

—We obtain from the Carberry "Express" some particulars about the coming summer fair of the Norfolk Agricultural Society of Manitoba. The prize list is being revised, especially in the horses and cattle classes; and they are handsome prizes, too. For example, in the heavy team classes the prizes are as follows: First, \$20; second, \$15; third, \$10; fourth, \$5. "The special grant of \$500 given by the Provincial Government, the North Cypress grant of \$300, and the grant from Carberry, together with the usual provincial allowance, will give the directors enough money to put on a show second, to none in Manitoba outside Winnipeg and Brandon."

—It is announced by the Government of Ontario that the portion of the Gillies timber limit, which is believed to be particularly rich in mineral wealth, is to be held by the Province and developed for the benefit of the whole people. It is understood, as well that this implies the decision to erect a Government-owned reduction plant, which would treat ores not only from the district named, but at a fair price, those from private mines. Cobalt miners in the past have had to send their ores to New Jersey smelters, the owners of which have had them at their mercy. The step contemplated is a new departure, but one, which apparently meets with general satisfaction, though it has not escaped criticism. A later announcement states that the mineralized and other parts of the limit are to be thoroughly investigated by Prof. Miller.

—St. Boniface, the town just across the river from Winnipeg, has decided to expend large sums of money, or almost half a million dollars, for local improvements in the present year. The question of buying the two principal bridges at present owned by private corporations was discussed at a recent meeting of the council, and it was finally decided to offer to purchase Norwood bridge from the Norwood Improvement Company for \$75,000, provided that the company would give the Norwood cricket grounds to the town of St. Boniface as a public park. It was also decided to offer to purchase Broadway bridge from the Red River and Assiniboine Bridge and Navigation Company for \$50,000. Tenders will be called for the paving of the principal streets of the town with asphalt, bitulithic, creosoted wood block and

asphalt block pavement. The curbing to be of stone. Contracts for the new fire and police station were let to Twambly & Co., the cost to be \$7,300. The construction will be started at once and it is expected that before the fall the building will be ready for use.

—The Sixth Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the British Empire is to be held in London, beginning July 8th. The Montreal Board of Trade has not yet completed its list of delegates for the occasion but so far Mr. F. H. Mathewson, the president, Mr. Geo. E. Drummond, Mr. G. L. Cains (managing director of Greenshields, Limited), and Mr. Geo. Hadrill, the secretary, have been named. We have not learned that any delegates have yet been appointed by La Chambre de Commerce of that city. The following are the names of the delegates appointed to represent the Toronto Board of Trade at the Congress:—Messrs. A. E. Kemp, M.P., W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., Brantford; J. W. Woods, J. P. Ellis, J. D. Allan, D. R. Wilkie, W. J. Gage, R. J. Christie, Noel Marshall, C. W. Band, J. D. Ivey, C. W. I. Woodland, Lt.-Col. G. T. Denison, and F. G. Morley.

#### CLEARING HOUSE FIGURES.

The following are the figures of the Canadian Clearing Houses for the week ending with Thursday, April 5th, 1906, as compared with those of the previous week:

	April 5th.	March 29th.
Montreal .....	\$27,788,466	\$25,296,910
Toronto .....	22,795,812	18,578,393
Winnipeg .....	8,060,973	7,071,105
Halifax .....	1,647,042	1,147,994
Hamilton .....	1,515,569	1,156,534
St. John .....	1,011,675	875,934
Vancouver .....	2,269,021	2,328,927
Victoria .....	957,446	934,829
Quebec .....	1,495,235	1,247,350
Ottawa .....	2,820,615	2,224,910
London .....	1,136,325	798,700
Total .....	\$71,498,199	\$61,661,585

#### THE BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS.

To classify the members of the new House of Commons according to their vocations is not easy, for members rise superior to the rule of One man, One job. Something like 140 of them are concerned directly with commerce or industry, and about 30 are engaged in some paths of finance. But beside your lawyer, your commercial member is a dumb dog, and there are 140 lawyers in the House. There are 8 professors and 6 schoolmasters. The man who wishes to get a sober word of business in, even edgewise, will have to be alert amongst this mob. Twenty-nine members describe themselves as journalists; some to explain their motor cars and fur coats, and some to cloak their more nefarious operations. Were one to go patiently through the list and take note of the fewness of members who have had a commercial training and career I do not think anybody would call the commercial interest other than under-represented at Westminster.—Mercantile Guardian.

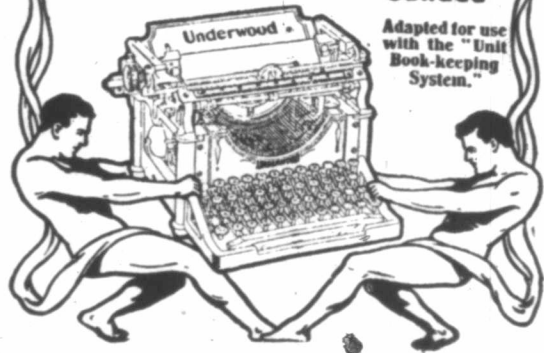
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