

New Wholesale Drugs Warehouse.

A couple of weeks ago The Commercial alluded briefly to the fact that the Bole Drug Company, Winnipeg, had moved into a new warehouse built specially for them on Princess street. This week a representative of this paper was by courtesy of Mr. Bole shown through the new premises. The building is a handsome brick and stone block located on the southeast corner of Princess street and McDermott avenue, which has been built this summer for the Ames Holden Co., wholesale boots and shoes, and the Bole Drug Company jointly. The latter company occupy the southern or Princess street end of the building. They occupy 50x50 feet of the block, four storeys and basement. On entering from Princess street by the main entrance the visitor finds himself in the general business office, which is roomy and well-lighted. The woodwork finishing here is of British Columbia cedar, ciled. On the left and separated from the general office by partition are private offices, including Mr. Bole's. This floor also

in quantities and drawn off as required. In addition to its ample shelf accommodation this room contains floor space for over 50 barrels on tap. Eight hands are constantly employed here putting up orders for the retail trade.

The fourth floor is used as a dry room. All drugs of a dry nature are kept here. Powders, barks, roots, herbs, chemicals and pharmaceutical preparations of all kinds have each their place. Over 100 barrels and casks containing various raw materials are constantly kept open on the floors for regular use besides a multitude of boxes and receptacles in the shelves.

This completes a rough survey of the several floors of this new warehouse. They are lighted throughout with electric light, and have a most complete system of speaking tubes with electric calls connecting all the floors with each other and with the business office, and also with Mr. Bole's private office. The building is heated by steam and has an electric freight elevator. This elevator apparatus

bers 21. Two travellers are kept constantly on the road, and every town in the west is visited six times each year. In addition to travellers' orders there is also of course, a large mail order business done.

The company have a large track warehouse on the Transfer railway track, where several carloads of reserve stocks of drugs, etc., are kept constantly on hand.

The Bole Drug Company have only been about a year and a half in business, but have already built up a large connection in the west which is constantly extending. Special attention is given to heavy goods. That it has been a successful concern is evidenced by the fact that it has had to provide itself so soon after commencing business with such commodious and convenient quarters as this new building contains.

Rainy River Trade.

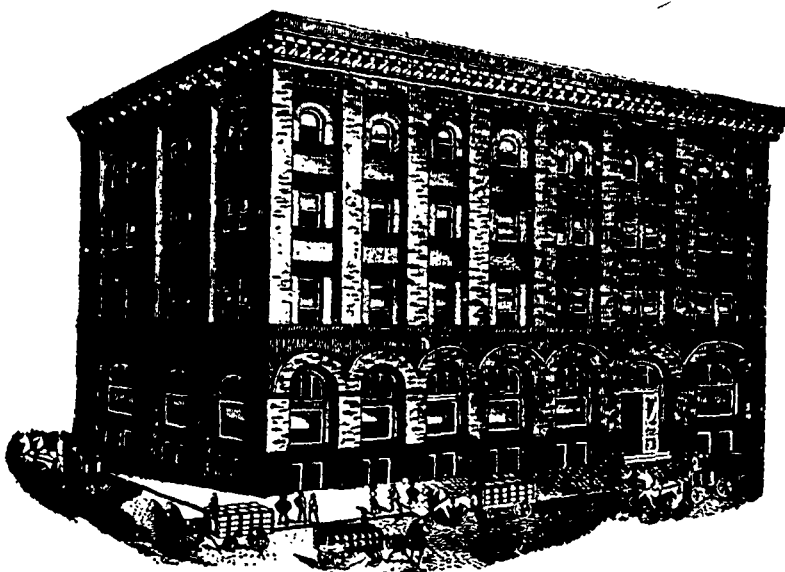
The Rainy Lake Herald says: "To those outside of the Rainy River district who are not aware of the magnitude or proportions to which trade has grown in this district within the past year a few figures taken from the Fort Frances Wharf and Harbor Company's books, showing the quantity of freight taken over the company's docks, may not be without interest. That this part of the country is worth more than a passing notice to the pushing wholesale houses all over the continent, is evidenced by the number of representatives that are daily seen soliciting orders throughout the summer season. Hardly a single boat comes up Rainy river but carries a commercial representative and from the quantity of goods landed here we can easily see that their visits have not been in vain.

"To the farmer of Manitoba and old Ontario it does not seem possible that a rich agricultural district like this would have to import products of the farm to the extent of 39,468 bushels of grain, 359 head of cattle and 140 head of sheep, besides 6,620 sacks of flour. But such is the case, and when we consider the prices paid for farm produce, it would seem that the local farmer should be stimulated to clear more land and grow larger crops, instead of barely trying to get a living.

"In merchandise there was received 2,165,680 pounds, or 1,033 tons, and of unenumerated articles 2,529,136 pounds, or 1,265 tons. This includes butter, eggs, condensed milk, lard, bacon, pork, beef, and other standard articles.

"In addition to this 162,694 feet of lumber, 45,000 shingles and seventy-five barrels of liquor were also received. This latter quantity seems to us to be rather a low estimate of the amount of liquor conveyed here, but as these are the figures given we cannot dispute it. Judging from the amount consumed, however, we would say that 750 barrels would be nearer the mark. The bulk of freight was carried by the Rainy River Navigation Company, the steamer Maple Leaf, known as the Lewis Line, with chartered boats, bringing in the balance.

"There should be a good opening here for farmers who know how to farm. Our local dealers are perfectly willing to buy hay, oats, wheat, butter, eggs, pork, beef, etc., at home if they can get it, and at the highest market price, but when they cannot do so, they must import what they want."



NEW BLOCK, SHOWING THE HOME OF THE BOLE DRUG CO., WINNIPEG.

contains the sample rooms which are separated from the other compartments by opaque glass partitions and also the shipping room where every facility for the rapid handling and packing of goods has been provided.

The basement floor is devoted to original or unbroken packages of goods.

The second floor is reserved for a sundry room where all kinds of drug sundries and toilet preparations are kept. From the dimensions of this building, which have already been given at 50x50 feet, it might be taken for granted that the shelving accommodation of this and other floors would be limited to the 200 feet actual wall space. As a matter of fact by an ingenious arrangement of the shelves in a projecting fashion the total length has been increased to 375 feet, which yields when the height of the ceilings is considered ample shelf space.

The third floor is technically called the wet room. Here all drugs of a liquid character are stored. It contains a number of large galvanized iron tanks in which the various oils and other fluids are kept, being pumped in

deserves special mention. It is driven by electricity and is fitted on all floors with automatic safety door devices which makes it impossible for any person to fall into the shaft or meet with any of the accidents so common to freight elevators.

The fact that the sample rooms are located on the first floor has already been mentioned. In this connection it may further be said that the display devices in use here are as complete as can be found anywhere. A new idea in the way of sample cabinets has been adopted. These while only in themselves 14 feet long by 2 feet wide, contain drawers of graduated sizes which give a total capacity equal to 210 feet of shelving or tables.

Each floor or department of the new warehouse is under the supervision of a qualified chemist who is responsible for all the details of its management, thus ensuring correctness in the filling of orders. Mr. Bole gives a great deal of personal attention to the technical management as well as looking after the business affairs of the company. The total staff now employed by the company num-