

FIRES.

Camrose, Alta.—A fire at the Round Hill Collieries caused \$3,000 damage.

Montreal, P.Q.—The establishment of F. Thompson & Company, manufacturers of electric motors, was damaged by fire to the extent of \$12,000.

Sherbrooke, Que.—\$30,000 damage was caused by fire to a business block owned by Ald. D. McManamy. Commercial offices and stores occupied the block.

CURRENT NEWS.

Newcastle, N.B.—The dredging plant of A. & R. Loggie Company has been purchased, according to report, for \$250,000.

Ottawa, Ont.—Civic supplies for 1912 will be supplied under the following prices:—Brick, the Peerless Brick Company, at \$8.70 per 1,000. Castings, Messrs. Thos. Lawson & Sons, at \$2.50 per 100 lbs. Sand, the Rideau Canal Supply Company, at \$1.10 per cubic yard. Nepean stone setts, Saml. Bilsky, at \$52.75 per 1,000 for ordinary setts, and \$62.75 per 1,000 for track allowance blocks. Cement, H. Dupuis & Sons, at 50½c. per 100 lbs. Street sweepers' brooms, W. G. Charleson, at \$9 per dozen. Vitrified clay pipe, T. S. Kirby Co., for Garthraig. Scotch pipe at 54½ per cent. discount on price list. Asphalt, Canadian Mineral Rubber Co., Pioneer refined asphalt, \$24.04 per ton; Elder Ebano Asphalt Co., Ebano Mexican asphalt, \$25.60 per ton; the Barber Asphalt Paving Co., for Trinidad Pitch Lake asphalt, \$27.25 per ton.

Toronto, Ont.—The revised building by-law will call for a more rigid inspection of concrete, and the construction schedule of concrete will be a little lighter.

TRADE ENQUIRIES.

The following were among the inquiries relating to Canadian trade received at the office of the High Commissioner for Canada, 17 Victoria Street, London, S.W., during the week ended January 29th, 1912. Fuller information may be obtained by communicating with the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa.

A Yorkshire manufacturer of copper cylinders, washing coppers, towel rails, copper boilers, copper coils, furnace pans, tanks, etc., desires to appoint an energetic and reliable representative at Winnipeg.

A London firm are open to handle minerals or agricultural produce from Canada, either on commission or purchase basis.

A London firm having connections with Spanish shippers of fruit pulp are open to hear from Canadian jam manufacturers or other importers in the Dominion.

Inquiry is made by a correspondent in Italy for the names of reliable parties in Canada willing to act as agents for the sale of pure olive oil.

A Winnipeg firm are anxious to get into touch immediately with a United Kingdom potato merchant in a position to ship large supplies for the Canadian market.

A New Brunswick correspondent desires to dispose of a considerable quantity of sawdust and invites inquiries from United Kingdom importers.

A correspondent at Prince Rupert, B.C. (the terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway), is open to take up agencies for tool steel, belting, mine and mill supplies, piping (iron and clay), marine motors, concrete machinery, contractors' supplies, etc.

A Nova Scotia correspondent who is beginning the manufacture of men's and boys' braces, is desirous of being placed in correspondence with United Kingdom makers of buckles, webbing and leather trimmings.

A Nova Scotian, at present in Birmingham, is open to purchase supplies of cocoa and other fibre for brush making; also mop stick and broom handles.

An important Western Canadian firm of manufacturers' agents are desirous of securing United Kingdom agencies for mining machinery, tools and supplies of every description; gas engines; fire and steam hose for railways, etc.; briquette machinery; farm machinery; traction engines; fire extinguishers; chains; cotton waste; vacuum cleaners;

automobile tires; gunpowder; firebricks; tiles; glass; and many other lines. A representative is now visiting Great Britain.

A Vancouver correspondent at present in London, desires agencies for dry goods, athletic and sporting goods.

A correspondent in the province of Quebec is desirous of getting into touch with the inventor of the English viscose-Stearn system of artificial silk; also with manufacturers of machinery for manufacturing this article.

A Vancouver correspondent wishes to get into communication with United Kingdom manufacturers requiring representation in British Columbia.

An Ottawa firm of mica miners desire to get into touch with United Kingdom buyers of ground and thumb-trimmed mica, in which they specialize.

From the Branch for City Trade Inquiries, 73 Basinghall Street, E.C.:

A manufacturing company in Sweden invite quotations from Canadian producers of maple rollers suitable for mangles and wringers.

A Glasgow firm wish to make arrangements for obtaining regular supplies of Canadian corundum, and would also be glad to hear from producers of alabastine, magnesite, manganese and asbestos.

The Swedish manufacturers of an incandescent oil lamp wish to arrange for its sale in Canada.

An English firm manufacturing hosiery yarns, Egyptian and super American cop, cone, cheese or hank, wish to get into correspondence with Canadian buyers.

A London business man who spends several months each year in visiting the fruit and grain growing districts of Ontario, Western Canada and British Columbia, would be glad to hear from makers of artificial manure, fertilizers, insecticides, hop and fruit washes, etc., who wish to have their specialties introduced.

A British Columbia firm which regularly covers the whole of Canada in the interests of a textile manufacturer, and claims a good connection, seeks the representation of an up-to-date Yorkshire manufacturer of low and medium priced fancy worsteds and serges.

A London business man who pays an annual visit to Canada and has many years' experience of Canadian trade, is open to represent manufacturers of stationery and fancy leather goods seeking business in Quebec, Ontario and the Northwest. References supplied.

A manufacturers' agent in Victoria, who covers British Columbia and Western Canada, is open to represent a few United Kingdom manufacturers, provided that he is granted the sole agency for the territory named.

The following were among the inquiries relating to Canadian trade received at the office of the High Commissioner for Canada, 17 Victoria Street, London, S.W., during the week ended February 5th, 1912. Fuller information may be obtained by communicating with the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa.

A Scottish correspondent desires to arrange for the sale of the Canadian patent rights in a system of cold-resisting and heat-conserving applicable to hot pipes (air, steam or water), etc.

A Glasgow correspondent dealing in iron and steel goods of various kinds, desires to do Canadian business.

A North of England firm of veterinary preparation manufacturers desire to appoint buying agents having connections among horse owners in Canada.

A Coventry manufacturer of motor car radiators, lubricators, silencers, bonnets, tanks, wings and other auto parts, desire to introduce their goods into Canada.

A Scottish firm are open to hear from Canadian importers of bottled castor oil.

A New Brunswick company manufacturing maple meat skewers desire to get into touch with London Indent Merchants in a position to arrange for the sale of such goods in Argentina, Australasia and South Africa.

A correspondent who is shortly returning to Canada wishes to secure the representation of United Kingdom firms open to do business in the Northwest or in British Columbia.

A Montreal firm of importers of English and French pharmaceutical products is open to take up United Kingdom agencies.

A Montreal firm make inquiry for the names of high-class United Kingdom manufacturers of travelling rugs suitable for automobile use.