## COMMERCIAL NOTES.

Dr. Alfred Thompson, ex-M.P. for the Yukon, was in Vancouver from Dawson. He states that the output of the Yukon this year will be $5,000,000, showing that the trend is now upward. From an output of $20,000,000 in 1900, the Yukon dropped to $2,500,000 in 1908, but the operations of big companies are now bringing it up again. The Guggenheims have spent millions there, and built a ditch 78 miles long to bring water to its scene of operations. Quartz properties are also being located and developed, and it is expected that these will form a new source of riches.

While on the Pacific Coast, Earl Grey and party visited the works of the Western Canada Power Company at Stave River Falls, 35 miles east of Vancouver, B.C. The directorate of this company is as follows:—C. H. Cahan, K.C., Montreal, president; W. Max. Aitken, Montreal; A. R. Doble, Montreal, secretary; John Hendry, Campbell Sweeny, and Wm. McNeil, of Vancouver. Work is now in progress for the development of 35,000 horse-power for industrial purposes.

Messrs. A. MacDonald & Company, wholesale grocers, of Winnipeg, will open a branch in Moose Jaw, Sask., for southern Saskatchewan. A large brick warehouse, three storeys high, and estimated to cost $25,000, will be erected.

The imports of wood into Great Britain during August were moderate, and stocks at 1st September were not excessive, while values were steady. Among Canadian woods waney pine timber is firm, nothing doing in square nor yet in red. Of British Columbia pine the stock at Liverpool is heavy and the demand restricted, but prices unchanged. The pitch pine trade has been disappointing; the stock of deals and boards is too heavy. The arrivals in the Mersey of spruce and pine deals from Quebec were large during the month, of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick they were less than in August, 1908, and only half those of July, 1909, values being steady. Birch logs are in ample supply with values low. Elm is slow of sale, with ample stocks and steady values. Oak is dull.

Sir Thos. Shaughnessy, president of the C.P.R., is making a tour of the West to inspect the line. The C.P.R. party, Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, and General-Manager Hays, of the Grand Trunk, and Lord Strathcona, were all in Fort William on Friday last week.



## WORLD'S WHEAT EXPECTATIONS.

Canada, as is well known, is one of the countries which are expected to show increases in the wheat harvest this year. According to the summary of Dornbusch, the well-known authority on wheat, the following countries will show gains and losses respectively in their 1909 wheat crops:—

| Increase over 1908. | Decrease from 1908. |
|---|---|
| France | Austria |
| Russia | Hungary |
| Italy | Germany |
| Roumania | Turkey |
| Bulgaria | Persia |
| United States | |
| Canada | |
| Japan | |
| India | |

Then details of the whole world are shown in the estimates given by Beerbohm's list. They are as follows:—

### The Wheat Crop of the World.

(In Quarters of 480lb, 000's omitted).

| | 1906. Qrs. | 1907. Qrs. | 1908. Qrs. | 1909. Qrs. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Austria | 7,200 | 6,300 | 7,800 | 6,500 |
| *Hungary | 25,900 | 16,850 | 20,800 | 16,500 |
| Belgium | 1,750 | 1,950 | 1,750 | 1,750 |
| Bulgaria | 5,150 | 4,500 | 5,500 | 6,000 |
| Denmark | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| France | 41,000 | 47,500 | 38,500 | 41,000 |
| Germany | 18,000 | 15,935 | 17,270 | 16,000 |
| Greece | 750 | 750 | 750 | 750 |
| Holland | 600 | 650 | 600 | 750 |
| Italy | 20,000 | 21,000 | 18,000 | 20,000 |
| Portugal | 500 | 400 | 400 | 500 |
| Roumania | 13,600 | 5,350 | 6,700 | 10,000 |
| †Russia | 63,300 | 63,675 | 71,000 | 75,000 |
| Servia | 1,850 | 1,400 | 1,750 | 2,000 |
| Spain | 17,500 | 12,700 | 13,500 | 13,000 |
| Sweden | 750 | 725 | 720 | 700 |
| Switzerland | 500 | 500 | 500 | 550 |
| Turkey (Europe) | 5,000 | 3,500 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| United Kingdom | 7,580 | 7,250 | 6,750 | 7,500 |
| Total for Europe | 231,430 | 211,435 | 217,790 | 224,000 |

| | 1906. | 1907. | 1908. | 1909. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Algeria | 4,250 | 3,890 | 3,500 | 4,000 |
| Tunis | 1,250 | 1,250 | 750 | 1,000 |
| Argentine Republic | 19,100 | 24,500 | 20,150 | 20,000 |
| Australasia | 10,000 | 6,000 | 9,500 | 10,000 |
| Asia Minor | 5,000 | 3,500 | 4,500 | 5,000 |
| Canada | 15,400 | 10,500 | 15,750 | 16,500 |
| Cape Colony | 500 | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Chile | 1,750 | 1,800 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| Egypt | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,250 | 1,500 |
| India | 40,000 | 39,700 | 26,750 | 35,370 |
| Persia | 3,500 | 4,000 | 3,500 | 3,500 |
| Syria | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,500 | 4,000 |
| U. S. America | 91,000 | 79,000 | 83,000 | 88,000 |
| Uruguay | 800 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,250 |
| Mexico | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Japan | 2,475 | 2,800 | 2,900 | 3,000 |
| Total out of Europe. | 200,525 | 183,740 | 180,050 | 197,120 |
| Grand Total | 431,955 | 395,175 | 397,840 | 421,120 |

* Including Slavonia and Croatia. † Including Poland and Siberia.

Wanting more room, the Manufacturers Life has bought the Lawlor building, corner King and Yonge Streets, Toronto, for some $506,000, and will remove to its two upper floors in a few months.