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THE Parkhill Basket Manufacturing Co. contemplate moving to Owen Sound, and are asking that town for a loan of \$5,000. In return, they agree to invest \$10,000 in site, plant and factory.

THE board of directors of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association, in session in Montreal last week, passed a resolution urging on the Government the necessity for a federal insolvency act, and endorsing the bill presented by Mr. Fortin, member for Laval.

JUST at present, "between seasons," mining matters are more than usually quiet all over the Kootenay and Yale districts. However, the community is hopeful, and as the labor troubles are in a large measure settled, the spring season is expected to be a busy one.

THE Deputy-Sheriff Shirley, of Vancouver, B.C., journeyed to Bennett and seized \$3,000 worth of goods belonging to the Bennett Lake Transportation Company, to satisfy a claim of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax. It took three weeks to make the round trip.

SAYS a correspondent in Markdale, as an illustration of what he calls Ladysmith prices: "A few days ago, opposition on the local market here got so hot between McFarland & Co., and Hill & Co., that \$8.50 was paid by the former (McFarland & Co.), for two pairs of chickens, or \$4.25 per pair. This market cannot be beaten.

A JEWISH gentleman, named B. J. Rothenberg, opened a store in Yorktown, Man., and by promises of a partnership, induced a young German, named Kunkell, to give him a chattel mortgage on cattle for \$500. This document he sold for \$320, and with that amount and other proceeds, left. When Kunkell discovered that Rothenburg was not likely to return, he proceeded to get even by throwing open the store and inviting the public to come and buy at their own prices. The store was packed with a clamorous crowd, till the rush was over, when Kunkell was taken home by his mother. Most of the stock had been bought on time, and as neither goods, nor money to pay for them remain, the Yorktown Enterprise thinks an interesting time is in store for somebody.

**VANCOUVER BOARD OF TRADE.**

The annual meeting of the Vancouver Board of Trade, held on March 13th, found that body in a state of marked prosperity, the membership having reached 200, and the financial statement showing a cash balance of over \$800. It remained for the retiring president, Mr. C. E. Tisdall, to add to the general encouragement in his annual report. The year just past, he said, would probably go down in local history as the most prosperous since the incorporation of the city; business had been good, and progress marked, as shown by bank clearings of \$42,333,973; duties collected at custom house of \$854,634, and inland revenue receipts of \$321,002, all three totals being the largest on record.

After enumerating the different matters that came under the consideration of the Board during the year, including the merchants' excursion to the Boundary Creek country, the Pacific cable, etc., Mr. Tisdall proceeded to review the commercial conditions of the year. The lumber market has been unusually active, a larger trade than usual having been done with Manitoba and the North-West Territories, though export trade has been hampered by high freight rates and lack of shipping. The North Pacific mill, built some years ago, has been operated for the first time, and the Hastings mill, burned a year ago, is once more running. The salmon pack was the second largest on record, and though the high price paid for fish—20c. each, on the average—prevented the cannery making much money, the fishermen reaped a benefit, and general trade a corresponding one. Shipping was well maintained, Australian and Canadian Pacific steamers having good cargoes and passenger lists. British Columbia northern trade, it would seem, is rapidly making Vancouver its headquarters; mail steamers now making the port the first and last place of call. The gold output of Atlin had exceeded expectations, amounting to almost a million dollars, while the discovery of numerous quartz deposits makes the district richer than was supposed, though it will not be a poor man's camp. The Kootenay, as a whole, had done well, despite the tying-up, as a producer, of the Slocan District, by labor troubles, which are now apparently arranged. The one bad feature of the year has been agriculture. Though cattle ranchers have done well, a succession of rain storms during harvest made the crop one of the worst on record. Mr. Tisdall's report closed with a review of Vancouver's growth, the estimated increase in population for the year being 5,000, while the improvements amounted to about one-tenth of the assessment.

The officers for the ensuing year are: President, Mr. F. Buscombe; vice-president, Mr. F. F. Burns; secretary, Mr. W. T. Stein; council, Messrs. W. Godfrey, W. H. Malkin, C. E. Tisdall, R. H. Alexander, W. H. Ker, F. Cockburn, H. T. Lockyer, W. F. Salsbury, W. Murray, A. O. Campbell, C. Gardiner-Johnson, Campbell Sweeny, W. Skene, W. Braid, W. Pellew Harvey.

**PHOENIX BOARD OF TRADE.**

At a well attended meeting of the business men of Phoenix, B.C., on Monday, March 5th, the preliminary steps were taken for the organization of a Board of Trade. Thirty-eight citizens signed the membership roll, and the election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. George W. Rumberger; vice-president, Mr. George R. Wynkoop; secretary, Mr. W. B. Wilcox; council, Messrs. W. R. Williams, Noble Binns, F. H. Caniff, G. S. Gordon, L. C. Crawford, R. B. Kerr, J. A. Morrin and M. L. Foley.