

SPARKS.

A charter of incorporation is being applied for by the Ingersoll Electric Light & Power Co., of Ingersoll, Ont.

A very enjoyable sleighing party was held by the night staff of the Bell Telephone Co., Toronto, on the 12th of February.

The electric welding machine recently installed in Gillies' Carriage Factory at Gananoque, by the General Electric Co., is said to be giving good satisfaction.

The electric lighting plant at Hespeler, Ont., has been purchased by a Mr. Skinner. The purchaser has not decided whether to operate the plant or remove it.

Application for incorporation is to be made for the Hamilton Storage Battery Co., Limited, with a capital stock of \$10,000. The applicants are Dr. Stark, Dr. Osborne, W. D. Long, G. H. Bisby, Geo. Lowe, Jos. Farrell and H. E. Copp.

The earnings of the Toronto Street Railway Co. for February were \$62,000, working expenses 59 per cent. or 10 per cent. less than during the same month last year. The net earnings for the month showed an increase of \$7,200 above those of February, 1894.

Petitions are being circulated in Stratford, asking the council not to enter into a five years' agreement for electric street lighting, with the Stratford Gas & Electric Lighting Co., until the price of gas is reduced, or until tenders have been received for the lighting franchise.

The Winnipeg Electric Railway Company have distributed along their lines old horse cars fitted up with stoves and otherwise made comfortable as waiting rooms. In such a climate as that of Manitoba, such a provision will doubtless be appreciated at its true value by passengers.

A report of the city electric inspector of Victoria, B. C., shows that it cost the municipality last year \$97.95 per annum for each arc light, running five and one quarter hours per day. It is claimed that when the improvements which are now being made to the plant are completed, the cost will be reduced to \$80.00 per lamp per year, including interest and sinking fund. The municipality operate 300 arc lamps.

The City Engineer of Toronto, has recommended that under the requirements of clause 38, of the agreement between the Toronto Railway Co. and the City, the carrying capacity of ordinary closed cars be limited to fifty per cent. above their seating capacity (allowing a space of 18 inches on the seat for each person) and that open cars be limited to their seating capacity. He further recommends that in order to avoid disputes, a notice should be posted in each car, stating the exact number of passengers it is allowed to carry.

A number of Ottawa men are said to be endeavoring to secure control of a tramway line at Kingston, Jamaica. The line is at present operated with mules, and extends through the city and seven miles outside to a large hotel which was erected at the time of the Jamaica exhibition, and which is said to have proved a very successful enterprise. Mr. C. Berkeley Powell has gone to Jamaica on behalf of the Ottawa syndicate to see what can be done. It is understood to be the intention to substitute electricity for animal power, should the syndicate get control of the present line, the franchise for which expires in October next, and endeavor to secure a franchise for a new line, if the present one cannot be got, also to construct electric roads to supply communication between the sugar plantations on the island.

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Notice is given that application will be made by the Hamilton Rail Road Electric Railway Company to the Legislature of Ontario for an Act to amend the Act of incorporation, by providing that the said company shall have authority to operate the Guelph and Berlin branches of the said railway by steam as well as by electric power and increasing the bonding powers of the company in respect of such portions of the said railway as may be constructed for operation by steam power.

At a recent meeting of the Hubbell Primary Battery Co., of the organization of which at Ottawa, mention was made in a recent number of the ELECTRICAL NEWS, the following gentlemen were elected directors of the company:—Messrs. J. W. McKee, Dr. A. A. Henderson, N. C. Sparks, H. B. Spencer, Archie Stewart, J. R. Trudeau, S. M. Rogers and E. F. Hubbell. At a subsequent meeting of the directors, Dr. Henderson was elected president, F. C. Sparks, vice-president, and E. F. Hubbell, secretary-treasurer. Satisfactory tests of the Hubbell Battery are said to have been made, and the directors express their intention of proceeding immediately with its manufacture.

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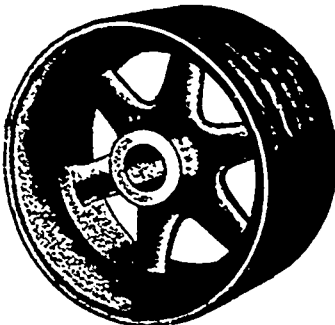
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