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New Quarters.

The business office and editorial room of The Commercial have been moved to the new Merchants' Bank building, Main street.

ASSISTING RAILWAYS.

A statement comes from the Pacific coast to the effect that the Canadian Northern Railway will not be extended through British Columbia to the coast unless the province grants the aid demanded by the company. If this statement is true, it is to be hoped the people of British Columbia will refuse to be lured by the prospect of this way. If the Canadian Northern Railway Company really desire to build through to the Pacific coast—if it would be profitable for the company to build the road, it will be built without the provincial aid which is demanded. Indeed, it may be absolutely necessary for the Canadian Northern Railway to extend its lines to the coast, in order to complete its system and make other portions of its line profitable.

The Commercial does not presume to say that British Columbia should not extend any aid whatever to the Canadian Northern Railroad. We do, however, say that British Columbia, like other provinces of Canada, has been altogether too generous in aiding railway and other enterprises. The profligate manner in which the public domain has been given away in British Columbia almost exceeds the enterprising exhibited by the Dominion by getting rid of the nation's wealth represented by the public lands of Manitoba and the Territories. The evils of this policy have become so apparent that at least the Dominion government has declared that grants of land will cease.

This decision, however, has not been arrived at until irreparable injury has been done and enormous national wealth squandered. These railway lands are now selling at a price which in some cases make their value considerably exceed the cost of the railways in aid of which they were granted.

It is unfortunate that the country has received so little advantage from these grants. Considerable portions of the grants have probably gone to enrich individual promoters, while the roads have been bonded for their full cost. Thus the gift of a portion of the

public domain has been entirely lost to the people.

The cost of building railways in British Columbia is, of course, much greater than in Manitoba or the Territories, while as a general rule the lands are less valuable here. On the other hand, however, there are sources of mineral wealth in the Pacific province, which have been given away with great lavishness. It is only necessary to think of the Crow's Nest coal deposits, as one instance of profligacy in British Columbia. The public domain of this vast wealth went to enrich private individuals at the expense of the province, may never be known. And this is only one transaction, of which there were others of a similar nature.

The people of British Columbia should think of this when the province is approached by promoters of the Canadian Northern Railway people have a good proposition to make, it should be considered purely on a business basis, and the province should get full value for any assistance. The policy of giving lands and minerals should be discontinued, or when assistance is given, care should be exercised that it does not find its way into private pockets.

The plan of guaranteeing bounds is, perhaps, the least objectionable way of assisting railways or other such enterprises, and even this should only be done in urgent cases, or when ample security is offered and full value in return guaranteed.

CANADIAN STORES, LIMITED.

An enterprise which has been talked of in the Canadian and British press to a considerable extent lately, is that which is known as the Canadian Stores, Limited. The promoters of this business seem to be adepts in the line of advertising. In fact, they are as competent in other directions the business should prove successful. The company proposes to establish stores for the sale of Canadian goods in Great Britain. The usual "influential" directorate, with a distinguished cart or two, or some other grand high muck-a-mucks at the helm, is announced. The originator of the idea is said to be Walter R. Nursey, who some years ago was in the provincial agricultural department of Manitoba. Stock of the enterprise is to be floated in Britain and Canada, and Mr. Nursey is now in Canada, with this object in view. If Canadians take the shares to the extent of \$500,000, the balance, it is said, can be raised in Britain. In addition to the stores for the sale of Canadian products, it is proposed to open restaurants and dining halls where "the brands supplied will be exclusively Canadian." In this way it is not doubt intended to take the British public of the superiority of our brands of beer over the common, every-day home commodity, etc., etc. Bakeries also, to use Canadian flour only, are included in the scheme, and incidentally the prospectus states, it is worth mentioning that the company will be able to sell bread at 2 1/4c, or just half the present ruling price. This would indicate that the company has wonderful philanthropic designs toward the poor of old London, though the Canadians who are to put up the half million dollars, may object to this part of the prospectus, as including the modest programme of the proposed company. The company only wants \$1,000,000 to start with, but in order to continue their philanthropic work for a longer period, they take the precaution of ar-

ranging for an increase in capital later to \$2,750,000.

Taking a serious view of this proposed concern, it does not appear to be one which would commend itself to the people of Canada as a sound business enterprise. It is of considerable importance that the products of Canada should have a large sale in Britain, but we fancy that all that can be done is being done through the legitimate avenues of trade. The promoters give a list of Canadian products, showing prices for which they are now sold in London, with comparative prices which the Canadian Stores, Limited, expects to sell at. The prices in the latter case are just about one-half what is given as the present regular retail price. This seems like a very much overdrawn picture to start with. This list shows the present price of such important Canadian exports as commodities as calves' liver, or kidney sweetbreads, etc. If trade in these articles could be largely increased by reason of the lower prices which the Canadian Stores, Limited, will establish, it would no doubt ensure perpetual prosperity in this country.

THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

The proposed Grand Trunk Pacific Railway is still the theme of much discussion, not only in Canada but also in Great Britain. The announcement that the road would be built, has been received with much favor in both of these countries. One point of interest is the effect it will have upon the Canadian Northern, the possibility of the absorption of the latter road by the Grand Trunk being constantly in view. The Canadian Northern people say they will push their road through to the coast regardless of the Grand Trunk. The promoters of the latter road say in turn that the securing of the Canadian Northern is not a part of their programme. At the same time, there is a lurking belief that eventually the Canadian Northern Railway will fall into the hands of the Grand Trunk Pacific. From a business point of view it would no doubt be good policy for the Grand Trunk people to secure the Canadian Northern Railway system. The main line of these two roads, for a considerable portion of their distance, will occupy the same or contiguous territory. The route mapped out for the Grand Trunk is much closer to the Canadian Northern Railway than to the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Another matter which the public are anxious about is the assistance which the Grand Trunk Pacific promoters expect from the country. That they will ask for a subsidy has been settled in the affirmative by Mr. Hays himself, who has stated that they will apply for assistance. Indeed, it is quite possible that some understanding as to subsidy already exists between the promoters and the Dominion government. One thing should be thoroughly understood, and this is, that any subsidy given must not take the form of grants of land. Not an acre of land should be given, the enormity of the irreparable injury already done the West by granting lands to corporations, is now so well understood that any further grants of this nature would create a feeling of intense hostility in the West.

Canada is now developing so rapidly that the position of affairs is quite different now compared with the time when the Canadian Pacific Railway was first undertaken. Then it was hard to believe that the road would become a paying one in a reasonable time. Now it is almost certain that a second line, through the

territory as mapped out for the Grand Trunk Pacific, would become a paying road within at least a very few years after its completion. This puts the matter of a subsidy in a very different light, as compared with the time when the Canadian Pacific Railway was undertaken. If a subsidy is to be given, however, it is to be hoped that it will be on a basis which will give the country some absolute guarantee for value in return. The minister of railways has declared himself in favor of a government-financed transcontinental road. Why not have the government assistance take the form of ownership of stock in the company? Whatever is given, absolute value should be received in return.

The time set by the promoters within which the road will be built, is not at all an impossible period. There is every reason to believe that the road can be built in five years. The construction of the first transcontinental road was a much more serious undertaking. Now this road can be used to great advantage in getting in supplies and material for the construction of the new line. Construction can be commenced and carried on simultaneously at points all the way across the continent. The country is much more accessible now than it was when the Canadian Pacific Railway was first undertaken. The promoters are experienced railway men, and they have the Grand Trunk plants at their disposal for the manufacture of supplies and equipment required for the new road. Everything is in their favor for the completion of the road within the specified time of five years.

The Canadian Northern Railway.

Mr. Mann, of the Canadian Northern Railway, told the people at Edmonton, while there recently, that he expected their line would be completed in six months. This is a bold statement. They would certainly be in a position to handle the crop of 1904, and they would be in a position to handle the crop of 1905. He said the company would grade 100 miles or more eastward from Edmonton to the coast they hoped to have finished within five years.

Liquor Act in Ontario.

The Liquor Act was voted on in Ontario on Dec. 4, and is probably defeated. This act, which was intended to prohibit the sale of liquors in that province, was submitted to popular vote to give the people an opportunity to say whether or not it should be enforced. The proposition was opposed by a large majority of the total vote, but not sufficient to enforce the act. Complete returns are not in, but it looks as though the number of votes required will not be reached, though the figures are evidently close enough to make a very uncomfortable for the liquor interest. The prohibitionists were seriously handicapped by the manner in which the vote, which made it necessary for them to secure a percentage of the total number of votes, was cast. It was not and not merely a majority of the votes cast. The large prohibition vote indicates that the people, if they would hold together in a solid campaign, could easily force the government to give them a prohibitory act which they could carry.

Canadian Northwest Land Co.

Toronto, Dec. 3.—A special general meeting of the shareholders of the Canadian Northwest Land Company was held this morning at the head office of the company, 18 King street west. The meeting was called to order by the chair, and a resolution was passed to the effect that application be made to the Dominion Land Office for a special act amending the Act of Incorporation of the company, by changing the present method of analyzing the reserve fund. The members were with one unanimous on the subject, only one shareholder present opposing the resolution.

THE NORTH COUNTRY

Prospect of Early Development of Vast Region Beyond the Saskatchewan.

The prospect of railway construction at an early date through more northerly districts of Western Canada than have yet been reached by the iron horse, is drawing additional attention here, in northern districts. It is becoming known that there is a vast and rich agricultural territory situated northwest of the present limits of settlement. Between the North Saskatchewan and the Peace rivers, there is a vast area of fine agricultural land, which is probably as well adapted to settlement as almost any other part of Western Canada. While the route of the Grand Trunk Pacific has not yet been definitely decided upon, it is almost certain that the main line of this future great trans-continental road will pass for a considerable portion of its distance through this great northern territory, thus opening up regions which are at present beyond the pale of settlement. The Canadian Northern Railway Company also has obtained legislative sanction to the construction of railways in the territory beyond the North Saskatchewan. There are other predicted railway enterprises which have mapped out for themselves routes through the north country, but the two specifically mentioned are likely to be the first in the field. The promoters of the Grand Trunk Pacific promise to have their

land of the north country. There are other mighty regions, rich in minerals, timber, agricultural resources, etc., to be explored and developed. Canada has a wonderful heritage in the north country—sufficient to keep the nation busy for many years to come in opening up and developing the country, and building up a great nation in the northern half of the continent.

Climate of the Peace River.

The following extract from the journal of Sir Alexander Mackenzie who passed the winter of 1792 and 1793, and the water near Dunvegan, is very interesting: "The river began to run with ice yesterday. On the 22nd the river was frozen over and remained so until April. On the 5th January in the morning, it was clear and cold, the wind blew from the south-west and in the afternoon it was thawing. I had already observed on the Athabasca that this wind never failed to bring us clear, mild weather, whereas, when it blew from the opposite quarter it produced snow. Here it is much more perceptible for it brings a thaw. At the end of January very little snow was on the ground but the weather was cold until about April 20th, and March, when it became mild and by the middle of April the gnats and mosquitoes came, and Mr. McClellan had a bunch of flowers on the river the plains were delightful, the trees were budding and many plants in bloom. The change of climate of nature was as pleasant as it

doubt, as they have done many another, and the settler moving into this country, either in advance or in the wake of the railroad, looks for a certainty that he can produce wheat, oats and barley of the best quality and be absolutely sure of his crop, that all the garden vegetables grow readily, and judging from the superabundance of the native poeibe berry small fruits can be grown without trouble.

The wheat that took the first prize at the centennial exhibition of 1876 was grown at Fort Vermilion, on the Peace River, a point at least 150 miles further north than where the new road will run. This wheat was brought down by Professor Macoun, of Ottawa. It had been planted on the 6th day of May, and was in shock on the 20th of August. It contained four and five grains to the fascicle, and weighed 58 pounds to the bushel, standard Canadian weight. There are a number of records showing that wheat planted, between the 5th and the 20th of May, was cut between the 9th and 10th of August, and that barley was nearly ripe as early as the 26th of July. Barley grown in this territory is very exceptionally fine in color and size of berry, and this is attributed to the eighteen hours of sunshine. Professor Macoun, when asked by the Senate committee what he considered the reason of the exceptional quantity, quality and weight of the wheat and barley grown in this region, stated that he believed it to be the long, sunny days in the few hours of cool night, that plants, like human beings, need the coolness after the heat of the day, to re-

needs to be developed. With the most primitive washing a diligent worker can make from \$5 to \$15 a day. By the use of machinery a man can work for years it is believed that the gold is washed down from British Columbia and that the man who can develop any startling proportions it may be a profitable occupation for many years to come. The man who is containing gold on paper or other streams is in a false peace. The washing as a rule can only be done by water and it is therefore a business for but a part of a year.

Minerals.

Eastern Athabasca has peat-wood, gypsum, copper, coal, plumbago, fish, furs and timber; the Peace River country has millions of acres of pasture and wheat land, fuel and timber in plenty, gold for the washing and coal for the digging and these two districts may as yet be spoken of as virgin soil. If the Grand Trunk is completed within five years we have a wonderful transformation scene may be looked for.

Inland Navigation.

A railway through the north country of the Saskatchewan river to the Rocky Mountains, would come into connection with the existing systems of inland navigation in the world. In the development of the north country these great arteries will play an important part. From Athabasca Landing to the mouth of the Mackenzie River, a distance of 600 miles of navigation, with two brooks in the whole vast distance. The first of these occurs, where the Athabasca River itself, where there are 47 miles of rapids. They are not very tumultuous, and navigators are of the opinion that a powerful steambot would have no great difficulty in steaming up against the current during high water at any rate. The next brook northwards is at Fort Smith, on Slave River, the stream which connects Athabasca with Great Slave Lake. The water here is about twenty miles long, and from this point the navigation is uninterrupted to the Arctic ocean. A cargo of 500 tons burthen can descend and ascend the stream for five months of the year. For years past nothing has been plying on the Athabasca and the Mackenzie, and if a railway touched at Athabasca Landing it would be possible for a traveller to buy his ticket for the Arctic ocean and proceed there almost as comfortably as he could be booked for Great Britain. A portion of this system of navigation consists of two lakes, one of which, Lake Athabasca, is 192 miles in length, the other, Great Slave Lake, 300 miles long.

Prosecutions Under Grain Act.

The first prosecutions under the Manitoba Grain Act have been instituted against the Canadian Pacific Railway for neglect to supply cars to farmers and infraction of the law governing the distribution of cars. Two of these cases are against A. V. Benoit, the C. P. agent at Assiniboia. In one of these cases the charge is that W. W. Allen, who signed for a car on Oct. 10, 1897, was not on Oct. 26, 1897, although in the interval over eighty cars had been received and distributed. In the other case it is charged that there has been discrimination against W. Olmstead, who ordered a car from the railway, but had not yet received it, although orders filed subsequently had been filled.

A charge of infraction and neglect to supply cars was also made against the Canadian Pacific Railway direct. Mr. Brown, the division superintendent, being served with the summons. This charge is based on the experience of A. W. Annis, who ordered a car on Oct. 20. On the same day, but subsequently, the Dominion Elevator and McLaughlin & Ellis ordered cars. The latter secured cars on Oct. 24, and the Dominion Elevator on Oct. 25, but Mr. Annis has not yet received his car.

These prosecutions are the result of formal complaint filed with C. C. Castle, grain and warehouse commissioner, by the Territory's Grain Growers' Association. Much interest will be taken in these prosecutions, as they are the first cases of this nature under the act.

At a meeting of the shareholders of the Lintoyte company in London, England, the chairman confirmed the report that the company was about looking to the amalgamation of all the Lintoyte companies.

Steamer and "Sturgeon Head" Freight Boats on the Athabasca River.

road through in about five years, and they are not men who are likely to fail in their undertakings. We are, therefore, comparatively safe in stating that within ten years the vast agricultural area north of the North Saskatchewan river will be receiving a large stream of population. Northward the tide of empire now sets its way. In a few years the great north-land will be resounding with the tread of the pioneer and everywhere the country will be awakening to a new life of activity and development.

A few years ago, when we spoke of the Great Lone Land, people usually thought of the vast territory beyond the Red River and the Rocky Mountains, which is bounded on the north by the Saskatchewan river. People did not then think of the country beyond the Saskatchewan. Within the memory of men yet young in years, the Great Lone Land has been transformed into a known land, and beyond the Great Lone Land another and water-lone land has loomed up. This is now to be peacefully conquered for civilization and commerce.

We have only specially mentioned the region between the North Saskatchewan and the Peace rivers. This is only a corner of the Great Lone

was sudden." In the years from 1875 to 1879 the average opening of the Peace was April 21st, while the average opening of the Ottawa river, from 1852 to 1870, is given as April 20, and the average opening of the Red river for many years has been no earlier. The average length of sunshine during the summer season is eighteen hours per day, the average summer temperature about 75 in the shade, and this weather lasts from about the 1st of May to the end of September. Horentz, in a note to his report, made in 1872, says: "temper 20, rested for noon lunch; thermometer 75 in the shade."

Stock Raising and Grain Growing.

It is a stockman's paradise, thousands of acres of fine pasture where the cattle and horses can remain out all winter. The horses of the Hudson Bay posts in this section are regularly wintered out and turn up fat and sleek in the spring. Then for miles there are miles of splendid Kentucky blue grass growing to a great height and making the finest hay that it is possible to produce. Then as to cereals, the high ridges that run along the Peace for over one hundred years. The Hudson's Bay traders and the missionaries have solved this

cuperate, and that these conditions in plant life were obtained in the greatest perfection the nearer the limit of possible production was reached. The idea of the rapid growth and development may be gathered from the fact that cucumbers planted in the open garden of Mr. Cyr, fifty miles south of Fort Vermilion, were fully matured on the 10th of August. Another point of interest noted by some of the Hudson's Bay men is that forests come to the high elevations of the Peace river bottom. This is attributed to the greater movement of air on the high elevations. The difference is noted at from six to eight days.

Wood and Coal.

The Peace River country, though not so heavily timbered as the territory east of the Athabasca river, is, nevertheless, well supplied with timber, not only for fuel, but for lumber. The spruce and cottonwoods being particularly large, and in heavy belts along the rivers. There are also indications of coal, especially along the Smoky river, which really derives its name from the deposits along its banks coloring the water.

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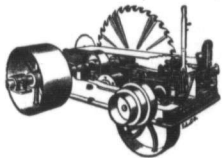
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DRY GOODS TRADE.

Linen Are Firm.

This is the season when the demand for many lines of linen goods shows unusual activity. All sorts of fancy goods, such as sideboard scarfs, fancy table cloths, bed and table cloths, linens for embroidering and such like goods are all selling freely now for the holiday trade. There is a good demand for linen and lawn handkerchiefs in neat boxes for gifts. Table cloths, with their designs to match, are good property. The tone of the market for linens is strong. The fact that raw cotton is highest gives added strength to the situation in this department of the trade, owing to the nature of cotton and linen yarns used in some goods now. The market for linens abroad is firm. No one family or with conditions on the other side is looking forward for cheaper goods for spring than those which they bought for their fall trade. Many buyers have been disappointed, for they have been delaying their purchases, in hope to see prices of piece goods take a drop, under the influence of lower-priced cotton or flax. The reported decline in flax is not looked upon by spinners as a sufficient reason for dropping the price of yarns. Especially is this true in respect to forward contracts. Late reports from the other side are to the effect that manufacturers are well engaged on orders for the finer descriptions of linens. There is an especially good demand.—Toronto Globe.

Dry Goods Trade Notes.

The market for cottons and cotton staples is very firm. Canadian mills are apparently not disposed to make any price concessions. Jobbers who have exhausted the supplies of cottons purchased before the last advances in prices made by the domestic mills, and have had to renew stocks, will be obliged to advance prices in order to protect themselves against the increased cost of the goods.

Grocery Trade Notes.

Indian and Ceylon teas are rising in value and the market is reported strong.

Japan teas under light supplies are firm, and buyers find that to obtain them they have to pay full prices.

Ontario canning companies report a very strong market for canned vegetables and as the supply is short there is great firmness in prices.

The Dominion tobacco commission resumed sittings at Montreal on the 28th ult. The important feature was the presentation of a petition signed by 755 dealers, who protested against having to purchase one line of goods.

Hardware Trade Notes.

The United States hardware market is in a somewhat easier position than it has been for some time. Production has increased and as the demand is not so great as it was there is an easier tone.

After several months' negotiations the Austrian and Hungarian iron and steel industries have succeeded in forming a single combination, comprising twenty-three separate establishments, the capital of which aggregates \$75,000,000.

Supplies of iron and steel in the United States are increasing, or rather mills are not so far behind with their orders now as they were. Were it not for a pronounced shortage of coke supplies would increase even more rapidly than they have been doing.

A deal was consummated at Detroit on Tuesday by which seventeen of the leading millable iron concerns in the United States signed an agreement to form one big company, with a capital from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000. The financial headquarters of the concern will be in New York.

A cable from London on Nov. 28 said: At a joint meeting of the Swansea tin plate manufacturers and representatives of their workmen, just held, arrangements were made for stoppage of work each month in December, January, February and March. This action is owing to the depression in the Welsh tin plate trade.

Lumber Trade Notes.

The good sleighing and cold weather which now prevails is very favorable for bush work and large gangs of men

are now engaged in all the east and north of Winnipeg. In some quantities of logs and railway ties will be taken out this winter. More, however, coming scarce and from \$20 to \$40 per month with board is being offered for help.

The biggest lumber deal in the history of Nova Scotia was recently closed by F. F. Chaplin, of New York, representing capitalists of that state and the most valuable timber property in the province has fallen into the hands of an American syndicate. The property is situated at Bridgewater, S. S., and comprises 210,000 acres, and belonged to the estate of the late R. D. Davidson. The price paid is said to be a million and a quarter dollars.

Dairy Trade Notes.

The past season has been for Canada a most successful one in the manufacture and export of butter and cheese. The cheese exports showed a total increase of 208,432 boxes over those for 1901, and a total increase of 22,353 boxes over those for 1900 while butter shipments showed an increase of 124,058 packages over those for 1901, and an increase of 278,388 packages over the season of 1900. Cheese was constantly in demand at prices higher than the previous season. The price of butter was lower during most of the season than it was in 1901.

Live Stock Trade Notes.

The Medicine Hat Stock Growers' Association has passed a resolution approving of the action of the Dominion customs authorities in seizing United States cattle found on the Canadian side of the line.

The Dominion government has endeavored through the high commissioner in London to secure a modification of the cattle quarantine against the New England states sufficient to permit the shipping of Canadian cattle over the C. P. R. line to St. John, N. B., which line runs for some distance through the state of Maine. This effort has not been successful, and as the C. P. R. refuses to send its cars by the long and roundabout Intercolonial route, the eastward movement is blocked for the time being.

The Cattle Quarantine.

The report that the British government would admit cattle from State of Maine ports, is denied. Maine and New Hampshire are not included in the United States quarantine order, but the British quarantine includes these two states. Both the Grand Trunk and the Canadian Pacific Railway reach Atlantic ports through the State of Maine, consequently they cannot ship cattle for British ports while the quarantine is in force. This has almost paralyzed the cattle trade in Ontario, as the only other route is away round by the Intercolonial. The embargo does not materially affect western Canada, as the export season here is now over.

Will Build New Line.

Montreal, Dec. 3.—What may be regarded as the first move to prepare for rivalry on the part of the projected Grand Trunk Pacific railway, has been made by the Canadian Pacific, which has registered plans to build a line from Toronto to Sudbury, a distance of 200 miles.

The proposition that the Canadian Pacific to build this line is to protect itself rather than to obstruct the new trans-Canada line. At present the Canadian Pacific uses the Grand Trunk line from Toronto to North Bay, but would shut out if the Grand Trunk extended to the west. The route of the new line will be along the northeastern shore of Georgian Bay.

Railway and Traffic Matters.

Geo. Shaw, traffic manager of the Canadian Northern Railway, returned this week from St. Paul and Minneapolis where he completed arrangements with the Great Northern for interchange of freight cars with the Canadian Northern, between the Great Northern and the Canadian Northern railways. Under this arrangement the Great Northern is given entrance in Eastern Canada for Manitoba traffic accessible to Canadian Northern lines.

An order-in-council has been passed at Ottawa extending the provisions of the embargo against United States cattle to hides and hoofs.



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- 2nd.—There are no fines, no withdrawal fees, no admission fees, and no forfeitures, because we relieve members from payments during sickness or adversity of any kind.
- 3rd.—Because it is a vigorous and progressive Company with practical and experienced officers and directors.
- 4th.—Also Loans can be obtained on short notice, as our Company does not have to await a report from a distant Head Office.
- 5th.—Our system will enable you to save money that would otherwise not be saved.

REAL ESTATE LOANS.

Shareholders may procure Loans and repay the same in monthly instalments. Those obtaining Loans from the Company are required to give a first mortgage on improved real estate as security. With monthly Loans there is no large payment to make at the end of the year as each month takes care of the mortgage, making the burden evenly distributed throughout the whole period.

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This stock is non-withdrawable, but may be sold and the transfer made on the books of the Company.

CLASS B—Accumulative Permanent Stock, Non-Withdrawable.
Accumulative Permanent Stock, Class B, of the maturity value, \$100 per share. Such shares to be paid 5 per cent. on application and not less than one dollar per month per share. This stock shall bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum until fully paid. It shall then be transferred to Class A.

5 Per Cent Full Paid Stock, (Withdrawable).

Full Paid Coupon Stock, Class C. This stock is sold at the par value of \$100 per share, of \$25 per quarter of a share, rate of interest allowed is 5 per cent. per annum, payable half yearly on the first day of January and July of each year. This stock is issued for a term of five years, but may be withdrawn after three years from date of Certificate by giving 60 days' notice in writing to the Secretary.

SAVINGS.

Monthly Instalment Stock, (Withdrawable).

Accumulative Monthly Stock, Class D. Maturity value of one hundred dollars (\$100) per share. These shares require a payment of one dollar per month per share, and are guaranteed to mature in seven years, but may be withdrawn after payments have been made for three full years, and the stock has been in force for three years, by giving thirty days' notice to the Company. The holder of these shares shall receive the total amount paid on each share together with all accrued interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum. But if this stock is carried to maturity the holder shall receive five per cent. interest on his stock from date of Certificate.

The following provisions have been made for those who, for various reasons, are not able to keep up their payments regularly for even so short a period as three years:—

1. No fines shall be charged to these shares.
2. Payments on all monthly stock may be suspended for any period desired, after three monthly payments have been made.
3. When twelve monthly payments have been made and the stock has been in force for twelve months, the holder of this stock may obtain a loan to the extent of fifty per cent. of the amount paid on his shares. No interest shall be charged on share loans.

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The interests of the members are carefully guarded in the way the funds of the Company are invested. Every dollar invested is secured by first mortgage on improved real estate.

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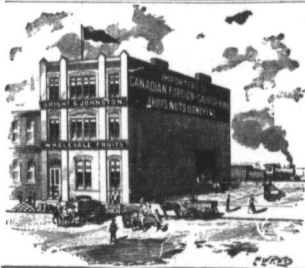
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Rosland, R. C., Dec. 1.—The ore shipments for the week ending Saturday show an increase over the previous week's production, and the increase for the year over last year's output is now 30,000 tons. The Le Roi shipped 3,800 tons, the Centre Star 2,040, Wa-Geant 1,280, Giant 60; total for week, 7,180; for the year up to date 319,680. The increase to date over last year is 31,747. Operations have been resumed at the Homestake mine in the south belt with a crew of fifteen men, which may be increased somewhat at an early date. The Giant has reduced its working force to one shift, but this is temporary, pending the completion of the extensive plans for development. The Veivest has also suspended shipments pending completion of important alterations and improvements to its hoisting plant. The Centre Star mine has sent another considerable shipment of ore to the bullion extraction works at Silica, now being used for

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experiments in concentration. The War Eagle sends a hundred tons of Silica next week for similar purposes, the tests being pushed ahead with a view to permit of plans for a mill building plant being completed in time to commence construction with the early spring.

Mining operations in Mine Centre have again been resumed, and it is expected that before spring several of the old mines will be put pumping. A force has been put to work pumping out the Policy mine, and as soon as the pits are clear of water the company now controlling the property intend to develop and work it extensively. Work at the Olive mine may be resumed in February. The affair of the old company have been wound up and a new company will be floated to work the property. The equipment of the Olive mine is the best in West Ontario.

MANITOBA.

John Murphy, butcher, has given up business at Elkhorn.

Robert Robertson, blacksmith, Manitoba, has sold his business to Mr. Campbell.

P. Watson has disposed of his business to J. Killaryne to Alex. Timmen for a term of years.

C. J. O'Connell has purchased the "Hilton House, and will assume control Thursday night.

The Echo is the name of a new paper now published at Hamiota, Venables & Collinsville proprietors.

Notice is given of the incorporation of the "Allanport Farmers' Elevator Co., Ltd.," with a capital stock of \$5,000.

The Ontario hotel, Winnipeg, F. W. Handel, proprietor, was damaged by fire Thursday night. Fire confined to basement mainly.

A smoke house connected with the abattoir of Gordon, Ironsides & Fares at Winnipeg, was damaged by fire on Sunday evening last, to the extent of \$2,000.

Winnipeg Building Inspector Rogers estimates that the value of buildings erected to date is \$2,500,000.

The city close to date is \$2,400,000.

W. J. Black, B. S. A., has been appointed editor of the Farmers' Advocate, the Winnipeg, as successor to G. H. Greig.

The Gordon Commission Company is applying for incorporation at Winnipeg for the purpose of taking over the business of Buchanan & Gordon. The office is placed at 410, Broadway.

The Portage Ice Prairie steam laundry, owned and operated by C. C. Pilkey, was totally destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning. The loss is placed at \$1,000, partly insured.

Dr. B. J. McConnell, of Morden, who has practised his profession in the Morden district for over twenty years, has, owing to impaired health, decided to retire, and has disposed of his practice to Dr. Bradford, of Winnipeg.

J. Robinson & Co., are now in occupation of the new building, on the departmental store at Winnipeg. The increase in floor space and stock renders it considerably more attractive than any other store.

Notice is given that letters patent have been issued for the following: A. W. Puttee, Gus Pingle, Wm. Scott, Wm. Small and George Dales, of Winnipeg, for the "Voice Pulping Machine," with a total capital stock of \$20,000.

Notice is given that application will be made for the incorporation of I. A. Robinson, Peter Payne, Andrew Kelly and John Hanbury, of Brandon, and Jas. Mar Walker, county judge, of Winnipeg, as "The Empire Brewing Co., Ltd.," with a total capital stock of \$100,000.

The Winnipeg Power Co., which expects within a year to supply commercial electricity to Winnipeg from the water of the Pinawa branch of the Winnipeg river, is now preparing to go on with construction. The first buildings have already been erected, and it is expected that the total cost of construction with the plant will reach \$700,000. Machinery worth \$100,000 will be installed during the year.

ASSINIBOIA.

Begins has spent \$125,000 in new buildings, mostly residences, this year.

A board of trade has been formed at Weyburn. Public questions will be actively taken up.

ALBERTA.

Jas. Reid is starting a flour and feed store at Lacombe.

Charles Bros. are opening a butcher and commission business at Morning-side.

Frank J. Purdy, general merchant, Lewisville, has disposed of his store to Mr. Robertson.

The Queen's hotel at Calgary, has changed hands. N. D. Jackson is the new proprietor.

SASKATCHEWAN.

J. F. Cairns will be making land connections at Saskatoon.

Wilson & Johnson have bought the restaurant business of D. S. Taylor at Saskatoon, are dissolving partnership; the former continuing the business.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

A company is being formed at Rat Portage to develop a deposit of bituminous coal near there.

W. D. Conis, druggist, Rat Portage, has disposed of his business to the town, and is moving to Winnipeg, where he will employ with H. A. Wiser.

The estimated amount of lumber burned in the Norman fire of last week was 14,000,000 feet, involving a loss of between \$175,000 and \$200,000.

The freight shipping season at Fort Arthur, now closed, has been one of the busiest in the history of the port. J. T. It has handled a large share of the wheat, and the sheds are now almost filled with freight, consigned to Winnipeg merchants, which will be shipped west throughout the winter.

Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this date last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard wheat closed at 74c in 1901; 75c in 1902.

Flour—No. 1 soft per sack: Patent, \$2; best bakers, \$1.90.

Wheat—No. 1 soft per bushel: shorts, \$1.50 per delivered.

Barley—No. 1 soft per bushel: feed grades, 34 to 36c.

Oats—No. 1 soft per bushel: 24 to 26c.

Hay—No. 1 soft per ton: 40c per bushel.

Flax—\$1.25 per bushel at country points.

Butter—14c per pound for best grades; creamery, 12c to 14c.

Cheese—11c per pound to the retail trade.

Eggs—24 to 27c net for candied.

Potatoes—Farmers' loads, 30c per bushel.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 70c/lb for city dressed, country, 65c; pork, 60c; veal, 60c; mutton, 50c; lamb, 45c.

Poultry—Dressed chickens, 60c per pound; ducks, 1c per pound; turkeys, 11c per pound.

Hides—No. 1 hides, 65c; frozen stock, 60c.

Wool—Nominal.

Sheep—No. 1, 40c to 50c on car.

Livestock—Cattle, 25c to 30c; stockers, 15c to 20c; hogs, 10c to 15c; sheep, 4c to 6c; packers, price.

A New Loan Company.

The Great West Permanent Loan & Savings Company, with an authorized capital of \$1,000,000, and a prospectus of which is set forth in another column, has been incorporated, with headquarters at Winnipeg. The directors of the company, all of whom are well known in Winnipeg, warrant the conclusion that the affairs of the company will be managed in a thoroughly businesslike manner. The immense strides being made in the development of Western Canada and the excellent opportunities for investment indicate that the stock of the company should be an excellent investment. The directors appreciate the many advantages presented by the company, and are confident of the success of the venture will be assured, and that within two weeks over \$60,000 worth of stock has been subscribed. The directors are confident that in a few months the company will command a premium.

First Board.

The board of directors is composed of the following well known Winnipeggers: W. T. Alexander, E. S. Popburn, M. J. Johnson, president, of Winnipeg; E. D. Martin, James Stuart, president of the Stuart-Arthur Mutual Machinery Company; J. T. Taylor, barrister, and F. H. Alexander, the officers of the company are: W. T. Alexander, president and managing director; secretary, F. H. Alexander; treasurer, H. E. Gunn; secretary, A. J. Jacobs. The disclosed board consists of D. E. Sprague, F. H. Gunn, J. T. Taylor, J. D. Dingwall, James R. Wynne, J. H. Speirs, A. F. Hanfield, A. C. Archibald, R. Sandison, J. R. Rawlinson, W. Horn, Samuel McIntosh, W. H. Hutchison and Stewart Mulvey.

Aims and Objects.

The objects of the company are set forth in its prospectus, are to furnish a safe and profitable investment; to accumulate a fund to loan to members at a reasonable cost, and to operate as a medium between borrower and lender, for their mutual convenience and profit; to encourage thrift and assist members in

building, purchasing and improving homes and clearing off existing encumbrances. The liberal terms offered by the company to investors should appeal strongly to the public. The fact that the company is purely western in its character, backed by leading business men of Western Canada, and seeking only western support, should recommend it to the residents in Winnipeg and the province.

Agricultural Possibilities of the North.

The announcement that a railway is to be built through the Peace River country by the Grand Trunk has awakened interest in the agricultural possibilities of that region. The Canadian geological survey officers have been exploring and mapping the whole northern portion of Canada for years and are now fairly well informed as to its possibilities. Two members of the staff, who have between them covered the stretch from James Bay to Peace River pass, are Prof. John Macoun and James Macoun. The former says of the Peace River region: "It is a country capable of immense development. There is in it the very best soil of alluvial clay to a depth of 150 feet and there is being grown there to-day all the different grains. It will grow wheat without danger of frost as well as land further south. Some people imagine the further north you go the colder the country the more the snow-fall, but I can tell you from experience throughout a large part of the northern country the snow-fall is lighter than in Ottawa. Mr. Ogilvie brought down a few years ago, wheat grown at Peace River, north of the line that separates us from the States. I, myself, saw at Isle a la Croix potatoes grown in 1901 in the 22nd of September. In 1875 I brought down with me from Athabasca wheat that took a prize of 150 feet in the exhibition in Philadelphia. There is no question that wheat can be grown all the way to the northern limit of James Bay. I am just now preparing a report on the summer's work in the Yukon and the supply from the flora I saw there. Wheat can be grown even in that region. For that I brought down some this fall." James M. Macoun corroborated his father's statement. He mentioned several farms in the northern district where he had seen wheat in cultivation. Among them were Brunswick and Manopopon, situated near Lake Superior and James Bay. Norway House, north of Lake Winnipeg, 500 miles from the international boundary of Montreal lake, in like latitude with Isle a la Croix, further north still, but there were many other settlements in which he saw crops of wheat that would not exist in a climate too cold for wheat. Mr. Macoun, however, thinks far more money could be made by turning these fields to grazing.

Movements of Business Men.

H. A. Mullins left this week for Boston to arrange for the disposal of the western cattle shipped to that port and detained, owing to the quarantine regulations imposed by the British government.

The press rate for dispatches over the new Pacific cable is 22 cents per word from any point in the world except in Australia or New Zealand.

A party of Canadian Pacific Railway surveyors under A. W. Jones, C. E. were at Strathcona, Alberta, last week, and started to work east from that point.

The past season has been the most successful ever experienced in Canada in the export of butter and cheese. Cheese exports during the season just closed showed an increase of 20,432 boxes over those for 1901, and an increase of 23,232 boxes over 1900. The butter shipments showed an increase of 124,055 packages over 1901, an increase of 375,385 packages over 1900.

A Liverpool cable of Dec. 1 says:— "Large cotton cable at Liverpool are keeping prices below the recent quotations in spite of the quarantine against New England cotton. The highest prices obtained at Liverpool for first class best quality were from 6d to 5 1/2d per pound, against two months ago. Second class best were also never so high. Immense further supplies now at sea make better prices improbable for the present.

FINANCIAL

Winnipeg Bank Clearings.

Returns for the Winnipeg clearing house for the week ending Thursday, show as follows:

Week ending Dec. 4, 1902 \$,540,216
 corresponding week, 1901 5,000,208
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 Clearings at Winnipeg totalled \$1,313,967, an gainst \$2,352,691 in 1901 and \$1,815,985 in 1900.

Financial Notes.

The Bank of Hamilton has opened an agency at Gladstone, Man.

R. L. Spencer, manager for Douglas, Lacey & Co., New York, was in Winnipeg this week visiting the company's branch here.

A. H. Skey, accountant of the Bank of Montreal at Vancouver, has been promoted to be manager at Kamloops, B. C.

F. H. Marsh, formerly accountant at Vancouver, has been promoted to be manager of the Imperial Bank at Vancouver, B. C.

The Canada Landed & National Investment Company has declared a half-yearly dividend of 3 per cent, payable Jan. 2, 1903.

The Canada Permanent and Western Mortgage Corporation has declared a half-yearly dividend of 3 per cent, payable on Jan. 2 next.

Dominion Government Savings bank transactions for 1902, transmitted to the month ending Nov. 30, 1902, show: Deposits, \$40,205; withdrawals, \$35,471.03; month ending Nov. 30, 1902, \$45,703.97.

Receipts at the Winnipeg, custom house for last month were \$28,484.83, as compared with \$27,579.94 in November, 1901. The increase for this year, therefore, is \$907.89, or slightly over 28 per cent.

On Monday the secretary of the Finance Committee transmitted to congress the estimates for the appropriation required for the government services during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904, as furnished by the heads of the several executive departments. The total appropriation for that year is \$580,180,112, which is \$21,638,576 less than the estimates for 1903 and \$83,000,000 less than the appropriations for that year.

The collections made by the inland revenue department for November, 1902, are: \$42,812.45; malt, \$2,626.82; tobacco (manufactured), \$15,522; tobacco (raw leaf), \$1,277.09; cigars, \$4,000.00; whisky, \$138.57; methylated spirits, \$197.56; licenses, \$75; other receipts, \$10; total for November, 1902, \$66,771.56; for November, 1901, \$65,778. These figures show an increase of \$993.50 for this year and those of last.

The directors of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company have issued to shareholders a circular announcing that a dividend of 10 per cent. There will be issued \$1,000,000 of stock at the additional 100,000 shares for Nov. 20. The allotment will be in proportion of one share of new stock to 2 of old. The dividend will be of par value of \$25, and will be issued at \$25.50, from which will be realized \$250,000. The dividend will be in cash and improvements. This issue will be 40,000 shares, and will exhaust the additional 100,000 shares for which supplementary letters patent were secured some time ago, and will bring the capital stock issued up to \$2,500,000. Shareholders have up to Dec. 10 to subscribe, and payments will be in ten monthly payments of \$25, beginning Jan. 12, 1903.

There is plenty of snow in the woods now to make good sleighing, but the weather has not been cold enough to freeze the swamps and lakes solid enough for the winter. Win. & J. roads are, therefore, not very safe yet, and operations in the woods are delayed. The colder weather now prevailing may improve the situation.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION

Winnipeg, Dec. 6. In a general way business is going throughout the west...

WINNIPEG MARKETS

(All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale prices in large quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers...

CURED MEATS.

There is a good demand for all the cured stuff that factories can produce at steady prices...

DRY GOODS.

A good trade is doing in staple and holiday lines and jobbers are kept busy with these shipments...

FISH.

There is a good demand for fish of all kinds and the market is holding steady...

FUEL.

Fuel of all kinds is scarce and dear. Pennsylvania anthracite is only offered in small quantities...

GRAIN PRICES.

Trade is quiet for the time being. Next week will see the Christmas rush

commence. Plenty of oranges and other fruits are coming forward to meet the demand...

GROCERIES.

A good trade is moving in this line and the only article in short supply is the shortage of cars...

HARDWARE.

Demand is active for staple and holiday goods and goods are going forward as freely...

RAW FURS.

Very few furs are offering yet. The supply is expected to improve...

SCRAP.

Dealers are shipping the last of the season's accumulations of stock. Prices hold firm...

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—General Situation.—Wheat has advanced very little this week. Fluctuations are narrow...

Rates for such insurance will, of course, be higher. It is not likely there will be much doing...

Butter—The market is fairly well supplied with baled hay and prices are low...

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is the price for feed white. At country points farmers are getting 20c...

RAILWAYS—Brewers have reduced receipts and are making grain 2 to 3c...

VEGETABLES—Receipts are very light. The price for making grades 2 to 3c...

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British Columbia

OFFICE OF THE COMMERCIAL

B. C. Business Review.

Vancouver, Dec. 1. The most sensational feature of the week is the telegraphic strike. The strike was caused by the linenmen of Vancouver and Victoria making demands for wages equal to the wages now received by the Seattle linenmen—some of whom have recently come out of a strike. The operators also struck to have their wages raised from \$20 to \$25. The strike came at a very bad time owing to the Christmas trade. The board of trade decided to take the matter up with the telephone companies and arranged with the consent of the telephone companies to take over the usual salaries, grant them half holidays on Saturdays, as demanded, and a continuation of pay during sickness. The telephone company declined to recognize the union and all the arrangements were made between the companies and business men and the telephone company. After the business men let go, the strike, if not settled in the meantime, will again be declared on.

There is a good deal of mining news circulating in the north. The copper and the boom days are over and the news will be usually relied on heard from the coast. Fish and logging worked principally by Seattle men, but Vancouver splendid results; and the Youngs Bay, on the coast, is being operated by a Seattle and New York syndicate, is showing up splendidly. The lumber business is very active and all the mills are well supplied with orders, rough fir and cedar have advanced very rapidly and Douglas have advanced 10 cents per thousand since the first of April. In the general market there are few changes. Fresh laid eggs are selling at 15c. The market for hens is selling a forced egg at 55c and 60c. But the hens that are not forced by prepared food will be 40c and 45c. The local refinery has advanced sugar and there are evidences that it will go higher.

Prices at Vancouver.

Special to The Commercial.

Vancouver, Dec. 6.
The flour and grain markets are steady. American competition has reduced the price of cured meats. Sugars are 15c higher.
FEED—National Mills chop, \$27 per ton; alfalfa, \$25; oil cake meal, \$20; long chop, \$15. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.
WHEAT—Local wheat, \$30 per ton.
OATS—\$23 per ton.
FLOUR—Manitoba patent, per barrel, \$4.75; strong bakers, \$4.65; Enderby patents, \$4.70.
HAY—Fraser River, Valley, now \$12; timothy, \$10; alfalfa, \$6.75.
MEAL—Rolled oats, 80% sack, \$3.00; two 40% sacks, \$3.10; four 25% sacks, \$3.20; oatmeal in 100 lb. sacks, per 100 lb., \$2.50; in 50 lb. sacks, \$2.50 per 100 lb.
LIVESTOCK—Steers, \$5.00 per 100 lb.; sheep, \$4.75 per 100 lb.; hogs, \$3.25 per 100 lb.
POULTRY—Nona.
CURED MEATS—Beef, 5c; mutton, 10c; long chop, 15c; pork, 16c.
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LARD—Tins, 15c; pigs, 15c; tubs, 15c.
BUTTER—Local creamery, \$2.00; Manitoba creamery, \$2.00; Manitoba dairy, 15c.
EGGS—Fresh local, Ontario, \$4.00; CHEESE—Ontario cheddar, 15c.
VEGETABLES—Potatoes, local, \$9.00; Ashcroft, \$14.00 per ton.
FISH—Haddock, 15c; salmon, 15c; sea bass, 4c; whiting, 3c; sole, 5c; halibut, per dozen, \$1.00; cod, 6c per lb.; crabs, 40c per dozen; smoked salmon, 10c; smoked halibut, 10c per lb.
FRUIT—Lemons, \$2.00 per 100; oranges, \$2.00 per 100; pears, \$2.00 per 100; apples, \$2.00 per 100; Japanese oranges, \$2.00 per 100.
NUTS—Walnuts, 15c; almonds, 15c; pistachios, 15c; Paris nuts, 15c; Brazil nuts, 15c; macadamia, 15c; chestnuts, 15c; hazelnuts, 15c; pineapples, 15c; figs, 15c; raisins, 15c; currants, 15c; prunes, 15c; dates, 15c; figs, 15c; raisins, 15c; currants, 15c; prunes, 15c; dates, 15c.
HARDWARE—Bar iron, base, \$5.00; horse shoe nails, discount 10 and 19 per

cent; horse shoes, kegs, 45; nails, base price, \$1.50; wire, \$3.00; rope, \$3.00; Manila rope, \$7.00; putty, \$3.00; barbed wire, \$1.50; 100 lb; glass, first break, \$5 per 100 feet.

British Columbia Notes.

W. E. Morrison will open shortly with an important grocery line at Lady-smith.

F. W. Padmore has taken over the Phair hotel at Nelson from E. E. Phair.

The inland revenue collections at Nelson for the month ending November 30th amount to \$2435.73, made up as follows: Spirits, \$1095.97; malt, \$148.64; pig leaf tobacco, \$72.12; cigars, \$216.

Flax Binder Twine Possibility.

(Cordage Trade Journal.)

The manufacture of binder twine from flax straw is likely to become an important industry in the near future. The Deering Harvester Company and the McCormick Harvesting Machine Company's interests have been carrying on exhaustive experiments in this field for several years, and these experiments have succeeded to such an extent that a number of carloads of binder twine made from the straw of flax have been distributed and used in the Northwest in the past harvest. Reports from the field where this twine was used indicate that it was in every way successful, working as well as the twine made from hard flax. It springs more by test than strong twine, stronger by test than Manila. It is difficult to ascertain the exact nature of the matter, but it is understood that a large contract from England, in addition to the machinery that is being made here by the harvester company, has been ordered for the manufacture of binder twine, and it is also reported that a large quantity of the raw material is on hand for manufacture into twine for the coming year.

The harvester people will give no information regarding their processes; but it is understood that the machinery have developed three, or possibly four, distinct processes of preparing the fibre for binder twine. One is a well known practical and on a commercial or economical basis. In one method the straw is cut by a quick revolving galch in at one end of the machine, silver ready for spinning.

Hard flax men here in Chicago are inclined to be skeptical regarding flax, basing their opinion on the numerous failures of the past; but there is one feature of the case that deserves serious consideration. These men never have a limit on the game when they go into experimental work. They spent more than a million dollars on experiments with corn harvesters, before they got practical machines going. They have also considered it well spent money enormous outlay for experimental work appeared in the regular feature of the business, and when they fail to get results, they don't seem to be satisfied with the business consolation that they had the money to lose—they go on and spend more. They know that to supply raw material for the flax straw is practically unlimited, and they know that it is the cheapest raw material in the world. The only thing needed in the machinery to convert it into binder twine, and when they get such machinery and their patent experts will see to their work so that these companies will have a monopoly of the business. The twine experts told us that they had requirements for binding grain. One of their men in an unguarded moment they already had it on such a commercial hard fibre at that cost, and still make a large profit.

The census reports show that we raised in the United States in 1899 2,130,517 acres of seed flax, of which about eighty per cent was grown in North Dakota, Minnesota and South Dakota, these States leading in the order named. Next come Kansas, Iowa, and Missouri, which raise the other twenty per cent. Most of the straw from this enormous crop is burned up—enough to make 300,000 to 500,000 tons of fibre suitable for binder twine. The reports of the de-

partment of agriculture show that in a few cases there is a local demand nowhere exceeding four dollars per ton, and most of it being sold at \$2.50. At this rate, the raw material laid down in Chicago, would not cost one cent per pound of twine. If the process used are automatic, which is common in the case of flax, this could be made into twine at a very low cost, so that it might entirely replace hard flax in binder twine. There is nothing what other uses might be found for the fibre. If the processes now used will make coarse fibre suitable for binder twine at so low a cost, a refining process might be added that would complete the work of retting or separation so as to produce a fine soft fibre that, for many purposes, would be superior to cotton as well as cheaper.

Our old-time flax industry has vanished in the United States, because the hand labor required to work flax into fibre could not compete with the cotton gin, or with the cheap lat of Europe, in flax, or of India in jute. If we can produce flax fibre with machinery, we can beat the world on cheap fibre of its class. Our success in bringing industries across to the Atlantic has been due to every case the invention of labor-saving machinery. Our enormous crop of flax straw has been waiting for machines to handle it.

One of the writer's skeptical friends, a hard flax man, says flax twine will never amount to anything because it is impracticable to thresh the flax by taking a little bunch in the hand, holding it in the threshing machine until pulling it out which is whipped off, and the seed has been done all this work unbroken. This does not seem to worry the harvester people. They thresh the flax on the English plan. Spiked cylinders are universally used in American threshing machines; but English machines, which are used all over Europe, have no spikes or teeth. They have a cylinder or drum with a corrugated surface, and this drum is long enough so that the wheat is fed straight. The straw comes out in slugs and unbroken at the tail of the machines. The harvester people

use machines with drums to thresh their flax. This is a simple illustration of what may be done in overcoming mechanical difficulties. No one like this may be concerned about the veil of mystery with which they have shrouded their operations.

Irrigation in the West.

F. S. Dennis, who has been studying the problem of irrigating Canadian Pacific Railway lands in the west, has prepared a plan for irrigating a large tract east of Calgary, in which there are about 2,500,000 acres of good land. Mr. W. Whyte will have the general direction of the irrigation work.

Navigation Closing at Fort William.

There was no boats at Fort William yesterday afternoon. Several cleared early in the day yesterday. The regular liner Huronic is expected from Sarnia on Saturday morning.

Clay Factory Proposed.

John Clayton, of Minneapolis, inventor of the Clayton plow, is in Winnipeg in the interest of establishing a factory here. He says that a company, well known as the John Clayton Plow Works, Ltd., will be established here.

Railway Employees Get an Advance.

Montreal, Dec. 5.—Two thousand employees of the Canadian Pacific Railway company, comprising conductors, trainmen and yardmen east of Fort William, were granted increased wages 30-day. The advance reached well up to fifteen per cent. The increases were granted by the company after negotiations covering a period of six weeks, with a joint committee of the Order of Railway Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

About 15,000 cords of wood is waiting shipment from Edrans, Man., but the railway does not send cars, and the wood cut at Edrans the coming winter will amount to between 50,000 and 75,000 cords.

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THE COMMERCIAL MEN.

Annual Meeting N. W. C. T. A.

A general meeting of the association was held in the grain exchange building, Winnipeg, on Nov. 29. The nomination of officers took place, with the following result: President, R. M. McGowan (acc.); vice-president, F. Agnew (acc.); treasurer, L. C. McIntyre, (acc.).

Directors—H. S. Rolston, W. Antler, H. W. Hutchinson, G. F. Bryan, P. C. Fahy, F. W. Drewry, Thos. Black, Jas. McRobie, Andrew Strang, E. J. Campbell, C. C. Macdonald, J. A. McTaggart, E. H. Tnaafe, J. M. Lamb, T. P. McIntyre, E. H. Smith, F. M. Morgan, the retiring president, becomes a director. Directors for British Columbia: Vice-president for Vancouver; Jas. Beveridge, for Victoria, H. H. Welsh; directors for Vancouver, E. C. Taylor and J. P. Malkin; for Victoria, G. H. Hensworth; for Kootenay, F. B. Gibbs; for New Westminster, J. A. Cunningham; auditors, J. Balfour and A. L. Johnston; scrutineers, E. W. Love, F. M. Morgan and W. C. McLean.

The following committee was appointed to arrange for a ball: E. W. Love, N. Musgrave, H. S. Rolston, J. Balfour, W. C. McLean, R. M. McGowan, Ed. Thomas, J. M. Lamb, C. C. Macdonald, John Haffner, Samuel Smith, W. L. Lawlor, F. W. Drewry, J. Healey and F. M. Morgan.

The date of the annual meeting of the association is fixed for December 26, when the elections will take place. The annual entertainment of the Travellers will take the form of a ball this year, and will be held on the 26th of December.

The inadequacy of hotel accommodation throughout the country, and the non-enforcement of the liquor license act was a topic debated at length and with considerable warmth at this meeting. The statement was made and corroborated many times that the hotels were being allowed to run merely for the purpose of selling liquor, and that in some cases scarcely a pretense was made of affording accommodation for

the public. A number of the most flagrant cases were cited, and many others were referred to as "disgraceful." The discussion resulted in a resolution being unanimously passed authorizing the secretary to "take up with the government of Manitoba the disgraceful condition of the hotels at 'Oatwigt, Harney and Holland.'" A further resolution was passed instruct-

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Western Cattle Held Up.

An Ottawa telegram of Tuesday last states that Mr. Mullins of Manitoba was here to-day seeing the department of agriculture in regard to a herd of 100 head of cattle which he has in Coteau. The cattle, which were intended for the British market, were caught in the quarantine of the New-England states. He says that the cattle cannot be removed from there, and he wanted to see if the department could not do something for him. It was pointed out to Mr. Mullins that the department was powerless in the matter. Mr. Mullins says that the cost of the cattle is \$35,000, and there will be a loss of some \$12,000 on them. The only thing that he can do will be to have the animals slaughtered and the meat sent on to England. He will have to dispose of the hides in Montreal. Mr. Mullins left for Boston on his way to Boston.

THE WEATHER.

The weather has been moderately cold this week. Very fair wintry conditions for the first week in December have prevailed. There has been somewhat further light snows, and sleighing is good. Winter roads in the woods will no doubt soon be in good shape. Some of the swamps are not frozen quite hard enough yet for teaming, but doubtless soon will be. The winter has started in more favorable than for the past three years for work in the woods, and a great amount of work will be done in getting out saw logs, railway ties, cordwood, etc.

The Dominion department of agriculture is now preparing a large exhibit of the natural products of this country to be shown at the St. Louis World's Fair, opening May 1, 1904.

Lake Superior commerce passing through the "Soo" canals this year will reach the stupendous figures of 35,000,000 tons. This is assured by the report of last month's traffic, which amounts to 4,123,638 tons, the greatest November in canal history, bringing the total for the year to 20,300 to 35,061,257 tons.



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ing the new board to confer with the governments of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories the question of general conditions governing hotels and boarding houses, and to formulate amendments to be asked for in the license laws.

Commercial Notes.

The new officers for the Pacific coast section of the Northwest Commercial Travellers Association are as follows:

urday evening last and nominated officers as follows: President, M. C. Ellis and H. Bedington; first vice-president, Thomas McQuinlan and S. M. Sterling; second vice-president, A. P. Hatch and H. Goodman; treasurer, J. C. Black, elected by acclamation. Winnipeg vice-president, G. F. Galt; directors, H. Miller and W. M. Jackson. Scrutineer of the ballot, J. H. Devaney, George A. Henderson and William Ryan. The ballot will close on Dec. 25th at noon.

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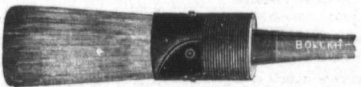
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STATISTICAL WHEAT REPORT.

WHEAT IN CANADA.

Stocks of wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows:

Montreal	192,600
Toronto	17,000
Port Harbor	4,000
Coteau	2,500
Kingston	25,000
Port William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	2,242,000
Winnipeg	120,000
Manitoba elevators	10,500,000

Total Nov. 22.....13,177,000
Total previous week.....13,219,000
Increase year ago.....1,917,000

BRADSTREET'S REPORT OF STOCKS

Total stocks in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains, as reported by Bradstreet's Nov. 22, were 71,988,000 bushels, as against 69,639,000 bushels the previous week.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 80,010,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report. Stocks of wheat at Pacific coast ports on Nov. 1 were 4,780,000 bushels.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The Canada visible supply statement of stocks in the United States and Canada, east of the Rocky Mountains, for the week ending Nov. 30, was 4,992,000 bushels, being an increase of 2,531,000 for the week. A year ago the visible supply was 4,600 bushels, two years ago 65,178,000 bushels, three years ago 55,078,000 bushels, four years ago 51,115,000 bushels, five years ago 34,840,000 bushels.

STOCKS OF OATS AND CORN.

The visible supply of oats in the United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains is 7,653,000 bushels, compared with 6,600,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply of corn is 2,657,000 bushels, compared with 1,464,000 bushels a year ago, according to the Chicago statement.

WORLD'S WHEAT STOCKS.

Stocks of wheat in America and Europe at about for Export Nov. 1 in each year for a series of years, were as follows—Bradstreet's report:

1902	Bushels.	27,000,000
1903	27,000,000	
1904	29,000,000	
1905	126,000,000	
1906	122,000,000	
1907	180,000,000	
1908	111,000,000	
1909	182,000,000	

WHEAT MOVEMENT.

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States spring wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, Aug. 1, 1902, to date, compared with the same period of last year.

This Crop>Last Crop.		
Minneapolis	40,223,468	42,890,275
Millwaukee	4,212,245	5,223,280
Duluth	25,129,442	26,211,627
Chicago	25,048,643	26,328,510
Total	94,622,398	101,013,370

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal United States winter wheat markets, from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1902, to date, compared with the same period of last year.

This Crop>Last Crop.		
Toledo	9,762,402	5,091,899
St. Louis	24,285,260	12,591,148
Detroit	2,488,855	1,996,272
Kansas	17,742,891	14,698,664
Total	54,281,317	34,788,783

GRAIN STOCKS AT LAKE PORTS.

Port William.

Stocks of grain in C. P. R. elevators at Port William on Nov. 29, were as follows:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, 524,647 bushels; No. 1 northern, 434,982 bushels; No. 2 northern, 100,187 bushels; No. 3 northern, 272,617 bushels; other grades, 47,447 bushels, making a total of wheat of 1,478,290 bushels. Oats—No. 2 white, 134,730 bushels; Barley—7,254 bushels. Receipts of wheat at Port William during the week amounted to 1,471,720 bushels, and shipments to 1,485,000 bushels.

Port Arthur.

Stocks in store at King's elevator, Port Arthur, on Nov. 29, were:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, 11,368 bushels; No. 1 northern, 9,569 bushels; No. 2 northern, 281 bushels; other grades, 16,082 bushels; total 117,467 bushels. Oats—3,417 bushels. Barley—None. Flax—4,044 bushels.

Receipts at this elevator for the week totalled 90,618 bushels and shipments 101,919 bushels. Stocks of grain in store at the Canadian Northern elevator at Port Arthur on Nov. 29, were as follows:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, 235,738 bushels; No. 1 northern, 143,169 bushels; No. 2 northern, 85,940 bushels; No. 3 northern, 8,850 bushels; No. 3,137 bushels; feed, 6,730; rejected, 0,100 bushels; making a total of 493,591 bushels. Oats—1,005 bushels. Barley—11,350 bushels. Flax—6,095 bushels.

Receipts of wheat for the week were 444,070 bushels; shipped during the week, 200,000 bushels. From these figures it will be seen that the three elevator plants received during the week, 1,046,417 bushels of wheat, and shipped 1,888,813 bushels. During the previous week receipts amounted to 1,922,502 bushels, and shipments to 1,881,784 bushels.

Grain and Milling.

It is expected that two weeks more will see the completion of the tanks of the P. & C. N. R. terminal elevator at Port Arthur, and the contractors hope to have the structure completed by January 1. Last Saturday forty-eight of the tanks had reached a height of 76 feet, and the balance were up 69 feet. The completion of this elevator will increase the storage capacity of the company to 3,000,000 bushels.

The business men and ratepayers of Deltona, Ont., have been considering a flour mill proposition. At present that town has no mill. The Hartney Flour Mill company has offered to build one if sufficient water can be guaranteed, and \$20,000 is taken by guarantee price. The mill would have a capacity of 200 barrels. The company guarantees an interest of ten per cent on this investment. Tests are to be made for water, which is the only real obstacle to the erection of a mill.

Official statistics regarding the New South Wales wheat crop show a serious state of affairs. The area sown was 1,922,000 acres, of which 813,000 are an absolute failure. To save the starving stock, 274,000 acres were cut for hay, leaving only 476,000 acres for harvest, compared with 1,400,000 acres harvested last year. The estimated wheat shortage is at least 11,000,000 bushels. Other states, particularly Queensland, are likely to have a similar experience. The position is aggravated by the heavy federal duties on wheat.

MINING NOTES.

British Columbia.

A certificate of incorporation has been issued to the Bonanza Gold Mines of Rossland, Limited; capital \$1,000,000.

A deal has been completed whereby a new company has acquired seven claims adjoining the Morgan group, Nelson. The name of the company is to be the Cherry Creek Gold Mining Company.

The output of the mines in the Boundary district for the week ended Saturday last amounted to 12,290 tons. Shipments in details were as follows: Granby mines, 4,320 tons; Snowshoe, 1,410; Mother Lode, 4,320; Sunset, 500; R. R. 593 tons.

The Cariboo-Camp McKinley Mining Company has declared a dividend of 2 1/2 per cent, share payables on December 15th. Up to the present time the company has paid in dividends \$486,000. The dividend now announced of \$33,250, the total will amount to \$528,987. The capital of the company is \$1,250,000. The shares are now \$100 at par and were last quoted as selling around 28c.

The United States board of general appraisers has handed down a ruling placing zinc ore, calamine and zinc blend on the free list. The ruling is given under section 182 of the Dingley tariff. This decision leaves the zinc market of the United States open to Slocan producers, and Kansas, Missouri and Texas smelter men are free to enter the British Columbia field to purchase Canadian ore. Already the Lanyon Zinc Company's agent has contracts for 100,000 tons of zinc. A freight rate for zinc ore of \$11 a ton has been granted by the C. P. R. and Great Northern from Sandton to Kansas. This rate leaves a good margin of profit to the mine-owners.

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Manitoba Wheat Stocks.

There were 2,080,240 bushels of wheat in store at Port William and Port Arthur on Nov. 29. Receipts for the week were 1,940,417 bushels, and shipments 1,888,813 bushels. A year ago stocks in store at Port William were 1,085,020 bushels. Stocks in store at Port William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior points are estimated approximately at 12,862,000 bushels, compared with 11,465,000 a year ago; 3,875,000 bushels two years ago; 7,000,000 bushels three years ago, and 6,650,000 bushels four years ago.



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Grain Movement.

The number of cars of grain inspected for the month of November is as follows:

Hard.....	8621
1 Northern.....	266
2 Northern.....	1133
3 Northern.....	801
Feed.....	67
Rejected 1.....	27
Rejected 2.....	6
No grade.....	183
Condemned.....	4
Detected.....	3
Oats.....	1
No. 3 extra.....	115
No. 3 white.....	60
No. 2 white.....	7
2 Mixed.....	6
Feed.....	2
Harley.....	2
No. 2.....	21
2 Extra.....	4
Feed.....	5
Flax seed.....	126
1.....	15
2.....	15
Rejected.....	1
Spells.....	1

Total..... 9,219
For the month of September there were 4,330 cars, and for October 6,536 cars, or a total for the first three months of the crop year to the end of November, of 23,183 cars. Of this total 22,307 cars were wheat, the balance being divided amongst oats, barley and flaxseed. This quantity of wheat would be equal to about 19,700,000 bushels.

As the inspection figures represent practically the entire shipments of wheat (exclusive of flour from interior mills) it will be interesting to compare the movement with former years. In September of 1901 there were 4,793 cars of wheat, in October 7,523 cars and in November 9,734 cars, or a total for the first three months of the last crop year of 22,153 cars, or about 18,500,000 bushels of wheat. From these figures it will be seen that the wheat movement to the end of November is about 1,200,000 bushels greater this year than for the corresponding period of the like period of 1900 there were 5,980 cars, and for the three months of 1899 there were 15,708 cars of wheat.

Calgary Wants C. N. R.

Calgary, N.W.T., Dec. 2.—Calgary board of trade took advantage of the presence of Mr. D. D. Mann and Mr. D. B. Hanna, in the city to-day, to talk transportation, and to interview the claims men of the

considered coming to Calgary, because it was so much of a C. P. R. town. His recent visit had been a revelation and it would only be a matter of time until they considered the Calgary route. It was, however, their duty to first build the main line.

car also had another car at Deloraine. He was prosecuted under the act for both cars, and fined \$10 and costs. At Portage la Prairie one dealer had brought up from the east a carload of his own growing, and, therefore, considered that he would not be held in



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Canadian Northern should touch Calgary. In reply Mr. Mann stated that the depot and said that it was largely due to the sympathy which they had received, because it was a Canadian road that they had decided to press on independent of the C. P. R. or the G. T. R., and in this way would press on to the end. He believed there was enough business in the west for three roads. He had not

Fruit Prosecutions.

Mr. J. J. Philip, Dominion fruit inspector, has been rounding up some of the country traders who persist in infringing the Dominion Fruit Marks Act. At Souris Mr. Philip found an impudent dealer handling a car of apples he had bought from a grower, who had brought them up from Ontario. The grower who had sold the

apple by the provisions of the act. Owing to the misunderstanding he was fined only \$10 and costs.

The Intercolonial Railway, operated by the Dominion Government, has given a surplus for the year ending June 30 last, of \$106,822, after wiping out a deficit of \$488,000 for the previous year. This is equal to a surplus for the last year of \$58,000.

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The canals of the state of New York close at midnight Dec. 4. Building permits issued at Toronto during the past eleven months total \$2,647,168, as against \$2,734,953 for the same period last year, an increase of over 50 per cent.

Wm. McKay, one of the pioneers of the lumber trade in the Ottawa valley, died on Dec. 1. He was a millionaire. Threshing has been over for some time at Balmoral, Man., and most of the grain has been marketed.

A Pittsburg telegram says: The merger of the Sharon Steel Company and the Union Steel Company became operative on Dec. 1. The new combination will start with a capital of \$40,000,000. It will be known as the Union Steel Company.

The new parcel arrangement between Canada and Britain whereby the duty can be prepaid, went into effect this week. This will be in time for the Christmas and New Year's trade. The new system will be a great convenience and prevent delays.

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Tenders.

Tenders will be received for the delivery of cordwood by the C. P. R. railway committee, Winnipeg, up to the 31st December.

Tenders are wanted for cutting and selling 2,000 to 3,000 cords of poplar wood, forty miles north of Winnipeg. Tenders received up to the 10th inst. by A. Merkitt, Bank of Hamilton Chambers, Winnipeg, Man.

Sealed tenders will be received at the office of the department of public works, parliament buildings, Winnipeg, up till noon of Monday, 15th day of December, for the delivery of the following fuel: Asylum for the Insane, Selkirk, 1,200 cords of green cut, split poplar.

Sealed tenders addressed to the minister of public works, Winnipeg, will be received up till noon of Monday, 15th day of December, for the delivery of the following fuel: Home for Invalids, Portage la Prairie, 200 cords of white poplar, tamarac or jack pine, and 200 cords (green) white poplar, tamarac, jack pine or birch.

Tenders will be received at the office of the department of public works, Winnipeg, up till noon of Monday, 15th day of December, for the delivery of the following fuel: Asylum for the Insane, Brandon, 100 cords poplar (green split); Asylum for the Insane, Brandon, cord dry poplar (green split); court house and jail, Brandon, 50 cords of dry poplar (green cut).

Tenders will be received at the office of the department of public works up to noon of Monday, 15th day of December, for the supply of and delivery at the institution for the Deaf and Dumb, commencing on the 1st day of January next, for the articles in the classes following, that is to say: 1, groceries; 2, flour, oatmeal, bran, oats, etc.; 3, meats of various kinds; 4, butter and eggs; 5, hay; 6, wood; 7, wood.

Tenders will be received at the office of the department of public works up to noon of Monday, 15th day of December, for the supply of and delivery at the institution for the Deaf and Dumb, for and during the year 1963, commencing on the 1st day of January next, for the articles in the classes following, that is to say: 1, groceries; 2, flour, oatmeal, comminals, bran, oats, etc.; 3, meats of various kinds; 4, butter and eggs; 5, hay; 6, wood; 7, wood.

Sealed tenders will be received at the office of the department of public works, parliament buildings, Winnipeg, up till noon of Monday, 15th day of December, for the delivery of the following fuel: New court house, Winnipeg, 8 cords of tamarac; land titles office, Winnipeg, 6 cords tamarac; parliament buildings, Winnipeg, 225 cords jack pine or 200 cords of tamarac; carpenter shop, Winnipeg, 18 cords tamarac; Deaf and Dumb institute, Winnipeg, 200 cords of tamarac; government house, Winnipeg, 30 cords tamarac; government greenhouse, Winnipeg, 8 cords tamarac.

Tenders addressed to the chairman of the committee on works, Winnipeg, for the construction of the hereinafter mentioned local improvements will be received at the office of the city clerk up to 8.30 p. m. on Tuesday, 19th inst. The local improvements are as follows: Granolithic walks—A, 6-foot granolithic walk on the south side of St. Mary avenue, from Colony street to the east line of Lot 8, Plan 127, D.G.S. B, St. James, a 6-foot granolithic walk on the west side of Nena street

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A voluntary winding-up order was granted against McParlane, Gray & Southgate, wholesale clothiers, Toronto. The liabilities are given as \$100,000 and assets the same.

The annual report of the inland revenue department affecting inspection of foods and drugs, just issued at Ottawa, shows that coffee is badly adulterated. Out of 59 samples tested 34 were genuine, 24 adulterated and one doubtful. Of 59 samples of tea all were genuine. Of 182 samples of milk 118 were genuine, 39 adulterated and 36 doubtful.

Speaking at a meeting of the Edmonton board of trade while in that town, Mr. Wainwright, vice-president of the C. P. R., said that just as soon as their proposed transcontinental line was authorized by legislation, four parties of engineers would be started to work, one from North Bay, one from Winnipeg, one from Edmonton and the other from the coast.

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The Canada Northwest Land Company sold during the month of November 28,100 acres of land for \$171,300. For the corresponding month of last year 11,400 acres of land were sold for \$61,000. The average price paid this year is over 81 per cent, being an advance of about 55 cents per acre over last year.

The town of Emerson, Man., is without a fire engine. The engine was taken out on the ice of the Red river, to pump water for a skating rink, and broke through the ice, going to the bottom of the river. The common use of fire engines for purposes other than for what they are intended should not be encouraged.

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New Tariff Agreement.

An important announcement was made this week to the effect that an agreement for the interchange of traffic had been made between the Canadian Northern Railway and the Great Northern. The two roads connect at Emerson, on the boundary between Manitoba and Minnesota. It is said the Great Northern will send in a number of cars to handle the Manitoba wheat, as one result of this agreement. The Great Northern has heretofore run a passenger train into Winnipeg over the Canadian Pacific Railway from Grétna, and has also had an agreement for interchange of freight traffic with the Canadian Pacific. It is said that the relations between the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Great Northern Railway will remain as they were for the present, notwithstanding the new tariff agreement between the Great Northern Railway and the Canadian Northern Railway.

President on the Tariff.

The trusts were dealt with at some length in President Roosevelt's message to Congress. The president evidently does not believe in the policy of reducing the tariff to get even with the trusts. He advocates an appropriation to enforce the present anti-trust law. He says: "The Congress has not heretofore made any appropriation for the better enforcement of the anti-trust law as it now stands. Very much has been done by the department of justice in securing the enforcement of this law, but much more could be done if Congress would make special appropriations for this purpose to be expended under the direction of the attorney-general."

"One proposition advocated has been the reduction of the tariff as a means of reaching the evils of trusts which fall within the category I have described. Not merely would this be folly ineffective, but the diversion of our efforts in such a direction would mean the abandonment of intelligent attempt to do away with these evils."

"The question of regulation of the trusts stands apart from the question of tariff revision."

"Stability of economic policy must always be the prime economic need of this country. This stability should not be fossilization. The country has acquiesced in the wisdom of the protective-tariff principle. It is exceedingly undesirable that this system should be destroyed, or that there should be violent and radical changes therein. Our past experience shows that great prosperity in this country has always come under a protective tariff, and that the country cannot prosper under a free-trade policy at short intervals. Moreover, if the tariff laws as a whole work well, and if business has prospered under them, and is prospering, it is better to endure for a time slight inconveniences and inequalities in some schedules than to upset business by too quick, and too radical changes."

Refuse to Handle Cattle.

Toronto, Dec. 2.—A drastic order was put into effect by the Canadian Pacific railway to-day. The road absolutely refuses to handle cattle for long province ports if it cannot have the whole haul; and while the embargo is in force, the Canadian Pacific is out of the cattle trade altogether. Freight officials have decided to refuse to accept any cattle or shipment to St. John, and will not now quote a rate from any point in Ontario to St. John. The decision was reached as soon as it was definitely known that cattle could not pass through Maine over the Canadian Pacific Short Line, and it means that the Canadian Pacific is determined not to turn over to the Intercolonial any business that originates on its line. The position taken by the Canadian Pacific is that it is an absurdity not to permit cattle to pass through Maine, cattle going through in a few hours and there being no disease in that part of Maine, as there is no cattle there to contract the disease in any way, that portion of the state through which the Canadian Pacific

runs being purely a lumbering section. One official stated that, in view of the situation, the government would have to come to the assistance of the stockmen. The Grand Trunk is accepting cattle shipments as usual, and co-operating with the Intercolonial.

Horticultural Convention.

The annual convention of the Western Horticultural society will be held on the 30th of this month. This event has in previous years taken place in February, and usually during bonaparte week, but owing to the crowded state of the hotels at that time and the large number of other conventions usually called for that date, the society has decided upon a change.

The programme of the convention will be the most practical that the society has ever presented. Messrs. S. A. Bedford and A. McKay, superintendents of the Brandon and Indian Head experimental farms, will be present and give practical talks upon their horticultural work. A practical and successful fruit-grower from North Dakota will give Manitobans the benefit of his experience, and local members of the society who have discussed fruit-growing a study, will also discuss the question. It is also expected that the Minnesota State Horticultural society will send a delegate to the meeting.

The Cattle Embargo.

An order has been issued at Ottawa prohibiting the importation of cattle, sheep and swine from the six New England states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, on account of the outbreak of disease there. Shipments of cattle, sheep or swine, originating in or passing through any of these six New England states, from Nov. 30, 1902, are not to be allowed here over that portion of the Grand Trunk or the Canadian Pacific Rail-

ways which passes through the state of Maine, as has been the custom in Ontario, Portland, or St. John, N. B. Cattle will have to be sent around by the Intercolonial route to St. John or Halifax, and it is claimed that the latter road cannot handle the cattle trade. The Canadian export cattle trade is seriously interfered with, particularly on account of the prohibition on shipments via the Canadian Pacific Railway short line across the state of Maine to St. John, N. B. New England ports are now closed for the exportation of cattle.

Christmas Canadian Magazine.

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The Canadian Pacific Railway had sales for the last past month amounting to 146,677.23 acres, for which \$25,787.99 were realized. For the corresponding month of last year the sales were 151,922.39 acres, and the amount received \$512,862.94. The acreage sold during the November of this year was 2,235.66 less than during the November of 1901, but owing to the increase in values the amount received was \$85,925.65 greater.

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export duty on pulpwod. The meet-
ing was one of the largest and most
representative of the pulp and paper
industry ever held in the country.
Firms employing in the aggregate
20,000 men, were represented. A com-
mittee of the manufacturers will in-
terview the Federal government for
the purpose of securing the imposi-
tion of an export duty, not onerous
not to lessen seriously with exporters,
and give an opportunity to owners
of timber limits to erect mills.

Mails will leave Athabasca Landing
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on Jan. 3 and March 7. For these
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The United States congress convened on Dec. 1. A large number of bills it is believed, will be introduced with trusts. This is by all odds the most important subject that is likely to come up in this session, and the one which will receive the greatest amount of attention from congress.

Nearly 200,000,000 Australian rabbit skins were sold in London last year, viz. 6,500 holes, averaging 3,000 each, equal to 19,500,000 skins, valued at \$12,000, and in addition, there were from Victoria alone, 2,550,440 frozen rabbits in the fur sent to the United Kingdom, representing about the value of \$100,000. The commonwealth returns of the rabbit export trade for last year amounted to nearly \$20,000,000. Other skins exported to England during 1901 were: Opiumum, 2,921,896, valuing 402,100; native bear, 230,728; Kangaroo, 17,519; and fox, 20,596.

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Table listing different rice varieties like Patna, Rice Japan, etc.

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still on the increase. For the month
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of \$171,276 over the same month last
year, and for the five months of the
fiscal year, compared with the same
time last year, the increase was \$1,
765,959. The revenue for the five
months ending to-day was \$18,058,
547, compared with \$13,295,676 for
1921. The revenue for the month of
November was \$2,747,127, as against
\$2,675,751 for November last year.

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fected district is that the disease is at
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