

keys they show a considerable quantity of home grown stock, geese, ducks, chickens, smoked and salt meats and seasonable game.

J. B. Lauzon is another butcher who justly prides himself on his display of meats, and some very fine carcasses are shown.

Other butchers who are making special efforts are Rocan & Co., and Brownrigg & Co.

Charitable Reference.

The illustration of the Salvation Army Rescue Home, given this week, is a little out of the ordinary line of our illustrations. As this is the Xmas holiday season, however, we may be excused for departing from strictly business matters for a brief period. While to some of us the noisy and enthusiastic type of Christianity represented by the Salvation Army may seem to partake almost

the result of the balloting for directors, and the chairman declared the following as the board for the ensuing year: H. Bruce Gordon, P. M. Morgan, T. Locke, F. H. Agnew, K. McKenzle, A. P. Jeffrey, G. F. Bryan, R. M. McGowan and the retiring president, J. Mundie.

The annual reports, as printed in The Commercial last week, were read.

The motion to consider the advisability of discontinuing the accident insurance was laid on the table. In voting by post card to get the views of the travellers on the question, the majority was so large against the motion that there will be no change.

The motion to apply to the legislature at the next session to authorize that the number of directors may be increased to a number not exceeding twenty-five, also that the officers may be increased by adding two vice-presidents, was carried, the object being to give points in British Columbia representation on the board.

The amendments to the mortuary benefits were all carried, after a thorough explanation by J. H. Brock from an actuary standpoint, show-

\$6,155.03 for the year, which added to the capital now makes the handsome sum of \$19,497.58. Two grievances were mentioned as receiving the attention of the association. One the Prince Edward Island act imposing a tax on commercial men and making it impossible to collect for goods sold by men who did not take out a license, and the other the Manitoba Liquor Act imposing a tax of \$200 on travellers entering this province to sell liquors.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, in store Fort William, 89c. Market quiet.

Flour—Local price per sack unchanged at: Patent, \$2.55; bakers, \$2.35.

Bran—\$10 per ton.

Shorts—\$12 per ton.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots on track, Winnipeg, easier at 35 to 37c.

Barley—35c for feed; malting, 38 to 42c.

Flax seed—Prices to farmers, country points, 60c per bushel.

Butter—Dairy, shippers buying at 14 to 15 1-2c; held goods, 13 to 14c; creamery, jobbers' price, 21 to 23c.

Cheese—Jobbers selling at 11c.

Eggs—Dealers selling at 20c for fresh and 16 to 17c for limed.

Beef—City dressed, 5 1-2c; country, 4 to 5c; fresh, unfrozen, 6c.

Mutton—5 to 6c.

Hogs—Dressed, 5 1-4 to 6c.

Veal—5 to 6c.

Lambs—5 to 7c.

Cattle—Butchers, nominal at 23-4 to 3c.

Hogs—Live, off cars, \$4.50 per 100 lbs. for best bacon.

Sheep—2 1-2 to 3c off cars.

Seneca root—18 to 20c lb.

Hides—Green city hides, 7 to 7 1-4c for No. 1.

Hay—Baled, on track, \$3.50.

Potatoes—35 to 40c per bushel.

Poultry—Chickens, 7 to 7 1-2c per lb.; turkeys, 9 to 10c; geese, 8 to 8 1-2c; ducks, 8 to 9c. Eastern turkeys selling at 11c wholesale on reports of over-supply. This was considered a low price.

Crow's Nest Pass Coal.

Robert Jaffray, a prominent Toronto capitalist, and W. Blackmore, manager of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., were in Winnipeg this week on their way from Fernie, B. C., to Montreal. While in the city they gave out many interesting particulars regarding the progress and development of the country opened up by the new railway. Regarding the coalmining operations at Fernie, they said that the coking ovens which are now running there, fifty in number, are turning out 80 tons of coke per day, which is all absorbed by the smelters at Trail and Nelson. Contracts have been let for fifty more ovens. It is proposed to increase the number of ovens to 200 before the end of 1899, which will give a capacity of about 300 tons per day. This coke is said to be of excellent quality, containing ninety-five per cent of fixed carbon. The Fernie coal is a bituminous of high grade, but at present the output is not sufficient to place it in the market to any extent.

Geo. E. Ellis, of the Ellis Manufacturing Co., Toronto, and J. D. Parker, the firm's western representative, returned east on Tuesday from a western trip.



SALVATION ARMY RESCUE HOME, YOUNG ST., WINNIPEG

of irreverence, yet we cannot but admire the practical charitable work done by the Army. One of their enterprises of this nature in Winnipeg, which is worthy of special encouragement, is their rescue home. This important but neglected branch of charitable work was taken hold of by the army with good results. Many business men who have had a prosperous year, make Xmas a time for distributing something among the charitable institutions, and among the worthy institutions we would class the Rescue Home of the Salvation Army.

The Commercial Men.

The annual meeting of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' association was held in the board of trade rooms, Winnipeg, on Saturday last, as previously announced in The Commercial.

After the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed a report was read from the scrutineers, giving

ing that the association was in position to assume the extra liability. The principal change is that all new members on joining the association start with a minimum amount of \$100; the maximum of all members remaining as before; class A, \$600, down to class H, at \$100. A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Brock for presenting to the association such careful reports as actuary, thus enabling the members to know the exact position and security the members have in regard to the mortuary insurance.

Dominion Commercial Travelers Association.

The Dominion Travellers' Association held its annual meeting on Dec. 17th, and some very encouraging reports were presented thereat. The membership has now reached the satisfactory total of 2,916, a gain of 408 for the year. The total income for the year was \$36,998.39, of which amount \$1,252.57 has been paid out for working expenses, and \$27,475 in death benefits, leaving a surplus of