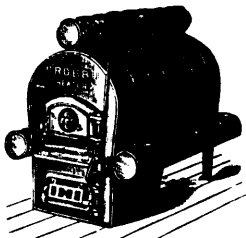


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NORTHERN Pacific directors meet December 13th, to take action on dividends. It is semi-officially announced that the directors will declare an extra dividend on the common stock at that time, and that the common will be put on a 4 per cent. basis next year. The preferred and common would then share alike in the surplus above 4 per cent. on the entire stock.

THE mortgagees have taken possession of the mill and electric light plant of Pollock & Co., Drayton. Mr. Pollock has moved to St. Catharines, and the property will probably be sold.—An assignment has been made by the Ontario Lithographic Co., London. They have been in business about five years without accumulating any capital. Three years ago they mortgaged their chattels. Now they owe about \$5,000. The assets will be sold on Friday next. Creditors need not expected a large dividend.—Miss Sarah Armstrong has been in the mil-

linery business in Peterboro about fifteen years, but owing to heavy expenses and strong competition, she has barely made a living, and now she assigns.

THE first announcement of the withdrawal of tonnage from Halifax, on account of the war in South Africa, was made on the 29th November, when the Furness, Withy Company received advices that the big steamer "Manchester Corporation," had been chartered by the British Government as a transport. This will be the third Manchester liner to go to the Cape. The "Corporation" was the first ship scheduled for the Halifax service, and it is probable she will be replaced by the Manchester "Commerce."

ONTARIO CROPS.

The following summary of Ontario crop yields for this year is the estimate of the Provincial Department of Agriculture:

Fall wheat, 14,439,827 bushels, or 13.8 bushels per acre.

Spring wheat, 7,041,317 bushels, or 17.7 per acre.

Barley, 14,830,891 bushels, or 30.2 per acre.

Oats, 89,897,724 bushels, or 38.0 per acre.

Rye, 2,284,846 bushels, or 16.6 per acre.

Peas, 15,140,790 bushels, or 20.4 per acre.

Buckwheat, 2,203,299 bushels, or 16.7 per acre.

Beans, 651,009 bushels, or 16.1 per acre.

Potatoes, 19,938,366 bushels, or 119 bushels per acre.

Mangel-wurzels, 20,898,387 bushels, or 391 per acre.

Carrots, 3,674,035 bushels, or 309 per acre.

Turnips, 57,878,390 bushels, or 377 per acre.

Corn for husking (in the ear), 21,673,234 bushels, or 65.0 per acre.

Corn for silo and fodder (green), 1,697,755 tons, or 9.82 per acre.

Hay and clover, 3,498,705 tons, or 1.40 per acre.

Apples, 19,126,439 bushels, or 3.02 bushels per acre.

Tobacco, 2,241,562 lbs., or 1,016 lbs. per acre.

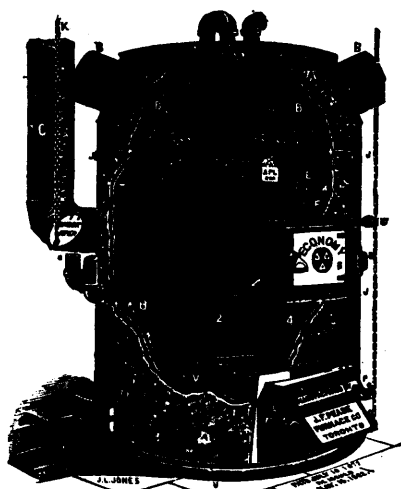
None of the crops vary much from the August estimate of yield, except beans, which has fallen off over one-fifth. Of root crops, potatoes is the only one going over the average.

PROGRESS AT THREE RIVERS, QUEBEC.

The mayor of Three Rivers, Que., Mr. A. Oliver, has prepared an interesting statement of the industrial activity of that place. In part he states: The total quantity of manufactured lumber exported directly from the port of Three Rivers amounted in 1897 to 75,000,000 feet, valued at \$900,000; in 1898 to 65,000,000 feet, valued at \$640,000; this year it will reach a total of 90,000,000 feet, worth one million dollars. The export of pulp-wood at present reaches an annual average of 60,000 cords, valued at \$240,000, but this is a trade which is still in its infancy, and one for which the necessary material exists in im-

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