

MANUFACTURES.

The Victoria Biscuit Co., Guelph, Ont., will erect a new factory at a cost of about \$20,000.

The Edmonton Tent and Mattress Co., Edmonton, Alta., may establish a branch in Winnipeg, Man.

The machinery of the big Ogilvie mill at Fort William, Ont. is turning out flour at the rate of 6,000 bags per day.

Fruit canning is an industry that is making headway in the West Indies, factories having been opened at St. Thomas and Dominica.

The Manitoba Printing and Manufacturing Company, a new incorporation, will manufacture jewelry boxes, cases, and leather goods at Winnipeg.

There is prosperity on the Canadian side of Niagara Falls, two large factories having been established there during the past year, and others being located, which will employ hundreds of hands.

The machinery is being installed in the new knitting plant in connection with the Hewson mill at Amherst, N.S., and the new factory will be ready for operations about January 1st.

The American Bank Note Company have decided to open a branch office in Winnipeg. It is stated that in the near future the company will establish a branch factory in the city which will employ five or six hundred men.

Mr. H. C. Brown, representing big Eastern capitalists, has been seeking information in the West as to the exemptions various cities are prepared to concede should a company locate for the manufacture of cars, refrigerators, etc. The factory will be established in either one of the lake towns or at Winnipeg.

In view of the fact that the question of re-adjustment of international freight rates, so as to overcome discrimination in favor of shippers from United States points is now under advisement by the Railway Commission, the Canadian Manufacturers' Association have requested manufacturers to advise them of the goods they are importing from the States for use in the process of manufacture. The railways have submitted a scheme for revision of the rates to Eastern Ontario, Quebec and Maritime Province points, which they claim will do away with the discrimination. To adopt their scheme a uniform freight classification must be used, and they propose the Canadian Freight Classification with ten classes, instead of the Official United States Classification with only six classes which has heretofore been used on international business. The plan proposed will involve increases as well as reductions in freight rates from United States points. In order to protect manufacturers, the railways have stated they will avoid any advance in freight rates on raw materials which come from the United States, and to accomplish this will put in commodity tariffs for traffic which is moving in sufficient volume to warrant it, such, for instance, as iron and steel, lumber, and so forth.

BOARDS OF TRADE.

At Guelph resolutions were passed on Tuesday pledging support to the power by-law; to loan \$25,000 to Mortlock Bros., and to the by-law appointing commissions to handle the light and power departments and the water-works.

Minnedosa, Man.—The Board of Trade has issued a prospectus inviting applications for stock in the Minnedosa Power Company, which was formed some years ago, but owing to insufficient capital the charter obtained was never utilized. It is the intention now to float the company as soon as possible. Col. H. N. Ruttan, city engineer of Winnipeg, has reported as to the available sites.

Medicine Hat, Man.—At the last meeting of the Board of Trade, the secretary read a paper suggesting improvements in the publicity campaign and in the general methods of the board. He thought \$10,000 would be necessary for a three years' campaign, and suggested that the proportions might be contributed as follows:—Board of Trade, \$1,000 per annum; city council, \$1,400 per annum; 10,000 club and labor organizations, \$500 per annum. Or there might be one general subscription fund with a grant from the city council.

Petrolia, Ont.—The annual meeting of the board was recently held, when the following officers were elected:—President, F. W. Wilson; vice-president, G. S. Pitkin; treasurer, W. F. Cooper; secretary, T. S. Chatterton. Council: Messrs. W. English, R. S. Ford, W. G. Fraser, J. Fraser, C. Jenkins, J. Kerr, W. Lowery, J. W. McCutcheon, J. McCort, J. A. McKenzie, G. G. Moncrieff, J. Peat. Matters of great importance locally have been dealt with this year, and the fruits of the board's labors will doubtless be reaped during 1907.

Montreal.—The council of the Board of Trade last week passed the following resolution:—That the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade, having received Mr. R. Grigg,

commissioner of His Majesty's Board of Trade, and learned from him of the object of his mission to this country, rejoices at this evidence of the interest taken by the Imperial Government in the important question of increasing the trade between the United Kingdom and Canada, and respectfully submits for the consideration of His Majesty's Board of Trade that, in its opinion, the success of the policy of appointing commercial agents in the principal cities of Canada will largely depend upon one of such agents being constituted a superior officer, who should reside in Montreal, the commercial metropolis, and who should devote all his time and energies to his official duties, which should include frequent visits to his subordinates, and the constant supervision of their work.

FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

Brantford, Ont.—Never before in any one year were so many new buildings erected here as in 1906. The number is 337, and their value \$407,000.

Kamloops, B. C.—The heavy snowfall here has made the outlook good for loggers and also for a supply of irrigation water for next year. Merchants report a brisk trade.

Fort Frances, Ont.—All kinds of cedar are in unusually active demand at high prices. Conditions in the lumber industry remain unchanged. Lumbermen still complain of a scarcity of labor, and that obtainable being inexperienced.

Kirkfield, Ont.—The lift-lock on the Trent Canal at Kirkfield, which affords an elevation of 50 feet, is completed, and will be opened in the spring. This will render the canal navigable from Lake Simcoe to Healey's Falls, on the Trent River.

Charlottetown, P.E.I.—Dr. Williams Saunders, of the Ottawa Experimental Farm, has been here to select a site for the proposed Dominion Experimental Farm in this province, which will be established at an early date near Charlottetown.

Lethbridge, Alta.—A winter poultry show will be held here about February 15th. A board of directors has been elected, and everything points to a bigger and better show than any yet held. Already a number of exhibit breeders have signified their intention of exhibiting.

Prince Edward Island.—The fisheries of the Island yielded more than a million dollars for the year ended 1st December last. The following is a list: Clams, \$50,675; oysters, \$106,854; eels, \$2,780; Smelts, \$31,365; Mackerel, \$65,031; herring, \$94,421; lobsters, \$675,000; codfish and hake, \$75,000; other fish, \$10,000. Total value, \$1,111,126.

Vancouver.—The Fraser River Cannery Association has sent a memorial to Ottawa asking for the declaring of a closed season against all fishing during the year 1908. This is to go into effect if the legislature of the State of Washington agrees to the same proposition. Cannerymen also ask for stopping all fishing at all times on the Fraser River above New Westminster.

Greenwood, B. C.—Since the end of November business conditions have been upset by a strike at the British Columbia copper smelter. Although of short duration, it drove a number of men away, making Christmas trade dull. The V. V. & E. railway contractors have removed their construction camps to Molson, and for three months Midway has been very quiet.

Sherbrooke, Que.—The Dominion Fair in 1907 will be held here. In the past it has been the custom of the Dominion Government to make an annual grant of \$50,000 in support of some great agricultural exhibition in Canada, to be known as a Dominion Fair. This year it was held in Halifax, and in 1905 in Winnipeg. The fair will probably be held the first two weeks of September.

Nelson, B. C.—At a recent meeting of the executive of the Twenty Thousand Club, it was reported that some twenty replies had been received from boards of trade, population boards, etc., throughout the country, all agreeing to exchange advertising literature. Superintendent Scott of the Dominion Immigration Bureau at Ottawa, has requested the Club to send him a copy of their proposed advertising folder, before it is circulated.

Governor-elect Hughes.—"The people have a right to insist, and do insist upon good service, upon reasonable charges, upon impartial treatment and upon a fair sharing of the public burdens by impartial taxation. They do not wish confiscation; they desire those who invest in public service enterprises to have a fair return upon their investment. They will not tolerate efforts to make the public pay dividends on watered stock. They are willing to see legitimate business pay a legitimate profit, but they insist upon being well served and fairly and impartially served."—"Wall Street Journal," December 14th.

An application is now before the Government for the incorporation of Cobalt as a town.

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