

### New Companies.

Wabi Improvement Company, Limited, Haileybury, Ont., incorporated, C. A. Foster, K. G. Robertson, A. E. Way and H. L. Slaght, all of Haileybury.

Bowman-Gray Lumber Company, Limited, Dundas, Ont., incorporated, capital \$40,000. Incorporators, J. H. Bowman, A. McL. Gray, M. T. Brown and others, all of Dundas.

Churchill Development Company, Prince Albert, Sask., incorporated, capital \$20,000. Incorporators, J. Patterson, H. G. Wright, J. F. Monck and J. M. Gibson, all of Hamilton, Ont.

Britnell & Company, Limited, Toronto, Ont., incorporated as lumber manufacturers, capital \$40,000. Incorporators, W. Britnell, A. E. Britnell, Thos. Reid and C. W. Thompson, all of Toronto.

Toronto Indestructible Brick Company, Limited, Toronto, Ont., incorporated, capital \$100,000. Incorporators, A. Cohen, C. F. Ritchie, A. G. Parish, George Keogh and A. Thompson, all of Toronto.

Hamilton Independent Brewing Company, Limited, Hamilton, Ont., incorporated, capital \$200,000. Incorporators, A. L. Burke, W. E. Burke, T. E. Launders and J. T. Greenaway, all of Hamilton.

Toronto Fireproofing & Concrete Company, Limited, Toronto, Ont., incorporated, capital \$40,000. Incorporators, W. E. Denise, Edwin Lake, J. A. Jackson, J. G. Holden and J. E. Denise, all of Toronto.

Trinidad De Cuba Light and Power Company, Limited, Belleville, Ont., incorporated, capital, \$100,000. Incorporators, E. G. Sills, O. A. Marshall, James Little and J. J. Flint, all of Belleville, Ont., and others.

Westrumite Company of Canada, Limited, Toronto, Ont., incorporated to manufacture road material and machinery and to carry out contracts for roadways and sidewalks, capital \$100,000. Incorporators, J. A. MacDonald, F. M. McDowell, R. R. Grant, W. A. Hare and others, all of Toronto.

Canadian Stewart Company, Limited, Montreal, Que., incorporated to carry on a general engineering and construction business and to manufacture machinery, capital \$100,000. Incorporators, C. F. Franson, of New York, N. Y., and A. Bissett, J. T. Ostell, F. H. Shaw and D. B. Smith, all of Montreal, Que.

Psi Delta Psi House of Toronto, Limited, Toronto, Ont., incorporated to erect and maintain a residence or dormitory for students of Toronto University, capital \$20,000. Incorporators, P. G. Brown, J. M. Wilson, A. E.

Bunnell, E. L. Cousins, C. M. Hincks, K. A. MacKenzie and J. J. MacKenzie, all of Toronto, Ont.

### Business Notes.

J. E. Collin & Company, plumbers, Quebec, Que., have registered.

It is stated that Ouimet, Henri & Company, builders and contractors, Montreal, Que., have dissolved.

George Tomlinson, contractor, Ottawa, Ont., has assigned to E. A. Lar-mouth; creditors meet March 16th.

The city council, of Strathcona, Alta., have sold \$243,000 debentures, bearing 6 1/2 per cent. interest, at par to the Imperial Bank.

G. A. Stimson & Co., of Toronto, have just purchased a block of \$1,925 bonds of the township of East Luther, bearing 5 per cent. annual instalments.

G. A. Stinson & Company, of Toronto, have just purchased \$11,367, bonds of the town of Carberry, Man., bearing 5 per cent. interest and maturing in 20 annual instalments.

S. Cunard & Co., Halifax, N.S., will receive tenders up to March 16th for the cargo of the "Affezione" now lying at the dry dock and consisting of 704 M spruce lumber, 1 by 3 to 1 by 11, shippers, and 51 M, spruce lumber, 1 by 3 to 1 by 11, seconds.

Wood, Gundy & Company, Toronto, were the successful tenderers for \$36,779.89 five per cent. debentures of the town of Waterloo. Following are the bids received: Wood, Gundy & Company, Toronto, \$37,460; W. C. Brent, \$37,319; Dominion Securities Corporation, \$37,148; W. A. MacKenzie & Company, \$36,858; Emilius Jarvis & Company, \$36,051—all with accrued interest.

Mayor Ashdown of Winnipeg, is in favor of issuing stock or debentures to raise \$1,000,000 for expenditure on works for 1908. Members of the council suggest \$1,500,000 for improvements and there is likely to be a compromise at \$1,250,000. Whatever amount is decided upon, stock or debentures will be placed on the market some time this month, together with the rest of the city's securities.

### Building News.

At Montreal, forty-four permits for an estimated expenditure of \$72,590 were issued for new structures by the building inspector in February. In January there were 27 permits for an estimated expenditure of \$55,650. Permits for alterations and repairs in

the same period were issued to the amount of \$64,790. The figures are only a trifle lower than for the two corresponding months in 1907.

Building operations at Prince Albert, Sask., promise to be lively this spring. The Imperial bank propose starting work on their new block as soon as excavation can be started. The bank's present quarters are much too small and something has to be done. The new \$90,000 high school building and St. Albans's school for girls, to cost \$20,000, will be built this year. Work on the C.N.R. rail and traffic bridge is progressing very favorably. Both abutments are completed and the eight piers are well under way. Work is being pushed day and night. The bridge, when completed will give access to the rich Shelbrook country across the North Saskatchewan and will lap the main line at Battleford.

At Edmonton, Alta., the Compensation Act has finally been passed with several amendments, the most important of which include the following: In the case of accidents in building operations, a height of thirty feet instead of forty feet as in the original bill. In case of the wilful or serious misconduct of the work, if the injury results in death or permanent disablement. In the original it was payable only when death resulted. The weekly payments are raised from \$5 to \$7.50 and the compensation on death from \$1,500 to \$1,800. The trades and labor councils pressed the government to eliminate the height of buildings entirely, but the government could not see the wisdom of it. The meaning of several sections was made clearer by the adoption of minor amendments.

For the second time this year the monthly returns of the building department at Vancouver show an excess over the corresponding months of last year. The February total amounts to \$368,225 as against \$319,220 for last February, an advance of \$49,005. The advance over the 1907 record for the months of the year now stands at \$217,425. Building Inspector Jarrett states there will be no difficulty whatever in rolling up a six-million-dollar total for the present year.

Following the announcement just made of the completion of the deal with the G. T. P. a contract will immediately be made awarding the contract for the construction of 100 miles of railway from Prince Rupert eastward at approximately \$8,500,000. The most important feature is that construction work begins this year and is to be carried on continuously until the line reaches the eastern boundary of the province.