

Manitoba.

W. H. Bull has opened a harness shop at Elgin.

John McGuire will open in hardware and implements at Elgin.

The Snowlake steam laundry, Brandon, is offered for sale.

P. Cancilla has opened in fruit and confectionery at 355 Main street, Winnipeg.

A. Easton has bought out the tailoring business of A. Balkwell at Hamiota, Man.

The Plum Coulee Farmers' Elevator Company, Limited, is seeking incorporation.

Damages & Co. are opening a fruit and confectionery store on Princess street, Winnipeg.

J. W. Hewitt, of Morden, has purchased a drug business at Melita and will reside there in future.

T. P. Jackson, general merchant, who was recently burned out at Elgin, will re-open shortly in that town.

Birtle municipal council has decided to raise the wolf bounty to \$2, as the animals are increasing in number.

Walter Wardrop, general merchant and contractor, Lac du Bonnet, has made an assignment to C. H. Newton.

Ed. Loftus, recently admitted to the bar, has entered into legal partnership with Atkins, Culver & Pitblado, at Winnipeg.

Geo. Joyal's barber shop on Lombard street, Winnipeg, was damaged on Saturday night last by fire. Loss not stated.

country preceded the election of officers.

A board of trade has been organized at Stonewall, Man., with an initial membership of thirty-five. The officers are: President, W. H. Carroll; vice-president, W. J. Bruce; secretary, Ira Stratton; treasurer, A. R. Leonard; council, A. R. Mitchell, H. C. McQuarrie, E. Williams, H. O. May, T. Ramsay, J. Walton, J. W. Fullbrook, W. Montgomery.

The annual meeting of the Manitoba Veterinary Association was held in Winnipeg Wednesday evening, and was well attended by vets. from different parts of the province. The following officers were elected: President, Dr. Dunbar, Winnipeg; vice-president, Dr. Cox, Brandon; secretary-treasurer, Dr. Torrance, Winnipeg; examiners, Drs. Dunbar, Martin and Cowans, members of council, Drs. J. G. Rutherford, Portage la Prairie; Swenerton, Carberry, and W. H. Smith, Carman.

Fire damaged a frame building on the east side of Main street, Winnipeg, near the post office, on Monday morning. The building belonged to Archibald & Howell. The occupants were F. L. Kenny, sign painter, W. B. Robertson & Co., printers. In the second flat; Emma and Panaro, fruit store and restaurant; offices of Harstone Bros., coal and wood; T. R. Case, manager of the Pine Tree Lumber Co., and C. A. Stark, builders' supplies, on the ground floor. All carried sufficient insurance to cover losses.

Alberta.

The C. P. R. land company sold, during last year, 171,000 acres of land in

Manitoba Legislature.

The second session of the tenth legislature of Manitoba was opened on Thursday afternoon by Lieut.-Governor McMillan. The speech from the throne referred to the death of Queen Victoria, to the accession of King Edward VII. and foreshadowed legislation on railway, legislative, educational and election matters.

Live Stock Trade Notes.

Reports from Medicine Hat state that the weather has been exceptionally favorable for cattle this winter and losses on the ranges to date have been nil.

The exportation of cattle from Canada into the United States has grown somewhat during the past four years. In 1900, 1,616 head were sent across the line. The following year 37,857, and last year 80,980.

Higher Insurance Rates.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—At a meeting of Canadian fire underwriters to-day several increases in rates was decided on in Ontario and Quebec. Insurance men take the ground, that broadly speaking, while the classification of the towns in this province is fairly adequate it does not cover either exposure to individual risk or what may be termed "conflagration hazard" in blocks or districts. In other words an entirely new system of rating is to be made.

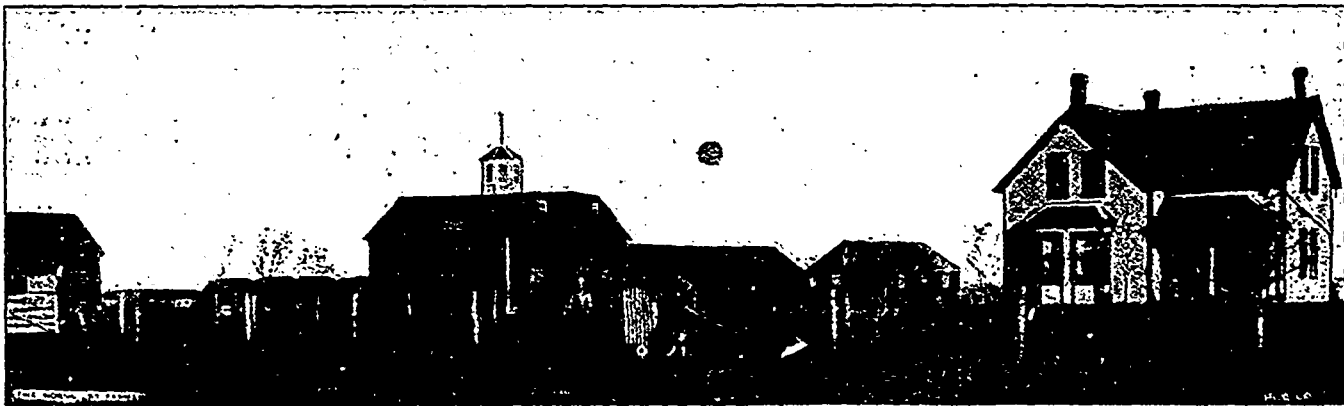
There will be no flat rate over a dis-

Nelson Wholesalers.

Nelson, B. C., Feb. 20.—The wholesale men of Nelson are looking forward to this year's trade as one unprecedented in the wholesale business of Kootenay. A large increase of business is expected from the Boundary and Lardeau districts, and with a conservative increase in the older sections, this year's turnover will undoubtedly be a record breaker. Some of the leading wholesale houses carrying stocks here are: Brackman & Ker Milling Co., flour and feed; H. J. Evans & Co., commission merchants, A. Macdonald & Co., wholesale grocers, (a branch of Winnipeg house); W. F. Teetzel & Co., assayers' supplies; Kootenay Electrical Supply and Construction company, electrical supplies; F. Starkey & Co., commission merchants; John Cholditch & Co., wholesale grocers; Turner, Beaton & Co., wholesale dry goods and liquors; Kootenay Supply Co., wholesale grocers; California Wine Co.; J. Y. Griffin & Co., provisions and produce, (a branch of Winnipeg house); Thorpe & Co., aerated waters; P. Burns & Co., wholesale meats; Hardware Co., (partly owned by J. H. Ashdown, of Winnipeg); Hudson's Bay company; Nelson Hardware company, paints, oils and glass; McLachlan Bros., hardware, H. Byers & Co., hardware.

The annual report of the Winnipeg board of trade printed in pamphlet form is now being circulated by Secretary Boll.

Tax Collector G. H. Hadskeis, of Winnipeg, has made up his statement for the period, Oct. 1, 1900, to Feb. 14,



Manitoba Farm Scene.

Schwartz & Braun, implement agents, Altona, have dissolved partnership, Jacob Schwartz continuing the business.

D. C. Argall has opened a flour and feed store at Dauphin. He contemplates adding groceries in the near future. Argall was formerly employed with the Dauphin Milling Co.

D. W. Hole, chairman of the Winnipeg public school board, addressed the students of the Winnipeg Business College at their Literary society on Friday afternoon on the interesting subject "Money."

Wm. Broadbent and J. H. Weldon have dissolved the partnership which has heretofore existed between them as implement and grain dealers at Thornhill, Man. Wm. Broadbent continues the business.

Several rural deputations have intervened the local government this week asking for railways, roads, bridges, etc. The government was also asked to establish an agricultural college at Neepawa.

The town council of Portage la Prairie will shortly put through a by-law authorizing a loan of \$6,700, which sum is required to meet the town's share of the new Assiniboine bridge which is being erected. This sum is to be repaid in three years from the taxes collected and will result in a lower rate of taxation.

A forestry circle has been formed at Brandon, Man. The following were elected officers: P. Middleton, president; H. L. Patmore, vice-president; S. Brown, secretary; Messrs. Reid, McPhail, Wolverson, Nichol and Doran, executors. An interesting discussion on the benefits of tree planting in this

district of Alberta, as compared with 117,000 the year previous.

G. C. King is opening a gent's furnishing store at Calgary in the premises lately occupied by Glenville & Robinson. He was formerly employed with the Hudson's Bay Company at Fort William, Ont.

The C. P. R. will next summer construct a subway at Calgary for the facility of public traffic passing to the east of the company's yard. The company and the city of Calgary are sharing in the expense of the undertaking.

Walpole Murdoch, formerly publisher of the Western Prairie, Cypress River, Man., and at one time of the Pilot Mound Sentinel, left Winnipeg on Tuesday for Red Deer, Alberta, where he will establish a weekly newspaper to be known as the Historian.

The Macleod board of trade held its annual meeting on the 12th inst. The election of officers and council resulted as follows: President, A. F. Grady, vice-president, A. R. Springett; secretary-treasurer, T. H. Siedman; council, D. Anderson, C. D. Beecher, A. Stevenson, D. J. Grier, A. B. McDonald; W. F. Cochrane, C. H. Baker, J. Struthers, H. E. Hyde, C. Kettles and J. H. Schofield, Pincher Creek; R. G. Mathews, R. B. Barnes, D. J. Campbell, C. E. D. Wood. A committee was appointed to look into the matter of freight rates as they affect Macleod.

Northwestern Ontario.

J. G. Graham is opening a stock of general goods, boots and shoes, etc., at Port Arthur.

trict, but each risk will be judged on its merits, and advances will be made not only on all hazardous risks but on buildings in the neighborhood of such risks. All towns and cities that come under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' association will be rated in this way and the result, it is confidently expected, will be such an increase in the revenues of the companies as will repay them for the losses they have recently suffered.

The decisions arrived at apply directly to Ontario and Quebec, the two provinces over which the Canadian Fire Underwriters' association have direct control. As to Manitoba, all companies in the Association do business there and that province will be affected by the change in the classification of risks which, of course, is another term for an advance in rates. In British Columbia the companies are understood to be not so much interested as they already obtain good rates there while their losses have not been excessive. New Brunswick and Nova Scotia are not under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' association, but as in the case of Manitoba the same companies control the business and insurance men confidently count upon a re-arrangement of rates there also.

So far as Toronto is concerned the Toronto Board of Fire Underwriters meets to-day and it is not unlikely some changes will be made in certain ratings here.

Merrick, Anderson & Co. have been appointed agents for Giltson's furniture polish for Manitoba and the Northwest.

1901. It shows a grand total of \$551,430.33 collected. The tax sale held on Sept. 4, 1900, practically wiped out all arrears. The taxes have been paid unusually promptly this year, a greater percentage having been discounted than in any year since the city was organized—a fact that discounts the common cry of hard times so far as Winnipeg is concerned at least. The total value of assessable property is fixed at \$21,316,000 exemptions, (church property, schools, etc.) \$56,516.50, and business assessments at \$17,514.60. The total amount of taxes on roll is \$639,072.65, not including the business taxes.

The annual meeting of the Cheese and Butter Makers Union of Manitoba was held this week in the city. Interesting discussions occurred on the questions of securing the B. C. markets for Canadian producers, freight rates, how to produce good butter and cheese, etc. The following resolutions were adopted: "1st. Asking of the railway company a reduction in rates on butter, cheese and meats to British Columbia and Montreal, owing to the fact that a large quantity of butter and meats are imported from the States and elsewhere into British Columbia in winter, and in consequence we are losing a valuable market, while the railway company lose a valuable traffic." "2nd. 'Owing to the fact that considerable quantities of butter and meat are imported into British Columbia, and sold at a very low price, we hereby ask the federal government to increase the duty on the above named goods to the same rate as we are charged on Canadian goods of similar character going into the States.'"