

FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE TRACTOR CO. WILL GO TO BIG RAPIDS

Deal Is Closed to Locate Company for the Building of Tractors of the Fitch Invention

GROUND BROKEN TODAY
FOR FACTORY BUILDING

Company Gets Fine Site, Building and Free Light and Power for Five Years

According to the announcement of Clay F. Olmstead, secretary of the Four-Wheel Drive Tractor Co., the company that recently incorporated in this city, will locate its plant in Big Rapids.

A committee from the Big Rapids board of trade was in the city Friday and Saturday to submit their proposition to the directors of the company and the deal for the location of the tractor plant at that place was closed at that time.

According to the Big Rapids proposition, the company will be given a new building, 45x200, with an "L" addition, 30x40, which will be occupied by the blacksmith department. They also acquired five acres of land at the junction of the Pere Marquette and G. R. & I. railroads and free light and power for five years.

The Big Rapids board of trade also took over all the stock that the company wished to dispose of at this time. The contract between the company and Big Rapids allows the company to start with the employment of eight men, this number to be increased to 80 within five years. The salaries of the men employed is not made mandatory, the only requirement being that those who are employed shall be given full time work.

Ground is to be broken at Big Rapids today for the construction of the new building for the factory and in the meantime a machine shop has been turned over to the disposal of the company until their factory building is completed.