

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRADE.

The following enquiries have been received at the offices of the High Commissioner of Canada in London, and of the Canadian Section of the Imperial Institute, London, England.

**NOTE.**—Those who may wish to correspond with any of these enquirers can obtain the names and addresses by applying to THE CANADIAN MANUFACTURER, Toronto. No charge for giving information. When writing refer to the numeral opposite the enquiries.

499. The exclusive representation of some large exporters of cheese from Canada is desired for the English and South African markets, by a gentleman with experience of both.

500. Enquiry is made for the name of a Canadian firm supplying a form of rubber cloth prepared for taking blue prints.

501. A Manchester firm asks for addresses of printers of cotton goods in Canada.

502. A firm in the Midlands enquire for names of Canadian lumber people who export small wood boxes for packing purposes, the goods to be shipped flat, ready to be put together by the buyers.

503. Enquiry is made respecting the demand in Canada for Davy safety lamps for miners, and the openings for the sale of such goods.

504. A correspondent asks for addresses of cotton, wool, hemp, tow, jute and silk manufacturers in Canada who may utilize steel pins in the first stages of manufacture.

505. A person in Glasgow having experience in the iron and steel trade is open to take up the agency for Canadian firms exporting iron ore, pig iron, steel in blooms, billets, etc.

506. A commission agent in London desires to correspond with a Canadian firm requiring some one to look after their interests, and to push the sale of goods on this market.

507. Enquiry has been received from Canada respecting the market in Great Britain for pure cedar oil.

508. A Canadian shipper of potash asks for the address of a reliable house in London who would be prepared to receive consignments.

**MEXICO.**—The Bulletin of the Bureau of American Republics states that a number of mining concerns in Mexico will shortly be in the market for mining machinery. One of the principal buyers is the Duraznos group of mines, near Santiago Papasquiaro, in the State of Durango, which will erect a thirty-ton smelter during the summer. The McLean Mine at El Saba, San Luis Potosi, is also about to instal considerable new machinery adapted to handling lower grade ores. It is reported that Eddy Bros., of El Paso, Tex., have purchased the Descubrida mine near Conejolos, in the State of Sonora, and are planning to purchase new machinery to the value of \$100,000. This is one of the largest copper mines in Mexico.

The proposed sewerage system of the city of Merida, Yucatan, is shortly to be begun. There will be an iron pipe line between Merida and Progreso, about twenty-eight miles in length. Artesian wells are being sunk in great numbers, and the Merida Well Co. has secured a contract for building a pipe line and erecting hydrants to supply the city with water. About 100 miles of pipe will be required. Particulars may be obtained of Mr. Agnew, Manager of the Merida Gas Co.

The Mexico City Light, Heat & Power Co. will require about 17,000 tons of pipe for fifty miles of main. Particulars of Mr. W. S. Block, 40 Wall Street, New York. The Mexican Mining & Development Co., of Mexico City, has secured the contract for the construction of a large market building at Toluca, to cost not less than \$350,000.

There is reported to be a demand in Mexico for agricultural machinery and implements, mining machinery and tools, pumps, building tools, cutlery, hardware,

surgical instruments, paints and varnishes, glass, porcelain and fancy articles of leather, such as pocket-books, card-cases, etc.

**VENEZUELA.**—A recent issue of the Venezuelan Herald contains the decree issued by the Minister of Encouragement, Department of Agriculture and Cattle Raising, relative to the sinking of artesian wells by private companies. The decree says that: In view of the distressing condition in which certain regions of the national territory are placed through the want of water for agricultural, industrial and domestic purposes, etc., the National Executive has resolved to authorize one or more foreign or native companies to make scientific investigations for the construction of artesian wells, and will contribute a portion of the expenses of such investigations and agree to purchase the wells when completed, provided the volume of water obtained is not less than 500,000 liters every twenty-four hours. All machinery, apparatus, pipes, instruments and tools and other accessories will be admitted free of national, state and municipal duties. The following districts are indicated as those requiring water most urgently: The islands Margarita, Coche, Los Roques and Providencia, the peninsula of Araya, the State of Maracaibo, and the plains of Guarico. Americans interested in this proposition may secure a copy of the complete text of the decree by addressing this paper. No doubt if the experimental boring proved successful a most excellent opening would at once be made for extensive shipment of this class of machinery to Venezuela. At the same time the Herald advises caution in signing contracts with towns and municipalities.

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