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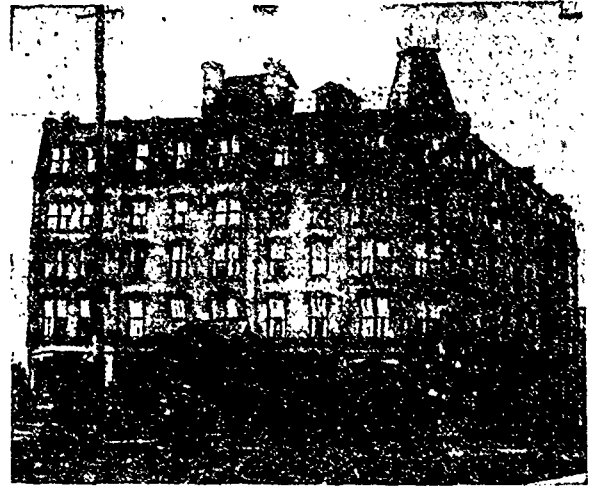
side. Since shortly after its completion the hotel has been under the management of Mr. F. Sprado, to whose experience, skill and good judgment is largely due the enviable position occupied by this house. It is unnecessary to say that the Manitoba has all modern conveniences. In the matter of fire escapes it is well supplied. Rates, from \$3 per day up.



THE LE LAND.

The hotel is the travellers home. In it he looks for the comforts and conveniences of a home, which his business prevents him from enjoying in the ordinary way. It is therefore not to be wondered at that the commercial traveller always seeks the most comfortable quarters, and he can further be excused if at times he may be inclined to grumble a little when things are not just to his liking. The man who makes the hotel his home, believes that he has a right to the best that is going, and he is inclined to let himself be heard from if he does not get it. This brings us to the consideration of an old stand by in Winnipeg of the travelling men—The Leland—The Leland has long been the Winnipeg home of many of the commercial men who periodically visit this city. The Leland has a name older than any leading hotel of the city of the present day, though the present structure is much more pretentious than the Leland of the earlier years, as the house was re-built three years ago. Both the old and the new Leland have always stood high in public favor, and the admirable location of the house, opposite the city hall and in the very heart of the business portion of the city, has enabled it to command a large share of the best class of the hotel trade of the city. The Leland is well provided with all modern conveniences, including elevator and ample provision for fire escapes, steam heating and the usual appurtenances of a first class house. It is supplied with pure water from a deep artesian well, so that the guests are not compelled to use the semi-liquid decoction sometimes furnished by the city water service. It is one of the features of the Winnipeg district, that while the rivers and streams do not furnish very good water, an unlimited supply of excellent water can be had by boring deep enough to get it. The Leland is a large brick house, seven stories high above the basement. W. D. Douglas, the manager, better known as Captain Douglas, is the oldest prominent hotel manager

in the city, and he is known and respected all over this western country. The Leland rates are \$2 to \$5 per day.



THE CLARENDON.

We will next introduce our readers—those of them who are not already familiar with the house, to the Clarendon. The accompanying cut shows it to be a large building, five stories high, besides the basement. The ground size is 120 x 100 feet. The location is on the corner of Portage avenue and Donald street. The Clarendon has done a large local family trade of a good class, in past years, and it is also now receiving a good travelling trade, for which it is well situated. The electric street cars passing the door lead to all parts of the city. The Clarendon is now carried on by C. F. Bunnell, who has been its proprietor for about a year. Previously Mr. Bunnell was for some time steward of the Leland, and in this capacity he had an excellent introduction to the city as a capable hotel man. One of the features of the Clarendon is its fine rotunda, and the dining room is large and cheerful. The Clarendon also has its supply of pure water from a deep artesian well on the premises, a feature which is a joy to the guests who have heard the usual stories about the bad public water supply of the city. The Clarendon is a well appointed house, its conveniences, comforts and appliances including fire escapes, elevator, steam heating, baths on every floor, including Turkish and Russian baths, fine suites of rooms with private conveniences attached, a lending library and news depot, tonsorial department for ladies and gentlemen, large commercial sample and reception rooms, laundry, etc. The Clarendon rates are \$1.50 to \$3 per day.

ASTOUNDING FIGURES.

One of the two or three mammoth insurance companies of the world is the New York Life Insurance company. To go into the figures contained in the annual statements of this company, is to get entirely beyond the limits of ordinary comprehension. The insurance in force in this company on January 1, 1896, was \$799,027,329. This is too vast a sum to be easily understood. The new business for 1895 alone was \$127,492,550. The surplus assets of the company are placed at \$24,038,677. The cash income of the company for 1895 was \$37,892,265. These are stupendous figures. The company pays out about \$1,000,000 per month on policies. These figures are taken from the fifty-first annual statement of the company, up to January, 1896.