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Cars For Farmers.

There has been considerable discussion in the newspapers of late about the refusal or inability of the railway companies to supply Manitoba farmers with cars for loading wheat direct from their wagons. It is certainly unnecessary to expect the railway companies to supply individual farmers all over the country promptly with single cars, when business men and companies are wanting cars by the dozen, or score, or even in greater numbers, which they cannot get. When it is considered that the farmer will take from 24 to 48 hours to load a single car, while an elevator will load a train of cars in a few hours at most, it will be imagined who should be served first. In a time like the present, when the railways are straining every nerve to prevent a blockade, and when everything depends upon the rapid handling of grain at interior and central points, it is not surprising that the farmers cannot get single cars to hold for one or two days. Shippers who want cars by the score, and who are willing to load them in a few minutes, are often obliged to wait for a considerable time for cars. The handling out of cars to farmers in any

thought and attention. He said, however, that he did not think it proper for him to express a preference for reciprocity with one particular country. The whole subject was left canvassed and he hoped it at something would be done at the approaching session of congress.

A Public Benefactor.

Mr. McGuire, manager of the Winnipeg office of The James Smart Manufacturing Co., is showing a little article, the inventor of which may fairly be considered a public benefactor. The inventor is known as the Wisconsin automatic time draft and draft regulator. This is a device for automatically turning on the draft of a furnace of hot water boiler. In cold climates the article should come into almost general use. It is certainly a boon to the householder. By using this device the householder can check his furnace for the night, set his draft regulator and retire to rest with the knowledge that at the appointed hour the regulator will close the check draft, and open the front drafts of his furnace. Without this device

Pratt stated that at Field the hotel would be enlarged to the extent of forty rooms. These are to be luxuriously appointed and the hotel in many ways made equal to the increased requirements. A new billiard room has been added to the hotel. Field is in the centre of a beautiful district for the sightseer. The new falls called the Twin Falls, with the Yoho valley and the picturesque trails by which travel has been made easy, make a delightful spot for the sojourner. At Banff there are to be sixty rooms added and the hotel improved. This was found necessary owing to the increase in this year's business.

The hotel at North Bend has been closed down, and a dining car placed on the run from there to Mission Junction. There are now six dining cars in place of four on the western division.

Chicago Beef Shortage.

Chicago, Nov. 11.—The report emanating from the National Live Stock association that the country is threatened with a shortage of beef cattle has stirred up considerable interest, and an



Manitoba Farm Homes—Residence of G. S. Charleson, near Brandon

Securing Threshers.

The efforts of the Winnipeg board of trade to secure threshers for districts where there are not enough machines to handle the crop, are proving quite successful. Secretary Bell has received application from a number of owners of threshing outfits, who have finished in their districts and who are willing to move their machines to other districts. Threshing has been about completed in many parts of Manitoba, but at nearly all points along the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, from the Manitoba boundary southwest to Moose Jaw, a large quantity of grain remains to be threshed. The Manitoba outfits are now being sent to those points in the Territories. The work of the Winnipeg board in this matter, in securing special low rates from the railways for moving machinery, and getting threshers who had finished their work to move to the congested districts, will be of great benefit to the farmers and will assist materially in getting the crop threshed and marketed.

large number at a time like the present to load direct, would create a complete blockade of traffic in short order, and cause great loss to the majority of the farmers who are shipping their grain through the elevators, as well as loss to the business community.

United States Wants Reciprocity With Canada.

Washington, Nov. 13.—A distinguished body representing the commercial organizations of New York, Boston, Buffalo, Pittsburg, Cleveland, Indianapolis and Cincinnati, called upon the president today to urge the importance of securing reciprocity with Canada. J. R. Leason, of the Boston chamber of commerce, spokesman of the party, told the president that next to Great Britain and Germany, the trade of Canada with the United States represented more in money to manufacturers and producers of the United States than that of any other country.

The president said that he did not need to be reminded of the importance of a question to which he had given much

vice some member of each household is obliged to sacrifice his rest and health by getting up early in the morning to start up the furnace. The alternative of this is to breakfast in a cold home. With this little article the furnace can be started up an hour or so before the usual time for rising, without costing anyone worry or loss of rest. The James Smart Manufacturing Co. will handle this article here.

Tourist Resorts in the Rockies.

The Canadian Pacific summer hotels through the mountains next season will provide increased accommodation and it is expected that the popular resorts will be more of an attraction than ever for the large numbers of tourists who travel over the C. P. R. Mr. Walter Pratt, Jr., superintendent of the dining and sleeping car department of the company, has just returned from a trip of inspection over the system through British Columbia and also as far as Seattle, where the company is represented. Speaking of the improvement to be effected in the mountain hotels, Mr.

effort is being made to have the census office announce the result of the live stock census made last year in time for the meeting of the National Convention of Stockmen here next month. At the present time there are no reliable figures to show the condition of the supply of cattle in the country, but census figures out of last year will give a basis from which to make close estimates. Assistant Secretary Johnson, of the National association, says that the census office has promised to have the total figures on the census of last year ready in time for the convention the first of the month. While local packers admit a scarcity of high grade corn fed beef, they say the supply of ordinary cattle is still equal to all demands being made.

The McDonald hotel, Dawson, was partly destroyed by fire Oct. 31, loss estimated at \$20,000.

It is claimed by Canadians that United States are fishing the British Columbia halibut banks out, they claiming to be in neutral waters. An appeal is to be made to Dominion authorities for protection.