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The annual catalogue for 1903 of the Steele-Briggs Seed Co., of Toronto and Winnipeg, has been received. It is a handsome publication, and will be appreciated by gardeners, florists and all people who buy seeds and garden requisites.



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Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of EIGHT per cent. per annum has this day been declared on the Permanent Stock of the Company for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1902, and that the same will be payable at the Head Office of the Company, No. 321 Cambie St., Vancouver, B.C. on and after January 15th, 1903.

By order of the Board,

THOS. T. LANGLOIS,

Vancouver, Jan. 9th, 1903. President.

Contracts for Co. wood.

At the meeting of the Winnipeg school board this week, the following was adopted:

That the proper officers of the board be authorized to execute a contract for 500 cords of tamarac wood, in accordance with specification tendered upon, at \$5 per cord, with J. D. McArthur, his tender being the lowest.

That the proper officers of the board be authorized to execute a contract for 500 cords of Jack pine wood, in accordance with the specification tendered upon, at \$1.24 per cord, with P. R. Lamb, his tender being the lowest.

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Beaver in Manitoba.

One of our exchanges, noting the fact that colonies of beaver are still to be found in Manitoba, a quantity of new dams being in evidence in Joggly Creek, which, we believe, is on the northeast slope of the Riding Mountains, states, says the Pulse-Valley Recorder, that few outsiders are aware of the fact that there are still beaver in Manitoba. The Star recently described the position which some of the interesting animals occupy on the banks of the Souris, near the town of Hartney, and along the Assiniboine and Souris rivers, and those who are interested can find in many places evidences of their presence, although the exigencies of the situation have compelled them to abandon the smaller streams and their habits of building dams and becoming what is

known as bank beavers. A halfbreed recently informed us that a beaver had been killed this fall on the Willow Creek, a tributary to the Souris, which is on the Dakota side of the Turtle Mountains, and if the laws could only be strictly enforced, there is no reason why they should not increase and again occupy some of the favorable positions which abound throughout the wilder districts of Manitoba.

An eastern exchange states that the abattoir of Kobold & Co., at Winnipeg, was destroyed by fire on Dec. 16 with a loss of \$12,000. This is not correct. The abattoir referred to is that of the Western Packing Company, which was slightly damaged by fire on the above date, the loss being about \$1,200.