

distributed from Winnipeg to the cities, towns and villages now rapidly springing up all over this vast region. This may seem an overdrawn picture, and chronic grumblers will say: "Yes, it reads very nicely, but there is an 'if' in the question, and the railway is not built yet." But just here we may state that it is a foregone conclusion with everybody here, that the Hudson's Bay railway must and shall be built, and with that railway in operation nobody disputes the fact that Winnipeg is so situated as to become a great wholesale distributing and receiving centre. As matters now stand there is good prospect of a speedy consummation of this desirable result, and of a return of north western commerce to its old and natural route via Hudson's Bay, as in the days when the Hudson's Bay Company imported their goods and exported their furs by the same route. But even without the opening up of this route, the expansion of the wholesale trade must go on—though, perhaps, less rapid—in keeping with the development of the country, and on as solid and sure a basis as an intelligent and industrious population will undoubtedly place it. As the great Northwest becomes more densely populated in its more remote parts, other wholesale centres of considerable importance will be established, and a commercial sketch of the Canadian Northwest ten years from the present time would likely show at least four such places.

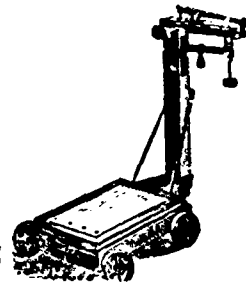
WORK on the volunteer monument to be erected on the city hall square, Winnipeg, will be commenced in a day or so. The contractors are getting the materials on the ground and have erected a workshop on the square.

THE Winnipeg city engineer is now engaged making an estimate of the cost of paving the market square, according to the council's instructions. It is the intention to proceed with the work as soon as possible, and to ornament the city hall grounds as soon as spring opens.

MR. GLADSTONE is credited with having once made the remark that Great Britain is enabled, by labor-saving machinery, to perform the work of 600,000,000 hand laborers, or as much as twice the hand labor of the adult laboring population of the globe aided by machinery. In other words, in place of possessing the manual power of, say, 6,000,000 adults in these islands, machinery multiplies our producing power 100 times, and adds to our wealth in proportion.

"THE meanest fraud recently brought to light in this town," said a Harlem physician to a reporter, "is a fraud on physicians and their patients. There has been for some time a scarcity of vaccine virus hereabouts, owing to the great demand along the Canadian border. Taking advantage of this, unscrupulous druggists have prepared quills with croton oil instead of vaccine matter. The same produced by croton oil is so much like that of the genuine virus that ordinary people would never know the difference. I have no doubt that there are a good many people in town who suppose that they are safe from small pox infection when they have simply been vaccinated with an irritant."

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