

Canadian engineer in Toronto would represent English or Scotch exporters of machinery. Man living in Nova Scotia would buy apples for firms abroad.

—We have received a circular advocating International Arbitration which is recommended for the careful consideration of their members, by the executive committee or officials of various organizations: The Merchants' Association, New York; the Board of Trade and the Trade League, Philadelphia; the Chamber of Commerce and the Business Men's Association, Boston; the Merchants' Exchange of St. Louis and commercial boards and business men's associations in Baltimore, San Francisco, Milwaukee, New Orleans, etc. Those who advocate arbitration as a means of settling international disputes which cannot be disposed of by diplomatic methods will be pleased to read the recent circular issued to the leading business organizations of the United States by direction of the Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration. The President of this Conference is Hon. J. W. Foster, of Washington, and prominent among its officials are Geo. Foster Peabody, banker, New York; Chas. Richardson and Clinton Rogers Woodruff, Philadelphia. The address expresses the hope that business organizations will aid the committee by distributing copies of the circular to all their members." Copies may be procured by addressing the secretary, Lake Mohonk Conference, Lake Mohonk, N.Y.

—The council of the Halifax Board of Trade last week telegraphed the Canadian Premier and the Maritime members of the Cabinet, asking that the Grand Trunk Pacific contract be amended by inserting the stipulation that work on the Quebec and Moncton section must commence and be completed concurrently with the Western Division, and that all freight for export originating in Canada must be shipped through Canadian ports, winter and summer. The Finance Minister has replied at length, pointing out that the Government and not the company is to build the Eastern section. As to the other matter, it is shown that no change of terms can now be made and that the contract goes as far in the direction of safeguarding the rights of Canadian ports as can be defended from a Western or business standpoint.

—It is stated that the Gooderham-Blackstock Syndicate, which controls the War Eagle and Centre Star mines at Rossland, B.C., have succeeded in devising a means of treating low-grade ores, first by concentration and afterward by a chemical method for extracting metals from the tailings. It looks as if the new process will allow of profitably treating ores assaying as low as \$5 per ton, which is a much better showing than can be made in regard to smelting. The directors have therefore decided to erect a 200-ton mill adapted to the process, which can be enlarged according to requirements. The general results likely to accrue to Rossland and other parts of the British Columbia mineral belt by the assurance that \$5 ore can be mined at a profit are likely to prove far-reaching.

—A subscriber at Frank, in Alberta Territory, the scene of the recent frightful landslide, complains of the irregular receipt of his paper, which may be in part accounted for by the irregularity of mails and trains for some time after the disaster. Matters out there are improving, however, and our correspondent says that "Frank will soon be a lively town again. Inside of a month, probably, the Canadian-American Coal and Coke Company will be shipping 800 tons a day. The Lillie collieries are shipping about 400 tons a day now, and are building 50 Belgium coke ovens, which will cost nearly \$200,000. The International Coal and Coke Company, of Paulson, have started to build 100 coke ovens six miles west of Frank."

—At the fourth annual meeting, in Winnipeg, of the Northwest Grain Dealers' Association, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. Jno. Love;

vice-president, Mr. W. W. McMillan; directors, J. H. McConnell, Hamiota; J. Sharp, Moosomin; G. B. Murphy, Carberry; C. F. Travis, Elkhorn; executive, president and vice-president, C. P. Clark, F. Phillips, W. H. McWilliams and Alex. Reid. The balance of the meeting was taken up with discussion on the best methods of getting out this year's crop, and of the various phases of association work. The meeting adjourned at 6 o'clock.

—Pilot Mound, Man., business men have organized a board of trade for the surrounding district. The officers are as follows: President, Charles Crothers; vice-president, J. B. Baird; secretary, Dr. Speechly; councillors, George Dow, W. Endicott, Dr. Ferguson, J. M. Fraser, J. J. Hughes, R. McJannet, J. G. McLean and James Winram.

—The contract has been let, we are told, to a New York firm, for constructing an eleven-story steel-frame building for the Union Bank of Canada in Winnipeg, the cost of which, it is reported, will reach \$500,000. The ground floor is expected to be ready for occupation by next May.

CLEARING HOUSE FIGURES.

The following are the figures for Canadian clearing houses for the week ended with Thursday, Sept. 10, 1903, compared with those of the previous week.

CITIES	Sept. 10, 1903	Sept. 4, 1903
Montreal.....	\$17,353,759	\$19,012,748
Toronto	12,462,726	13,910,875
Winnipeg.....	3,850,016	4,020,493
Halifax.....	1,487,834	2,301,507
Hamilton.....	938,996	1,007,028
St. John, N.B.....	927,984	1,101,171
Vancouver	1,228,326	1,342,373
Victoria	490,767	493,596
Quebec	1,727,872	1,653,271
Ottawa.....	1,740,152	1,903,991
London	705,519	769,782
	\$42,913,951	\$44,516,835

MACHINERY HALL

AS was to be expected the opening of our permanent machinery exhibition in the old cyclorama building has been amply justified. Every day a large number of visitors are on hand looking over the collection of machinery. In order to meet the convenience of visitors to our city it has been decided to keep open every night until 11 o'clock during the Dominion Fair. If you want to see the very latest in machinery and tools give us a call. Our address is 131-145 Front St. W. The latch string is always on the outside. It would be hard for you to miss the building, we almost touch Union Station. A cordial invitation to all to come around.

H. W. PETRIE.

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