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The annual banquet under the ausices of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' association, held at the arendon hotel, Monday night, was tended by nearly 200 members and of the organization. At the ead of the table sat Mr. G. F. Bryan, esident of the association, supported by such well-known figures as W. McCreary, M. P.; Mayor Arbuthot, Dr. Rutherford, Chas. Young, M. P. P.; C. N. Bell secretary of the pard of trade; D. K. Elliott, and any others Mr. F. M. Morgan, rice-president of the association and resident elect for 1902 occupied the ice chair, associated with him being Mr. L. C. McIntyre, Mr. Andrew Strang, Jos. Maw and other figures ell-known in commercial circles.

Every appointment and arrangement cesary for a pleasant evening had een made. The menu was most elabrate and was served in Mine Host unune's best style, an orchestra, renering choice selections, while the 
burses were being dispensed. The 
bast list, which followed, was inrepersed with vocal numbers by 
lessrs, J. J. Moncrieff, C. W. Handsmemb, J. M. Johnstone, and O. H. 
sy, all of whom received hearty re-

The speeches were largely on com-mercial lines and the immediate nec essity of more adequate transportaon facilities was the keynote of more

psaid of inflow accounter transporta-sian half a dosen speakers remarks. The chairman, Mr. G. F. Bryan, in-troduced the loss Mast in a brief ad-fress in which he spoke of the pleas-ant gashering indicating the prosper-ous season. The commercial travel-iness when hard times came and when the country was prosperous he as the first to find evidences of M. He would not speak at any pental set the foundable of the country may be a season of the country of the M. M. He would not speak at any graph as the hour was growing late and begred to propose the toast to The toast was honored by all pre-ent loyally singing "The Maple Leaf."

Leaf."
"Pat" Scanlan rose in answer to
the coast to the "President of the
United States." He believed that the
best of good feeling existed between
the two countries and was gind to be
present as a travelling man and as
an American. Mr. Scanlan closed
with a few brief but appropriate
senaries.

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The markers of the property in responding to the last of the Dominion Parliament as received by an ovation and cries of "Bill McCreary," "Doukohobor of the man simpler familiar greetings. If the markers were not to be proposed as a representative of the Dominion are in the parliament but also as plain "Bill" McCreary. He had known commerciament to take a series of the parliament o

the nation's prosperity.

And the country we live in is a vast And the country we live in it a vast free producing country. It is a sea to the country of the country harm for the country harm for

During last year the homestead en-tries had exceeded those of any pre-vious year by over 700 entries. The C.P. R. alone had sold over 1,000,-C. P. R. alone had sold over 1,000,-000 acres of land. He believed that hext year would see 50,000 people from the United States come into this

country. In the near future that number would be greatly exceeded, but a question which the Dominion parliament, the local parliament and the N. W. T. legislature was not adethe N. W. T. legislature was not ade-quately facing was how to meet the demands that this vast immigration would soon impose upon them. The commercial travellers were becoming more influential every year, and he thought they should unite and de-thought they should unite and de-ment and regists from the govern-ment and regists from the govern-blis seat Mr. McCreary was loudly ap-landad. plauded.

Mr. Bryan in proposing the "Local air. Bryan in proposing the "Local egislature" regretted that neither the Hon. R. P. Roblin nor any but ne member of the legislature were resent to reply, but would couple rith the toast the name of one who had been a member of both the Do-minion House and the local legisla-ture. He referred to Dr. Rutherford.

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answer that was the object he had in view. (Laughter.)

"The City of Winnipeg" was coupled with the name of Mayor Arbuthnot. He thanked the gathering for the tender of th

light.

Mr. D. K. Elliott was first called upon to respond to the "Commercial Interests." He was followed by Mr. F. W. Thompson. Mr. Thompson again referred to the problem of transportation and said that he wished to warn the railway commanies the said to warn the railway commanies that transportation and said that he wish-ed to warn the railway companies that they would have to meet the grow-ing demands. In the near future he would prophesy that electric power would be supplied the city of Winni-peg at about half the present cost. the present cost

peg at about half the present cost. (Applause). He was followed by Charles Young, M. W. Young, M. Young, M

country that should have by this time been sold and the money scattered throughout the country. The chairman regretted that no re-presentative of the railroads of the country was present to respond to that toast. He would, however, couple with the toast the name of Mr. C. N. Bell, a man who knew everything about everything.

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Mr. Bell replied in a brief but point. and speech. He claimed to be the descending of the country, as in the year 1872 he took out a few samples among the Indians. He thought that the fault in the blockade did not lie entrely with the rallways. If the crop had been taken to Fort William it was a question if the would be attentionated in the lake it cals. Besides increased rall-lake it cals. Besides increased rall-

way facilities, the country wanted a larger merchant marine.

Mr. Morgan proposed a toast not in the list, that to the "Old Boys of the Road." He coupled with this dhe coupled with this coupled with the coupled

## Dominion Statistics.

Ottawa, Ont, Da. 26.—The public accurate bine book of the Dominica december of the Dominica december of the Dominica december of the Dominica december of the Dominical Statement of the year has aiready appeared. Therefore, it is financial statement of the year has aiready appeared. Therefore, it is included that the exact surplus over the point that the exact surplus over the point that the exact surplus over the count at \$4.05.50 for the Intercolonal count \$4.05.50 for the Intercolonal

There was charged to capital account \$3,555,581 for the Intercolonial railway, and \$250,173 for the Prince Edward Island road. On the St. Law-beec cana there was expended \$325,505 and on the Welland \$224,550, and on the Welland \$224,550, on public works there was a property of the Welland \$224,550, on public works there was the Welland \$224,550, on public works there was the Welland \$224,550, on public works the Welland \$244,550, on public works nere was expended on capital account ,006,983, \$500,000 of which was on

Railway subsidies to the amount of \$2,512,328 were paid on account of the Adhered subsections to the amount of the following: a cooperation of the following to the following the followin

\$2,512,328 ents, and \$349,87 Halifax garrison.

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The balance at the credit of the
depositors in the postoffice and government savings banks amounted to
350.048,057, an increase of \$12,809,234
over the balance held on June 30,
1500; part of this increase, \$1,589,701,
1500; part of the savings of the

Dominion notes to the amount of \$27,671.452 were outstanding on June 30, as against \$26,094,923 on June 30th of the previous year, or an increase of \$1,576,528.

The increasing volume of the busi-ess of the Dominion is doubtless the ness of the Dominion is doubtless the principal cause of this principal cause of this continue of the principal cause of this principal cause of the principal c

million for October in excess of October, 1900. debt of the Dominion at the Cole of the year was \$258,481,000; an increase of \$2,980,108 for the year. The total capital account was \$11.116,408. From this there is to be dependent of the property of the pr

The revenue from the Intercolonial was \$4.972.235, compared with \$4.552, 071 last year, an increase of \$4.20, 164. The expenditure was \$5,460,422, an increase of \$1,029,017 over 19.00. an increase of \$1,02,017 over 1bob. The difference between the revenue and the expenditure for the year shows a deficit of \$8.81,950. On locomotives alone there was an increase in the expenditure this year over the expenditure this year over the expension of th

Northern Securities Co.'s Trustees

St Paul, Minn., Dec. 30.—At noon today President Chas. S. Meilen, of the Northern Pacific Railway Co., the Northern Pacific Railway Co., was served with papers which enjoin the company from retiring the preferred stock. This injunction was company from the company from the company of the paper of the p

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## Alberta Oats.

A meeting of farmers, grainmen and business men was held in Ed-monton last Thursday afternoon and passed strong resolutions regarding the action of the Western Grain Stanpassed strong resolutions regarding the action of the Western Grain Stantent and the Action of the Western Grain Stantent The resolution asis the minimal content of the Alberta grades established by the board until an impartial investigation of the content of t

with such matters having been passed at the last session.

Strong speeches were made by leading men of the town and district in support of the resolutions. The subject of shortage of cars was also ject of shortage of cars was also the support up and a resolution passed by the support of the subject of shortage of the support of the su

## Kootenay Mines.

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Rossland, B. C., Dec. 28.—The shipments of ore from the Rossland camp for the week ending to-night aggregate of the week ending to-night aggregate of the week ending to-night aggregate of the shipments were also down two days hast week, because of the holidays, and the shipments were the holidays, and the shipments were of the holidays, and the shipments were nage for the land.

tons.

Grand Forks, B. C., Dec. 28.—During the week ending to-day the Granby smelter treated 5,201 tons of ore, or an average of 743 tons daily. This breaks all previous records. The grand total treated to date is 285,869 tons.