

### Winnipeg Tin Box Factory.

The establishment of the tin box factory of E. Guilbault in Winnipeg adds another to the list of manufacturing concerns which are helping to build up the capital city and to make it the centre of industrial life in the west. This factory was originally located in St. Boniface, but the growing demand for its products and the superior advantages of Winnipeg have led to its removal to this side of the river, and the factory is now housed in the building on Lombard street which was for years the premises of the Winnipeg Barb Wire Works.

The new occupant improved the building considerably and adapted it to his use. An extensive machinery plant for making all kind of boxes, etc., has been installed and a corner of the building has been fitted up into an attractive suite of offices and sample room.

It would be useless for a casual observer to attempt to describe the machinery plant which has been put into this factory the machines are so complicated and the variety so great. While you wait massive presses can be seen taking in flat pieces of tin and turning them out pressed into various kinds of dishes, lids, etc., while others are running seams on cans, kitchen utensils, and an endless variety



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of other articles. These processes are all confined to the first floor, where also is located machinery for making the dies for use in the stamping machines. On this floor is also located the stock rooms where the tin, copper, etc., which constitute the raw materials of the factory, are kept. On the second floor the finishing processes are carried on. Cans are put together, soldered, painted, baked and made ready for shipment on this floor, and a portion of it is reserved for storage of surplus stock. Almost every kind of manufactured tinware can be seen in this stock room, such as dairying and kitchen utensils, watering cans, coal oil cans, measures of all sizes, grocers scoops, spice boxes etc., and other articles of every day use. Besides these regular lines the factory finds a large trade in making up boxes and cans for special purposes. Contracts are at present being executed for the Manitoba Health Food Company, and the Ovo manufacturing company. Copperware is another extensive product of this factory. At present about thirty-five hands are employed in the various departments, but the growing demand for its products will no doubt greatly increase the number in a short time.

Mr. Guilbault proposes converting his business into a joint stock company in the near future.

### Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition

Manager F. W. Heubach, of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition Association, returned on Sunday from his trip to several of the most important American and eastern cities to arrange for the attractions for the summer fair. To a Free Press reporter, Mr. Heubach said that without doubt he had been fortunate in making arrangements for the fair attractions, as his list would outshine anything attempted in previous years. Although definite arrangements had not been made with him it was likely Prof. Leonadas, with the greatest aggregation of trained dogs and cats that have ever been seen in America would give his performances here. His wife, Mme. Ornotos also performs with him, and the two give a strong man and clown act, which promises to be very good. The professor has given his performance with his trained animals in Toronto and other eastern cities in individual entertainments with great success. Two Russian dancers from Irkutsk, Siberia, have been booked. They are young and pretty and their dancing is of a high order, neat and artistic. One of the greatest hits of the fair attractions, says Mr. Heubach, will be the Royal Troupe of Japanese performers, men, women and children, to the number of ten, who will give an exhibition of acrobatic feats. One of the features of their act is a flying descent by one of the women from a rope line attached to the highest point above the grounds. This troupe first performed at the Omaha exposition. Mademoiselle Diana, a French dancer, in her beautiful creation, the mirror dance, the "Dance du Diable," fire dance and lily dance, has also been booked. This is to be essentially an evening performance, and with the aid of mirror and calcium light the effect is said to be marvellously beautiful. It appears as if there were fifty girls dancing. She also dances in a prismatic fountain of real water, which by the aid of the mirrors appears to be a deluge. The three Merkliff sisters, acrobatic performers, and all said to be graceful and exceedingly clever in their art will also probably appear. The MacCarb sisters, three young women who give acrobatic performances on a slack wire were also seen by Mr. Heubach and will appear if the board engage them. Henri French, a comic juggler and trick bicycle rider, who comes from the Olympia, Paris, is also on the list. He gives a very clever series of trick riding on all sorts of wheels and in all sorts of ways. A good performance on a bounding wire will be given by Calcedo, a Spanish performer. He is up to date and does some novel and entertaining feats on the wire. The three Polos brothers will possibly also be booked. They give an aerial three bar act. The six Senetes will give a comedy performance entitled "Before the Monkey house at the Zoo," a very laughable act. A balloon ascension will also be arranged for, a lady to make a daily ascent and descent on a bicycle. There will also be a guideless pacer if one can be secured or a chariot race, or lady bareback riders. The 13th band of Hamilton may be engaged and the Colored Band Concert company of Richmond, Virginia. These latter will give a concert composed of cake-walk singing and other entertaining features. The pyrotechnic display will take the form of a bombardment and battle scene, but on account of the

special feature that is being made of racing no expansion of scenery will be used to obstruct the view of the track and the moving boats, etc., will be worked by machinery.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA EXHIBITS.

"For the past two years," said Mr. Heubach, "the board have endeavored to have a comprehensive exhibit of British Columbia industries at our fair, especially for the benefit of our American visitors. While I was in Ottawa Mr. Bostock and myself interviewed Mr. Sifton on the matter and showed him the necessity of the case. Mr. Sifton promised that the government would be willing to pay for the cost of the erection of a building for these exhibits. It is possible that the C. P. R. will carry the lumber from British Columbia at a very nominal charge and the British Columbia men are willing to supply the lumber necessary for the building free of charge. After leaving Mr. Sifton I had an opportunity of speaking to Mr. Morrison, M. P., and Mr. John MacRae, two prominent British Columbia lumber men, who happened to be in Ottawa, and they both agreed that the idea of having British Columbia exhibits at the fair was an excellent one and fully accorded with it so far as their firms were concerned. The details of the scheme are to be arranged with Messrs. Campbell and Phillips of Winnipeg, representing western interests in this matter.

"Mr. Sifton said that he would endeavor to arrange with Prof. Dawson, who is now making a collection of British Columbia minerals for the Paris fair, to send a portion of her collection here. He also offered to bring the matter before Hon. Mr. Fisher of having a comprehensive exhibit from the experimental farms of Canada sent to Winnipeg. The C. P. R. company agreed to carry the Ontario members as far as Rat Portage, and further on at a nominal expense.

"I also arranged while in the south for a renewal of all railway privileges. Sleepers will be at the disposal of excursionists to the fair for two days, while on the track in Winnipeg.

"A matter that shows to what importance our fair has attained was manifested while I was in the States by the American Hackney Horse society offering to award two silver medals for the best hackney or gelding stallion, any age, one in harness, the other in saddle, the mare to be the get of a registered stallion hackney and a registered or an unregistered mare. The affiliation with the Canadian Kennel club will make the bench show a particularly attractive one. It is likely that some good horses from Ontario will be sent up by Ontario owners, as all through the east horse racing is being made the feature of the fairs."

The attractions proposed by Mr. Heubach have to be submitted for the board's consideration.

### One Hundred Dollars in Gold.

The Northwest Magazine, of St. Paul, Minn., is offering \$100 in gold for the five largest lists of new subscribers between this time and July 15th. The prizes range from \$30 to \$25, \$20, \$15 and \$10, and the rules governing the contest are such that even those who do not win one of the prizes will still be well paid for his or for her trouble.