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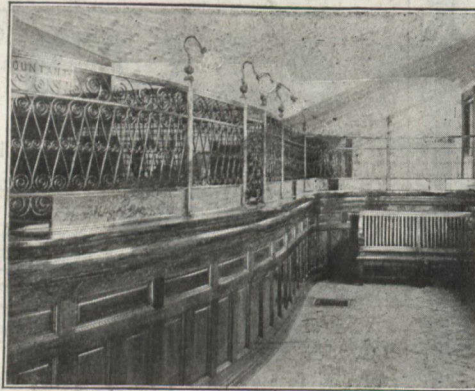
Quebec Board of Trade is looking up the matter of a direct line of steamships between that port and London. There was a meeting held to look thoroughly into the question a few days ago, and it was finally decided to form a company to carry out the undertaking.

The results of the recent examinations held by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario have been announced, and for the finals are as follows: Passed—F. J. Clowes, G. M. Begg, W. C. Kettlewell, W. P. Godson, Toronto; C. D. Corbould, Rat Portage, Ont.; W. C. Benson, London, Ont.; G. W. Morrison, J. G. Grant, Toronto; Homer L. Lord, Montreal; H. C. Anderson, John I. Sutcliffe, Toronto; W. J. Ross, Barrie, Ont.; W. J. Mundell, Montreal.

The Quebec and Saguenay Railway held their annual meeting at Quebec on the 5th inst., and elected officers as follows: President, Mr. Rodolphe Forget; vice-president, Senator Choquette; secretary, Mr. J. A. Macdonald. The company proposes to continue the present line of the Q. H. L. & P. Co. from St. Joachim to Tadousac, a stretch of 110 miles. The region is capable of great development, and Government aid is being asked. The cost is estimated at \$1,014,000, and the road would be one of the longest electric lines in the country.

We are now in possession of further information regarding the purchase of the Bertram Works by the Canadian Shipbuilding Co. The Canadian Shipbuilding Company already has yards at Bridgeburg, on the Niagara river, which will be utilized for the building of vessels larger than canal size for service on the upper lakes. The local yards will be used for building ships of canal size, and for excursion steamers for Lake Ontario. Several hundred men are employed at these two yards. Mr. Arendt Angstrom, who several years ago was with the Bertram Engine Works Company, and more recently has occupied the position of general manager of the Canadian Shipbuilding Company, will be general manager of the united companies.

Mr. Robert Munro, managing director of the Canada Paint Co., Limited, recently visited Winnipeg with a view to looking over the North-West field, and in the course of his trip made a statement to the effect that they had acquired the Winnipeg Linseed Oil Mills, and would enter into active possession as soon as possible. This move has two primary objects; first, it will enable them to secure for their general varnish and paint business a supply of the finest linseed oil that can be produced; while it will mean the extension of the company's constantly increasing trade with the North-West. These changes will involve the erection of buildings, and the placing of machinery and appliances, which will be taken up as soon as the mechanical department can tackle it. The mechanical superintendent has been in Winnipeg with Mr. Munro, and is already at work on plans and inventory of the work to be undertaken.



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