More C. P. R. Bate Reductions

W. B. Lanigan, general freight at of the C. P. R., made some ini-mat announcements on Monday raing the mileage freight tariffs, in snow material reductions in ases. East of Kirkella, on the hine to Fort Arthur, including ons on the Manitoba lines west to ons on the Manitoba lines west to sada, Shownake, Pierson, St., amnota, Rapid City, Medora, of and Enerson and other points 25 miles up to 500 miles, reduc-nave been made equal to those by the Canadian Northern, Over miles the canadian Northern. Over miles the reductions are greater dianitoba. West of Kirkella, be-in stations from Canmore and east the Crow's Nest Pass and Territopoints, reductions have also been to equal the reductions in Mani-which gives shippers, where there competition the benefit of the

me rates as those to be put in force. Maintoon, as they are reduced on a basis as those of the Canadian othern hallway. The mileage tariff east of Kirkella Port Arthur shows reductions in a rast class reight from 24c for 25c. s to 20c, and reductions of from o oc on all other classes; for 100 s the rate on general freight for class will now be 40c instead or respection of Se and proportion a reduction of Sc and proportion-reductions on other classes; for mines the old rate for first class at was 80c, now 68c; 300 miles, rate, \$1.02, now, 8/c; for 500 and rate, \$1.43, now \$1.22; for ght was 800, now 0.5, owo first, \$1.02, now, 5rc; for 500 cs, oid rate, \$1.43, now \$1.22; for miles, oid rate, \$1.22, now \$1.38; 600 miles, old rate, \$1.80, now \$1.500, now \$1.500, now \$1.500 miles, old rate, \$2.25, now \$1.500

west of Kirkella for points in the Territories the rates are reduced as

For 10	miles-		
1st class			
and			42
and		36	83
41.71			25
5th			23
6th			19
īth		16	15
sth			16
loth		14	13
For 500	miles-		
1st class		1.43 old rate	1.32 new
2nd			1.10
3rd			.88
4th		.72	.67
āth		. 65	.60
6th		.55	. 51
7th		.38	.35
8th		.38	.35
10th		.32	.30
	00 miles-		
		2.11 old rate	
2nd		1.90	1.76
ard		1.52	1.40
4th		1.14	1.05
ōth		1.02	.94
6th		.90	.83
7th		.63	.58
Sth		.55	.51
10th		.58	.48
For 1.50	0 miles—		
		2.95 old rate	2.73 new
2nd		2.46	2.28
3rd		1.97	1.82
4th		1.48	1.37
5th	********	1.35	1.25
6th	********	1.22	1.13
7th		.87	.80
		.72	.67
10th		.72	.67

The following reductions on rates on flour and grain, flax seed, oil cake and vegetables have been made and the rates on the C. N. R. are also

C.P.R.	C.N.R.
From 8 to 7c	7½c per
From 14 to 12c	13c
From 181/2c to 16c	17e
From 22 to 20g	21½c
For 400 miles— From 27½ to 23c	251/ge
For 500 miles— From 32 to 27c	291/gc
For 800 miles— From 45 to 38c	42c

Subsidy Granted Yukon Territory.

Commissioner Jas. H. Ross, of the Yukon, passed through the city Sunday, returning from Ottawa, where he has been in connection with Yukon departmental matters. Mr. Ross is returning to what he objects to being called the frozen north, the Yukon, where it will now be glorious sum-

may seem strange to you," said Mr. floss conversing with a reporter of the Free Press at the depot, "to snow that lands for agricultural purposes are now being placed on the mark t. These lands are being sold as low as \$1.00 per acre. Now we

can't grow oranges there. No more can you in your Manitoba." Some important measures were put through on Mr. Ross' recommendation some important measures were put
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s building of five new schools. The increasing population and the fact that a large number of families for the schools of the sc

new bridges and other improvements are to be made.

"The lessening of the royalty charges," said Mr. Ross, "from 5 to 2½ per cent. will no doubt be received with great satisfaction." great satisfaction. The col-of the royalty will be handled lecting of the royalty will be handled in such a way from this out that there will be few escape, and the low rates now makes leasy payment for all. The country is not going to suffer from these lower rates. I predict that this year will give a bountiful showing when the gold output has been totalled."

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provision has now been ma A provision has now been made whereby the grouping of claims can be made to be worked by hydraulic in-stead of each claim having an indiviregistration

gistration. amendment to the Dominion The amendment to the Dominion law giving the Yukon the local control of the liquor traffic has been carried by the commissioner in council, and Mr. Ross believes that now the traffic will be regulated with greater

Orders in council have been put through at Ottawa io do away with the individual miner's certificate. That is, a worker on the mine need not now, as at one time was the case, take out a free miner's certificate. The rule, of course, still applies to The rule, of course, still applies to worker \$10 pc as this cost the mine worker \$10 pc as this cost the mine worker \$10 pc as the cost of the to pay this sum with considerable satis-faction.

This year a start will be made on the building of 82 miles of railway from Dawson city into the Stewart fiver district. This is to be built by private individuals. The line runs via Grand Forks and will open up considerable trade with the perman-ent camps along Stewart Creek and will lead to the setablishing of towns.

Mr. Meighen in Winnipeg.

Robert Meighen, president the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., arrived in Winnipeg on Monday afternoon from Montreal in the private car Earnscliffe, accompanies by his daughter and Miss McDougal, of England.
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and will be in town for a day or so and will then continue his journey to and will then continue his journey to During the course of an interview During the course of an interview Mr. Meighen discussed the company's plans and matters pertaining to the milling industry of Mantoba. Asked milling industry of Mantoba. Asked the milling industry of the company's clevators very materially. Mantoba will be blessed with this fall, Mantoba will be blessed with this fall, Mantoba will be blessed with this fall, manitona will be blessed with this fail, but by the large number of incoming settlers the acreage, at any rate, should be larger than last year and the prospects are good from that standpoint

Referring to the elevator bills no Meighen said "all the bills on this matter that are required I believe is simply a bill providing for freedom of shipment, that is, giving the shipper the right to ship his grain any way he

Ilkes."

The most important questions the people of Manitoba have to deal with are preferential trade and the transportation question.

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"Up to the present time the trans-portation question affecting Manitoba has been considered only as far as Fort William. They have not gone into the question of transportation

fartier east. The fact is the farmer is not through with the transportation of his product until they reach con-sumers in the foreign markets, We sumers in the foreign markets. We want more vessels on the lakes to freight the grain across to the south of Lake Superior at proper terminals in connection with low grade railways. I am a believer in the French

ways. I am a believer in the French river scheme. I expect to see grain hauled at 2% c per bushel." Speaking of the British import tax and the likelihood of a preferential policy towards the colonies Mr. Mei-ghen was very emphate in his opinion that the exporters of ion that the exporters of wheat and flour from other countries into Great Britain would be the ones to pay the extra charge involved by this duty and that the burden would not come and that the burden would not come on the British consumers. This is a matter that affects Manitoba very strongly, Mr. Meighen said, and at the present time so far as he could learn, there was no agitation here in favor of a British preference of Canada

inada.
"England is the great consumer of ir products," he said, "we are part the empire and we expected a pre-rence naturally in that market. Inderstand the Canadian government understand the Canadian government have taken the matter up and this may lead to a change in the fiscal policy of Great Britain towards colonial products. The great industry of Mani-toba and the west ought to be the milling industry. Present conditions and the British market than on wheat namely, a higher duty levied on flour in the British market than on wheat in the British market than on wheat in the British market than on wheat the state of th

Activity at Port Arthur.

Port Arthur, Ont., May 2.—The early opening of navigation has infused a most marked spirit of activity ed a most marked spirit of activity into the industrial life of the town and on every hand is to be seen signs of progress and thrift. The steamers of the C. P. R. and Beatty lines are or the C. P. R. and Beatty lines a daily bringing to port large consi-ments of merchandise, both for lo trade and for shipment by rall centres of trade in the west, a those who are considered capable accurately sizing up the situation be-speak for Port Arthur a bright fu-

The advent of the Canadian North The advent of the Canadian Norma-ern railways to this point is, perhaps, the most important factor in promoting commercial and industrial activity as hitherto the forwarding business to the west being exclusively in the hands of the C. P. R. that corporation, lng as hitherto tree as hitherto tree the west being excuter. the west being excuter, the west being excuter, hands of the C. P. R. that corporate hands of the C. P. R. that corporate hands as well known, handled all the as well known, handled all the transfer business at Fort Wilnings with the winnipeg with the winnipeg with the winnipeg with the winnipeg with the state of the transfer of the corporate with transfer business at Fort William, but since the opening of the Canadian Northern through the Rainy River country and on to Winnipeg with the eastern terminus at Port Arthur this town is enabled to control a fair share of the rapidly increasing carry-ing business of the west. The con-struction of the latter has also most materially operated to the advantage of the town, and although the line is now in a large measure complete still the construction of terminal facilities here is at the present time giving emthe construction of terminal facilities here is at the present lime giving embers to a large number of new hardwards of the state of th

completed and the forwarding of westbound freight will be executed in a most expeditious manner. Besides the above work the C. N. Besides the above work the C. N. Station grounds between the C. P. Latting from the water front. Since commercing this work some ten the C. F. R. Useds and the water frost, the control of the control R. occupying the northerly N. R. the southerly part. P. R. occupying the northerly and the C. N. R. the southerly part, and be-tween the respective stations will run arrangement to the docks, and if this arrangement of the docks, and if this arrangement of the docks, and if this as well as a very considerable addi-tion to the architectural appearance of the locality.

The Canadian Furniture Business.

The Canadian Furniture Business. Canadian enterprise has been viniticated during the past year by the organization of the company known as the Canada Furpiture Manufacturers, Limited. The Company owns and cities, the twelve Ontario towns and cities, the high sense of the Canada Sanada of the Catalogue also include the operation of saw mills at Wiarton, and of plate saw mills at Wiarton, and of plate over every branch own over every branch over every branch over every branch over every farade of goods, from the company of the control of the

glass works at London, and extendover every branch of household furniture and every grade of goods, from magnificent bedroom suites of a quality to suit the home of the millivaire, the suit has been added to be suit the pockets of the artizance to suit the pockets of the artizance. As shown at the recent meeting of the shareholders of the company, the languagural year has been one of gradient of the state of the state

C. P. R. Extensions.

A Montreal despatch says the exe-cutive of the Canadian Pacific has ap-proved and ordered the following con-struction work for the present season in Manitoba and the Northwest Terri-

in analitication in the state of the state o West Selkirk extension from West Selkirk to Winnipeg Beach, 26 miles. Forest extension from Forest on the Great Northwest Central, west-

Fores Section 1 of the Great Northwest Central, west-ward, for 42 miles. Wellwood extension from Well-wood extension to Macgregor extension to Brookdale, 10 miles waskada westward for 20 miles from Waskada westward for 20 miles from Snowflake, 10 miles southeasterly, to Mo-

Yorkton extension, from Yorkton Yorkton extension, from Yorkton 33 miles northwesterly. Pheasant Hills extension, 100 miles northwesterly from main line. From Lauder on Souris branch to Glenboro, 70 miles.

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From Osborne on Pembina section 37 miles will be constructed on the Arrowhead and Kootenay railway, from Lardo on Kootenay Lake to Glirard on Trout man line from Fild made on the main line from Fild made on the main line from Fild made on the main line from Fild made on the constructed on the section of the main line from Fild made on the main line from Fild made on the construction of the section of the main line from Fild made on the construction of the main line from Fild made on the construction of the man line from Fild made on the construction of the man line from Fild made on the construction of the man line from Fild made on the construction of the man line from Fild made on the construction of the manufacture of the man

Of the above work the road to Win-nipeg Beach is completed. The Forest extension work is proceeding; the grading on the Waskada, Wellwood and Snowlake extensions is nearly grading on the Waskada, wellwood and Snowflake extensions is nearly finished. The contract for the Phessant finished. The contract for the Phessant finished. The contract for the Phessant work of the property of the Yorkon extension with about 200 men and 70 teams. Mr. McArthur has also the Yorkon extension with about 200 men and 70 teams. Mr. McArthur has on the Fore of teams at work grading the property of the p