a joint C. N. Ry. and G. T. Ry. station.

COLLINGWOOD, ONT. A by-law will be submitted giving a lease of land at a nominal rent and exemption of taxes for a Marine Railway and Shipbuilding concern.

FORT WILLIAM, ONT. The total amount of coal landed here from vessels this season is 1,385,000 tons.

GODERICH, ONT. The Horticultural Society has laid a plan for beautifying the town before the Council; the Society gave prizes for the best kept premises. — The Federal estimates include \$80,000 for the improvement of this Harbour.

HALIFAX, N. S. A Museum of Fine Arts will be established. — The proposal to induce the C. P. Ry. to extend their line to this city, which was laid before the Railway Management in Montreal by Mayor Chisholm and President J. T. Johnson, of the Board of Trade, is being warmly endorsed by the places which will also be benefitted all along the route.

HAMILTON, ONT. The Council has, after three years' discussion, passed a by-law to take 1,000 h. p. for 30 years from the Hydro-Electric Commission; this will be used for the beach pumping and the sewage plants, but more can be taken later on; the electors had already voted to use this power, in preference to the Cataract Power Co. — A by-law to add \$25,000 to Carnegie's gift of \$75,000, for a new library, will be submitted, and another to purchase the old Library for \$25,000. — It is believed that the C. N. Ry. will enter the City next spring. — One of the wharves collapsed under a load of wire, burying a workman under it. — The Cataract Power Co.'s power was shut off by the accumulation of ice at DeCew Falls, and the city was in darkness.

HULL, QUE. As the School Board has refused to renew the exemption from taxes of the Eddy Co., the Company has had to pay \$11,999 this year, instead of \$1,300 as formerly.

LONDON, ONT. The Railway Commission will take up the question of track elevation after the new year opens. — The London Electric Co. is offering to sell out to the City.

MONTREAL. The scheme of a tunnel between the Windsor St. and Place Viger Stations of the C. P. Ry., is again being talked about; it would be only 1 1/4 miles long, while the present mileage, back of the Mountain, between the two stations, is 18 miles. — The central Y. M. C. A. building on Dominion Square has been sold to the Sun Life Insurance Co., for \$250,000. — The annual plan of a new railway bridge and tunnel across the river is revived by the incorporation of a railway from Eastern Quebec to Ottawa, via Montreal. — The Gentlemen of the Seminary of St. Sulpice, it is stated, are intending to erect and equip a Public Library. — Prosecutions for the smoke nuisance are being taken out. — It is once more stated that a part of the block opposite the Post Office, belonging to the Seminary, has been sold, the price named being \$50 per foot; it is now paying 25 per cent. on the investment. — The Art Association is discussing a proposal to erect a large building to cost a million dollars. — The old part of the Post Office is to be remodelled at a cost of \$80,000, the new part being utilized in the meantime. — The C. P. Ry. is said to have arranged to put up a 10 story office building to replace the old St. Lawrence Hall. — A by-law has been passed forbidding all girls and boys under 10, from selling newspapers in the streets. — A by-law to shorten the hours in which saloons are open is being taken up in the Council. Mayor Garneau, Quebec, has written, saving what an improvement the same system has made in Quebec; the by-law calls for saloons being open from 7 a. m. to 10 p. m. on week days, except Saturday, when the hours are 7 a. m. to 7 p. m.

NEW GLASGOW, N. S. A new company has taken over the Flour Mills and will erect a grain elevator here.

NOTRE DAME DE GRACE, QUE. The town is willing to be annexed to Montreal, but asks that the City shall spend \$1,000,000 on public works in the first 3 years; build 3 police and fire stations; not add to the liquor licenses; tax farm land at \$1.00 per acre and abolish toll gates.

OTTAWA. The direct service by the C. N. Ry. to Quebec has been started.

KINTORE, ONT. The Town Hall has been burned down.

KINGSTON, ONT. The Street Railway Co. is tearing up its tracks, as it cannot agree with the City Council.

PORT ARTHUR, ONT. The increase in traffic on the street railway has led to the purchase of 4 new cars. — The first shipment of iron ore has been made from this port. — The City has arranged for 1,000 h. p. temporarily from the Kaministiquia Power Co., and has purchased 24 tons of copper wire. — By-laws to purchase power from the Hydro-Electric Commission, from the