BANKERS.

From the following list our readers can ascertain the names and addresses of bankers who will undertake to transact a general agency and collection business in their respective localities.

Mercantile Summary

The Natural Gas Company, of Calgary, have gained control of a large block of land near that city. Operations are likely to be started in the near future.

The McGill Chair Company, Limited, of Cornwall, has received an Ontario charter. Its capital is placed at $100,000. Thos. McGill and Peter E. Campbell, of Cornwall, are among the members. It will manufacture chairs and other furniture, also acquire any other business similar to its own.

The Department of Trade and Commerce has been notified by the Elder-Dempster Company that the steamer "Angola," of the Canada-Mexico service, has been lost outside Havana harbor, bound south. The steamer "Canada Cape," of the Elder-Dempster line, now at Trinidad, is going to call at the Mexican ports, and will make the northern trip in place of the "Angola."

Several companies which are interested in water power from the Chaudiere are applying for permission to let water into the new slides channel. This is a serious matter for the city of Ottawa. The city engineer last July drew the attention of the council to the fact that if the water were allowed to enter the channel the head of water available for the city water works would be prejudicially affected, as the water will be drawn so low that insufficient power would be available to operate the system.

The Rand Drill Company and the Ingersoll Sergeant Drill Company, of New York, who together operate a factory in Sherbrooke, Que., under the name of the Canadian Rand Drill Company, have decided, owing to the greatly increased call for their specialties in compressed air machinery, etc., as well as structural steel work, to build a new foundry and to make other extensive additions to their works. Mr. Geo. Doubleday, of New York, is president of the company, and Mr. E. W. Gilman, of Montreal, vice-president and general manager.

An attractive Christmas number for 1905 has been issued by the "Farmers' Advocate and Home Magazine," of London, Ont. Aside from its pictorial attractions it contains articles by C. W. Young, British Columbia; G. H. Parsons, England; Rev. Father Burke, president of P.E.I. Fruit-Growers' Association; Hon. John Dryden; Mr. Linus Woolverton; Thomas Southworth, Director of Colonization for Ontario, upon such subjects as "The Live Stock Industry," "The Niagara Fruit Industry," "Dairying and Horse Breeding," "Northern Ontario Suited for Successful Agriculture." Our contemporary is to be congratulated on its new building in Winnipeg, a picture of which appears on the front cover of the Christmas issue.