

EAST AND WEST.

News and Notes of Canadian Progress from Coast to Coast.

Wolseley, Sask.—The new town hall, costing \$25,000, was formally opened on Saturday week.

Swift Current, Sask.—Five thousand cattle are booked to be shipped from Walbeck station, near here.

Yorkton, Sask.—The Western Canada Flour Mills Co. are erecting a 50,000 bushel grain elevator here.

Humboldt, Sask.—A mixed train service is to be operated between Strassburg, Govan and Nokomis very shortly.

Port Arthur, Ont.—A contract has been closed between Capt. Shear and McKenzie, Mann & Company for 350,000 ties.

Wetaskiwin, Alta.—The C. P. R. have sunk two wells a distance of 350 feet, each of which gives a plentiful supply of good water.

Ladysmith, B. C.—The smelter is closed down for repairs: new ore-bunkers are being built, also a wharf to enable steamers to come close to the works and discharge.

Cobalt, Ont.—Three new concentrating plants are being installed in the camp. Although the strike continues the mines all report sufficient labor for their operations.

Brandon, Man.—At a conference with prominent citizens, the C. P. R. has admitted that Brandon needs a larger depot. The question will probably have the serious consideration of the company.

Lanigan, Sask.—Building is active here. Two general stores, a drug store and a hardware store are being erected. The C. P. R. has given a site for a \$3,000 school, to be built this year. Four sites for elevators have been secured.

Calgary, Alta.—The lumber dealers between Calgary and MacLeod have made arrangement to sell lumber strictly on a cash basis, the arrangement to go into effect this month.

Sedley, Sask.—One of the newly incorporated Saskatchewan towns, Sedley, on the Arcola branch of the C. P. R., shows activity in building. The Northern Bank is erecting office premises, the Tribune has a new office, and the hotel is being enlarged.

Moose Jaw, Sask.—There has been some frost damage in the district, but it is thought that a crop equal in quantity to that of last season will be garnered, and on the whole will prove the best paying crop ever raised in the district. The money stringency complaint has been felt to a limited extent.

Calgary, Alta.—The Merchant Ranch, which has a frontage of three miles along the main line of the C. P. R., and consists of 4,500 acres, has been purchased by Angus McPherson. The price realized was \$12 per acre for the freehold land, and for the stock about \$11,000, making a total of \$36,000.

New Westminster, B.C.—The annual Provincial Exhibition, under the auspices of the Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society of British Columbia was held here last week. The exhibits of fruit and of some kinds of live stock were not so large as in the previous year, but the quality of fruit was better.

Quebec.—The number of ocean passengers arriving at this port from April to 1st October this year is 107,664; of which 6,789 were first-class; 25,538 second-class; and 73,337 third-class. The different shipping companies carried:—C.P.R., 45,450; Allan, 40,521; Dominion, 15,278; Donaldson, 4,115.

Radisson, Sask.—This busy centre has every reason to be proud of itself this year. In spite of the shortness of the season the farmers are harvesting splendid crops. The yield is excellent. A new lumber yard has started with a stock of from 16 to 20 carloads of material. The three elevators are in full swing.

Red Deer, Alta.—The Great West Lumber Company, Limited, have completed their drive of logs for this season, the last run having something over 50,000 pieces. They have been operating their mill to its full capacity all the summer, both day and night, and expect to have the cut completed about the end of the year.

Fort William.—American capitalists were visiting here last week, one of them from the St. Louis Car Foundry Co., and discussed with town officials the question of establishing a car foundry there. There is talk of Mr. J. A. Currie, of the Imperial Steel & Wire Co., erecting a plate mill there. Messrs. Holt & Hosmer, of Montreal, are willing to back him.

Nova Scotia.—At this time last year, says a Nova Scotia letter, the Dominion Coal Company had 100,000 tons of coal in Montreal, where at October 1st, this year, they had only 15,000 tons. The total coal shipments from Nova Scotia to

Montreal at that date were only 895,650 as compared with 1,096,170 tons a year before, the deficiency being 200,000 tons.

Victoria, B.C.—A block of property owned by the late Albion Iron Works Company, Limited, has been sold to the C.P.R. for freight yard purposes of their Esquimalt and Nanaimo branch for, it is said, \$60,000. The assessed value of this property in 1905 was \$44,100, but no one would buy at the price. The traffic of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway is growing immensely.

Greenwood, B. C.—Owing to the low price of copper the Dominion Copper Co. have blown out two of their furnaces and shut down two of their mines. They will probably replace these two furnaces with one of larger capacity. The British Columbia Copper Company intends to increase its output by erecting another furnace. The lack of C. P. R. cars to handle both ore and coke is much complained of in the camp.

Port Arthur, Ont.—Pig-iron is being shipped east from here. The first shipment of Canadian pig-iron ever sent down the lakes was loaded last week. The Atikokan Iron Co. have been constantly operating their blast furnace since the blow-in, and now there is a large pile of pig-iron of the finest quality in their yards awaiting shipment to the East. The belief of the pioneers of the district that, owing to the quantity of iron ore in the country immediately surrounding it, Port Arthur would become the centre of a great iron manufacturing industry is being realized. The capacity of the blast furnace and coal and ore docks may be doubled next year.

CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

The following are the figures for the Canadian Clearing houses for the weeks ending with October 18th, 1906; October 10th, and October 17th, 1907, with percentage, increase or decrease over 1906:—

	Oct. 18, '06.	Oct. 10, '07.	Oct. 17, '07.	Change.
Montreal . . .	\$26,786,456	\$31,149,724	\$33,165,087	+23.7
Toronto . . .	23,020,851	24,574,565	24,806,298	+7.7
Winnipeg . . .	10,190,346	11,043,542	12,214,472	+19.8
Halifax . . .	1,769,602	1,743,153	2,004,423	+13.2
Hamilton . . .	1,456,125	1,841,318	1,796,614	+23.3
Vancouver . .	2,609,567	4,172,552	4,477,522	+71.5
St. John . . .	1,126,706	1,162,646	1,176,659	+4.4
Victoria . . .	1,181,184	1,276,343	+8.5
Quebec . . .	1,554,402	2,373,052	2,350,065	+51.1
London . . .	1,011,009	1,287,842	1,259,494	+24.5
Ottawa . . .	2,322,307	3,045,875	1,286,280	-44.6
Calgary . . .	1,624,956	1,385,298	1,206,358	+17.6
Edmonton . . .	645,771	889,573	832,532	+28.8
Totals . .	\$74,699,282	\$84,669,140	\$87,852,147	+17.6

The percentage change of the Calgary Clearing House figures for October 3rd should have been +.77, not -.77 as printed.

Mr. H. M. Lambert, manager for Canada, Guardian Assurance Company, has returned from a business trip through Western Canada.

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