

ELMWOOD TO HAVE TANNING FACTORY

H. A. Mullens is Establishing Industry There to Employ About Fifty Men.

Within two months a new industry, giving employment to from twenty-five to fifty persons, will be added to the rapidly increasing number of factories which are establishing the foundations of a manufacturing Winnipeg. During 1908, 64,909 head of cattle were killed in Winnipeg, but the hides of very few of them were tanned into leather in this city and no coats or robes of any description were manufactured here from such hides. The bulk of western hides go either to eastern Canada or to the United States, and the west pays freight both ways on the finished product. H. A. Mullens, the well known live stock dealer and cattle expert, is establishing an up-to-date tannery for the manufacture of high class lace and other leather, general tanning, and the making of Galloway coats and robes. Naim avenue, Elmwood, just east of the Louise bridge, is the site of the new factory, of which the foundations are already in place. The building will be 125x45. The contract for its erection has been let, the machinery necessary is now being shipped in and operations will be in full swing in the completed factory within two months, so that the finished product will be distributed for the coming winter's trade. Mr. Mullens, when seen by a Free Press representative at his rooms in the Royal Alexandra last evening, gave the above details of his new venture and stated that, when completed, the tannery will be the most unique and up-to-date plant of its kind in western Canada. A charter is being applied for, but it is understood that this will be a close corporation.

Eastern Men Concerned.

Associated with Mr. Mullens in this enterprise will be Mr. Godeau, of Quebec, and R. C. Whitney and son, of Reading, Mich. Mr. Godeau operated a large tannery in the province of Quebec and holds the world's fair bronze medal for the manufacture of all kinds of leather. He will have charge of the tannery. Mr. Whitney is a specialist in the making of Galloway coats and robes and was for 18 years with the Reading Robe and Tanning company, of Reading, Mich., a company which handled buffalo hides extensively in the early days, often tanning as many as 18,000 hides in a single season. The buffalo hide, as everyone knows, was once famous for coat and robe purposes, but the Galloway now takes the place of the almost extinct buffalo, and Mr. Mullens states that with the superior tanning which his company will be enabled to give the hides, a coat or robe will be made up which will be as soft and pliable as a silk handkerchief. This will be the chief business of the new tannery. The Galloway coats have gained great prominence in the United States and will be sold throughout the Canadian west. Durability and a dressy appearance are the chief characteristics of these coats, says Mr. Mullens, and Mr. Whitney is already at work on a line of automobile coats and robes for the winter trade. He is well pleased with the quality of hides here obtainable.

Western Hides Suitable.

It is well known that northwestern hides are better furred than those of eastern or southern climes and are altogether a better article to manufacture coats and robes from than those secured in the latter countries. All northern animals fur better, and the cattle of the west grow longer and thicker coats of hair than those of southern lands.

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It will be possible to turn a hide into the best of lace leather in four weeks. At present most of the lace leather used in the west comes from Toronto, but Mr. Mullens states that his plant will be able to turn out a product fully equal in quality to any that is now imported. The west will welcome the new industry as, in the nature of things, this is one which should be native to this country where its raw material exists in such abundance.

INDIANS' BIG CROP

Ex-Pupils of File Hill Mission Will Harvest Ninety Thousand Bushels.

The Indian mission committee of the Presbyterian church met yesterday in Manitoba college. The conditions of Indian work being done at Jeffrey school, Lake of the Woods, at Swan Lake, and at Portage la Prairie, were reported as favorable. Regret was expressed that Miss McIlwaine was leaving Swan Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Hendry the Portage school. Rev. Mr. Stephens reported that he had found good work being accomplished at Pipestone.

Missionary Coleman reported on Chinese work in this city and stated that there were about 1,000 Chinamen in Winnipeg. There were five or six Chinese Sunday schools and between 89 and 100 attended.

The estimates for the schools at Pipestone, Rolling River, Okanese, Lizard Point, Birtle, Hurricane Hills and other points were considered and passed. The general policy of the church in regard to missions was also considered and discussed.

Indians Are Successful.

The splendid work at the File Hill reserve came in for special commendation. These 25 families of Indians, the fathers being ex-pupils of the school, are having great success in farming. This year they will harvest 90,000 bushels of grain and they are steadily progressing.

During the sessions Rev. Dr. Hart occupied the chair and Rev. Jas. Farquharson acted as secretary. Rev. Principal Patrick also attended and the following outside delegates: Rev. Mr. Strachan, Arcola; Rev. Mr. McIvor, La Riviere; Rev. F. A. Clare, Balcarres; Rev. Mr. McLaren, Birtle; Rev. Thurlow Fraser, Portage la Prairie; Rev. M. Stephens, Reston.