

**SPARKS.**

Mr. J. E. Taylor, manager of the St. Thomas street railway, has resigned and has been succeeded by J. H. Still, president of the company.

The work of preparing to utilise the Boundary Falls water power at Grand Falls, B. C., for electrical purposes has been resumed. Last fall a substantial dam was constructed above the fall, raising the water about 30 feet, added to the head available. Now a tunnel is being driven through the rock which rises sheer above the top of the falls to connect the dam

with the flume which is to be built to convey the water to the power house. The tunnel will be 130 feet in length and the flume 1,800 feet, with about 1,100 feet of the latter on trestles. Mr. Francis McLean is in charge of the work. It is intended to use the electric power to be generated for lighting and power purposes, and it is probable that connection will be made with several of the mining camps in the district, so as to supply electricity for mine purposes. At the present time the Mother Lode in Deadwood camp is the only mine in the district using electricity for lighting and blast-firing.

The board of governors of the Hamilton Hospital have appointed Mr. Geo. W. Epps chief engineer.

Mr. R. Anderson, of Ottawa, has purchased a site at Arnprior for his proposed power station for the supply of electricity.

Buffalo capitalists are said to be considering the construction of an electric railway from St. Catharines to Wellandport, Ont.

The council of the town of Newcastle, N.B., is considering the installation of an electric light plant, and may engage an engineer to report on the cost.

The annual meeting of the Montreal Park & Island Railway Co. was held a fortnight ago. The statements presented show a net revenue of \$42,907. The old board of directors was re-elected.

Incorporation has been granted to the Midland Power Company, Limited, of Midland, Ont., for the purpose of supplying light, heat and power. James Playfair, Geo. Chew and D. L. White, lumber merchants, are interested in the company.

Messrs. Brewster & McNaughton have issued a writ against the Metropolitan Electric Co., of Ottawa, claiming \$50,000 damages for breach of contract and for wrongful deprivation of plant and other material. This is the outcome of a dispute between the contractors and the company, the result of which was that the contract for the construction of the company's works was taken from the contractors.

Mr. Ernest S. Harrison, 191 Thistle street, Winnipeg, Man., has been awarded the contract for the complete equipment of the Hudson Bay Co.'s stores in that city, consisting of one 30 k.w. dynamo direct connected to a 60 h.p. Robb-Armstrong engine, 50 arc lamps and 104 incandescent lights, together with all necessary wiring. When completed this will be one of the largest isolated plants in the west.

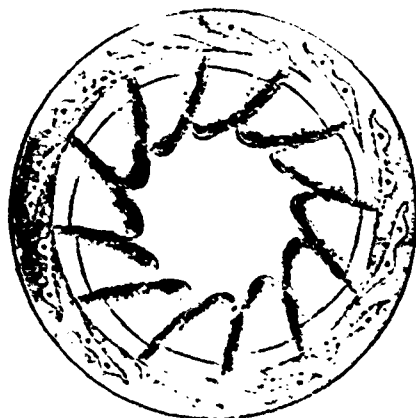
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