

remaining packs unsold. Such figures ensure a very profitable return to owners provided the catch should reach an ordinary average.

The president and council of the Vancouver board of trade have issued invitations for their first annual banquet, which is to take place at the Hotel Vancouver on Tuesday, March 5. With the usual enterprize displayed by the business people of Vancouver, the board is going into the banquet scheme in no half-hearted way. Invitations have been sent to the Lieutenant-Governor, the members of the Provincial Ministry and the Legislature, the Chief Justice, the mayors of the various cities and the Reeves of the municipalities, the presidents of the boards of trade of Victoria and Westminster, the senators and members of the House of Commons from British Columbia, and many other prominent persons.

Dairy Matters.

Arrangements have been completed to establish a creamery at Broadview, Assa.

Application is being made to the Qu'Appelle council on behalf of the creamery project of S. H. Caswell to have the creamery exempted from taxation for a period of ten years.

Mr. Fisher moved in the Manitoba Legislature, the second reading of the bill to provide for the incorporation of cheese and butter manufacturing associations. He explained that the machinery for this purpose had not been sufficiently simple, it being necessary to obtain letters patent under the joint stock companies act which was cumbersome, and also expensive but for the provision for remitting the charges. The bill provides that five or more persons may sign a declaration stating their intention to enter upon such an enterprise; upon their doing so according to a form appended to the bill and forwarding the document with certain formalities to the Minister of Agriculture, they become incorporated. Another provision is that the Association must frame a set of rules which are also to be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture and filed with him. There is no liability beyond the amount each one subscribes. Some time in January each year a return is to be made of the business of the Association to the Minister.

General Trade Notes.

Chas. S. Watson, president of the Montreal Rolling Mills Company, has been chosen to fill the position on the Board of the Bank of Montreal vacant by the death of Alex. Murray.

At the annual meeting of the Merchants Manufacturing Company (St. Henri Cotton Mill) in Montreal, the old board was re-elected. A. A. Ayer was again chosen president, and R. Mackay vice-president.

The total liabilities of J. W. Gale & Co. wholesale dry goods, Toronto, are \$164,659, and assets \$104,957. British firms are interested to the extent of \$51,952 and Canadian and American creditors to the amount of \$60,878.

H. R. Ives & Co., manufacturers of iron and steel goods, Montreal, have recently enlarged their works, for the purpose of manufacturing

architectural work in iron, of every description, including iron stairs, railings, gates, grille work, etc.

Risley & Kerrigan, wholesale hardware, Toronto, showed liabilities of \$130,000 and assets \$113,000 at the meeting of creditors. No offer was made and E. R. C. Clarkson, to whom the firm assigned, will likely be instructed to wind up the estate.

A. F. Galt, Chas. Garth, E. K. Greene, J. Groni; J. K. Ward, R. L. Gault and S. H. Ewing were re-elected directors at the annual meeting of the Montreal Cotton Company. At a subsequent meeting of the newly elected directors A. F. Galt was re-elected president and Chas. Garth vice-president.

A Halifax, N. S., telegram says: The past year has been another one of magnificent profits for the Nova Scotia sugar refinery. The concern pays a dividend of 15 per cent. and a bonus of 10 per cent. as a result of the year's operations. It is understood that the capital stock of the company is to be doubled, each shareholder receiving two shares where he now holds one without any new outlay. The present capital is \$150,000.

Business at Vancouver, B. C.

Real estate during the past week has been changing hands in a very lively manner and while the vast majority of the purchases have been small, several very heavy transactions have been made. In the east end during the last few days land has risen rapidly in price and is still increasing. This state of things is partly owing to the rumor that the Northern Pacific railway is coming in there. A considerable amount of money is coming from the east and is being at once invested in lots. In a number of cases persons who have come from other parts simply for the purpose of speculation have concluded to take up their residence in Vancouver.

The volume of general business has been large and collections the merchants report easy. Freight is beginning to move quickly. The retail market during the week has been kept well supplied. Prices have remained steady except in roots and dairy produce, the former having increased and the latter has lowered. A great many eggs have arrived from the Sound ports and shipments have even arrived from Montreal, the early spring having frustrated the attempt to keep up prices.—Vancouver News-Advertiser.

Quotations are as follows:—

Flour—Manitoba patents, \$6.65 per bbl; Manitoba bakers', \$6.25; Oregon family, \$5.65. Oatmeal—Standard, 100 lb. sacks, \$3; granulated, \$3.25; rolled, \$4.

Potatoes—\$14 to \$18 per ton; cabbage, \$12; carrots, \$20; parsnips, \$20; onions, \$25; beets, \$15; turnips, \$15 to \$20; sweet potatoes, \$6 per cwt.

Feed—Bran, \$24 per ton; shorts, \$25; chopped stuff, \$30 to \$32; oil cake meal, \$40; cracked corn, \$33; oats, \$26; wheat, \$35 per ton.

Butter, creamery, 29c per lb; dairy, 25 to 28c; eggs, 20 to 25c; fresh, farm eggs, 45c; cheese, 13 to 15c per lb.

Fruits—Sicily lemons (strictly fancy) \$6.50 per case; oranges, Riverside navals, \$5.50 per case; Riverside seedlings, \$4.50; Californias, \$3.37; new Japanese, \$1.25 per box; apples, \$1.75.

Fish—Cod, 9c; salmon, 10c; Labrador herring, \$14 per bbl; Finnan Haddie, 15c per lb; Georgia Bank cod, 12c per lb; Yarmouth bloaters, \$3 per box.

The Echo printing office and Alex. Morrison's barber shop, Banff, have been destroyed by fire. No insurance.

The residence of W. D. Ruttan, general merchant, Manitou, Man., was burned last week. Insured for \$300. The residence of Mr. Young, a joiner, was also burned. Insured for \$200.

In the sudden death of the late C. J. Brydges, which occurred on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 16, the city of Winnipeg has suffered a severe loss. Mr. Brydges was well known throughout all Canada, through his honorable connection, successively, with the Great Western, the Grand Trunk, and Intercolonial railways, of this country. Mr. Brydges came to Winnipeg as Land Commissioner for the Hudson's Bay Company, and during his residence here he has taken an active part in charitable and other work in the interest of the community, but always refusing to identify himself with political squabbles and popular agitations. He filled the position of president of the Winnipeg board of trade for a season, and for years has been the mainstay of the Winnipeg general hospital. Mr. Brydges died suddenly from an attack of paralysis of the heart, while visiting the hospital on the date named, thus passing away within the walls of the charitable institution for which he has done so much.

A short time ago reference was made in these columns to the dissolution of the large and well known firm of E. Penner & Co., doing business as general merchants at several points in southern Manitoba. It was then stated that E. Penner would continue the business at Gretna, and that Messrs. Schultz and Hansen would continue the business at Morden. The firm was composed of E. Penner, Otto Schultz and H. P. Hansen, and business was carried on at Gretna, Morden, Reinland and Plum Coulee. We now have to add that E. Penner will continue the business at Reinland as well as at Gretna, under the old style of E. Penner & Co. Messrs. Schultz and Hansen have formed a partnership, and they have also taken in A. W. Stiefel, who has been book-keeper at the Morden store for some time. They will do business under the style of Schultz & Hansen, and will continue the stores at Morden and Plum Coulee. They have also erected a store building at Gretna and will open a general store at the latter place in a few days. Mr. Hansen will remain at his old post at Morden, and Mr. Schultz will take the Gretna business, where he will be assisted by Mr. Stiefel, and which will be made the head office. The new firm decided to open business at Gretna owing to the fact that they have a large quantity of goods at Gretna as their share of the stock of E. Penner & Co., it having been decided to divide the stock in this way.