

**SPARKS.**

James Donaldson, of Goderich, has made a proposition to the council of Thessalon, Ont., to establish an electric plant for street and commercial lighting.

The Parry Sound Electric Light Company has fixed the value of its plant, which the town may purchase, at \$20,000. A by-law authorizing the taking over of the plant will likely be submitted to the ratepayers.

The West Kootenay Power & Light Company, of Rossland, B. C., have secured the contract to increase the power for the Trail smelter by putting in three Wagner transformers of a total capacity of 500 h. p.

The steamship Cowrie recently arrived at London from Koetel, Borneo, a distance of 9,250 miles. The trip was made without coal, liquid fuel being used. Twenty-two tons of oil were consumed daily on the voyage.

The Globe Furniture Company, of Walkerton, Ont., are installing a new 20 h. p. Ideal engine, manufactured by the Goldie & McCulloch Company, of Galt, and a new dynamo manufactured by the Detroit Motor Company.

Messrs. John Parker and H. E. McKee have been appointed arbitrators by the town of Sturgeon Falls, Ont., and the Sturgeon Falls Electric Light Company to determine upon the price at which the electric light plant should be taken over by the corporation.

Sam Lung, a Chinaman, was electrocuted at Peterborough. He went down in his cellar to repair some water pipes, and in so doing lowered an incandescent lamp through a hole in the floor.

We are told that in some unaccountable manner he received a death shock from the live wire.

By an error in the notorial deed, some doubts arose as to the time when the contract for street lighting in Montreal expires. The matter was referred to the city attorneys, who have decided that the contract between the city and the Royal Electric Company will expire on December 31, 1903.

The city engineer of Hull, Que., has been authorized to put up immediately 50 arc lights for street lighting. The Ottawa Electric Company will supply the current at \$53.53 per kilo-watt. The Adams-Bagnall Company will furnish the lamps, Garrioch & Company, of Ottawa, the wire, and R. E. T. Pringle, of Montreal, the insulators.

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