

The Moyie Lumber Co. has ceased to do business in British Columbia.

The name of the Fred. Robinson Lumber Co., of British Columbia, has been changed to the Harbor Lumber Co.

The Manitoba Iron Works, of Winnipeg, made its first run of metal last month in its new foundry. T. R. Deacon is manager and J. H. Pace is superintendent of the new works.

The McLennan Paint Company, of Buffalo, has purchased the assets of the Hollywood Paint Company, of Hamilton, and will reorganize the works there under the name of the McLennan Paint & Color Co.

The American Seeding Machine Co., whose head office is at Springfield, Ohio, have selected Brantford for a Canadian branch of their business, and have purchased the large factory to be vacated by the Cockshutt Plough Co. when their new factory is completed. They will commence operations with 150 or 200 men.

Dermot McEvoy, Toronto, has engaged with the Fairbanks Co., of Montreal, to do missionary work on the engineering specialties of that company, with headquarters 124 Bay street, Toronto. Mr. McEvoy was for several years engineer and mechanical superintendent for the Gutta Percha & Rubber Mfg. Co., of Toronto, but resigned shortly before the recent fly-wheel accident by which a man was killed.

The Utica Steam Gauge Co., 123 Liberty St., New York, has in its works an electro-mercurial column for testing purposes, which is said to be the only appliance of its kind in the world. This company has been manufacturing gauges about 50 years, and makes a type of steam gauge different in construction from any on the market, one of its specialties being railway gauges, which are shipped to all parts of the world.

Since the first of May, when J. C. Wilson & Co., Glenora, Ont., manufacturers of the Little Giant Turbine, reported their foreign shipments this year at 21 wheels, they have shipped the following additional turbines to customers abroad, namely, two 12-inch, one 21-inch, one 28-inch, and one 44-inch, all of the vertical type, and have also under construction for export, one 14-inch, one 21-inch and one 24-inch.

A third company for the insurance of boilers has entered the field in Canada, the Aetna Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co., of Sherbrooke, Que. The directors are: James Cooper, Montreal; F. P. Buck, S. W. Jenckes, F. N. McCrea, Sherbrooke; E. W. Tobin, M.P., Bromptonville; Geo. R. Smith, M.L.A., Thetford; C. H. Carrier, Levis. Jas. Cooper was elected president, but since the formation of the company his death has occurred. S. W. Dresser is secretary-treasurer.

The Garlock Packing Co., of Hamilton, have had a new building erected in that city, to provide for their increased trade. It is a substantial brick structure of two stories and a basement, about 30 x 60, and comprising Nos. 7 to 11 Mary St. The factory and offices are lighted by electricity and supplied with electric power. The well-known Garlock packings will be made here, and a full line of engine and pump packings, and general engineering supplies will be kept in stock.

J. C. Wilson & Co., Glenora, Ont., have an excellent reputation for the quality of the gear wheels, turned out in their works. Finished on special machines, the teeth, both iron and wood, being dressed on both sides, are made mathematically correct, insuring the least possible loss of power through friction. Recent orders for this class of work have been received from such well known firms as The Dodge Mfg. Co., Toronto, Ont., The Skinner Co., Gananoque, Ont., John Fisher & Son, Dundas, Ont., John McLachlan, Cannington, Ont., A. B. Lees, Fallbrooke, Ont. and C. C. Brown, Danville, Que.

The Ontario Portland Cement Co., of Brantford, has set to work energetically to develop its cement marl beds at Blue Lake, near St. George, in Brant Co. These deposits, on examination by the company's engineers and surveyors, proved to be much more extensive than previous cursory re-

ports appeared to indicate, and the quality of the marl shows well under test. With this assurance the company has put up large buildings and is installing modern machinery with an ultimate capacity of several hundred barrels a day. Already quite a village has been created at Blue Lake and the works, which will be operated by steam, will be in operation early in the autumn.

The Dominion Belting Company, recently incorporated, has opened a factory in Hamilton for the manufacture of Stitched Oiled Cotton Duck Belting, for threshers, mills, mines, etc. The new factory is situated near the Imperial Cotton Co.'s Works, and is operated by electricity transmitted from De Cew's Falls. Regarding the output the management state that their belting will be constructed from raw material wholly of Canadian production, and will be thus enabled to make prices much below the cost of importation. The duck used will be treated with a special preparation, perfected by their superintendent after an experience of 20 years in the business. By this process, they believe they can supply a belt superior to anything yet placed on the market, as regards tensile strength, pliability, weight, and freedom from stretching. It is also said to be unaffected by steam, heat or acids. The plant will have a capacity of turning out six thousand feet of belting daily. The president of the company is John J. McGill, for many years general manager of the Canadian Rubber Co., the secretary is C. Fowler and the superintendent, A. L. Campbell, for 18 years with the Gandy Belting Co., of the United States.

Port Arthur and Fort William are well satisfied with their experience of municipal ownership, having not only the municipally owned telephone system recently described in the Engineer, but water-works and electric light. It will be remembered that the telephone system was put in in opposition to the Bell, at a cost of \$15,000. That at Fort William has already 350 subscribers, and the income is \$5,000, the rates being only \$1 a month for residences and \$2 a month for business phones. Port Arthur, three miles distant from Fort William, has a similar system and there is free exchange between the two towns. By parliamentary enactment neither town may sell, lease or impair its system without the consent of the majority of ratepayers of both towns. The cost of maintaining the system is not over \$3,500 per annum for each town, which also includes interest and sinking fund payments on 20-year debentures, provision for depreciation of plant and operating expenses. It is fully expected that by the end of the current year, the system will be earning from \$1,000 to \$1,500 net profit to each of the towns.

## Mining Matters.

Prospecting for coal is being actively prosecuted about Edmonton, Alberta.

Fredericton, N.B., is about to buy out the plant of the Gas Light Co., which includes an electric light plant.

The Temagami iron range, which has recently been investigated, is said to promise to be as rich as Minnesota.

The explosion in the Cumberland mine, Nanaimo, last month, by which 12 Chinamen lost their lives, was caused by fire-damp.

Shipments of concentrates from the War Eagle and Centre Star mines at Rossland to the smelter at Trail have been commenced.

There has been a revival of the mica business at Sydenham, Ont., where the General Electric Co. and others have resumed operations.

A big discovery of gold is said to have been made on two creeks tributary to Alsek River, beyond Lake Arkell, nearly a hundred miles from White Horse, Yukon Territory.

A big oil well has been struck at Dover, N.B., by the New Brunswick Petroleum Co. The company has sunk some 20 oil wells and expects to start work on a refinery very soon.