

### Manitoba

J. Wallace, hotel, Cartwright, offers to sell out.

Edward Wilson has opened up in the butcher business at Altamont.

Morkill & Whitworth, Dominion City are adding furniture to their business.

Winnipeg carpenters have been granted the increase in wages demanded, by them.

Dan. McAnnaman, contractor, of St. Boniface, is dead from the result of an accident on the Crow's Nest railway construction, where he had a contract.

Several miles of the extension of the Pipestone branch railway have been made. It is not known whether the road will be built through to Moose Mountain this season, but at least twenty-five out of thirty miles will be completed.

By September 1st Mr. Strevel will have completed forty miles of grade in the Southeastern railway. Track laying on the Swan River extension of the Dauphin road will commence at once, about thirty-five miles of grade being ready.

Two interesting publications have been issued by the Manitoba Historical and Scientific Society entitled "Sketch of the life and discoveries of Robert Campbell," by Rev. Dr. Bryce; and "The Game Birds of Manitoba," by George E. Atkinson, also the annual report of the society for the year 1897.

The town of Morden continues to advance. The following buildings are going on: Victoria hall, with a seating capacity of about 500, frame, two storeys. The lower flat will be fitted up as a hardware store, implement warehouse, and general store; a two story brick block by J. A. Hobbs, druggist; a two story stone block by W. J. Steele, for a general store; a two story stone block by McLool & Black, for a general store; a similar building for municipal offices and fire hall; nurses' home in the hospital grounds; J. Kennedy, Hotel Manitoba, has also commenced work on a large block; Galbraith, Pickel, Cochran and others are erecting residences.

### Northwest Ontario.

Gordon & Ironside will erect a cold storage warehouse at Rat Portage.

A new opera house and other building improvements are going on at Rat Portage.

The blueberry crop is a large one this year. Large shipments are being made daily from Rat Portage to Manitoba points.

C. C. Godfrey, drugs, Dryden, has removed to Rat Portage and contemplates opening business at Norman.

### The Live Stock Trade.

A. Preston shipped two cars of fat cattle from Estevan to Winnipeg last week.

A. E. Thompson, of Melita, Man., has arrived from Ontario with a shipment of horses.

J. R. Mullins, Virden, arrived in Winnipeg Wednesday with a shipment of cattle for the local markets.

Geo. Day, buyer for Gordon & Ironside, is gathering a lot of fat stock at Battleford, Sask., for shipment.

Harrison, Hamilton and Cook, ranchers of Newdale, Man., shipped a train load of cattle consisting of thirteen car loads east last week. The shipment was sold to Gordon & Ironside.

Following shipments from Maple Creek are reported: Mr. Campbell, six car loads of cattle to Winnipeg; J. C. Patterson, one car load of cattle to Macleod, and two car loads to Winnipeg; Jack Farr a few car loads of sheep to Winnipeg.

### Tenders.

Tenders are called up to August 20, for building a brick church at Brandon.

Tenders are invited for the privilege of providing refreshments for the C. P. R. employees' picnic to Morden.

Tenders are asked for a winter mail service between Port Frances and Mine Centre. Tenders close Sept. 2.

Tenders for sewer pipe are wanted by the Winnipeg works committee, to August 10, also for boulevarding a number of streets.

### Insurance Items.

R. S. Horne, has been appointed to act as local agent for the Standard Life at Dominion City.

Thomas L. James, vice-president, and J. W. Vrooman, treasurer of the Mutual Reserve, have resigned.

The North British and Mercantile Insurance Co has been granted a license under the provincial statutes to carry on business in Manitoba.

### Financial Notes.

J. R. Golwin, manager of the Bank of Ottawa branch at Mattawa, has been appointed manager of the Rat Portage branch. Mr. Neeve, of Rat Portage, has been appointed manager of the Rideau street branch in Ottawa.

At the last meeting of the Winnipeg city council it was decided that his worship the mayor proceed to London, England, to effect a sale of city lots for the purpose of constructing a waterworks system, pursuant to the by-law recently passed by the city of Winnipeg. An advance cheque of \$700 on account of expenses to be issued in his favor.

Tenders were received for the purchase of Kaslo, B. C., debentures; Bank of British Columbia, for \$5,000 of debentures at 93 cents; Bank of Halifax for \$20,000 at par, with deduction of \$150 for legal fees to examine the validity of the by-laws; Bank of Montreal, for whole amount of \$65,000 debentures, 98 1-2 cents.

A circular has been issued by the Canadian Pacific railway to merchants along its lines giving a list of banks which have arranged to cash the company's wages cheques without charge. The circular says: "Merchants and others can safely accept these cheques from employees on the same terms as the banks, and it is hoped that they doing business along the line will aid the company in facilitating the negotiations of these cheques, without charge."

### New Elevators.

From all indications 1898 will be the banner elevator building year in the history of the Northwest. There is not an elevator company in the city that will not add to its storage facilities along every branch line in the province. Prominent among the

new elevators will be those erected by the Northern Elevator company. Already ten are under construction at the following points: Oak River, Vancor, Pettypiece, Cypress River, La Salle, Starbuck, Elm Creek, Somerset, Swan Lake, and Union Point. Each of these will have a capacity of 30,000 bushels, and a few others will be erected later on in the season. When those mentioned are completed the Northern Elevator Co. will have 102 elevators in the province and Territories. Besides the five to be built for the Lake of the Woods Co., Mr. E. J. O'Reilly has about completed an elevator for the Richardson Grain Co. of Kingston, at Sydney, to replace the one destroyed last winter. The Manitoba Grain Co. will also erect a number, and it is understood the Dominion Elevator Co. will add to their storage capacity. Bready, Love & Tyron will spend about \$50,000 in erecting elevators at thirteen or fourteen provincial and Territorial points.

### Available Supplies.

New York, Aug. 2.—Special cable and telegraphic dispatches to Bradstreets covering the principal points of accumulation, indicate the following change in available supplies last Saturday as compared with the preceding Saturday.

Wheat—United States and Canada east of the Rockies, decrease 314,000 bushels. Liverpool Corn Trade News, afloat for and in Europe, decrease 5,714,000.

Corn — United States and Canada east of the Rockies, decrease 1,487,000 bushels.

Cats — United States and Canada east of the Rockies, decrease 3,115,000 bushels.

Following is Bradstreets' compilation of the world's supply on August 1:

	Aug. 1, '95	July 1, '95	Aug. 1, '97
Europe & afloat	41,000,000	38,000,000	38,000,000
U.S. and Canada	4,973,000	21,001,000	20,010,000
Australia	3,500,000	3,800,000	1,200,000
Argentina	960,000	1,400,000	160,000
Totals	63,933,000	81,201,000	65,400,000

The stock held this year is the smallest reported at that date for at least ten years past.

### Customs Expansion.

Customs collections at Montreal for July reached \$1,120,900, the biggest month on record, save that of August, 1890, when that figure was slightly surpassed. In July, 1897, the imports were \$530,705. Collections at Toronto were also about double that of July a year ago, or over \$600,000. This is due to heavy imports to take advantage of the preferential tariff which ceased, so far as foreign countries are concerned, on July 30. The collections for Canada for July are estimated at \$2,600,000, compared with \$1,213,000 for July last year.

### Coal.

For anthracite coal, wholesale prices in cars at Buffalo or Suspension Bridge, 2,240 pounds, are \$1 for grate; \$1.25 for egg stove and chestnut. These quotations are fifty cents lower than prices on January 1.

For anthracite coal, 2,240 pounds delivered free on board of vessels at Buffalo, prices on May 1 were: \$4.30 for grate; \$4.55 for egg, stove and chestnut. Freight to Fort William 20c per long ton.