

Metals and Hardware.—The year's business is opening up well, good demand being reported in all lines. Bar iron has been put up in price again, \$2 being now the quotation in an ordinary way. Pig iron is steady at last quoted figures. In boiler plate some revision of prices is not improbable. Canada plates are steady at \$2.60 for fifty-twos; coke tins, \$4, and charcoals, \$4.25; terns, \$6.85; black sheets, \$2.40 for 28 gauge. Lead is a shade easier abroad, but \$4.90 to \$4.95 is asked locally for jobbing lots; tin, 39½c.; antimony, 14c.; copper is very firm at 20¼ to 20½c. per pound.

Oils and Paints.—Linseed oil has at last assumed a distinctly firmer tone, and is cabled as advancing a pound a ton in London within the last day or two. Local jobbing prices are now 53c. for raw and 56c. for boiled, and with the very high prices of late prevailing for pig and dry lead, it is just possible that this may lead to some revision of paint prices. Putty remains as yet unchanged at \$1.40 in bulk; pure white lead is quoted firm at \$5.75. Window glass is firm at \$4 per 100 feet for first break. Fish oils are very dull; castor oil firmer, from 8 to 8½c. being quoted for first quality, and 7½ to 8c. for second quality.

#### ALBERTA WHEAT.

Alberta, which took first prize for wheat against all comers at the Lewis and Clark Fair, is to compete with Portland, Oregon, where that exhibition was held, for the trade of the Orient. Elevators

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**\$1,500,000**  
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**5,841,907**  
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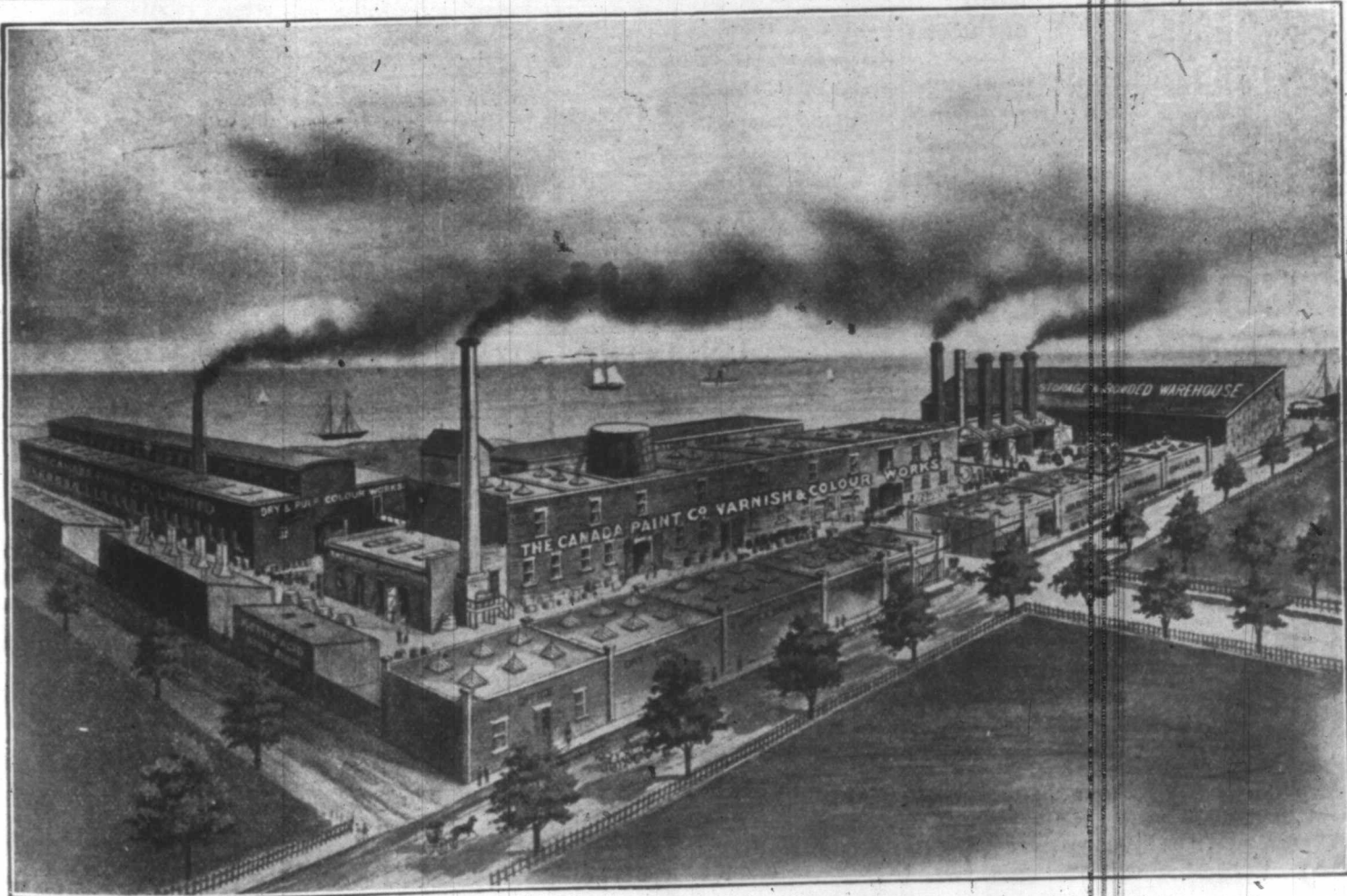
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are to be built at Vancouver, and Canadian steamers will carry the product of the prairies across the Pacific to the great markets of China and Japan. Mr. L. P. Strong, Secretary-Treasurer of the Alberta-Pacific Elevator Company, an American who was attracted from North Dakota to the wheat fields of Canada at the time of the American invasion, said on the subject at Vancouver a few days ago:—

"We have demonstrated that it is a fact that the wheat of Alberta can be shipped through Vancouver in successful competition with that of the United States through the ports of Portland, San Francisco, and Seattle. This is what I came to the Coast to do. The Alberta wheat will without doubt move this way, and it is only a question of a

short time before large elevators will be erected in Vancouver.

"The tremendous wheat production of Alberta must come to Vancouver and seek its markets in the Orient. By this route we are able to ship more favorably than Manitoba, which has us handicapped towards the east, Calgary being twice as far as Winnipeg from the water transportation at Port Arthur. In the same way we have Winnipeg handicapped in shipping to the far east, it being twice as far from Vancouver as Calgary. At the same time we can compete through this port with the Pacific ports of the United States, and, in addition, we have the benefit of a decided Oriental preference for Canadian wheat and flour over that of the United States. Another point is that the United States



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