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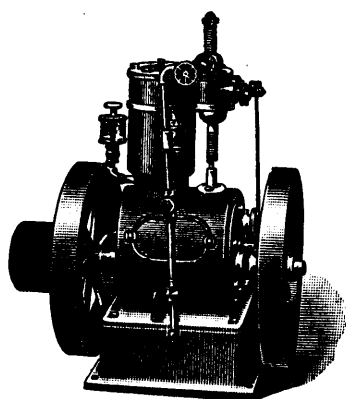
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THE contract has been let for the erection of a large new hotel at Smith's Falls. The price is \$24,600.

It is stated that the work of constructing the Crow's Nest Southern line, to connect with the Great Northern, will be begun immediately.

A NEW government dredge was launched on Fraser river last week. She is capable of sucking up about 750 yards of ordinary river bottom material per hour.

MR. DAVID LEGAULT has been appointed chief of the Montreal police force. Chief Hughes, whom he succeeds, will retire on the 1st prox.

WE hear that the Gananoque Bolt Works will be removed to Swansea, near this city, which will mean the removal of several families from Gananoque to Toronto.

THE long expected strike of C.P.R. maintenance-of-way men, chiefly for higher wages, started last Monday. About 5,000 or 6,000 men are affected. The company say they can operate the road without them.

As a result of the efforts of the Business Men's Association, of Napinka, Man., the Ogilvie Company have decided to build a commodious elevator there, which will prove a great boon to the farmers of that vicinity.

THE Inverness and Richmond Railway was opened last Saturday from Broad Cove to Port Hastings, a distance of 57 miles. This road will eventually traverse the whole length of Inverness County. It was constructed by Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann, Toronto.

THE trouble between the Kingston Street Railway Co., and its employees, developed into practically a riot last week. The men had refused to sign the agreement, accepting the present wage, and release under 48 hours' notice, upon which the company locked the men out, and manned its cars with officials and non-union men.

THE Department of Public Works has arranged to continue this season the hydrographic survey begun last year of the Canadian side of the St. Lawrence river, between Kingston and Prescott. The channel in use by vessels is partly on the American side. It is believed that an equally safe channel exists on the north side of the river.

THE Quebec Railway, Light & Power Co., brought action in the Superior Court of Quebec against the Jacques Cartier Water Power Co., disputing the latter's right to supply electric light and power to the city and neighborhood of Quebec, and to erect poles in the streets thereof, and complaining of the obstruction and danger to its plant and property, caused by the proximity of the works and wires of the latter. The Jacques Cartier Company's charter rights were admitted, but Judge Andrews decided that within three months they must remove all their constructions, where they were in dangerous proximity to the plaintiffs' plant. Notice of appeal was given.