

To Extend the Road.

Duluth, Nov. 24.—The Duluth & Iron Range will build the long hoped for railroad to the boundary. The Iron Range officials returned yesterday from St. Paul, where they presented arguments before the state railroad and warehouse commission in support of their petition for permission to increase the capital stock of the corporation from \$3,000,000 to \$10,000,000. The privileges asked for was granted and yesterday a meeting of the stockholders was held in the company's offices in the First National Bank building, at which a resolution was adopted authorizing the board of directors to proceed with making an additional issue of stock to the extent of \$7,000,000. The contemplated improvements as outlined before the commission include the construction of an extension from a point near the Ely terminus, in St. Louis county, north and east, between Snowbank and Wind lakes, across the north end of Lake county, a distance of about sixty-three miles to the western end of the Port Arthur, Duluth and Western road at the Gunflint iron mine. In addition the company means to prosecute the work of what is known as the Mesaba Short line, plans and map of which were filed some time ago with the state authorities. The short line will extend from Two Harbors in a northwesterly direction inland for a distance of sixty-six miles to the Fayal and Adams mines near Eveleth and a short distance beyond there. This line will materially lessen the distance between the two mines named and Two Harbors. The new lower grade line that is now building around was also referred to in the arguments.

The extension of the Iron Range road from Ely to a connection with the Duluth Port Arthur and Western road is said to be the proposed manner of reaching the boundary by the Iron Range road. This will take the road through a vast territory of which there is an endless quantity of magnetic ore. The magnetic ore is not especially desired, however, so far as is known, but it is the desire to make connection with the Port Arthur road. From some point on the line it is the purpose to reach the gold country.

Mr. Chandler says that none of the new stock will be issued immediately. The company could make none of its contemplated improvements very well before another year at any rate. No stock will be issued until there is some large expenditure in the line of improvement about to be made.

British Columbia Items.

J. H. Robinson, clothing, Rossland, has assigned.

W. H. Walsh, fruit, etc., Kaslo, is out of business.

Sinclair & Co., boots and shoes, Trail, have moved to Nelson.

Cunningham & Graham, hotel, Rossland, have dissolved.

The Trail, Morris Produce Co. have commenced business at Kaslo.

Turrer & Lambert, physcians, Kamloops, have dissolved partnership.

Mearns & Co., shoemakers, Vancouver, have moved to Chilliwack.

Hall, Ross & Co., Victoria, advertise their flour mill property for sale.

Malette & Peterson, hotel, Nelson, have dissolved; Mrs. Malette continues.

Trelford & Stainard, men's furnishing, Nelson, are selling out by auction.

R. J. McIntosh, boots and shoes, Chilliwack has removed to Fairview.

W. G. Hopworth, & Co., drugs, Grand Forks, have sold out to Goode's Bros.

Russell & Co., hardware, Greenwood, have dissolved. J. A. Russell continues alone.

Booth & Perry, fruit, Nelson, have dissolved. Thomas Booth continues alone.

Fitzsimmons & Co., grocers, Rossland, have dissolved. H. D. Turner continues.

Cousins & Cavanagh, clothing, Slocan City, are succeeded by J. H. Cavanagh.

Marvin & Tilton, hardware, Victoria, have sold out to Wm. B. Fraser & Co.

Sanders & Devlin, saloon, cigars, etc., Kaslo, have dissolved; W. J. Sanders continues alone.

Northwest Ontario.

John Brennan is opening business at Rat Portage as fuel dealer.

Jas. Miller, of Hamilton, Ont., has opened business, in groceries at Fort William.

Hilliard & Gilkinson, hotel, Rat Portage, have dissolved. Hilliard continues alone.

C. H. Spencer, is opening business at Fort William in boots and shoe, and men's furnishings.

In its last issue the Rat Portage Miner publishes a list of the buildings and improvements which have marked the progress of Rat Portage during the past twelve months. The total value runs up to over three-quarters of a million.

Western Business Items

Mrs. Wm. Brown is opening a general store in Selkirk, Man.

Mrs. E. Cameron has opened in groceries at Indian Head, Assa.

Ross & Vance have started a confectionery store in Moose Jaw.

M. Finklestein, general storekeeper, Carberry, Man., is selling out.

Samuel Hanna, a well known Manitoba farmer, of Griswold, is dead.

John Houck is re-opening in the butcher shop line at Hamiota, Man.

Punkett & Hamilton, butchers, Neepawa, have sold out to Geo. Hamilton.

M.A. Kerouack, stationery and fancy goods, St. Boniface, Man., has assigned.

A. J. Crighton, teas, Portage la Prairie, contemplates adding groceries.

Mr. Dormer expects to have his new machine shop at Pilot Mound, Man., in operation shortly.

O. E. May & Co., implements, Carberry, have dissolved partnership, Arthur Mack retiring.

The Slocan News company's building and stock at Slocan City, B. C., was partly burned Thursday night. Loss about \$4,000; no insurance.

The Lumsden safe robbery has been cleared up. There was no robbery at all. Simply a mistake in book-keeping, owing to omission to enter sums paid out.

Dr. Fleming, of Brandon, Man., one of the most widely known physcians of Manitoba, died suddenly on Nov. 26 from heart trouble. The doctor also carried on a drug business at Brandon.

Travis & Beddome, butchers and live stock shippers, Minnedosa, Man., have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by T. H. and Ben. Beddome.

Rolland Seeley has opened a harness shop at Plumias, Man.

A local board of the Western Co-operative Loan and Investment company, of Winnipeg, has been organized at Souris, Man., by Wm. Smith, manager. The following are the officers: President, W. A. Dalmage; vice-president, W. H. Meneray; secretary-treasurer, W. G. Hetherington; collector, H. Acheson; valuator, A. R. Van Someren; director, R. I. Crisp. Mr. Hetherington has been appointed general agent for Southwestern Manitoba.

Winnipeg city travellers held their annual meeting on Friday evening for the election of officers and other business. The following officers were elected: President H. G. Spurgeon; vice-president, J. H. Dickie; secretary, W. W. Burke; treasurer, John Horn; executive committee, D. M. Horn, D. M. McDonald, W. R. Watson, W. G. Lock, W. Blackadder. A meeting is called for Tuesday, December 7th, at the city hall to consider the annual entertainment.

MOVEMENTS OF BUSINESS MEN.

A. E. Spera, of Cornell, Spera & Co., left last week for the east.

W. Georgeson left Friday afternoon for the west on a business trip.

Commissioner Chipman of the Hudson's Bay company, left recently for Edmonton.

Jas. Mundie, of the W. E. Sanford Manufacturing company, returned Friday from a western trip.

CHEAP NEWSPAPERS.

The Globe, Toronto, is making a strong bid for circulation. Finding that the reduction in the price of paper and the introduction of typesetting machinery have made it possible to publish the paper at a less cost, the price has been reduced from \$6 per annum to \$4 per annum for the early morning edition, and the second edition has been discontinued. There is to be no reduction in the size of the paper.

Hides were a shade higher at Toronto last week, 9c being quoted for No. 1 green.

Hon. Mr. Patterson says the government have decided that three cents shall in future take one ounce of mail matter to any part of the British empire. At present it requires five cents to take half an ounce to the United Kingdom and a higher figure to most other parts of the empire. Three cents for one ounce is the present home letter rate.

London, Nov. 26.—A count of ballots cast in a majority of the cotton spinning districts of Lancashire upon the question of the acceptance of the reduction of wages proposed by the employers shows an overwhelming majority against the proposal of the cotton manufacturers to submit the wage question to arbitration, and a general strike of employees in the cotton industries now seems inevitable. The employers a month ago stated that the emergency demanded a reduction of five per cent. in wages, asserting that without a reduction of expenses their business could not be continued at a profit. If the cotton masters are firm in their intention to impose the five per cent. reduction it is impossible to see how a general strike, involving 200,000 operatives, which will paralyze the greatest industry of the empire, can be averted.