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day would be required, but he expects to substitute sawdust from his sawmills, thereby effecting a great economy.

The Western Canada Settlers' Mutual Land Co., Hon. W. H. Montague, general manager, has sold all its holdings along the Pheasant Hills branch of the C.P.R., the C.N.R., and along the G.T.P. route east of Saskatoon, consisting of about 160,000 acres, to a strong Belgian syndicate, who will re-sell in small blocks.

Packers say the most profitable weight for a hog is 200 lbs., and they are campaigning Quebec to teach farmers the advantage of turning them out to that standard. For packing purposes an animal of a certain grade and of about that weight, is needed. Heretofore, the price for all grades has been practically the same. Henceforth, prices will be graded, in conformity with the grade of animals.

The Retail Merchants' Association of Canada are asking the Dominion Government for relief from the law which holds merchants guilty of conspiracy to restrain trade when they agree regarding trade methods. They want the exemption to combinations of workmen or employees for reasonable self-protection extended to wholesale and retail merchants. The Association has elected officers as follows:—President, H. C. Ellis, Ottawa; vice-presidents, B. W. Ziemann, Preston; F. C. Higgins, Toronto; treasurer, M. Moyer, Toronto; provincial secretary, E. M. Trowern, Toronto; auditing, G. W. Kelly, Guelph. The time and place for holding the next convention were left in the hands of the executive.

Owing to a strike of the shingle makers in the State of Washington, prices have already gone up 10c. Vancouver prices keep at \$2 for clears, and \$1.90 for stars, so that Canadian manufacturers will have an advantage. The odd statement is made at one place where the regular hands have struck, and university students are employed in their stead, that a better class of shingle is being turned out, the new hands making up in conscientiousness what they lack in experience.

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Cavendish Realty Co., Montreal, \$195,000. W. Bentham, Montreal.

Joliette Chemical Co., Joliette, Que.—\$10,000. J. T. Gaudet, Joliette.

Clark Automatic Nut-Lock Co., Montreal.—\$500,000. Edw. James, Montreal.

Amalgamated Cobalt Mines, Toronto.—\$1,000,000. W. R. P. Parker, Toronto.

Wabi Cobalt Silver Mining Co., Cobalt.—\$500,000. T. Langton, Jr., Cobalt.

Berard & Major, Montreal.—\$200,000. To manufacture vehicles. Alf. Berard, Montreal.

Howard Cooperage & Lumber Co., Ridgetown.—\$30,000. D. A. Leitch, Ridgetown.

Canadian Newcomb Motor Co., Montreal.—\$600,000. W. F. Borland, Westmount, P.Q.

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