

Lake Superior Region.

The Fort William people are somewhat pleased with the position of affairs, and it is suggested that in their present "Micawber" position they would be making a way for themselves by inviting the promoter of the P. A., D. & W. Ry. to visit the burgh to discuss the situation, believing he will meet with little opposition in getting a bonus under certain conditions.

The town council at their last meeting decided against a resolution in favor of granting a bonus towards a railway through the mining regions, a consummation of which is looked for with a great amount of interest by those interested in the various mining properties. The citizens now want to know what the city council have to do in the matter. It was their business to submit the by-law when a requisition duly signed by the rate-payers was presented.

At last a definite answer has been received from Messrs. Hastings Bros. & McGaw, re proposed flour mill. The reply is, "matters have developed which effectually makes their building at Port Arthur impossible." It will now be in order for that firm to return our citizens the bond which they gave in good faith. The town has had a good lesson at a slight expense. Now let the council and people apply the moral and in future beware of strangers.—*Port Arthur Herald*.

The following statistics of the Canadian Lake Superior fishing industry are taken from the latest report of the Minister of Fisheries: Tugs 7, tonnage 232, value \$11,800, men 26; fishing material, gill nets 186,076 fathoms, pound nets 15, value \$5,610; fish—whitefish 938 barrels, 740,580 pounds; trout 1,720 barrels, 627,290 pounds; sturgeon 54,518 pounds; pickerel 90,217 pounds; coarse fish 30,000 pounds. The total value of fish is set down as \$159,298.61. The fishing stations are: Point Porphyre, Thunder Bay, Welcome Islands, Black Bay, Roche Debout, Nepigon Bay, Jackfish Bay, Caribou Island, Lizard Island, Mica Bay, North Mamainse, Pancake Bay, Gros Michipicoten Bay, Dog River.—*Herald*.

Western Resources.

Application for incorporation is made by James Burrige, Albert Monkman, John Carlton Sproule, G. H. Hadskis and Alfred Monkman, of Winnipeg, and Daniel Houlihan, Pasadena, California, U. S., and George Burrowes Gordon, Rosario, Santa Fe, Argentine Republic, South America, under the name of "The Western Plaster and Cement Company" (Limited), for the purpose of mining gypsum and manufacturing it for sale and use, and the manufacture of all the different materials and articles in which the same is or may be an ingredient and applying the same to its different uses and generally for the purpose of trading therein. The places within the Province of Manitoba where such company's operations are to be carried on are in the country surrounding Lakes Winnipeg and Manitoba and the city of Winnipeg, which city shall be its chief place of business. The amount of capital stock is \$30,000.

R. M. Brereton, of London, England, con-

sulting engineer of the Alberta Exploration Company and the Red Deer Valley Railway Company, interviewed the Government at Ottawa in reference to the projects he represents. The first named company has just been incorporated in England, for the purpose of opening up and settling the Red Deer country, the company having secured possession of some valuable coal lands; and last session the Red Deer Valley Railway Company was chartered by the Dominion Parliament to build lines to reach these coal lands, one to run from Calgary, in a northeasterly direction, and another from Cheadle, on the C. P. R., in a northwesterly direction to a point where the two lines will meet. The chief considerations weighing with the promoters are whether traffic arrangements can be made with the C. P. R. whereby the output of the mines can find a market at reasonable rates. From a conversation had with President Van Horne he gathered that the Canadian Pacific intended to open up its own mines at Crowfoot and also at a point west of Calgary, so that they would be entirely independent of any other coal companies and not inclined to grant many favors. In that case, the outlook for projected companies would be a very poor one, until a large population settle in the Territories. English members of the syndicate now en route to Canada for the Northwest, will make an examination of the Red Deer country, with a view of reporting to the board at London. Should circumstances warrant the company going ahead, they propose to make a big effort next spring to colonize on the line of the proposed railway.—*Empire*.

Northwest Trade.

The Birtle cheese factory has started again.

There seems to be a good opening here for a woolen mill, and for the manufacture of woolen cloth. There are almost 6,000 sheep in the united counties; the mill ought to be a success from the beginning. This district is an excellent grazing one, and sheep could be made a profitable portion of the farmer's income.—*Birtle Observer*.

A large amount of building is being done throughout the country both by farmers and in the towns. From one point, *Deloraine*, the *Times* says:—Building appears to be lively just now. The following houses are in course of erection:—Presbyterian manse, 22x26, kitchen 23x14, value \$1,200; Sanders & McKinnou, one story house, 16x22, \$350; house for G. McKenzie, 26x28, \$1,800. Mr. Manuel has just finished his cottage, 20x22, one story; H. L. Montgomery intends building a two-story cottage. This is only a sample, there are a number of other improvements taking place which we have not got the particulars of.

Sir John Kaye instructed Messrs. Child & Wilson, architects, to draw up plans of a building which he contemplates having erected, to have a frontage of 75x130 feet. The plans to be submitted to Sir John on his return will be a very handsome erection of three stories, which will contain three stores on the frontage with large offices in the rear for the C. A. C. & C. Co. Over these it is proposed to have a large hall with a seating capacity of about 600, for theatrical and concert purposes, as well as for balls

and private entertainments. In this hall other offices will be built, with a gallery overhead. This story will be thirty feet high.—*Calgary Herald*.

Tinning & Hoskins are calling for tenders for their new brick block on the southwest corner of South Railway and Scarth streets, and in a few weeks J. D. Sibbald & Co. will construct an extension of the Lansdowne hotel around the southeast corner, and as far down South Railway street as the Glasgow House. The building at present occupied by J. D. Sibbald & Co., and Scott & Hamilton, will be moved to a site west of Councillor Becho's house on South Railway street, and the building purchased by Sibbald & Co., from Mr. Green, will also be removed. These two lots will then be covered by a massive brick block three stories high, a part of which will be occupied by the Lansdowne hotel in connection with their present building, and the remainder used for business places, one of which will be accepted by J. D. Sibbald & Co. The Alberta Hotel is rapidly approaching completion. The plastering is finished, the plumbing, etc., done, and only a few weeks' works is required to complete this splendid hostelry.—*Calgary Ex.*

Grain and Milling.

The Keewatin mill was run at a loss of from \$75,000 to \$100,000 in a little over a year.

The millers of five western Ontario counties, viz., Perth, Huron, Bruce, Grey and Wellington, intend to hold a mass meeting at Listowel shortly to discuss the grievances of millers through the refusal of the Government to raise the duty on flour.

Missouri is to have a state grain inspection. This takes the inspection of grain out of the hands of grain men. By the bill only elevators having a capacity of 25,000 bushels are regarded as public elevators. The smaller ones can conduct their business as they please.

Lumber Cuttings.

Leeson & Son's portable shingle mill was damaged by fire at Vancouver, B.C., recently.

Ross, McLaren & Co., besides building the mill now in construction at New Westminster, B. C., is looking up a location for another.

The Victoria Lumbering Co. have closed their Chemainus mill for the purpose of making some important changes. It is the intention to increase the daily capacity of the mill to 100,000.

The contract for erecting the mill building for the new shingle mill at Revelstoke, B. C., has been awarded. The main building will be 32x32 feet, two stories high, with an addition for an engine room. Two shingle machines will be put in at the start and a 30 horse-power engine. It is the intention to kiln dry all shingles turned out, and for this purpose two dry houses will be erected. The capacity of the mill will be 75,000 to 100,000 a day, the shingles being of two grades, first and second. Thirteen men will find employment at the mill, and a number more in taking out shingle bolts. The owners are from Portland, Oregon, and one of them, J. Valentine, will be the resident manager. They expect to find a ready market in the Northwest Territories and Manitoba for their product, as they have got a better freight rate from the C. P. R. than allowed coast manufacturers, the difference being about \$18 a carload.—*Truth*.