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This increase, it is stated, has been expected for some time by the trade, as the demand has been very great during the past two or three weeks, and a conference of the owners of the large producing mills in Vancouver have practically decided to make this advance. Other quotations are stationary, and as we have mentioned before, there is very little variation in price on the Western market.

The building conditions are in splendid shape in Winnipeg although the weather during the past week has been a little backward and cold. Reports come from the country that the activity is just as brisk as in the city.

The contract has been let for the large Transcontinental Railway bridge at Winnipeg, across the Red River, to Hanley, Quinlin and Robertson for the substructure, and to the Dominion Bridge Company, for the superstructure. Contract price for the former is \$265,000, and for the latter \$240,000.

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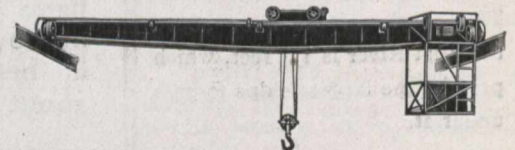
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