

excellent opportunities for bringing in cheaply all kinds of supplies.

With her streets all planked or gravelled, with good sidewalks, locomotion around the city is both easy and agreeable at all times while the streets and buildings are lighted with both gas and electricity. The Canadian Pacific Railway has recently completed and opened one of the finest hotels on the continent, while there are numerous other hotels and boarding houses in the city affording accommodation at prices to suit the means or tastes of every visitor. In the western portion of the city there is a public park of 1,000 acres in extent on which the city has expended \$20,000 in making rides and drives. From various points on these roads can be obtained some of the finest views of the Inlet, of English Bay and of the mountains on every side.

A road is now in course of construction connecting Vancouver with one of the richest agricultural districts in the province situated within a few miles of the city, at the mouth of the Fraser river. The farmers from there will, on the completion of this road, be able to reach with ease one of the best markets on the coast for their produce, while their trade will add considerably to the volume of the business of Vancouver.

Ample educational facilities are afforded by three public schools located in the eastern, western and southern portions of the city respectively. Besides these there are several private schools. The Episcopalians, Roman Catholics, Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists and Congregationalists all have places of worship and some of these denominations are about erecting additional churches in other parts of the city.—*News Advertiser*.

Hudson's Bay Railway.

The Hudson's Bay railway enterprise bobbed up serenely again last week, and added additional importance to the already interesting railway situation. Among the arrivals in the city were Mr. Onderdonk the famous railway contractor of New York, accompanied by Mr. Nicol Kingsmill, railway solicitor. A flutter of excitement was occasioned by the announcement that these parties were here on business connected with the Hudson's Bay railway scheme. It was stated that the gentlemen represented a syndicate of capitalists who are prepared to build the road, providing satisfactory arrangements can be made with the Dominion and Provincial Governments. Negotiations were carried on with the Government here, but there nature has not been made public. It will be remembered that the late Norway Government passed an act offering to guarantee four per cent. interest on the bonds of the company, to the amount of \$4,500,000, for a period of twenty-five years. It is said that the object of the visit of the gentlemen named was to discover if the present administration would carry out this offer of their predecessors, providing the proposed syndicate should build the road. No announcement has been made as to the result of the negotiations, but it seems that the Local Government is desirous of leaving the Hudson's Bay railway question in abeyance until negotiations with the Northern Pacific are completed. Altogether, the railway situation in Manitoba at present is an interesting one.

SORENSEN & HERRING will open a drug store at Vancouver, B. C.

J. B. KILGORE, of Winnipeg, has opened a general store at Thornhill, in southwestern Manitoba.

G. F. Galt, G. F. & J. Galt, Winnipeg, and Mrs. Galt left for Victoria, B. C., on Thursday on a pleasure trip.

H. McDowell, druggist, Vancouver, B.C. has formed a partnership with F. H. Morrow, from Toronto, under the style of Morrow & McDowell.

W. JOHNSON, of Brandon, has purchased from the Commercial Bank, the machinery of the defunct Bell farm, at Indian Head, amounting to about twenty-five car loads.

T. LEE, the enterprising harness maker and dealer, of Brandon, is putting up a new show room on Rosser avenue at that place, where he will be enabled to display his large stock to better advantage.

THE COMMERCIAL staff is grateful to Messrs. Blackwood Bros., for a case of assorted aerated waters, which came along at a very opportune time, on one of the scorching hot days of last week. Winnipeg is justly celebrated for the excellence of her manufactures of aerated waters, which owing to their excellent quality, have rendered the sale of imported goods impossible, not only in the city, but throughout the entire western country. In connection with these goods the name Blackwood is known from the great Lake to the Pacific coast.

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