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MR. J. D. OGILVY, St. Henri, Montreal; P. H. A. Caron, Petit Metis; J. P. Michaud, Fraserville, and P. A. Parent, St. Ulric, give notice of their intention to apply to the Quebec Legislature for incorporation with powers to buy or sell out patents for peat fuel; to acquire peat pits and logs; to buy, lease or acquire, build, erect and operate, mills for making combustible turf. The headquarters of the company will be at Fraserville, and the capital stock is \$100,000.

THE Quebec Legislature has granted letters of incorporation, under the Joint Stock Companies' Act, to the McArthur Export Company, Limited, Quebec; capital, \$200,000; who will take over the lumber business at present carried on by the McArthur Bros.; and to La Compagnie Electrique de Rimouski, Fraserville; capital, \$100,000, who will establish and carry on lumber mills, own steamers, and sailing vessels, furnish electric light and power, etc.

THE annual meeting of the Cataract Power Company, Hamilton, was held on the 11th inst. The gross receipts of the company during the year were \$421,-311.38. The company has during the past year more than doubled its power-producing capacity, and the business of the railways operating in combination with the company was considerably in excess of that of previous years. The question of extension of the Radial line to Oakville was broached, and it was stated to be the intention of the company to take the matter up without delay The officers were all re-elected, as follows: Hon. J. M. Gibson, president; James Dixon, vice-president; John Moodie, treasurer; John Patterson, secretary; J. J. Mason and C. S. Scott, auditors.

THE Ontario Government has granted charters to the following: The Imperial Hotel Company, of Toronto, Limited; capital, \$100,000; with provisional directors, as follows: N. Kingsmill, R. Millichamp, S. F. McKinnon, J. A. Roberts, and C. A. Pooley. The W. W. Chown Company, Limited, Belleville; capital, \$75,000; to manufacture and sell tinware, lanterns, cheese and butter factory fittings paints, oils, glass, bicycles, etc. The National Iron Works, Limited, Toronto; capital, \$200,000; to carry on a general engineering, foundry and machinists' business; John Galt, and George Bullock are among the provisional directors. The Strathy Wire Fence Company, Limited, Owen Sound; capital, \$200,000. The Lithographed Tin & Can Company, Limited, Toronto; capital, \$200,000; with provisional directors, as follows: A. E. Kemp, W. A. Kemp and Richard Austin.

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