

facilities in Victoria harbor, rendered necessary by the increasing size of ocean steamships. After some further reference to railroad matters, in connection with the V. V. & E. railroad, and the Grand Trunk Pacific, Mr. Pitts closed an able and very interesting address. The new president for the current year is Mr. W. T. Oliver.

THE WINNIPEG EXHIBITION.

Each annual exhibition at Winnipeg acts as a sort of milestone pointing out the marvellous progress the West has made in recent years. And as each exhibition comes in turn, and is visited by its crowds, the progress made during the previous year seems more marked than ever. That is, it is increasing in increasing ratio. Of course, it is on an agricultural standpoint that the Winnipeg Fair bases its strongest claims to the support of Westerners, and this year, we are told, the exhibits of stock have been not only on a very extensive scale, but the quality of those shown is evidently grading up from year to year. This, however, is only to be expected from such an enterprising body of men as the Manitoba and North-West farmers and cattle-raisers, who realize that a few extra dollars in time and money spent in scientific up-grading now mean millions later on. The "Farmers' Day" at the exhibition this year was an unqualified success, and the crowds fully as large as expected.

From the manufacturing standpoint, however, as well as the agricultural, this year's exhibition seems to be distinguished for its high-class and varied character. Last year being the year of the Dominion Exhibition, and manufacturers in every section of the Dominion being extra well represented in consequence, it was feared that this year's exhibition would show some falling-off of interest in this respect. So far as reports have come to hand, however, this has not been the case, and the interest in the manufacturing departments has held up well.

THE GROWING WEST.

BY ALLEN WEST.

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British Columbia and Its Natural Wealth.

"In natural resources, British Columbia is the richest province.

"The catching of salmon before it went to spawn has injured the salmon business. Both countries are responsible for this, and both are trying to make arrangements to prevent it.

"The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company has immense resources of very fine coal, the high class bituminous kind and also coking coal, and while bituminous coal will coke it is not all good for smelting. It must be strong and of long texture.

"The Connellsville coke is the best in the United States and the best British coke comes from Wales.

"I have talked with men familiar with the Connellsville and Welsh coke and they say that the Crow's Nest Pass coal is equal to the best of that in Connellsville and in Wales. Of course, not all the veins are producing that quality of coal.

"Vancouver Island also produces coal which finds a large market in San Francisco. Speckels is using this in his sugar refinery and it is used by the Southern Pacific.

"Shippers at Vancouver use it on runs across the Pacific and along the coast. Our steamers use it to Japan and China. It produces a fair quality of coke.

"Immense timber limits exist and there is a market for timber inland on the great plains.

"The rich valleys of British Columbia produce all kinds of fruit, pears, peaches, apples, cherries, strawberries, and other such fruit. On the prairies, with the exception of strawberries, no fruit is grown. The summer heat on the prairies is very great and you can understand the craving

for fruit; therefore, there is a market on the prairies for all the fruit British Columbia can produce.

Fruit Growing and Irrigation.

"Developing the fruit growing interests of British Columbia many irrigation enterprises are in operation.

"Hops grow there and are cheaper to haul to the Pacific Coast and around the Horn to England.

"Precious metals exist in great quantities.

"Abundant water power furnishes a great incentive to manufacturing enterprises.

"All these things are attracting the attention of the United States, which is sending us a large number of very desirable settlers. The success of early immigrants from the States has resulted in a steady flow of farmers, cattlemen, ranchers, dairymen, artisans.

Success of Large Land Deals.

"A few years ago we placed the sale of large tracts of Western land in the hands of men whom we had found to be eminently successful in handling similar enterprises for the great western railways of the States.

"Besicker, Davis Co., of St. Paul, and Colonel Davidson of the Saskatchewan Land Company are most excellent men, thoroughly reliable, with an organization perfected for reaching the best class of settlers and bringing them to Canada. They carried through their enterprise with the highest degree of satisfaction to all concerned.

More Than Scratch the Surface of the Land.

"They have brought in a class of settlers who do more than scratch the surface of the land.

"They till the soil to good purpose.

"They back-set it, harrow it and get a proper seed-bed.

"A poor man depending on the soil will do superficial farming, thus losing time and seed. These people from the States farm systematically and make it a success.

"The West is looking for men who will use sense, system, and intelligence in developing its opportunities.

"They apply their intelligence in selecting their locations. They know good soil when they see it. They find just what they want in this country of ours. The natural increase of population in the United States is so great that it has made it impossible to supply the people with adequate homestead lands.

The Sons of the States Come to Canada.

"So the American farmer wishing to locate his son sends him to Canada. He goes and looks over the country for himself and, being a judge of climate, soil and rainfall, sees that conditions are better in Canada than they are in the United States. He finds land selling at five and six dollars an acre that is better than can be bought for twenty-five or thirty dollars an acre in the States. And that farmer decides to locate in Canada himself. So he sells his place in the United States and comes here.

"He brings his experience with him—his stock, his money, and he adds a large asset to the wealth of Canada from the very beginning.

"He is a producer from the start.

"He finds that his new country is just as free as the States—even more so. He finds a good school system and a good judiciary. He finds a respect for the law that makes the most remote of Canadian settlements as safe to life and property as any place in the world.

The Far-Seeing Policy of the Canadian Pacific.

"He also sees that the great railroad enterprise that has built up Western Canada has looked far into the future. He sees that the Canadian Pacific has not only brought the settler to Western Canada, but has provided a profitable market for him. He sees that the Canadian Pacific has established a line of steamers to the Orient.

"When the Canadian Pacific first undertook to develop this trade, it leased steamers of the Cunard Line. The first steamer that left Fort Moody showed in her manifest a car-load or two of shingles and the bones of a few Chinamen going back to be buried in their native soil. Now we have