

SPARKS.

A scheme is being agitated for the construction of an electric tramway from Nanaumoo to Wellington, B. C.

The directors of the Hamilton, Waterdown and Guelph Electric Railway Co have decided to oppose the granting of a charter to the Hamilton Street Railway Co. to establish radial electric roads.

The mica business is reported as being good and large quantities are being shipped to England. The Cleveland administration is expected to remove the duty off this material which will further increase the trade.

His Excellency, the Governor General, recently presented Messrs. John C. Cooney and C. S. Hubbard, of the C. P. R. Telegraph Company, Ottawa, with a beautiful volume each in recognition of services rendered in the transmission of cable messages at the time of the critical illness of his son.

At a recent meeting of the Council of the town of Maisonneuve the electric railway question was brought up. Mr. J. L. Forget represented the Montreal Street Railway Co. and Mr. A. J. Corriveau, the Corriveau-Williams syndicate. Both companies submitted propositions which were referred to a special committee. The matter will be brought up again at the next meeting of the Council.

The St. Jean Baptiste Electric Light Co. held a meeting for the election of officers under the new charter, when the following gentlemen were appointed directors Messrs Arthur Caron, O. Marin, M. P., Hon L. Tourville, Charles Chaput, O Vanier, Joseph Girard, A Lalonde, E. David and P. Terrault, M.P. At a subsequent meeting of the directors Mr O Marin, M.P. was elected president. The company have been supplying light for some time, and it is said have a monthly revenue of \$1,000, with about \$500 expenses.

A joint stock company, composed of Ottawa capitalists, has been formed to buy up and deal in mica and phosphate properties in the Ottawa valley. At the organization meeting about forty business men were present. The capital stock was placed at a quarter of a million dollars, of which \$200,000 was at once taken up. It is the purpose of the company to purchase the mining interests of the district, open and work sufficient-ly to show the quality of the mines, and dispose of them. English syndicates are most likely to be the purchasers.

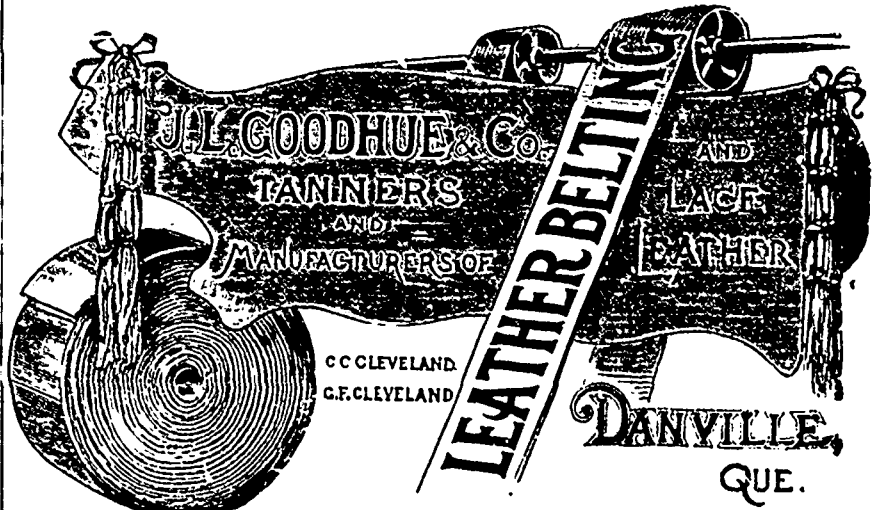
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