

## Manitoba.

Dauphin is seeking incorporation as a town.

C. A. Carruthers, grocer, Winnipeg, has resigned.

A number of trade is being formed at West Selkirk.

Hotel Gallia at Russell was destroyed by fire Monday evening.

C. S. Touchburn, druggist, at Alexander, has sold to Dr. Lauther.

C. P. Turner, hardware merchant, at Plains, has sold out to W. Jones.

H. H. Macneil, Gilbert Plains, has sold his stock of furniture to J. H. Watson.

It is stated that S. Gable will erect a flour mill next spring at Swan River.

T. Harrison & Son, lumber dealers, Neopawa, have opened a branch yard at Franklin.

The Scanburey Wall Paper Company, Limited, Winnipeg, has made an assignment.

Henry Payne and J. J. Darling, butchers, at Terrene, have dissolved partnership, Payne continues the business.

Jos. Maw & Co., carriages, etc., for Winnipeg, are advertising for tenders for the construction of a track warehouse in Winnipeg.

A movement is on foot at Melita to acquire a board of trade for that place to include the business men of Eva and Pteron.

The Arctic Ice Co., the Winnipeg Ice Co. and the Northern Ice Co. of Winnipeg, have amalgamated under the management of Chas. H. McNeill.

The question of shortage in weights and measures has been under discussion by the Winnipeg market, hygiene and health committee. A member of the committee is reported to have said that short weights are being given and he instanced one case where 1,200 pounds of coal was delivered one cist for a ton. This shortage was subsequently made good after complaint had been made.

Winnipeg quidding contractors complain that valuable time is being lost by their workmen owing to Sunday holidays which very often keep the men from work on Monday morning.

If these contractors would observe the habit of paying the men on Saturday evenings with cash instead of cheques they might find it quite a difference in this respect.

One well-known employer of labor who pays by cheque states that almost every one of the cheques he issues to his men come back endorsed by hotel-keepers showing that they had been cashed at a bar.

The men say that the hotel-keepers are the only people who will readily cash a cheque on Saturday night.

As will be noticed from the company's advertisement elsewhere in this issue the business heretofore carried on by Emerson & Hague at Winnipeg is now known by another name.

Emerson, Hague Manufacturing Company, Limited. A new active partner has been taken into the business in connection with this change in the person of M. J. Arminington, who represented James Johnston & Co., wholesale dry goods traders in this country for many years, and more recently the H. Block Company, recently sold to James Johnston & Co.

Mr. Arminington is one of the most widely known and best sellers in the west. His department in this new line of business will be the buying and selling.

The company will continue to make factory overalls, smocks, tents, awnings, etc., as heretofore and as soon as they will get into the larger premises than those now occupied on Thistle street. Their business has for so many years been so successful that in two or three years that the present quarters have become entirely too small.

## Alberta.

Samuel Fletcher has started a butcher shop in Olds.

R. Y. Williams has opened a butcher shop at Lacombe.

The Brantford Sun newspaper has suspended publication.

Nunley & Cowan have started a livestock stable in Wetaskiwin.

E. A. Brown, photographer, of Wetaskiwin, has sold the Lacombe branch of his business.

The following Blairmore firms have opened branches at Frank, Alberta: R. A. Fisher, dry goods, etc.; W. C. Hamilton, men's furnishings; Allan Leitch, general store; Meade Bros., butchers; D. M. Ross, druggist.

## Saskatchewan.

It is expected that the 25,000 bushel elevator erected at Prince Albert this fall by the Manitoba Northern Railway Co. will handle a lot of grain this winter.

## Northwestern Ontario.

A rich find of copper ore is reported on the property of the Lake Superior Copper Company, situated a short forty miles west of Sault Ste. Marie. It is estimated that there is five million dollars worth of ore in sight.

## The Commercial Men.

C. E. Harvey, of Hilton, Dugman & Co., Winnipeg, left this week on a western trip.

A. W. Pride, western representative of Gordon, Mackay & Co., wholesale dry goods, Toronto, has returned from a western trip, which completes his work with fall and winter samples. He will remain in the city for a time, before taking out spring trade samples.

## Movements of Business Men.

A. Leadlay, of H. & A. Leadlay, Winnipeg, has returned from a trip to the coast, where he purchased a quantity of beef, pork, etc.

R. R. Scott, of the Macpherson Fruit Co., left on Monday for Calgary on a trip of inspection of the company's branch there.

## Tenders.

Tenders for further construction of granolithic sidewalks, macadam pavements, etc., will be received by the Winnipeg city board of works, to be in by Nov. 27.

C. A. Murray, Manitoba dairy superintendent, is asking for tenders for supplying milk to the dairy school at Winnipeg, up to the 2nd of December, 1,000 pounds of milk to be supplied per day for six days of each week, beginning on Jan. 10th, 1902, and continuing until March 25th, 1902.

## Important Insurance Case.

An important insurance case, the first of the kind ever tried in Canada, was settled by a jury at the Winnipeg assizes last week. A man and woman named Hurst, who live near the town of Emerson, were accused by the agent of the Hartford Insurance Company of removing and concealing goods from a house, which was afterwards set on fire, with the intention of defrauding the company. The defence set up was to the effect that the goods belonged to the laborers at the insurance in question. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, but as there were some technical objections to the evidence the judge allowed a reference on this point to the full court.

## The Labor Market.

Labor is still well employed in both city and country. Masons and bricklayers are finishing up their work and some contractors are through for the season, but carpenters, and other building trades, are more actively employed than ever and we hear of but very little idleness in these branches of industry. Laborers are in good demand for railroad work and the various lumber and tin camps, and good wages are being offered to the range being from \$25 to \$30 per month with board. As soon as there is sufficient men to make electric teamsters and teams will be in demand. Generally speaking the laboring and working classes are entering upon the winter in better shape than ever before and there is plenty of work at good wages for all.

## Lake Grain Freights.

Lake freights are firm at 4c per bushel for wheat, Fort William to Buffalo. Same rate to Georgian Bay ports is also maintained.

## Liquor Act Upheld.

A brief cable from London yesterday announced that the Manitoba Liquor Act had been upheld by the Imperial Privy Council. The announcement created considerable excitement in this city. The full text of the decision may now be known for some time, and so far we have only the brief announcement that the act has been declared constitutional. Manitoba would now appear from this decision to have a very stringent prohibitory law, which has been declared constitutional. The law may be put into force any time by proclamation, but it is probable that nothing will be done until the provincial house meets. The effect of the enforcement of the act would be very far-reaching and already there is talk of claims for compensation on the part of those who would suffer from the enforcement of the act.

## To Be Extended to the Coast.

A telegram from Montreal yesterday announced that an arrangement had been arrived at for continuing the Canadian Northern Railway through to the Pacific coast. The proposed line will run via Prince Albert, Edmonton and the Mackenzie River to Bute Inlet, where connection will be made by ferry with the Vancouver island railway for Victoria.

## Winnipeg Grain Inspection.

During the week ending November 21 shipments were inspected at Winnipeg and Emerson 2,991 cars of grain, comprising the following cars:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, 271 cars; No. 1 northern, 753 cars; No. 2 northern, 1,096 cars; No. 3 northern, 40 cars; mixed, No. 1, 10 cars; rejected, No. 2, 4 cars; feed, 2 cars; No. 3 grade, 30 cars; condemned, 0 car; total, 2,180 cars.

Oats—No. 2 white, 56 cars; 2 mixed, 17 cars; rejected, 6 cars; feed, 18 cars.

Barley—No. 3 extra, 0 car; No. 3, 5 cars; No. 4 grade, 0 car; feed, 1 car; rejected, 1 car.

Flax—No. 1, 1 car; No. 2, 8 cars; rejected, 3 cars.

A year ago the total number of cars inspected was 983, of which 34 graded No. 1 hard wheat.

## Trade Notes.

The car shortage grows worse instead of better and is now general over a large portion of the continent.

Wool has continued active and firm at Boston despite returns indicating that the clip was the largest since 1884.

The failures for the week numbers: 218 in the United States, against 286 last year, and 21 in Canada, against 20 last year.

S. F. McKinnon, head of the Toronto millinery business of that name, has retired from active participation in the business.

Refined sugar was in quiet demand at New York this week, and we have again weakened in sympathy with the world-wide depression.

The American Sugar Refining Co., of New York, was incorporated on Thursday with a capital of \$3,500,000 to manufacture and refine sugar and syrups.

Sole leather is still firm and stocks are scarce; upper leather is also firm.

Concessions in clothing and hosiery hides have been general this week, but dry hides are half a cent higher.

Eastern footwear manufacturers in the United States are now generally insisting on small advances, but large jobbers resist upward tendency, and the continued strength of leather will necessitate depreciation of quality if higher prices are not paid.

The United States iron and steel market is firm. Pig iron is 50 cents to \$1 a ton higher at nearly all markets.

Steel works are in the Pittsburgh district are reported as being unable to run to their full capacity, owing to the lack of supplies of pig iron. Some German steel has reached that centre and large imports are expected; steel billets are scarce at \$25 per ton.

Fire in the canning building of the Cudbury packing establishment, Kansas City, destroyed that building, with a large stock of canned meats. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

The most important announcement emanating from St. Paul this week was the report of the formation of the Northern Securities company, with a capital of \$100,000,000. This company is supposed to have been formed for the purpose of controlling or unifying the interests of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Great Northern roads. J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern, is president of the new corporation.

A batch of catalogues weighing 1,000 pounds, are held at the Winnipeg customs, pending a decision as to their liability to pay duty. The catalogues are from A. St. Paul, Minnesota, house, dealing in holiday and fancy goods. Trade catalogues addressed to merchants, are admitted free, but this rule is not supposed to apply when catalogues are sent to consumers, as in this case. A St. Paul paper charges that the catalogue was sent to the interest of Winnipeg merchants, who do not wish their customers to receive them.

## Winnipeg Exchange Prices.

The following shows the daily range of prices at the Winnipeg Grain Exchange of Nov. 1, northern wheat, in store Fort William, for each bushel:

Practically nothing has been doing this week in the local option market. Grain men have been too busy rushing what forward before the close of navigation to have any time for option dealing. The market quotations in the option market have been for May wheat, and have ranged between 70 and 70½c.

## New York Money.

Close—Prime mercantile paper, 4½ to 5 per cent; sterling exchange, week, \$187.80; demand, and at \$184½ for 30 days; 184½ to \$185 for 60 days; 184½ to \$186 for 90 days; 184½ to \$186 for 120 days; 184½ to \$186 for 150 days; 184½ to \$186 for 180 days; 184½ to \$186 for 210 days; 184½ to \$186 for 240 days; 184½ to \$186 for 270 days; 184½ to \$186 for 300 days; 184½ to \$186 for 330 days; 184½ to \$186 for 360 days.

## Western Business Items.

W. D. Havens' general store at Grand Forks, Minn., was destroyed by fire on Wednesday night. Loss \$5,000. Insurance \$2,500.

E. R. Dowdall, manager of the wholesale department of the Great West S. H. Co., Winnipeg, was united in marriage to Miss M. Coyle, of Winnipeg, this week.

M. Hall and W. Reed, partners in the Winnipeg Shirt and Overall Manufacturing Company, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership. M. Hall continues the business.

The James Smart Manufacturing Co. have moved their Winnipeg office from 100 North to No. 244 Princess street. In the premises formerly occupied by Hicks Bros. & Co., who have the place leased from the company for handling their business.

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