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spector to visit the various cheese and butter factories and establishing a dairy fair cannot be over-estimated. I think with you, Government money could be better expended in that way than by bonusing cheese factories. You will always find plenty of speculators springing up to build cheese factories as soon as the country is ripe for them without any bonusing. The one grand idea is to place the money in a shape to encourage competition in creating a fine quality, clean flavored, silky textured goods, fit for the greatest epicure in the East. Excuse me for trespassing so far, but at the same time am always ready to exchange ideas on this subject for the general good.

Respectfully Yours,

ALEX. THOMSON.

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Ed. McCORMACK, in partne ship with Dr. Crookshank, druggist, Rapid City, Man., has retired from the firm and moved to Moosejaw, Assa.

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For the chief commercial city of Canada, Montreal should be ashamed of her fire department. One disastrous fire after another has occurred in that city, and from published accounts it seems in each instance the fire has simply burned itself out, becoming exhausted when there was nothing more within reach to be devoured. The last fire, on February 16, destroyed nearly \$200,000 worth of property, including Peck, Benny & Co.'s nail factory, and the large elevator adjoining, owned by the same firm; together with a large quantity of grain held by several parties.



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