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**B. D. BENNETT CONTRACTS FOR COMPLETE ICE FACTORY**

**TO BE IN OPERATION MAY 15**

**Contract Made Today With Eastern Manufacturers Whereby Ottawa Will Have the Long Discussed Ice Plant – Will Be Located at Bennett Coal Yards.**

Contract was made today by B. D. Bennett with the York Manufacturing company, of York, Pa, for the purchase of a complete equipment of machinery for the manufacture of ice and according to the terms of the contract the plant is to be in operation in Ottawa by May 15.

The establishment of an ice plant in Ottawa is directly a result of the warm winter, though the project has been discussed regularly for years past. Several Ottawa parties had lately figured on putting in a plant here. Mr. Bennett, however, had the lead in the matter and only waited to make reasonably certain that a good crop of river ice could not be harvested, before ordering.

Mr. Otto C. Arens, of Chicago, representative of the York Manufacturing company, was telegraphed for Saturday and the contract was made by him.

Ottawa’s new ice factory will be equipped with the most approved machinery and devices for making ice. It will be of a capacity to supply not only this city but surrounding territory as well, and it is presumed that the demand will be sufficient to keep the plant in operation day and night. The factory will be located on the Bennett coal yard property, north of the Crane mill. A building will be erected within a short time to accommodate the machinery. Work will commence at once upon a well 16 feet in diameter, which will be used to supply the factory. In addition to the factory proper the plant will have considerable cold storage space, which latter will be enlarged as demand for it increases. A sixty-horse power boiler will be installed in the plant, and it is proposed that power be furnished to other institutions should it be desired to establish additional factories in the neighborhood.