

A London firm of iron, steel and metal merchants desire to appoint an agent at Calgary.

A London firm manufacturing an extract of coffee desire to open up business in Western Canada.

A Staffordshire manufacturer of fancy earthenware is desirous of appointing Canadian representatives.

A London produce importer would like to hear from Canadian buyers of tomato puree.

A German commission house wish to get into touch with some good furniture dealers in Canada open to handle Russian made bentwood furniture manufactured in the Austrian style.

A Montreal firm of lubricating oil manufacturers make inquiry for the names of United Kingdom refiners of rape oil.

A Toronto firm desire to get into touch with a United Kingdom firm able to supply large regular shipments of castor oil.

A Winnipeg firm desire to get into communication with manufacturers of twist drill bits, such as are used by woodworkers, blacksmiths, etc.

A real estate agent stated to have been established for many years in British Columbia wishes to represent a first-class fire insurance company.

A Toronto firm desire to get into touch with a United Kingdom manufacturer of gasoline road rollers.

A Canadian firm desire to take up the representation of a United Kingdom manufacturer of whiting.

A firm at Toronto are desirous of obtaining the representation of English china clay merchants.

A firm in the Province of Ontario are contemplating the export of maple and basswood last blocks, and would like to hear from United Kingdom users or manufacturers of shoe lasts open to purchase supplies.

A Toronto firm wish to secure the representation of United Kingdom chemical manufacturers, and have an immediate demand for large quantities of sulphur and borax.

A Montreal correspondent is open to take up United Kingdom agencies for inks, glues, dye-stuffs, and other lines excepting dry goods.

Inquiry is made by a Toronto firm for the names of United Kingdom manufacturers of fire engines.

A Canadian firm are open to import Portland cement, and would like to hear from United Kingdom firms open to do Canadian trade.

From the branch for City Trade Inquiries, 73 Basinghall Street, S.E.:

A London manufacturing firm seeks supplies of special wood handles as used in the production of baby carriages, and would be glad to receive quotations from Canadian manufacturers.

A Yorkshire company manufacturing specialties in wood stains and preservatives, and also paints and enamels, ask to be placed in touch with a first-class Canadian firm who would be prepared to act as their representative.

CURRENT NEWS.

Berlin, Ont.—A society taking the name of the Great Waterways Union of Canada has been organized in this municipality. The object is for the purpose of developing the inland waterways of Canada, and the securing of navigation for ocean vessels on the Great Lakes via St. Lawrence and Welland canals route. The Mayors and Presidents of the Boards of Trade of the towns and cities of Canada will constitute the general committee, and will be invited to signify their intention of acceptance.

Calgary, Alta.—Mayor Mitchell is at present investigating the fire alarm system of some eastern Canadian cities. It is highly probable that a system costing \$35,000 to \$40,000 will be installed at an early date.

Sydney, C.B., N.S.—The output figures of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company's plant for December are as follows:

Coke	47,121 tons
Pig Iron	30,062 tons
Steel Ingots lb.	30,241 tons
Blooms	24,551 tons
Rails	5,014 tons
Rods	7,509 tons
Sulphate Ammonia	445 tons

BUSINESS.

Hamilton, Ont.—Fire considerably damaged the plant of the Dominion Vinegar Company. The loss is estimated at \$20,000.00.

Regina, Alta.—\$180,000.00 was the estimated loss to the McCarthy Supply Company when their departmental store was badly damaged by fire.

Moosejaw, Sask.—The Moosejaw Machine Works are now under the control of Saskatchewan Bridge and Iron Company.

Indian Head, Sask.—Damage amounting to \$20,000 was caused by fire to the experimental farm buildings at this point.

PERSONAL.

Mr. E. Cousins has been appointed to the position of engineer of the Civic Harbor Commission of Toronto, Ont.

ORDERS OF THE RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS OF CANADA.

Each week on this page may be found summaries of orders passed by the Board of Railway Commissioners, to date. This will facilitate ready reference and easy filing. Copies of these orders may be secured from The Canadian Engineer for small fee.

ORDER NO. 15754.

Whereas many general complaints and petitions have been made to the Board against the existing freight rates charged by the railway companies operating in Canada west of Lake Superior, and the Board had been delaying the consideration thereof until the final determination of the Regina Rate Case;

And whereas the Supreme Court of Canada, on the 6th day of December, ultimo, dismissed the appeal of the Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern Railway Companies from the Order of the Board No. 12520, dated the 10th day of December, 1910, in the matter of the application of the city of Regina (above referred to), requiring the discrimination in favor of points in the Province of Manitoba, and against points in the Provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta, to be removed by reducing the class freight rates from Port Arthur and Fort William, and points east thereof, to the said points in Saskatchewan and Alberta, and the said dismissal having left the Board free to undertake a wider investigation;

And whereas the tolls of the railway companies operating in the Province of British Columbia are already the subject of enquiry by the Board, upon the complaints of the Vancouver Board of Trade and the United Farmers of Alberta;

And whereas the Board is empowered by the Act, upon its own motion, to hear and determine any matter or thing which, under the Act, it might enquire into, hear and determine upon application or complaint;

Therefore it is declared to be advisable that:

(1) A general enquiry be at once undertaken by the Board into all freight tolls in effect in the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and in the Province of Ontario, west of and including Port Arthur, with the view that, in the event of its being determined that the said tolls, or any of them, are excessive, the same shall be reduced as the Board may determine.

(2) A sitting of the Board will be held at the city of Ottawa on Tuesday, the 13th day of February, 1912, at ten a.m., to consider the procedure upon the said enquiry and give directions with reference thereto.

NOTE:—The Board is applying to the Minister of Justice to appoint counsel to represent the public upon the said enquiry.

15696—December 27—Authorizing C.P.R. to open for carriage of traffic its (portion of) Weyburn-Lethbridge Line from mileage 52.2 to mileage 75.85, a distance of 23.65 miles, Ogama to Viceroy.

15697—December 28—Authorizing Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway to use and operate bridges at mileages 14.0, 54.4, 131.7 and 132.3.

15698—December 26—Relieving C.P.R. from further protection at crossing mileage 45.1 from Place Viger Station.

15699—December 29—Approving revised location of C.P.R. Swift Current to Brooks Branch at mileage 0 to 35.32, Saskatchewan.

15700—December 28—Authorizing C.P.R. to construct its Wilkie Northwesterly Branch across highway at mileage 7.64, Saskatchewan.

15701-02—December 29—Authorizing C. N. O. Ry. to cross three highways in Twp. of Trafalgar, County of Halton, Ontario, and highway in Twp. of Nelson, County of Halton, Ontario.

15703—December 27—Authorizing C.N.R. to construct spur in city of Saskatoon, Sask., north of Seventeenth Street.

15704—December 28—Authorizing G.T.R. to operate its trains through junction at Alford Jct., Ont., without stopping.

15705—December 28—Authorizing G.T.R. to construct spur for National Brick Co., Ltd., at St. Constant, Que.

15706—December 28—Approving certain changes and alteration in G.T.P. Ry.'s revised location in District of North Alberta, Alta.