

Sidelights.

"Jim" Ross of Milton, Hersey & Co. is probably one of the most extensive travellers among the younger business men of the city. Jim, who has been around the world once or twice, knows just as much about Constantinople, Tibet, Zanzibar and Shanghai as he does about Lachine or Pike's Peak. He is a most unassuming chap, but has kept his eyes open in his wanderings and consequently is one of the most interesting talkers to be found anywhere.

"Joe" McKay, of J. A. McKay & Co., developed a tendency towards finance early in his career. The writer remembers when Joe was in the high school, a fond aunt presented him with a fine new pair of shoes. Joe had a good enough pair, and as he could only wear one outfit at a time, he sold his gift to a cobbler and invited the "boys" to join him in the "feed" which followed. Joe was always a good spender and popular with the boys.

George J. Cuthbertson, manager of the Board of Trade Branch of the Bank of Toronto, who is a fine story teller, is entirely devoid of the usual aloofness and side which is supposed to be part of the conventional banker, and consequently is one of the most popular men in town. That he takes his work seriously is shown from the fact that he has grown gray in the service of the bank, although still a young man. He himself, says that it is due to early piety: his friends say not.

"Kirk" Cameron of the Metal Shingle & Siding Co., as one would naturally expect from his name, is Scotch, Presbyterian and a Grit. In his younger days Kirk was one of the best campaigners in the business, and what he cannot tell you of the inside of politics is not worth knowing. If Kirk ever loses his job, he can make a good living by doing a monologue turn in the vaudeville theatres reciting his political experiences and telling stories of party leaders.

Sir William Van Horne, who celebrated his seventy-first birthday this week, is far prouder of the fact that he can paint pictures than of the fact that he has managed and built transcontinental railroads. His art gallery is one of the finest on the Continent, and those who have been privileged to be entertained by the doughty knight in his own home are treated to some interesting comments on painting and art. Sir William is no mean painter himself, although he does not class himself with the great masters whose pictures adorn the walls of his art galleries.

Men close to Wall Street express the opinion that its present revival is largely due to the younger rich set who have taken up the leadership formerly held by such men as John D. Rockefeller, T. F. Ryan, A. N. Brady, James Stillman and George Baker. The younger generation include such men as John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Percy A. Rockefeller, son of William, George F. Baker, Jr., James Stillman, Jr., A. A. and G. Ryan and the Brady boys. This group of rich men's sons are taking their responsibilities seriously and everyone of them spends a considerable portion of his time in Wall Street. It is also said that the whole group are bullish.

George Ham, of the C. P. R., has played many parts in his life. At the time of the Riel rebellion he was a resident of Winnipeg and happened to be the first person to cross to St. Boniface after the arrest of Riel. George, who was attired in a karki suit with large brass buttons, was passing a store, which had belonged to a Riel sympathiser, and which had been closed up during the rebellion when he saw a gang break into it. They helped themselves to anything that took their fancy, until they happened to see the dignified and majestic figure in kharki. "Oh, there is General Middleton," said one. "We'll ask him if we can have the rebel's stock of goods." With military salutes more or less correct, they approached George, and addressing him as General Middleton, asked his permission to take what they needed. "Help yourselves," said the new general, who has never had the heart to deny anybody anything. "At any rate," said general can't afford to be mean."

WILL C.P.R. ISSUE MORE STOCK?

London advices are that Canadian Pacific Railway will shortly ask Dominion government for authority to issue \$75,000,000 common stock, and if permission is obtained the new issue will be made before end of this year. Money will be required in part for purchase of Michigan Central line from Suspension Bridge to Detroit, through Ontario, also three branches of the Pere Marquette. Last year power was sought to issue this stock but it was then refused. Canadian Pacific's financial requirements are well provided for, but President Shaughnessy was recently at great pains to impress upon every one that the policy of the road is to arrange its financial plans well ahead.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM.

Traffic earnings from January 22 to 31st, 1914:—	
1914	\$1,285,798
1913	1,452,582
Decrease	166,784

CO-OPERATIVE EGG SELLING.

A co-operative egg circle movement is making rapid headway in Prince Edward Island. Since the Spring of 1913 no less than 13 egg selling associations have been formed among Prince Edward Island farmers, with an aggregate membership of over 500. The largest of these circles numbers eighty-five members, while the smallest has thirty-six. The egg shipments to Montreal from these associations, several of which were formed late in the season, had at the end of October already totalled over 52,000 dozen. Urgent applications have been made by thirty-five additional farming communities that they be organized into egg circles by the Dominion poultry expert who is promoting the system, and to all appearances the entire egg production of the Province will have been brought under the new system within two or three years. The members of the associations have received on an average from 2 to 5 cents more per dozen for their eggs than have their unorganized neighbors.

Reilly—"Pat was drowned yesterday."
Fitzpatrick—"Couldn't he swim?"
Reilly—"Yes, but he was a union man. He swam for eight hours and then quit."—Everybody's.