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Headquarters for commercial men.
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Headquarters for commercial and mining men and the general public.

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Good accommodation; telephone connection with the station; sample rooms; inside closet. Livery in connection.

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Good sample rooms. Hot air heating.

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First-class accommodation. Good sample rooms for commercial men. Bus meets all trains.

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STRATHCONA HOUSE

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Good sample rooms and every accommodation for commercial travellers and the general public. Rates \$2.00 per day. Bus to and from all trains.

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New Building, New and Commodious Bedrooms, Bath Rooms, and Sample Rooms. Newly Furnished, Heated Throughout with Hot Air, Lighted by Gas. Electric Bells in every room. Cuisine second to none, and the best stock of Wines, Liquors and Cigars in Alberta. Miss Mitchell, Matron.

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Special attention given to commercial travellers. Charges moderate.

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Freight Rates.

A New York report of the freight market there says: "For steamers with full cargoes of grain there continues an extremely dull market, but with no special pressure upon the part of owners' rates are maintained with some show of steadiness. General cargo, cotton and timber freights from the south remain quiet, with rates showing no important change. Grain—British steamer Menantic, 18,000 qrs. hence to Lisbon, 3s. February.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says:—"A steamer has been engaged to take cargo of deals to Hull at 61s 3d. By the regular liners space for deals has been taken at 48s 6d to 48s 3d to United Kingdom ports. In grain a lot of corn has been booked for London at 2s 1½d, but 2s 3d is said to be the lowest that ship agents will let any further space for. Liverpool is quoted at 1s 1½d, and Glasgow at 2s 3d. To the continent 2s 6d to 3s."

Although the demand for ocean grain freight from this port for spring continues quiet, says the Montreal Gazette, yet there is little disposition on the part of steamship agents to reduce present asking rates in order to business, as several big cargoes are within the last day or two slightly below their ideas, which they turned down. The volume of business in this line up to date as compared with the same period last year has been very much smaller, owing, it is stated, to the fact that there is little Canadian grain to move and the demand from foreign buyers for American grain is slow. Liverpool space is held at 1s 7d to 1s 9d; London, at 2s 3d; Glasgow, at 2s to 2s 3d; Bristol, at 2s 3d; Dublin, at 2s 6d; and Belfast, at 2s 6d.

Railway and Traffic Matters.

The total amount of taxes imposed on the C. P. R. by the local legislature last session will be about \$70,000 yearly.

It is reported that F. W. Jones, who some years ago filled the important position in the C. P. R. service at Winnipeg of assistant to the general manager, which he left to assume the management of the Columbia River Lumber Co., at Golden, B. C., is coming back to Winnipeg to enter the Canadian Northern service.

W. T. Sterling, an Okanagan Valley fruit grower, has written a letter to the president of the board of horticulture at Victoria, B. C., urging that action be taken towards securing better freight rates on fruit grown in that province so that this industry may be able to hold its own with competitors from the United States.

The last issue of the Manitoba Gazette contains a notice that application will be made to the legislature for a charter for a railway to run from the international boundary at a point between ranges 3 and 6, west, through Morden to Neepawa, and from there to the boundary of the province in western Manitoba. The proposed railway would touch Miami, Treherne and Carberry en route. According to the application Morden would be the third point of the railway from which in addition to the through line, a branch would run northeasterly to Winnipeg passing through Carman, and another would run southwesterly to a point on the international boundary, south of Snowflake. This makes three railways running in a more or less northeasterly direction through the province for which charters will be asked from the legislature at the coming session. Official notice is also given of the calling of the legislature for February 21.



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BRANDON, - - MAN.

Estimates given on every description of Monument, Headstone or Fence. This monument, 37 feet 8 inches in height, manufactured of Manitoba granite, was erected by us in Brandon cemetery during 1899.

Experimental Farm Reports.

Bulletin No. 36 sent out by the director of experimental farms, Ottawa, shows the results obtained during 1900, in test sowing at our experimental farms. The testing of various varieties of seed, under the most favorable conditions, showing possible productiveness and process as well as time of ripening of the greatest value; and, as these tests are made, not at one point under special climatic conditions of favor or disfavor, but made at various points throughout Canada, the results of such reliable information cannot fail to be of great use to those anxious for knowledge.

The report says: "At the Brandon and Indian Head farms on the western plains unfavorable conditions of weather have prevailed. There was a severe drought in the early part of the season, followed by strong winds, and later by unusually heavy and frequent rains. The seed did not germinate evenly in the dry soil in the spring; the young plants also suffered more or less from spring frosts, later, winds injured the crops in exposed plots, and during the wet weather in harvest the injury was further damaged. For these reasons the returns from the farms named are very incomplete. Many varieties having proved a failure. To publish such particulars as could be had in the usual way would give information as to the comparative productiveness of the varieties under test and could only be misleading. On this account the yields of oats, barley, spring wheat and peas are not included in the summary of the particulars regarding the trial plots of oats, barley and wheat at Brandon. These details as far as they are available will be found in the annual report of the experimental farms for 1900 and the information as to the crops in each case will be given in this bulletin under the separate headings.

Some varieties of peas suffered from unfavorable weather at Brandon, but the injury was not such as to prevent the details of this crop being given. Mangolds have been hurt considerably by bad weather both at Brandon and Indian Head, and the yields of many sorts are low. The crops of peas are complete failure at Indian Head, and the first sowing, owing to drought, failed to germinate at Brandon; the seed of the second sowing was late in starting and the crop is unusually small.

Forty-seven varieties of barley have been tested in the trial plots during 1900, including eighteen different sorts of two-rowed barley and twenty-nine of six-rowed. Among the two-rowed are the hybrid varieties which have been produced at the experimental farms, namely, Beaver, Bolton, Jarvis, Clifford, Harvey, Dunham, Victor, Nepean, Fulton, Sidney, Logan and Leslie. Among the six-rowed are the seventeen of these hybrids, namely, Pioneer, Argyle, Summit, Albert, Vanguard, Claude, Surprise, Success, Nugent, Trooper, Mansfield, Stella, Garfield, Empire, Phoenix, Yale and Brown. The size of the seed was used per acre in each case, and the dates of sowing were as follows: At Ottawa, May 1st; Nappan, May 30th, and at Agassiz on April 20th.

For reasons subjoined no returns are given from the branch farms at Brandon and Indian Head. The plots of two-rowed barley at Brandon varied in yield from 35 bushels to 18, and from 34 bushels 8 lbs. to 15 bushels per acre; particulars are given of the crops of eighteen out of twenty-nine sorts of six-rowed barley, which have ranged from 55 bushels to 24 bushels 25 lbs. per acre.

Forty-nine varieties of spring wheat have been grown on the uniform test plots for 1900. Among these there are thirty cross-bred sorts which have been produced at the experimental farms. These are Hudson, Blenheim, Laurel, Captor, Weldon, Admiral, Crown, Stanley, Harold, Clyde, Plumper, Percy, Beauty, Crawford, Byron, Advance, Fraser, Blair, Alpha, Norval, Mason, Progress, Ebert, Fern, Early, Rega, Rideau, Dawson, Countess and Dufferin. The size of the