

WINNIPEG CORRESPONDENCE.

Winnipeg, Man., Nov.—, 1911.

Winnipeg is busy closing up its year's business—business which has gone into larger figures in all lines than ever before in the history of the city. There remains about six weeks of 1911 and this period will put the finishing touches upon the most remarkable of many remarkable years.

Strong evidence of the manner in which Winnipeg's business has grown is afforded by the fact that the Canadian Pacific yards are now too small for the requirements of the road and a new site is to be found for them so that the immense traffic of the C. P. R. into and through this city may be handled with the celerity that the traffic demands. The C. P. R. Winnipeg yards are now the largest in the world owned by any single railway, and when yards of such a size as this are found to be too small, the fact is highly significant of the growth of the west in general and of Winnipeg in particular.

Passenger traffic to and from Winnipeg is also very large. There are 72 passenger trains running in and out of Winnipeg daily. Of these the C. P. R. has 44, the C. N. R. 22, and the G. T. P. has already six daily trains in operation. Ten years ago, the highest number of daily trains the city could muster was 18. The growth of recent years made by the Canadian Northern is typical of railroad development in the west. In the spring of 1901 the C. N. R. was operating 514.1 miles with a yearly pay roll of \$73,000, with one daily train into Winnipeg. The company is now operating almost 5,000 miles of line with a pay roll of about \$8,000,000. In 1900 they had one train a day in and one train a day out of Winnipeg, running into another company's station. To-day they are operating 22 trains daily in and out of Winnipeg from their own station, the finest in Canada. In 1901 the C. N. R. had 21 agencies; today it has 300. In 1900, 93,000 bushels of grain was handled by the C. N. R. system; this year the same road will handle 60,000,000 bushels.

The phenomenal building season now nearly at an end has brought about the expansion of the Winnipeg Builders' Exchange so that new quarters are required for that body. To provide these a new thirteen-story building exchange is to be built by a holding syndicate, in which Carter, Halls and Ardinger are the largest shareholders. E. C. Sheppard is the architect, and contracts will be called for in the near future. The details as to the site are withheld, but it will be a very central position in the down town district. F. H. Davidson is mentioned as the head of the syndicate. Work of this new structure will begin early in 1912.

Business is extremely lively in the farther western provinces. The large number of new towns established by the railways in Saskatchewan during 1911 has opened up a vast field for commercial enterprise and many of these new towns actually have to advertise exten-

sively for men to establish themselves in the lucrative business openings which are available. It is estimated that the business and professional openings thus created mount up into the thousands, and in addition the growth of the province generally has also been a factor in creating hundreds of new business openings in villages, towns and cities already established.

The agricultural interests of the province are being well cared for. The Saskatchewan College of Agriculture announces that ninety seed fairs will be held in that province during the winter. The greater number of these will be held under the auspices of agricultural societies, but a few of them will be held by grain growers' associations. In addition to these seed fairs, special fairs will be held at Prince Albert, Saskatoon, Yorkton, Wolseley and Wilkie, in connection with four day short courses which the College of Agriculture will hold at these places in January and February. At Grenfell, Alameda, Carnduff, Lashburn and Bladworth, poultry shows will be held in connection with the seed fairs.

The victory of Seagar wheeler of Rosthern in the big Shaughnessy Prize at New York is a further evidence of the qualities of North-Saskatchewan soil. Naturally, there is much interest in Mr. Wheeler's victory over so many strong rivals, and the people of the Rosthern district have prepared to celebrate this really important event by a reception to Mr. Wheeler and a general celebration of the triumph of Saskatchewan wheat over all-comers at the New-York Land Show.

Word has been received by the Prince Albert Board of Trade from E. J. Chamberlin, vice-president of the Grand Trunk Pacific that their line into Prince Albert will be finished next summer, and trains in operation. When work closed this season about six miles of the grade remained to be finished.

QUOTATIONS.

"You don't use many quotations from Shakespeare."

"No," replied Senator Sorghum. "Quotations of that sort would command more respect nowadays if Shakespeare were listed on the stock exchange."—*Washington Star*.

STRICTER REGULATIONS.

THE Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association has decided to adopt stricter regulations in regard to electric wiring. A higher grade of insulated wiring is required than formerly. It is stated also that the question of the prohibition of the placing of electric wiring in wooden moulding is under consideration.

FOLLOW THE LEADER.

PROBABLY 80 per cent. of the stocks bought and sold for speculation on the Stock Exchange are bought and sold, not upon conviction, but on example. A majority of the time it is true that the strongest reason people have for buying is that others buy, or vice versa.

FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE NOTES.

The Union Bank of Canada will move its head office from Quebec to Winnipeg.

It is estimated that there is one death a day by fire in New York city.

The telephone is now used for railroad purposes on 37,000 miles of railroad in United States.

The cable rate from England to Australia is to be reduced soon to 36 cents a word in case of messages that need not be forwarded immediately.

Russians pocketed last year \$26,204,230 from exports of butter.

Italy, the cradle of the salt industry, has been manufacturing salt commercially for 2,500 years.

The Dutch keep up their reputation for cleanliness. Holland has a hundred soap factories, which make nearly 10,000,000 pounds per year.

The Phoenix of Harvard has acquired 7,800 of the 8,000 shares of the Equitable Fire Insurance Co. of Hartford.

Canada's first land show opened at Calgary, November 11.

It is announced that the German Government will spend \$1,500,000 for military aeroplanes in 1912.

Two-fifths of the adult population of Switzerland have deposits in banks.

It is reported that Russia and Great Britain are encroaching on the territory of Persia, with the view of gradually absorbing Persia.

The London Fire Brigade costs the population of London 5d. a head yearly.

The co operative system of handling the apple crop of Nova Scotia has proved a decided success.

The Saskatchewan Life Insurance Company has been incorporated, and will carry on the business of life insurance in all its branches and forms under that name.

In England, Scotland, and Ireland there are 1,500 co operative stores, 8,000,000 people receiving the profits. They do a business of more than \$500,000,000 a year.

The Premier Life Insurance Company is seeking incorporation to grant, sell or purchase life annuities and endowments, and generally carry on the business of life insurance.