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PERSONAL.

Mr. George Black, provincial auditor of Manitoba, is at present visiting Ontario.

Mr. C. J. Forlong has been admitted to partnership in the firm of Messrs. Heron & Company, King Street West, Toronto.

The Prince Rupert Savings and Trust Company, has opened an office in Vancouver, under the management of Mr. W. A. S. Colter.

Mr. E. MacKay Edgar and Sir Geo. Prescott, of Messrs. Sperling & Company, have arrived in Canada, and are proceeding to British Columbia to look into a railroad proposition.

Mr. H. W. Just, C.B., C.M.G., one of the assistant-secretaries in the Colonial Office, is making a trip throughout Canada. He was asked by Lord Crewe to make a study of conditions in the Dominion with a view to bringing the Colonial Office more closely in touch with newest Canadian conditions. Last year Sir Charles Lucas, the permanent head of the Colonial Office, went through Australia. Mr. Just has a long experience of Colonial Office administration. He accompanied Mr. Chamberlain on his visit to South Africa as official secretary of the Colonial Office, and has since been secretary to the various Imperial Conferences held in London.

ADDITIONAL RECENT FIRES.

St. Jerome, Que.—Sawmills of Messrs. Belanger & Company: damage, \$5,000; no insurance.

Winnipeg, Man.—Stable and residence at 170 Lombard Street: damage, \$300; partly insured.

Campbellton, N.B.—Lumber owned by the Frank Harrison Company, of England: damage, \$40,000; well insured.

Toronto, Ont.—Building on Yonge Street, occupied by the Peerless Novelty Company, and others: cause unknown: damage, \$10,000. Warehouse of Messrs. V. E. Ashdown & Company, 76 Bay Street: damage, \$1,000; fully insured.

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BANKING NEWS AND NOTES.

Freemans Limited has increased its capital from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

The Bank of British North America has opened a branch at Quesnel, B.C.

The Hamilton Pulverizer Company, Limited, has changed its name to the W. H. Hamilton Company, Limited.

The Royal Bank of Canada has opened a branch at Whitney Pier, N.S.

Messrs. Heron & Company, of Toronto, have admitted to partnership, Mr. C. J. Forlong.

J. M. Plaunt, Limited, has changed its name to the People's Drug Company, Limited.

The A. Macdonald Company will increase its capital stock from \$500,000 to \$2,000,000.

The Hughes-Owens Company, Limited, has increased its capital stock from \$35,000 to \$149,000.

The Telegram Job Printers, Limited, Winnipeg, has increased its capital from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

The E. Long Manufacturing Company, Limited, has increased its capital stock from \$75,000 to \$250,000.

The Canadian Colored Cotton Mills Company, Limited, has changed its name to Canadian Cottons, Limited.

The sales on the Winnipeg Stock Exchange for the week ended August 25th, were:—Great-West Life, fully paid, 20; Home Investment and Savings, 10; Commercial Loan & Trust, 6; Northern Crown, 10; Crown Certificate, 10; Portland Canal, \$1,000; South African Scrip, 8; Traders Building, 14; Western Canada Flour, 1; Maple Leaf, common, 10; Maple Leaf, preferred, 10.

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