F. M. MORGAN,
President N. W. C. T. A.

Commercial Travellers Meeting.

A general meeting of the Northwest Commercial Travelers' association was held in board of trade rooms, Winnipeg, on Saturday evening last, for the purpose of nominating officers for the ensuing year. The following officers were present: G. F. Bryan, president; F. M. Morgan, vice-president; L. C. McIntyre, treasurer; Fred J. C. Cox, secretary; Messrs. Lamb, Fahey, Maw, Drewry, Hutchinson, McGowan, Geo. Wilson, and about 30 active members. The president called the meeting to order at 8.15 p.m. and after the reading of the minutes announced that the next order of business was the nomination of officers for 1902 and according to custom claimed the right of making the first nomination for president and recommended F. M. Morgan. There being no further nominations for president they were declared closed, and Mr. Morgan elected by acclamation.

M. McGowan was nominated for the office of vice-president by F. M. Morgan and no others being placed in nomination was duly elected by acclamation.

L. C. McIntyre was re-elected treasurer by acclamation.

E. H. Taaffe, H. W. Hutchinson, J. M. Lamb, Frank Agnew, J. J. Tomlinson, E. L. Thomas, F. W. Drewry, F. H. Nesbitt, F. H. Fahey, Joseph Maw, Geo. Wilson, R. J. Campbell, Chas. Holden and Horace Wilson were nominated as directors. Of these eight are to be elected and will with the retiring president, form the board for the ensuing year.

M. F. W. Low and A. L. Johnson were appointed auditors and E. H. Smith, C. C. Macdonald and H. G. Spurgeon, scrutineers.

The following nominations for officers and directors for the B. C. branch were then made:

Vice-president for Vancouver, Jas. Beveridge, of Wm. Braid & Co. (acclamation).

Directors for Vancouver, E. C. Tayloe, of B. C. F. C. & C. Co.; Phil. Markin, of W. H. Malkin & Co. (elected by acclamation).

LATE WM. HARGREAVES,
A Past President N. W. C. T. A.

Vice-President for Victoria, H. Welsh, of W. J. Pendray & Co. (acclamation).

Directors for Victoria, Mr. Hemsworth, of Wilson Bros; Mr. Fassett, of B. C. Jobbing Co.; Mr. Adams, of Hudson's Bay Co. (one to be elected.)

Directors for New Westminster, J. A. Cunningham, of Cunningham Hardware Co.; R. F. Anderson, of R. F. Anderson & Co. (one to be elected).

Director for Kootenay, F. B. Gibbs, of Brackman Ker Milling Co. (acclamation).

The president in opening referred to the deaths of members that had taken place during the year; otherwise the year has been the most prosperous in the history of the association. The total membership is nearly 800 and fully $6,000 has been added to the funds of the association, making the surplus nearly $30,000. Another point the president drew the attention of the members to was that the new board should take into consideration the advisability of investing at least a portion of the funds in real estate as he considers Winnipeg property would be a good investment and a paying one for the association.

On motion of Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mr. Holden, it was decided

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that the form of entertainment this year be a dinner, and the officers and directors of this year and those that were nominated be a committee to carry out arrangements.

There were several complaints from the travelers re freight claims and the trouble over baggage on same. It was drawn to the attention of the board that it was very inconvenient that the mixed train on the Brandview section arrived in Brandon too late to connect with the local going east, thus necessitating travelers remaining over in Brandon and debarring them from reaching home to spend Sunday. The board will lay the above before the proper authorities.

Mr. Madill, a member of the Toronto association, addressed the meeting re adding two dollars to the membership fee as a fund for disability or sickness. The matter was referred to a committee composed of the president, F. W. Drewry and A. L. Johnston to report to the members at the annual meeting to be held Dec. 21. The meeting then adjourned.

The dinner committee then held a meeting and the several sub-committees were appointed. It is expected that the dinner will be held Monday evening, Dec. 30, but a meeting will be held next Saturday, when the sub-committees will report.

F. M. Morgan, the new president, is one of the active travellers and one of the most genial and popular men on the road. He will make a good president.

The deaths referred to by retiring President Bryan were four in number, three of them being Winnipeg travellers and one a Vancouver member. The Winnipeg deaths included Wm. Hargreaves, a past president of the association; A. F. E. Phillips, representative of the Brunnette saw mills, and R. J. Galineau, traveller for R. A. Rogers & Co., and the B. C. member was F. R. Douglas, of Kelly, Douglas & Co., wholesale grocers, Vancouver. Douglas was a passenger on the ill-fated Islander which foundered in North Pacific waters some months ago.

Up-to-Date Factory.

A. F. Wickson, the architect, is at present busy erecting a building on the corner of King and Duncan Sts., Toronto, for the Pure Gold Manufacturing Company. The structure will have a frontage on King street of 60 feet, and on Duncan of 185 feet 6 inches, to Pearl street, which is to be extended out to John street. There will be an area of 6,480 square feet, exclusive of the boiler house, which will be a separate building. There will be four storeys and basement, and the whole will be finished, externally, with Don Valley pressed brick.

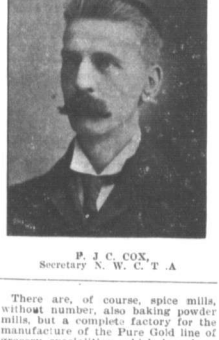
The entrance will be through a handsome porch, in pressed brick and stone columns, covering the external flight of stone steps.

The private rooms of the president and managing director, also the main offices, will all be on the first floor, facing King street, and will be most artistically finished with high wainscoting, beam ceiling and handsome screens.

There will be a private testing room, or laboratory, which will be used, as may be readily surmised, for trials of the company's products, from time to time; also, for demonstration before classes of the various cooking schools of Toronto, which will be invited to participate in these interesting experiments. The Pure Gold Company all along felt that it was to the interest of the community that there should be the utmost freedom and clearest understanding between the public and themselves as to what goes into their products, and their method of preparation; hence, the idea of a public demonstration there from time to time, which is to be aimed at.

The manufacturing portion of the building is, of course, in the rear of the main offices, and the mill rooms are all isolated by means of a solid brick fire wall, which runs from the basement right to the roof.

It is interesting to note, in connection with the building, that a good deal of ingenuity and originality has had to be exercised because of the fact that nowhere can a building be found that has been erected for such a purpose.



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There are, of course, spice mills, without number, also baking powder mills, but a complete factory for the manufacture of the Pure Gold line of grocery specialities, which has been built for the purpose, cannot be found, and so much care has been necessary in order to reach the very best results. What has been aimed at particularly has been good light, clearly defined departmental management and thorough cleanliness.

A splendid lunch room has been provided for the employees, where the company propose to provide gratis, clean table linen, cutlery, crockery and tea and coffee, so that each employe will simply have to provide his or her lunch, and will find on the company's part a splendid place in which to enjoy it.

It goes without saying that dressing rooms also have been provided, each employee having a locker for him or herself; also all the conveniences necessary for an up-to-date concern.

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Past-President N. W. C. T. A.

Above all, what has been recognized is that, in the manufacturing of these food products, the actual freedom from contact in flavor, as between the different items, is necessary to preserve the purity of the goods, and the Pure Gold Company will feel satisfied if, when they get started in this new place, they have reached this standard of attainment; at all events, so that where a highly flavored product is produced, it doesn't necessarily follow that something else produced in the same factory, of an entirely different character, should partake of the flavor not intended for it.

C. P. R. Land Extensions.

Montreal contractors have visited Vancouver and Banff for the purpose of considering the proposed hotel improvements at those points. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company hotel at Vancouver will be extended 110 feet in length and 104 feet deep, and will be six stories high. So soon as the extension is completed, the existing house will be rebuilt, the whole forming a very handsome structure, after the renaissance style.

The Banff hotel extension will be 250 feet long by 100 feet wide, and will be an exact counterpart of the present house, five stories high, with 80 rooms. It will be an entirely separate house, to guard against fire, and all the bedrooms will have baths attached and water laid from one of the hot springs in the vicinity. The extension will cost in the neighborhood of $100,000. These extensions have been made necessary by the growth of the tourist travel via the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The long open season enjoyed by Manitoba this year has proved a great help to the farmers. The absence of snow has saved a great deal of feeding of stock, as cattle have been able to secure their living from the prairie. The roads have also been in fine condition for a long time, thus facilitating greatly the marketing of grain. In Manitoba good wheeling is preferable to sleighing, as the snow drifts so easily on the prairie trails that the roads are usually heavy.

L. C. McINTYRE,
Treasurer N. W. C. T. A.