

## Manitoba.

F. O'Neill & Co., harness, Shoal Lake, moved to Napiuka.

W. Neilson, jeweller, Carberry, has moved to Winnipeg.

James Stewart, blacksmith, has sold out to Melvin & Lang.

A new boat is being built by the Robinson Fish company at Selkirk.

George Perry is starting a paper at Souris, to be called the Plaindealer.

John Moir, lumber, implements, etc., Holland, has assigned in trust.

Joseph Woodley has bought out Chambers' butchering business at Wawanesa.

The estate of Jacob Hiebert, general store, Chortitz, sold to Tewel Finklestein.

The town Council of Virden has purchased a \$300 fire engine and five hundred feet of hose.

J. R. Stromo, general store, Brandon, reported admitting J. M. Harper into partnership.

John Dougall has bought an outfit for a planing mill, which he is establishing at Carberry.

S. J. Greeewood is now in the east buying plant for a new cheese factory to be started at Douglas.

Joseph Reid has bought T. Spence's shop at Wawanesa, and is opening in stationery and fancy goods.

The stock of the estate of D. Brown, hardware, Portage la Prairie, has been sold to T. & W. Millar at 69 1/2c.

J. D. Gillies, general dealer, Minnedosa, has been ill with inflammation of the lungs, but is able to be about again.

H. A. Seed is opening a restaurant in the premises next door to his fruit establishment on Portage avenue, Winnipeg.

Alex. McIntyre, formerly in the wholesale liquor trade at Winnipeg, and a large property owner here, is in a low state of health.

Dr. Lawson, formerly of Shoal Lake, is opening a drug store at the new town of Hamiota, on the Northwest Central railway.

Mahon, of Collingwood, Ont., has arrived at Douglas, and is taking stock of the goods of Baker & Lesson, which he is purchasing.

President Osler, of the Northern Pacific railway and other officials were in Winnipeg last week, looking after the extensive interests of the company here.

Notice is given that the regular half-yearly examinations of the Pharmaceutical Association of Manitoba will be held in Winnipeg, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 5th and 6th April next.

Bole, Wynne & Co., wholesale druggists, Winnipeg, filled orders recently for stocks for four new drug stores, one from British Columbia, one from Alberta and the remaining two for stores starting in Manitoba.

A. C. McEown & Co., general dealers, Boissevain, have decided to do business on the cash system hereafter. Quite a number of the best retail firms in Manitoba are going in for the cash system, and it is to be hoped many more will follow the example. It is a hopeful sign of the times, and if followed up generally, will result in good to merchants and consumers alike.

The number of arrivals in the province to date this year as compared with the same period of last year, is as follows:

	1891.	1892.
January .....	329	475
February .....	438	756
March (to 16th) .....	370	1 639
Total .....	1,146	2,870

An increase so far for this year of 1,724 persons.

A fire started in the Wilson house, Gladstone, on Tuesday night, which burnt up a great portion of the business part of the town.

It seems the fire started in the bar-room and was not discovered until about 12.30, when it got so far ahead that no efforts could stop it. Next it spread to Schooley's general store, then Williams' hardware store, Doherty's hardware store, and McQueen's general store. The wind was blowing quite a fresh breeze from the north and carried the fire at a fearful rate, and very little of the stock or contents have been saved. Great efforts were made to save some property out of McQueen's store, which was last to go up, and there was considerable property saved from it. P. Cameron of the Wilson house, is badly scorched about the face and head, he lost everything, even his clothes. The insurance is: W. S. Bailey, on the buildings occupied by Cameron, Schooley and Williams, \$3,000; Williams Bros., on stock, \$1,000; Schooley, on stock, \$2,000. There was no insurance on Doherty's building or stock, and it is not fully known how much there was on McQueen's building and stock.

## Alberta.

Hicks & Gaetz are opening a drug store at Red Deer.

W. D. Hill, dry goods and furnishings, Leithbridge, has added boots and shoes.

Two men from Switzerland, Antonio Costella and Theodore Carmaro, are establishing a cheese factory at Calgary.

M. D. Doray, says the Edmonton Bulletin, has started cheese factories at C. Paradis, Horse Hill creek, H. Vezina, Horse Hill and at F. Lamoureux, Fort Saskatchewan.

D. W. Moore, of Calgary, has returned from the east, where he has been purchasing machinery for a soap factory. He engaged an experienced soap maker and expects to be able to commence operations in about a month.

W. Maloney, says the Edmonton Bulletin, has purchased two lots 88 feet front by 100 feet deep, west side of Fraser avenue, immediately adjoining the Hudson's Bay store, for \$700. He will at once erect a building 40x60 for use as an implement warehouse. He is establishing a business here as a general dealer in farm machinery and implements.

The shipment of dressed meats and live stock from Alberta to British Columbia coast points, is becoming quite an extensive trade. The Calgary Herald recently contained the following, which is interesting in this connection: "The first shipment of dressed meat from the Northwest Trading Company's new premises was despatched yesterday afternoon, the siding having been laid and the car brought to the northern end of the main building. The shipment was one of the finest ever dispatched from Calgary, the quality of the beef being exceptionally good. There were 25 carcasses of beef averaging 843 pounds, quite a number going over 900 pounds each. Fore quarters weighed 240, 245, 248, 239, 267, 230, etc., and hind quarters 237, 238, 239, 246, 241, 248, etc. There were 90 carcasses of mutton, not extra weights but really good. The filled car was worth \$2,000. Quite a number of visitors called to witness the slaughtering and see the first car, from the new premises, made ready. Already a couple of hundred hogs are on the ground, from youngsters up to hogs weighing 150 to 200 pounds. An incident of the day was the arrival of a farmer with several head of cattle for sale. The animals were driven into the corral and up the chute and slaughtered while the farmer waited. The dressed meat was weighed; the farmer received a ticket which he presented at the company's office in town and received his money. The whole transaction did not occupy more than an hour. In this way the company's operations are proving a great boon to neighboring farmers who have a few head of cattle to dispose of."

## Assiniboia.

It is reported that coal has been discovered at Grenfell, in sinking a well.

There are twenty-five families on their way from France to settle at Whitewood.

J. Dillon & Co., Qu'Appelle, have added hardware to their tinware and tinsmithing business.

John Dawson, who came to Winnipeg about two years ago as a member of the firm of Dawson, Bole & Co., has returned with his family to Regina to reside.

The general stock of the colonization store, Regina, late Wm. Cruickshanks, will be offered for sale in Winnipeg, on April 4. Stock amounts to \$5,560.

The first number of the Regina Daily Standard has been received. It is neatly printed, and contains a good summary of telegraphic and local news. Regina is to be congratulated upon the possession of such a lively daily paper.

Bon Fletcher, of Moose Jaw, writes to state that the late fire in that town originated in the west corner of M. Ripstein's general store, in which place there was no flue of any kind defective or otherwise, and that the fire started on or below the ground floor. The telegraph report stated that the blaze originated in Mr. Fletcher's residence.

## Saskatchewan.

A pamphlet descriptive of the Prince Albert district has been published and will be circulated widely. It contains a lot of interesting reading about this famous district.

Last week we gave the new officers of the Prince Albert board of trade. In addition to the officers, the following have been chosen for the council: S. J. Donaldson, E. J. Young, J. D. Maveety, John Stewart, Robt. Jardine, Justice McGuire, A. Lowden, F. C. Baker, J. W. Toogood, H. J. Montgomery, G. C. McLeod, J. R. McPhail. The following new members were proposed: C. H. Stovel, F. W. Fenton, J. M. R. Neely, J. E. Sinclair.

It is said that there is a considerable quantity of wheat in the Prince Albert district which cannot find a market. The Hudson's Bay Co. have a flour mill at Prince Albert, put roller and stone process, but nevertheless flour is brought into Prince Albert from outside points. A committee of the Prince Albert board of trade recently conferred with Messrs. Beaton and G. S. Davison, of the Hudson's Bay company, and called their attention to the considerable amount of wheat in the country which could not find a market. They offered, on behalf of the merchants, to purchase from the company at wholesale rates, all the flour that was ground, so as to exclude as much as possible, imported flour of the same grade. The company would not undertake to purchase all the wheat in the country, but agreed to give flour in exchange for wheat to the merchants on a cash basis. The price for No. 1 hard wheat was proposed at 60c and of strong baker flour \$2.50 per hundred. The Prince Albert representatives of the Hudson's Bay company agreed to recommend to the chief commissioner at Winnipeg the most favorable consideration of the wheat situation with a view of having the whole crop of the district ground or purchased at Prince Albert. The opinion was expressed that there was probably not more wheat in the district than will be required to supply the local demand until the next crop should be harvested if it were used instead of bringing in flour from Manitoba mills.

## Northwest Ontario.

F. Mereault, hotel keeper, Fort William, is going to build a three-story brick block on Victoria avenue of that place.

A Duluth paper says that Superintendent Gunderon, of the Baltimore Packing company, has given orders to the fishermen at Baswood Lake to reel in nets and get in readiness to go to Rat Portage, Ont., where the company have large refrigerators and do fishing.