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25TH DAY OF MARCH, 1907.

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Advertisers must furnish plans of the boilers and engines entered.

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F. GOURDEAU,
Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa, Canada, 15th March, 1907.

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HARD WESTERN RAPS FOR GRANT PYKE OF WOLFE ISLAND.

Correspondents Very Angry With
Him For Crying Down Their
Country—Deny His Statements.

Nelson, P.O. Morden, Man., March 3.—I would deem it a favour if you would allow me through your well-established medium, the British Whig, to give some of its readers an idea of the life of one who lives there. The reason for this is that my request is on account of a letter appearing in your columns on February 13th, written by Grant Pyke, from Calgary, dated February 2nd, and headed, "The West As It Is." I feed justified in attempting to attack the statements made therein, as the letter Mr. Pyke writes includes country from Fort William to Calgary, which includes Manitoba. The above address is situated in Morden, which is about eighty miles south of Winnipeg, and is on the C.P.R., Pembina line. Morden is a prairie town and is surrounded by prairie farms. The lives of the prairie farmers, Mr. Pyke calls anything but pleasant. This crop, he says, is mortgaged before we get it threshed. That may be the case with some but not all. Are there none of that class down east? Yes, we do Grant Pyke a deal of good, to get out on any of the branch lines and see how we live and not imagine the life. Among the settlers around here are many eastern farmers, some from Kingston, Collingwood and Simcoe some, who, like us, they just smile at the absurdity of Grant's statements.

Mr. Pyke informs us that the older settlers usually live in medium-sized frame houses with a few small outbuildings. Now just to give the Whig readers a small idea as to what our houses and buildings are like. The house I am living in for instance, contains seven large rooms, but there are many farm houses that boast of a greater number, there are many built of brick and stone, and nearly all built of the ordinary comfords, such as timber in the houses etc. There are also many built of logs, and it would do Grant a world of good to go inside one, and see the real comfort that exists therein.

Now about the outbuildings, we have twenty-one head of cattle under cover, and tied by neck or horns, then again we stable fourteen horses, while many farms around are housing sixty head of cattle, besides horses. Many of the barns have the water pumped right into them so that the horses can drink and feed at the same time. The barn lost in many cases is fitted with patent slings etc., and capable of holding fifty to seventy loads of hay. Then there are pig and hen houses, and some have large granaries. We are really so badly off out west?

I am sure Grant could not find one family out here on the prairie that does not live comfortably in winter. He says that very few raise fruit and vegetables of any kind. I just wish some of the readers would bring him along, and have a look at our gardens. We grow all the vegetables we would require for any kind of a table, and plenty to spare, and also garden fruit, not to speak of all the wild fruit one can gather off the rolling prairies. Only last summer for instance, the strawberries were so numerous that they were trodden under foot, many sacks full of strawberries are yet waiting patiently to be devoured, not to speak of the June berries, etc. Potatoes will grow where we have potatoes to plant. Don't be afraid to buy seed here for seed. Now, with regard to the frozen potato. Who's fault is that? Do you never have frozen potatoes down east? If a settler takes the necessary precautions against the frost, he can avoid having them frozen. Truly, the stranger is always welcome, but the frozen bread is a bit far-fetched. I have never had frozen bread yet out here, and where frozen bread there is carelessness somewhere that can also be avoided. Grant writes, "I have had a slice of cold bacon and pancake, over which you savor, and shake till the meal is through. How many people are there down east this winter who would be glad to sit down to cold bacon and pancake? Had Grant the pleasure of attacking such a meal personally, or is it some train or hotel story? Of course I do not for one moment say there are not such cases, but how numerous are they? And have they not in a great measure brought on the exaggerated privation themselves through their own carelessness, properly, for a hard winter Grant states: "The new settler is usually a bachelor, forty to fifty miles from railroad." True, but did he personally see such homesteads? And reading Mr. Pyke's letter will come to the conclusion that he has not properly seen this country. I will inform Mr. Pyke that it is quite a general thing for young fellows who intend themselves to go up to them. My parents and family want to homesteading."

In conclusion, easterners come and see the west for yourselves, but remember, you can't see it from a main line car window, and above all don't condemn it from hearsay. —A NEW WESTERNER.

Raps From Saskatchewan.

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Service on the west coast of Africa counts double towards qualifying service for the medal for long service and good conduct.

What are known as "tidal waves" have nothing to do with the tides, but are supposed to be caused by earthquakes.

Money is a very useful thing not to have in your pocket when anybody tries to borrow from you.

Every boy knows a general rule he expects to whip when he grows up.

Lots of men are suspicious of others because they know themselves.

There are a million and a half of gypsies in Europe.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

OF THE

Bank of British North America

Presented to the Proprietors at their Seventy-First
Yearly General Meeting.

of £37,561, we have a sum of £105,116 to deal with. Out of this sum we have transferred to reserve fund £20,000, making it now stand at £400,000. The building up of our reserve, ranks with us, as it has ever done, of the first importance. In this we have always had, and trust we still have, your hearty concurrence.

We have appropriated, as you will have observed, to bank premises account the sum of £20,000, thereby writing it down to £167,708. The actual value of our premises is considerably larger than that. There is, therefore, no depreciation to provide for; but our building programme for the current year will require at the least this sum of £20,000, which precedence dictates should be provided out of profits. Every year we are opening new branches, necessitating the construction of bank buildings, and it is necessary to improve and enlarge some of our existing premises. We cannot but keep step with the wonderful progress of the Dominion, nor can we rest satisfied with some of the buildings which contended us a while ago. At the same time, you can rest assured that our expenditure on premises is no more than is absolutely necessary.

Subject to your concurrence, we have made the usual appropriation to the officers', widows' and orphans' fund, and to officers' pension fund, and on this occasion we ask you to sanction a bonus to the staff of 5 per cent. on their salaries. A dividend for the half-year at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum, as before, absorbs £20,000, and we have now the pleasure of adding a bonus of 1 per cent. making 7 per cent. for the year. We trust you will concur in the wisdom, on general grounds, of making this extra distribution in the shape of bonus, and the quality of the past season's wheat is excellent—in fact, a record. From the Agent-General's report we learn that the total value of minerals produced in British Columbia is estimated at \$22,660,000 for the year, showing an increase over 1905 of nearly \$4,000,000, the principal increase being in copper. The gold won in the Yukon territory is returned officially at \$5,262,000, against \$7,110,000 in 1905. Although this shows a continuous decline in the value of gold produced, there appears, from the statement of the Commissioner of that district, to be a prospect of a revival of this industry, considerable amounts of capital having been invested in hydraulic works, which are supplanting the old system of shaft sinking. On the Pacific Coast the Commission appointed by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries reported most favorably on the condition of the canneries in the Fraser River district. The publication of the report should go far to allay any fears on the part of consumers of canned salmon, which were engendered by the Chicago canned meat revelations. Glancing now at our balance sheet, the profits for the half-year, after making our usual liberal provision for bad and doubtful debts, amount to £67,255. Adding thereto the amount carried forward in June last

this could not be brought up and therefore, the amount of lumber cut in the Ottawa mills was 25 per cent. below the average. As a set-off to this there is an unusual demand for lumber at ever-increasing prices, so that the industry is prosperous.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts, said:

I am glad to preface my remarks by congratulating you on the very favorable result we are able to put before you. This is due in some measure to

the change in the financial situation in the United States, where our re-

sults had been somewhat disappointing

owing to the low rates previously

ruling for money in New York. All

this was changed in 1906, and that

part of our resources which is held in

New York has been employed at very

profitable rates. Greater activity was

the feature of trade during the year

1906 the world over, with a conse-

quent financial pressure, causing a de-

mand for money at high rates, and

with this the earning power of our

agency has returned. But naturally

the greater part of our increased pro-

fits has arisen from the prosperity of

the Dominion. This has continued

with the steady, irresistible impulse

of a great and growing nation. There

is, at present at least, no sign of

slackening in the wonderful progress

of the Dominion.

Settlers who have come here for

the past five years, in this country,

the most severe winter they have ever

seen and house plants are not

frozen. Mr. Pyke also states some set-

tlers are forty to fifty miles from rail-

ways. This is very true in some cases.

People are coming here as very fast

by the railway, and this is the cause

of the great and rapid increase in popu-

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