

and sell well. Hogs are a trifle

butter are somewhat limited, most part unchanged. Pound rolls 17 to 18c., with less for inferior 22 to 23c.; solids, 20½ to 21c. 13c. for twins, 12¼c. for singles. With satisfactory receipts, good hoked meats are high in keeping hogs. Bacon, long clear, 12¼c.; mess pork, \$21.50 to \$22.50; light to medium, 15 to 16c.; rolls, 12½c.; shoulders, 11½ to 12c. The market for lard at prices are unchanged.

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**MARKETS.**

Montreal, August 16, 1906. Generally prevalent drought is upon the make of cheese in to strengthen. Some local finest Westerns at 12½c., but general quotation, with fine to 22c. Yesterday's Liverpool a full shilling. The butter, finest creamery being quoted at 22¼ to 22½c. The exports 83,087 boxes, and the grand 1,118,642 boxes, figures 100,000 a year ago. The shipments of 845 packages.

starting out again, but there one in the way of sorting busi- tern buyers have been in town ns have not been large. The been fixed for September 3rd, of buyers is looked for. The Textile Co.'s prints has just ically no change from that of for flour is only moderate. dy at \$4.50 to \$4.70 for Mani- o to \$4.10 for straight rollers. 20 to \$2.25 a bag; cornmeal, 1.65. Bran is steady at \$18 to for No. 2.

market rules strong, but the refiners has not developed, due to the fact that English reg- in more freely of late. The cables from Japan state that will probably be 20 per cent. vanced. As yet no new Japan below 18½ to 19c. In Ceylons is reported. The first direct for this port, the "Bellona," is Patras on August 31st, to be ty by the "Jacona." Prices is, for August shipment via imately fixed at 25s. 6d. for ations for later shipments by n made.

of boots and shoes are busy ers of leather in fair quantity. plits is good. We quote sole ufacturers' No. 2; slaughter, or Western, and 25 to 26c. for russet, 45c. buff, 16 to 16½c. siness for August is unusually show much fluctuation, and noted last week, being now ny is again firmer at 26½c.; nchanged. Galvanized sheets o \$4.50; Canada plates, \$2.50 3 gauge, \$2.40; tinplates, \$4 oals of standard brand and n remains at last quotations. 10; wire ditto are still selling late is quoted at \$2.30 for \$4.38 per 100 feet for inch.

easier at \$7.25 to \$7.50, and or possibly \$10.50 for heavier ed meats remains good, and \$24; long cut heavy mess, cording to size; bacon, 16½

**PUBLICATIONS REVIEWED.**

**VANCOUVER BOARD OF TRADE REPORT.**

The nineteenth annual report of the Vancouver Board of Trade is full of meat. It has not an illustration in it, and is a compendium of information about Vancouver and the Province of British Columbia generally.

The Board possesses a membership of only 138, but it is an effective body, nevertheless. It understands the value of copious information of everything relating to commercial possibilities, as witness requests made to the Dominion Government for "the preparation of correct and readily available information to induce settlement of vacant lands within the railway belt of British Columbia," and to the Provincial Government for "more definite information regarding unoccupied lands."

The report puts in a claim for the protection of the lumber industry on the ground that these large investors of capital and employers of labor have to pay increased prices for all kinds of supplies by reason of our protective tariff, while the products of the United States saw and shingle mills are permitted to enter Canada free of duty, and at the same time the products of Canadian mills entering the United States are subject to a duty of \$2 per thousand on lumber and 30 cents per thousand on shingles.

Here is a delightful paragraph on railroad construction: "Prospects for all-rail communication with the Kootenays are in sight, thanks to Mr. Jas. J. Hill, of the Great Northern. We seem scarcely to realize this, inasmuch as no bonus has been exacted; but actual construction has been in operation for months on the eastern end of the line, and work will soon be started on the western section."

**ENTHUSIASM FOR GOOD ROADS.**

Mr. A. W. Campbell, Commissioner of Highways for Ontario, is a Government official full of zeal and of good works. Parts three, four and five of his Tenth Annual Report to the Minister of Public Works are just published. They are like veritable oases in the dry-as-dust regions of official literature.

Mr. Campbell is an enthusiast, and writes with all the vim and glow of a first-rate propagandist. Part 3 deals with bridge construction; part 4, road construction; and part 5, town streets. The first paragraph on "Municipal Improvement" is a fair sample of Mr. Campbell's matter and manner:

A town's streets should be the public lawns, the public parks. They should be to the corporation as a whole what the grass plot in front of the house is to the individual resident. There is no higher evidence of the taste and refinement, enterprise and intelligence of a community than well-paved streets, bordered with fine boulevards and handsome shade-trees. Ill-kept, badly laid-out streets speak of public poverty and narrowness, an utter absence of that spirit which should possess every citizen loyal to his town's interests and wisely attentive to his own. Public streets, substantially paved and boulevarded, will in turn encourage a similar treatment of the private property adjoining them. There is no departure which would so instil patriotism and love of home and country as the perfecting of our streets and highways. As a strictly business proposition, street improvement gives good returns to all owners of property; for property values will be found to make a decided advance on all properly improved streets.

**YEAR OF BIRTHS, WEDDINGS, AND DEATHS.**

The thirty-fifth report of the Registrar-General of Ontario is just made public. It deals with births, marriages, and deaths in the Province in 1904. No explanation is given as to why it takes so long for the public to know about its own vitality. In accordance with custom, the dates of official letters submitting reports to the Lieutenant-Governor are omitted from the copies of those documents.

One infers from the reports that a great deal of new tabulation has been done in the office recently. The work is performed under the direction of Dr. Hodgetts, the Deputy Registrar-General. Nobody who knows him or the Hon. W. J. Hanna, the Provincial Secretary, will suppose that there is anything lackadaisical in their energy. The most efficient public servant cannot do the work of ten men, or cover statistical ground with seven-league boots.

The population at the end of 1904 was estimated at 2,203,968. The birth rate was 22.8 per thousand, an increase of .07 for 1903, and of 1.1 for 1902. Curiously enough, the birth rate in the rural districts is below the average for the Province. The 19,789 marriages, or 8.6 per thousand, kept

up the marked increase noted in 1903 over the immediately preceding years. There were 30,020 deaths, equivalent to a rate of 14.1 per thousand.

The birthplace of 28.3 per cent. of these is given as foreign. The population returns are necessarily incomplete, and lead to remarkable disparities in birth rates owing to new settlers not being included in the estimates. The county of Nipissing, for instance, shows a birth rate of 38.9 per thousand, and for Thunder Bay gives 38 per thousand.

Only one birth in every 63 was illegitimate. It seems strange to put the twins and triplets in the same table as the illegitimates. There is no reason for faultfinding in regard to twos and threes. In 1904 Ontario produced 549 pairs of twins and seven trios of triplets.

**THE NORTHERN BANK**  
 Head Office:  
**WINNIPEG**

Established 1905.  
 Capital Authorized \$2,000,000  
 Capital Subscribed, 30th April, 1906 \$1,175,000

**Board of Directors:**  
 Sir Daniel H. McMillan, K. C. M. G.,  
 Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba,  
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 J. W. de C. O'Grady, General Manager.  
 Branches at all principal points in Western Canada.

**Agents and Correspondents**  
 In Canada—The Bank of Montreal, New York—National Park Bank, Chicago—Commercial National Bank, Minneapolis—Security Bank of Minnesota, London—Parr's Bank, Limited. The Orient—Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Limited.

**THE QUEBEC BANK**

Founded 1818. Incorp'd 1888  
 Head Office, Quebec  
 Capital Authorized... \$5,000,000  
 Capital Paid-up ..... 2,500,000  
 Reserves ..... 1,150,000

**Board of Directors:**  
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 John T. Ross, Esq., Vice-President

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**AGENTS—**London, England, Bank of Scotland, New York, U.S.A., Agents Bank of British North America, Hanover National Bank, New York State National Bank Albany, N.Y., Boston, National Bank of the Republic, Paris, Credit Lyonnais.

**The Home Bank of Canada.**  
 Head Office and Toronto Branch,  
 8 King Street West.  
 CITY BRANCHES: Church Street Branch, 78 Church St., Queen West Branch, 522 Queen St., W.  
 ONTARIO BRANCHES: Alliston, St. Thomas, Walkerville.  
 BRITISH COLUMBIA BRANCH: Fernie.  
 Transacts a general banking business. Interest allowed on Savings Accounts from One Dollar upwards. Drafts issued on all principal points in Canada and United States. Sterling Exchange bought and sold.  
**JAMES MASON, General Manager.**

**The Canadian Pacific Railway Company**

Dividends for the half year ended 30th June, 1906, have been declared as follows:—  
 On the Preference Stock, Two per cent.  
 On the Common Stock, Three per cent.  
 Warrants for the Common Stock dividend will be mailed on or about October 1st to Shareholders of record at the closing of the books in Montreal, New York, and London respectively.  
 The Preference Stock dividend will be paid on Monday, October 1st, to Shareholders of record at the closing of the books at the Company's London Office, No. 62 Chancery Cross, London, S.W.  
 The Common Stock Transfer Books will close in Montreal, New York and London, at one p.m., on Saturday, September 1st. The Preference Stock Books will also close at one p.m. on Saturday, September 1st.  
 All Books will be reopened on Thursday, October 4th.  
 By order of the Board,  
**CHARLES DRINKWATER,**  
 Secretary.  
 Montreal, 13th August, 1906.

**DEBENTURES FOR SALE**

Scaled tenders will be received by the undersigned up to **SATURDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF SEPTEMBER NEXT**, for the purchase of the following debentures of the Town of Fort Frances.  
 \$81,000 Waterworks Debentures dated Aug. 1st, bearing interest at 4½%, repayable at the expiration of 30 years. Interest payable yearly. Principal provided for by a sinking fund of \$850.14 deposited yearly. Interest and principal payable at the office of the Treasurer Town of Fort Frances.  
 The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Any further information may be obtained by addressing the Town Clerk.  
**W. H. ELLIOTT,**  
 Town Clerk.