

New McIntyre Block.

The accompanying illustration shows the front elevation of the new McIntyre block, now in course of erection on Main street, Winnipeg, on the site of the old block which was destroyed by fire last spring. As this is by far the largest and most costly business block in the city and one of the finest to be found in Canada no doubt the readers of The Commercial will be interested in a few of the particulars regarding it.

The block is being built by the executors of the estate of the late Alex. McIntyre, who built and owned the original block which was burned on the morning of Wednesday, February 2nd, last. The new block has a frontage of 174 feet and a depth of 91 feet. It is five storeys in height with a central tower of six storeys. The ground floor is laid out into eight stores, and has in addition a large central entrance to the floors above. Each of the four upper storeys is divided into suites of offices, giving about twenty-two on each floor, with vaults in each. The sixth

These are the main features of the new block. Of course it has every modern convenience in the way of elevators, artificial lights, toilet rooms, etc. The total cost will be about \$125,000.

As regards its renting qualities the block is all that could be desired. Situated as it is in the heart of the retail section of the city it is a specially desirable site for fashionable stores and the fact that its accommodation of this kind was all taken up within forty-eight hours of being offered is a proof of its desirability. The offices are also being rapidly taken up.

The construction of this block marks another long stride in the development of business Winnipeg.

A Well-known Traveller Suffers.

We regret to learn that J. H. Glass, one of the oldest and favorably known commercial travellers in this province, who represents the boot and shoe

Glass, senior, in attempting to save his baggage, got his ears severely frozen. After every effort had been made all hopes of saving the samples and other contents of the baggage room had to be abandoned, though the agent of the company made every effort to save them. As soon as telegraphic connections were made, Mr. Glass wired to the houses he and his son represents for new samples, the arrival of which will necessarily delay them several days. We regret to learn that Mr. Glass, senior, is now laid up suffering from frost bite and trust his numerous customers will show their sympathy in this misfortune by waiting until Messrs. Glass can resume their work. They are both now laid up at the Central hotel, Virden.

Test the Grain.

The following circular has been issued from the central experimental farm, Ottawa, under date of November 17th:



Handsome New McIntyre Block Building, Main Street, Winnipeg, now Nearing Completion.

floor which does not extend over the entire block but occupies only the central section will be fitted up for use as a lodge room and in addition to the meeting room proper will have parlors, lounging rooms, armories, closets, etc. On each of the four office floors there is a large central rotunda with corridors running off in each direction giving access to the offices, etc. Some of these inner offices have necessarily to be lighted from secondary sources and for this purpose there will be something like 1,200 square feet of inside glass. The ventilation of the building is being well provided for and so also is the heating, which will be done by steam. The fate of the first block has made the executors of this estate particularly careful in regard to fire and the new building has been rendered as nearly fireproof as possible.

The material used in constructing the new block is stone, brick, iron and wood. The front is of stone and presents a massive and very handsome appearance, having plate glass windows throughout. Inside the finishing is oak.

manufacturing house of J. A. & M. Cote, of St. Hyacinthe, and the Globe Casket company, of London, and his son, J. H. Glass, Jr., who represents Lawson & Jones, lithographers and druggists supplies, and the Fraser Hat, Cap and Fur Manufacturing company, of London, have experienced a very disastrous and abrupt reversal in their present successful spring trip by losing all their samples in the fire which destroyed the Canadian Pacific Railway station with all its contents at Virden on Sunday. Mr. Glass and his son, who always travel together, were at Oak Lake waiting for a delayed express train from the east and finally arrived at Virden Sunday morning. It being Sunday and all the sample rooms being engaged by travellers arriving from the west, Mr. Glass concluded to leave his baggage in care of the company under check until Monday morning. A blizzard prevailed all day. While they were at tea an alarm of fire was given. Everybody rushed to the station and made every effort to save the building and its contents. Mr.

"To the farmers of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories: The unfavorable weather which has prevailed in many parts of the Canadian Northwest during the harvest season has, no doubt, in many instances injured the germinating power of the grain, and rendered it unfit for seed. Under the circumstances no farmer should undertake so costly an experiment as the sowing of any doubtful seed. In every case the proportion which will germinate should be ascertained, as this can be done without cost to the farmer.

"Samples for test may be sent now or at any time during the winter in any number desired, addressed to the director of the experimental farms, Ottawa. An ounce of grain is sufficient, which can be enclosed in an envelope and sent free through the mail. The germinating power of the samples sent will be ascertained and a report of the test forwarded to the sender as promptly as possible.

WM. SAUNDERS, Director."

Peter Borgstrom has opened a shoe-making shop at Moose Jaw, Assa.