

R. company to relieve them of baggage as speedily as possible has been complied with to the best of every member's ability.

Numerous complaints having been made that baggage was being somewhat indifferently handled by the railway company, a deputation from this association, with delegates from Montreal, Hamilton and Toronto associations, waited on the manager of the C. P. R. company here requesting relief, which, we are pleased to report, has been cheerfully granted by supplying the baggage car with a skid or plank, which must facilitate the handling of heavy baggage. We trust that the members will see that these appliances are used. We shall be glad if any member will report to the secretary the failure to use such appliance when necessary.

Your board having found it a very difficult matter to secure satisfactory investments for the funds of the association, and the funds on hand being a considerable amount, an arrangement was made with the Manitoba Trust Co. and \$11,000 placed with them for investment at a guarantee rate of interest for 5 years at 4-1/2 per cent. The other mortgages carried by the association have been also handed over to the company for collection at a small commission, and have much pleasure in reporting that both arrangements have proved very satisfactory.

Our contract with the Manufacturers' Accident Insurance Co. has not yet been renewed for the year 1899, for the reason that the board would first like to receive the expression of opinion of the association asked for on the post cards sent to each member. This matter is, therefore, open for your consideration this evening.

Your board has much pleasure in stating they have secured a permanent board room in the Sarnford block, where the secretary can be found during business hours.

A vote was taken at the general meeting held in November, and it was decided to hold the annual celebration on December 25th next in the form of a conversation at the Manitoba hotel, and we trust all the members of the association will take an active interest in this matter, as it is really the only opportunity the whole membership have to meet in a social way.

Your retiring officers and directors cannot close this report without congratulating the association on the exceedingly prosperous year just ended, and we trust that each year will show the same speedy increase.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. MUNDIE,

J. M. O'LOUGHLIN,

Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Gentlemen:—It is with considerable pleasure that I have to report the financial success of our association during the past year. Our gross income being \$3,993.99, showing an increase over last year's income of \$1,126.09 or nearly 25 per cent.

It is very gratifying to note the continued steady increase in our funds. The balance at the end of this year amounted to \$22,454.66 in assets, showing an increase over the balance of last year of \$3,555.32. There have been three claims upon the mortuary benefit fund this year, amounting to \$196.67. The interest collected during the year past amounted to \$916.99. There are no unpaid accounts. The books and vouchers have

been duly audited, and the auditors' report is submitted with statement. During the year our association received the final dividend from the Commercial Bank of Manitoba, which pays the interest in full on the original claim.

I have to thank you, gentlemen, very sincerely for the honor conferred upon me by re-election for the coming year, and I trust that at the end of the year 1899 we shall be able to report as favorably of the success of the association as at the present time. I am, yours respectfully,

L. C. McINTYRE,
Treasurer.

British Columbia Items.

John Gillis, butcher, is opening at Ashcroft.

D. R. Taylor, hotel, Nelson, is applying for a license.

Henry Clay, baker and confectioner, Victoria, is deceased.

Miss Fowls, millinery, Victoria, is offering her stock for sale.

Turner, Hart & Co., insurance etc., New Westminster, have dissolved.

Alix Lipsky, "Gem" restaurant, Victoria, has sold out to Edgar G. Walker.

Wallace & Miller, clothing, Nelson, have opened a branch at Cascade City.

Mrs. T. Haughton, dry goods, Trail, is closing out and going back to Victoria.

Earsman, Hardie & Co., commission, Victoria, are about to establish a branch at Vancouver.

The agricultural resources of the Grand Forks district need special mention. The Kettle River valley, 20 miles long and three and a half wide, is an ideal fruit-country section. The climate is equable. It is not cold in winter or hot in summer and the fruit has a flavor like the eastern article. A farmer named Cobart owns 300 acres here. He has irrigated it, but the cost was small. He has 20 acres in fruit of all kinds, three years old, which returned him \$4,000 cash this summer.

The opening of the East Kootenay by the Crow's Nest Pass line is being quickly followed by a rush of capital to the towns that are springing up along the road, says the Nelson Miner. At every siding building operations are being rushed through, a whole army of builders being busy erecting business blocks and residences. Merchants and hotel men are taking advantage of the opportunities the new country affords and all branches of the mercantile trade will shortly be represented in the towns. Hotels—the advance guards of settlement—will soon be scattered all along the line. At present two applications have been received for licenses for hotels at Sidsar, which was formerly the eighth siding. The applicants are V. C.

Sackliff and Robert Meehan. A. W. Swajwell is opening a grocery and clothing store at Sidsar and Geo. Foster a restaurant. At Fernie, G. C. Henderson is opening up as a publisher. Several other business men are now looking over the district with the intention of opening mercantile establishments. In both Kootenays business is flourishing and new places are being opened nearly every day. No less than five hotels have just been opened at Niagara, Kraut and LePage, Frank Oliver, Starell & Co., Kemp & Kockhart, Gormaa and Sweeney and J. P. Wisher, being the proprietors. At Silverton, P. Burns & Co., purchased the business of Bill Conrad, butcher. Two general stores are being opened at Camp McKenny by W. M. Law & Co. and the other by Cosens Bros. These are the changes that have been reported in the city within the past few days and give but a slight indication of the activity in the mercantile business throughout the district.

Manitoba Country Markets.

The deliveries of wheat at C. P. R. points on Friday were uniform with preceding days no very large receipts reported. Indian Head led as usual with 5,000 bushels, La Riviere 3,500. The price ranged between 46 and 48 cents, although 52 cents was paid at Douglas and Portage la Prairie. The lowest was 40 cents at Rosthern. Prices at each point were:

Main line—Poplar Point 48, High Bluff 48, Portage la Prairie 52, McGregor 48, Austin 50, Sidney 46, Carberry 50, Sewell 48, Douglas 52, Brandon 48, Alexander 48, Griswold 47, Oak Lake 47, Virden 49, Elkhorn 47, Fleming 50, Moosomin 51, Wapella 49, Whitewood 48, Broadview 48, Grenfell 47, Wolseley 47, Sintaluta 44, Indian Head 46, Qu'Appelle 46, Balgonie 45, Regina 46, Moose Jaw 46.

Prince Albert branch—Lumsden 46, Rosthern 40, Wascana 46.

Souris branch—Souris 50, Hartney 48, Elva 48, Pierson 48, Carleton 47, Carnduff 50, Oxbow 47.

Southwestern branch—Alameda 46, Carman 50, Rathwell 48, Treherne 47, Holland 48, Cypress River 48, Glenboro 50, Methven 49, Nesbitt 48, Carroll 50, Pipestone 48, Roston 48.

Pembina branch—Rosenfeld 46, Grétna 48, Winkler 46, Morden 50, Thornhill 48, Manitou 48, La Riviere 48, Pilot Mound 48, Crystal City 46, Holmfild 50, Killarney 48, Ninga 49, Bolseval 51, Deloraine 49.

Stonewall branch—Stonewall 48.

Emerson branch—Emerson 48, Dominion City 46, Otterburne 48.

The Manitoba Dairy Ranch Co. Ltd., Winnipeg, is applying for incorporation.

Waghorn's Guide for December contains the official time cards of railways, as recently re-arranged. Also new county court sittings, and important changes in general business tables to date.

Dominion Fish Co., Ltd.

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