

the affairs of the company and are sole proprietors. When the company was first organized it consisted with two small temporary warehouses, total capacity of 2,000 tons, which were located on Ross and King streets. The business increased rapidly and finding their premises too small they purchased property on the corner of Fountain and Logan streets, erecting the permanent ice warehouses in 1884, one building 39x128 feet in dimensions and 30 feet high and another 40x50 feet and 20 feet high with a total capacity of 4,000 tons.

The business still increased and they were compelled to still further extend their warehouse capacity, which resulted in the erection of their new warehouse in Fort Rouge on the banks of the Red river. This building is 40x150 feet in dimensions and 22 feet in height and has a capacity of 5,000 tons. Employment is given to twelve men and six teams are required to deliver the ice to consumers in this city.

During the winter months a large business is done by the company in supplying ice to consumers which is condensed into water. The freezing process precipitates the alkali in the water and thus renders it soft and preferable to hard water supplied by the water company.

A large business is also done in supplying ice to the different towns on the Southwestern railroad between this city and Delors's. They also supply the ice houses on the C.P.R. from Port Arthur to Banff as well as the Redwood and Winnipeg breweries.

During the ice harvest in winter 19 to 50 men are given employment and 15 to 18 teams are utilized in the transaction of business.

Mr. J. S. Nicholson is a native of Beauharnois, Quebec, and was born Feb. 14th, 1855. He received his education at Huntington Academy, and after leaving school went to Valley field, engaging in farming for about two years. He then formed a partnership with his brother in the grain business, which continued for four years, after which it dissolved. Mr. J. S. Nicholson going to California. Here he spent four years, but did not engage in business. After a short visit to his former home, he again came west, and finding Manitoba the most inviting field settled in Winnipeg, arriving here on the anniversary of his birth, Feb. 14th, 1883. During this year he formed the present partnership and has been identified with Winnipeg's progress ever since. Mr. Nicholson was elected alderman for Ward 1 by acclamation the present year, to fill the place vacated by Alderman Ross.

Mr. C. H. McNaughton was born Feb. 1, 1861, at Hemmingford, Quebec, and received his early education at the schools of his native town. At the age of fifteen he was apprenticed to the carpenter trade, at which he worked in Quebec until 1881, when he went to Gardiner, Mass. Here he remained for one year and then came to Winnipeg, arriving here in 1882. He formed a partnership with D. McCormick, the firm being D. McCormick & Co., general contractors. This continued for one year, when he retired and formed the present partnership.

Lumber.

Dick, Banning & Co., Manufacturers of Lumber, Shingles and Lath.

This is one of the pioneer firms of Winnipeg, and was established in 1872 by W. R. Dick and W. W. Banning. The firm's name was Dick & Banning until 1882, when upon the admission of J. Dick it became Dick, Banning & Co.

Mr. Banning died in 1885, but the firm name remains unchanged, his estate retaining his interest.

Their mills are located at Keewatin, covering an area of 30 acres, and is one of the best equipped in the country. The plant consists of the saw mill, planing mill, lath mill and dry kiln, the latter being the only one in the country, and has a capacity of 90,000 feet of lumber. They own 100 square miles of timber lands, located on the tributaries of the Lake of the Woods and Rainy river, and operate two steam boats which tow the logs from the camps to the mill. Employment is given to about 100 men at the mills, while a like number find employment in the various camps.

The mill has a capacity of 10,000,000 feet of lumber per annum, and the product, which consists of rough and dressed lumber, shingles, lath and mouldings, is shipped all over Manitoba and the Northwest Territories as far west as Regina. Their yards and offices in this city are located opposite the Canadian Pacific railway depot.

Having a thorough practical experience of many years in the business, and possessing ample capital and superior facilities, they are enabled to offer special inducements to the trade, contractors and builders.

D. E. Sprague.

One of our most prominent and public spirited citizens is Mr. D. E. Sprague, who came to Winnipeg in 1872, at which time he associated himself with Mr. W. J. Macanlay in the lumber business. Previous to his arrival in the Northwest he was connected with the Georgian Bay Lumber Co. at Orillia and Waukegan. In 1882 he established his present lumber business, and it has since steadily grown to its now large proportions. The saw and planing mills contain machinery of the latest and most approved makes for the manufacture of lumber and its preparation for the market. In fact the mills possess every facility for the successful operation of the business, the plant altogether being compact, and the most perfect system prevailing in all departments. The mill has one circular saw which, running ten hours, cuts fifty thousand feet of lumber, shingles and lath. Employment is given to an average of forty men the year around.

Mr. Sprague manufactures in the neighborhood of five million feet of lumber per year, about half of which is from American and half Canadian pine logs. His trade is of a very extensive nature, extending throughout all parts of Manitoba and the Northwest. In all affairs of a public nature for the advancement of the city Mr. Sprague is ever conspicuously, and he is looked upon as one of the city's most enterprising and progressive business men. He is vice-president of the Winnipeg Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition association, and is one of the board of directors of the Winnipeg general hospital, for which institution Mr. Sprague has done considerable, taking much pride in his work in this direction.

Carriage Tops.

A. O. McRae.

A local industry which has grown into considerable importance is the business of Mr. A. O. McRae, who is a wholesale dealer in trimming goods and manufacturer of carriage top and seat trimmings. He established himself

here four years ago, starting on a small scale and the business has from that time doubled each succeeding year, and his trade now extends from this city to British Columbia. The excellent quality and workmanlike finish of the goods he turns out make them in demand more and more as their superiority over the imported articles become known. The best of material is used in all his articles of manufacture, and with the facilities he possesses he is enabled to meet all competition. He is agent for the hacks, carriages and buggies manufactured by John Campbell, of London, Ont.

Mr. McRae manufactures a two bow top for a buggy which is an article of considerable merit. It possesses the twofold advantage that when let down it forms a hood, thereby protecting the top from dust and dirt, and when up it avoids the usual difficulty of bending when entering or leaving the buggy having the ordinary top.

Hotels.

The Clarendon.

This, the leading first-class hotel of Winnipeg, is conceded to be in building, equipment, location and management, one of the best hotels in Canada.

It is a handsome five story building of modern architecture, with fire-proof walls, and has every modern convenience of luxury, including electric call bells, gas and electric lights in all rooms, elevators for passenger and baggage, steam heat, baths and unsurpassed water and sewerage system.

The house is situated on Portage avenue and Donald streets, in close proximity to the public buildings, business houses, theatres and churches, street cars passing the doors by which all parts of the city can be reached.

The rotunda, the finest in the west, billiard room and bar are large and commodious, handsomely frescoed and furnished in the most modern style of art. The corridors and parlors are spacious and furnished with taste and elegance.

The rooms available for guests number 145, the house easily accommodating 300 guests.

The rooms are all large and luxuriously furnished, having been entirely refitted a short time ago. A large number are en suite and are provided with baths and other conveniences. Large sample rooms are provided on the ground floor for commercial travellers, besides a number conveniently situated in the business quarter of the city for the use of the commercial travelling patrons of the house. The finest Turkish bath in Canada has just been opened in the hotel, where patrons can enjoy the luxury of a Turkish bath without leaving the premises. The dining room has a seating capacity of 150, and the service and attendance is of the very best.

Messrs. George Ratley and P. McAffrey, the proprietors are thorough hotel men, and are well and favorably known to the travellers of both continents.

They opened the house May 1, 1880, and through their liberal and excellent management have attracted to it the elite of the travelling public.

Mr. Harry Bertram, the chief clerk, is also well known throughout the Dominion and the States. The hotel is conducted on the American plan, and is the equal of any hotel in the Northwest.

General.

A. Holloway.

There is no better known name in the Northwest than that conducted by the handsome offices at the corner of Main street. Mr. Holloway was some years in Quebec, opening a branch of the London and Lancashire Company in Quebec. He is the general agent for the Territories of the fire, marine, life, and insurance companies, representing the enormous capital of the London and Lancashire Assurance Company, Union Assurance Society, London and Lancashire Assurance Company, and British and Foreign Assurance Company. His offices are the most handsomest and most insurance quarters in the Northwest.

A large force of employed and all classes of business are settled.

The Quebec Fire.

The Quebec Fire and Marine Insurance Company is established in 1818. The offices are located in the Dominion.

This is the oldest of 15 years and its expenses are the least valuable.

The officers are—E. R. Renfrew, vice-president.

The National.

The National Assurance Company was established in 1822, with head office in Halifax, N.S.

Mr. Harold Engel, actuary at the home office, is in charge of the business in Montreal. The office is in the city of Montreal, and is expected to maintain the position of a healthy and successful business.

The Eastern.

The Eastern Assurance Company is the most substantial fire insurance company in Canada, was established in Halifax, N.S., and has a capital of \$1,000,000.

This, although a small company, is one of the most successful in the eastern provinces.

James Redmond, Esq., is the agent in Winnipeg. He is also agent for the Eastern Assurance Company in the Northwest.