

Manitoba

F. C. Pickwell has started a newspaper at Morden, called the Empire.

W. G. Murphy & Co., general merchants, of Mitchell, Ontario, are moving to Carberry.

W. A. Dufoe, general store, Methven, has removed to Stockton, where he will continue business.

Dodds & Gage, butchers, Morden, have arranged to open a branch of their business at Thornhill.

Mrs. McDougall & Co., Dauphin, are selling off their stock of millinery, etc., and retiring from business.

William Rogers has sold out his interest in the W. J. Boyd Candy company, Winnipeg, to Mr. Boyd.

G. L. Henderson, recently from Dublin, has opened a watch repairing and jewellery store at Cypress River.

It is rumored that Mr. Sparling, a former school teacher, will shortly open a general store at Methven.

The J. I. Case Threshing Company have let the contract for the erection of a large warehouse in Winnipeg.

J. Griffin, proprietor of the large pork packing establishment at St. Thomas, Ont., was in the city this week.

The Montreal store at Treherne, carried on by McLennan and Williams, and in charge of E. A. Steinhoff, has been sold to T. H. Schooley & Co.

W. H. Hatch, publisher of the Klarney Guide, has disposed of his paper to J. H. Monteith, formerly of the Toronto Type foundry company, of Winnipeg.

A. C. McRae, wholesale dealer in carriages, implements, etc., Winnipeg, left on Friday east this week. He will visit cities east and south, and inspect the latest things in vehicles and other goods in his lines.

The Union Shoe and Leather Co., Winnipeg, tanners and shoe manufacturers, will add a large addition to their factory. This is one of the growing industries of the city which promises well for the future.

Numerous applications for farm laborers are reaching the department of agriculture, Winnipeg. A large number of extra hands will be required for harvest help, and these will no doubt be supplied by the harvest excursions from Ontario.

Assiniboia.

Pollock & Davison, blacksmiths are to start in business at Sinituluta.

Henry Rowe, livery, Sinituluta, has sold out his stables to W. H. Geddes, V. S., and John E. Howson, both of Grenfell. They are leaving for Ontario and will return about the end of the month with a car load of horses.

D. Lorne McGibbon, manager of The Medicine Hat Trading company, has gone east on quite a vacation and expects to be away about two months. He was accompanied as far as Winnipeg by Mrs. McGibbon. During his absence the business will be conducted by the secretary, C. H. Hubbell.

Business around Medicine Hat has been very good. Cattle are now looking well. The town is being improved and built up. No less than forty new houses are in process of erection, besides a new \$20,000 hotel. The residents are talking incorporation and before long the Hat will be a full-fledged town.

Northwest Ontario.

A company has been incorporated under the Ontario act, with a capital of \$50,000, to engage in the cold storage and the general produce and provision business at Port Arthur.

Great interest is taken at Port Arthur and Fort William in the building of the Rainy River railway, which is being put under construction. It will develop rich mineral and lumber districts.

The by-law voted on at Fort William to provide \$10,000 for waterworks purposes, repealing the by-law for \$35,000 already voted, was defeated. The original by-law will therefore stand.

British Columbia Items.

The Hudson's Bay company will erect a fine store building at Nelson.

The smelter will start up at once. There are about 10,000 tons of ore at the works awaiting treatment.

There is a marked activity in the Rossland real estate market. Much property is changing hands and considerable building is being done.

Vancouver's inland revenue returns for July were \$26,582, during the corresponding month of 1897 the collections amounted to \$12,822.

The C. P. R. are building a steel steamer at Nelson, nearly twenty feet longer than any other steamer now on the lake, for service between Nelson and Kuskonook.

The by-law to exempt the West Kootenay Power and Light company from taxation for ten years, providing the company supply the city (Rossland) with four arc lights for street lighting purposes free of charge, was defeated.

In mining circles the sensation of the week is the announcement that the Le Roi company is now in the hands of a receiver W. A. Carlyle, the chief engineer of the British America corporation. This is owing to a dispute among the owners, and not on account of any financial trouble.

Saskatchewan.

James Chinkskill, member of the territorial legislature for the Battleford district, was in Winnipeg last week on his way to attend the opening of the Territorial assembly at Regina. Mr. Chinkskill is one of the pioneer merchants of Battleford. He says that the country is progressive, and the settlers are becoming well to do through the yearly increase in their fine herds of cattle. Very little grain is grown around Battleford, cattle raising being the chief industry. Stock this season is in fine condition for the market, and shipments by Gordon & Ironside, and Mr. Prince will commence this week.

Grain and Milling News.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. will build an elevator at Sinituluta, Assa.

A Mr. Millar, a practical miller, offers to build a mill of 65-barrels capacity at Cardiff, Assa., for a bonus of \$3,000.

Parrish & Lindsay of Brandon, contemplate erecting elevators on the Belmont extension of the Northern Pacific railway in Manitoba.

W. M. Haley, of Morden, Man., was in Winnipeg this week arranging for

the building of a 30,000 bushel elevator at Morden, which will make eight elevators for this go ahead town.

The feature of the local grain market says, the Montreal Gazette of Tuesday was the fact that round lots of new crop oats were offered to arrive at 30 1-2c to 31c afloat; old oats 32 1-2c to 33c afloat.

W. W. Ogilvie, the great miller, was struck by a train while out driving recently, and had a very narrow escape. The carriage was smashed to pieces, but Mr. Ogilvie miraculously escaped serious injury.

Winnipeg Waterworks Bonds.

The action of the Winnipeg city council in connection with the disposal of the waterworks debentures is hardly such as to commend itself to the citizens. The decision of the council to send the mayor to London to dispose of the bonds is not in keeping with the usual custom followed in transacting business of this nature. There may be special circumstances in connection with the disposal of these bonds, which render it advisable to send a direct representative of the city to London to handle the business. If this be the case, the citizens should not be kept in the dark concerning this matter. The understanding between the mayor and the council, for the disposal of the bonds, was considered at a secret meeting of the council—certainly a most remarkable proceeding. On the strength of this secret understanding, a motion was passed that "the manner and method of offering said bonds for sale and the price to be left to to his worship the mayor." Not only has the council taken an unusual course as to the method of disposing of the bonds, but it has discussed the matter in secret and left the citizens in the dark in the matter. It may be thought necessary to send the mayor to London on account of the little unpleasantness with the Winnipeg Waterworks company; but this is a matter separate from the sale of the bonds, and is not likely that it will have any material effect upon the credit of the city in the London money market.

Wool

An eastern Journal—the Toronto Monetary Times—is alarmed that considerable wool in Manitoba and the Territories may be smuggled across the boundary into the United States, owing to the high wool duties in the latter country, which offer a great inducement for smuggling. If any wool goes across the boundary in this way it will be for the benefit of the producers here, and therefore, cannot be a cause of very much regret. The Monetary Times is of course speaking in the interests of the eastern wool dealers, who are afraid of losing their commission for handling the wool. In case some of it should take an "underground route" to the United States The Commercial does not apprehend that there will be any wool smuggling. The clip has now been about all marketed, through the usual channels.

Karl K. Albert, agent for the Victor safes, Winnipeg, is introducing a combination desk and safe, which is a very convenient and handsome piece of office furniture. This article has had a large sale wherever introduced.