

has a wide patronage, though east of Morden the mills are rather numerous, there being one at Plum Coulee, Winkler, Altona and Gretna. B. N. Fraser manages the Morden Woollen mills, of which Dr. McCormick is now the owner. This institution has been increased in capacity and thoroughly equipped for turning out yarns, flannels, serges, blankets, etc. In the season 18 or 20 hands are employed and ready market is found for all goods manufactured. The mill is rapidly gaining a wide reputation for quality and excellence. T. T. Thompson, formerly of Oxbow, is now located in Morden, and still in the implement business. Adamson & Parker, who have been in implement and grain business, are now members of the Manitoba Grain Co.

Winkler, eight miles from Morden, is equipped for wheat traffic with four elevators and a mill. There are a number of good stores and a good business is done. Plum Coulee is eight miles further, and it has three elevators, also a mill. Several business men are located here too. At Rosenfeldt Junction are two or three stores, an elevator, the lumber yard of D. Stewart. Altona, six miles south, and halfway between Rosenfeldt and Gretna, is also supplied with a mill, owned by Braun & Wiebe, and three elevators. Heppner & Loepkey have a general store, also John Funk. Loewen Bros., of Gretna, and Winkler, had also a store here, but sold to Mr. Funk in October.

These four little towns situated so close together and lying between the two larger centres, Morden and Gretna, are the result of the thick settlement in the outlying district, which is the Mennonite reserve. This accounts for the rather unusual closeness of the little towns, which in other parts of the country would be starved out.

The view of the farm residence given with this article is the home of Wm. Hasselfield, of Manitou. The fence about the property, it will be noticed, is different from the barbed wire, so largely used in Manitoba. It is the Page fence, manufactured by the Page Wire Fence company, of Walkerville, Ontario, of which Mr. Hasselfield has built considerable.

Klondike Food Supplies.

The difficulties of transportation not only into but throughout the Yukon gold fields has naturally brought in to prominence two questions of how to procure food supplies in such a form that they will have a minimum in bulk and weight, so as to make transportation as easy as possible. In a country where the prospector may have to start with a month's provisions as well as the necessaries, if he is to be successful and avoid starvation the question of what food can be most easily carried is a vital one, and the

ingenuity that has been brought to bear on this point during the past few months is something amazing, and some of the attempts made might also be classed as amusing. As might be expected many of the preparations are humbugs, and the advertisements regarding them would indicate that a section of a fashionable restaurant could be carried easily in each mining prospectors' kit, from which five courses' dinners could be extracted daily. Intending Yukon explorers will require to use a little wisdom in this way in selecting their "grab outfit," if they wish to avoid disappointment and possibly something worse than disappointment.

Among the numerous firms and companies who are catering in the Klondike ration business, The Bovril Company, of London, England, must be placed as one of the most successful. The company have not started into the business as novices. They have furnished the concentrated food supplies for nearly all of the arctic expeditions undertaken during the past ten years, and they British army in recent African and have furnished similar supplies to the Indian campaigns, where long marching and difficult transportation were the worst troubles to overcome. This company steps into the Klondike food supply business therefore with experience, and the result is they fill the bill much better than inexperienced competitors.

Starting in with their Bovril in this company furnish in this one article a preparation of beef and extract combined, which as a food cannot but furnish wonderful powers of endurance to those using it. To this they have added their Cartridge Ration, containing a healthy and strengthening combination of animal and vegetable food. Their Red and Blue Rations, each containing one compartment of the same preparation as the Cartridge, with another compartment containing a condensed extract of cocoa. The Bacon Ration in which one pound of bacon is carried in half of its usual bulk, and at half of its proper weight. Dried potatoes, dried potatoes and dried vegetables all retaining their original flavor but reduced amazingly in bulk and weight. Soup Nodules, a condensed beef and vegetable preparation of which a soldier's haversack would hold enough to make a rich soup sufficient for a man to a whole battalion. Lime Juice Nodules, a small button size of which makes a pleasant anti-scorbutic drink. Besides these they have numerous other preparations, all of which are put up in small bulk and in self-opening tins, and all ready for use without the trouble of cooking.

The Bovril company have now their headquarters for this continent in Montreal, and have an agent in Winnipeg, Mr. W. L. McKenzie. At present a special agent, Mr. N. Martin, is on his way westward through British Columbia, and will no doubt meet with great success with the company's goods.

Klondike Goods.

Arthur Congdon, of Winnipeg, wholesale dealer in felt foot wear and other specialties, has returned from an eastern trip, whither he went to arrange for supplies of goods. The rush to the northern gold country has enormously increased the demand for felt shoes, moccasins, snow shoes and other lines handled by Mr. Congdon. At the

Dolge felt factory in New York state, for which goods Mr. Congdon holds the exclusive agency here, he found a remarkably busy scene. The factory is kept running night and day, and with all the pressure that can be put on there will be difficulty in supplying the demand.

Mr. Congdon visited New York, Halifax, Montreal and other eastern trade centres, and made large purchases, in anticipation of a continuance of the large demand for such goods as he handles. Everywhere he found a great pressure to turn out goods for the north country, and such lines as moccasins and snow shoes were scarce, with a tendency to higher prices. The factories in Eastern Canada engaged in the manufacture of goods suitable for the northern trade, were very busy. Regarding the Dolge felt shoes, he reports that prices will remain the same this year as last season, notwithstanding the advance in wool in the United States.

One feature of the business, owing to the Klondike rush, is the demand for goods for immediate shipment in lines which are usually stagnant at this time of year. For instance, Mr. Congdon has now large orders in hand from Victoria and Vancouver, for immediate shipment, one Victoria order recently received calling for 600 pairs of Dolges felt shoes. Orders for immediate shipment have also been booked for Calgary and Edmonton. Mr. Congdon reports a very large demand at Pacific coast points, and he has now established a branch agency at Victoria.

The Dolge felt shoes have taken the lead for the Klondike trade and they are justly held in great esteem, as being an absolute necessity in the north country. Mr. Congdon related the experience of one man who came out of the Klondike this winter. Before leaving Dawson he borrowed a pair of Dolge felt shoes from a party well known in Winnipeg, the lender being Ed. McKeown. McKeown regarded the shoes of such great value that he would not put a price on them to sell, but bound the borrower to bring him back two pairs on his intended return, for the one pair loaned.

Extending Business.

Mr. Driscoll, manager of the Winnipeg business of the McClary Manufacturing Co., who recently returned from a visit to the headquarters of his company at London, Ontario, says that the McClary company have established a manufacturing establishment in Montreal, in addition to their big factory at London. The Montreal factory will be operated for the purpose of supplying their large trade in Quebec and the maritime provinces, thus saving freight on raw material from Montreal to London and back east again on the manufactured goods. Pressed ware and heavy sheet and galvanized iron ware will be manufactured at the Montreal factory. Mr. Driscoll says that their trade in enamelled ware has already assumed very large proportions. This is comparatively a new branch of manufacture in Canada, but the Canadian goods, owing to their superior quality, have practically driven out of the home market the manufactures of this class, formerly brought in from the United States and Germany.

Mr. Driscoll also reports that his company has opened a branch warehouse at Vancouver, and a large stock is now carried at that point.