

Manitoba.

Baldur wants a dentist.

Birnle & Co., have opened a photograph gallery at Holland.

M. Finkelstein has bought out the stock of Richards at Dauphin.

F. S. Moule, general merchant, Killarney, is opening a branch at Dunrae.

George Treleaven's handsome new block at Killarney is nearing completion.

A Huggins, formerly of Carberry, will open up a bakery at Portage la Prairie.

T. J. Lawlor, general merchant, of Killarney, will open a branch at Dunrea, the new Northern Pacific town near Killarney.

The new Northern Pacific and Manitoba Railway company's coal sheds and engine house at Belmont were destroyed by fire on the 8th inst.

Sigurdson Bros., store and contents at Hnansa, on Lake Winnipeg, were completely destroyed by fire on Friday, Dec. 9th. Loss about \$2,000; insurance \$1,700.

It is stated that the Dauphin railway will be extended to the North Saskatchewan river next summer, and a couple of years later it will be completed to Hudson Bay, with a branch to Prince Albert.

C. W. Maloan, hardware merchant, Carberry, has sold out his business at that point to Shannon, of Tara, Ont., and will move to the Narrows of Lake Manitoba, where he intends engaging in the business of stone quarrying.

The citizens of Portage la Prairie have forwarded a numerous signed petition to the Hudson's Bay authorities requesting that James Robertson be continued as manager of the company's stores at that place.

D. W. Mills, of Carman, arrived in Winnipeg on Wednesday with a shipment of fat Christmas cattle for P. Gallagher & Sons. One two year old steer in the lot turns the scales at 1,600 pounds.

C. C. Macdonald, provincial dairy commissioner, has reported that the conditions are not favorable for the establishing of a creamery at Dauphin as yet, but he thinks a cheese factory would pay at St. Rose, in that district.

A new enterprise in the retail line in Winnipeg is the concern known as Bayley's Fair, owned and operated by Geo. Bayley, formerly of Ontario. The principal lines handled are dry goods, fancy goods and toys. A novel feature is the method of buying goods which the proprietor, in company with 24 other merchants in various parts of Eastern Canada, has adopted. The buying for the whole 25 stores is done en bloc, the merchants meeting twice a year for that purpose in London, Ontario. Mr. Bayley states that he has come to Winnipeg to stay.

Alberta.

Armstrong Bros., general merchants, Edmonton, have dissolved. W. M. Armstrong assumes the obligations of the business.

The store known as the London and Liverpool at MacLeod, has been purchased by Schofield & Co., of Placher Creek, and will be conducted by them in future.

Dowling & Ottewell, of Clover Bar, contemplate erecting a 100-barrel flour mill at Edmonton. It has not

yet been decided on which side of the river the mill will be located.

The farmers of the Edmonton district held a meeting recently. The two questions discussed were the freight rates to the Kootenay and a farmers' mill. A resolution was passed to support the board of trade in its efforts to secure such reduction in railway rates as will enable Edmonton to compete on fair terms with Manitoba in the Kootenay market. A committee of prominent farmers from different parts of the district was appointed to meet on Dec. 27th to consider the flour mill question in all its bearings.

Assiniboia.

E. A. Walker, of Winnipeg, has purchased the hardware business of James Franks at Grenfell.

John Secord, Q. C., Regina, died on Dec. 10, of pleurisy, after only three days' illness. Deceased was of U. E. Loyalists descent, and was born near Niagara in 1850.

Grain and Milling News.

The new drying machinery in the Northern elevator, Winnipeg, is now in operation and is working satisfactorily.

This is moving week among Winnipeg grain men, who are moving into the handsome new grain exchange building.

The Western Milling company's (of Regina) elevator, at Pense, Assa., containing about 15,000 bushels of wheat, was burned on Dec. 15. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The shareholders of the Reston Farmers' Elevator Co., Reston, Man., held a meeting recently and re-endorsed the payment of a 15 per cent. dividend for last year. The affairs of the company are in a very prosperous state.

Following shows the number of cars of wheat inspected under the jurisdiction of the Winnipeg inspector for last week: One hard 66 cars, two hard 23 cars, one northern 115, two northern 15, three hard 3, one spring 34 rejected 16, no grade 79; total 348 cars.

Customs Changes.

The following general regulations in regard to invoices and entries of goods under the customs laws of Canada:

15. When any bill of sight or provisional or imperfect entry is perfected, or post entry made, or refund claim certified, the collector in every such case shall carefully note on the invoice or on the prime entry the numbers of the perfect entry, post entry or refund claim.

All perfecting and post entries and refund claims shall have marked thereon for reference the numbers of the prime or sight entries affected by such perfecting or post entries or refund claims.

16. Bills of sight taken at any port shall be filed and numbered consecutively with entries for consumption and the sums collected upon sight entries shall be deposited in the same manner and at the same time as ordinary collections.

17. Except in the case of "small collections," entries of goods for home consumption shall be made by bills of sight, when the goods are subject to

an ad valorem duty and when a certified invoice thereof cannot be produced.

Sight entries may also be used if desired by the importer in the case of goods subject to specific duties, when certified invoices thereof cannot be produced.

Collectors may allow a reasonable time for perfecting sight entries, but not exceeding six months from the date of such entry, without the consent of the customs department.

18. Importations not exceeding ten dollars in value may be entered on appraisement as heretofore: Provided, however, that invoices shall be required to be produced for all goods being merchandise for sale.

19. Pro forma invoices are not to be accepted with bills of entry when certified invoices can be produced.

20. In the absence or illness of the importer, invoices may be subscribed on his behalf by his local manager or employee duly authorized thereunto, or the collector may in such cases, in his discretion dispense with the requirement: Provided, that in all cases the invoice shall be subscribed by the person making the entry.

21. The actual purchase price as shown on the invoice is to be stated in the entry under the heading, "Invoice value in currency of invoice" and the proper value for duty is to be stated in the entry under the heading "Value for duty in dollars," whether the value for duty is the same as the invoice price or not.

22. Goods admitted free or at a lower rate of duty, for use only for manufacturing purposes, shall be separately entered "for home consumption," without other goods on the same entry, and the special oath (Amended Form 4) as to the exclusive use of the goods, shall be made and subscribed on the bill of entry in addition to the oath usually taken on the entry of imported goods.

23. In order to provide for a proper examination and appraisement of goods it is directed that at least one package out of every invoice (and not less than one in ten when there are several packages on the invoice) be taken and delivered for the examination of the appraiser or officer acting as such wherever practicable, and especially in the case of packed goods.

The Commercial Men.

Jas. Mundle, of the Sanford Manufacturing Co., left Monday on a western trip.

H. Kite, of the W. E. Sanford Co., returned east on Tuesday after several months spent in the west.

A. E. Forde, traveller of the Ogilvie company, left for Ottawa on Thursday. Before his return he will wed an Ottawa lady.

F. Clare, of Clare Bros., iron founders, of Preston, Ont., returned east Wednesday after a business trip to the west.

Correction.

In our article on the lowering of Lake Manitoba in *The Commercial* last week the words "a continuous navigable channel from Winnipeg to Edmonton via Lake Winnipeg" should have read, "a continuous navigable channel from Winnipeg to Edmonton via lakes Manitoba and Winnipegosis." The similarity in the names of the lakes lead to a typographical error, which went through unnoticed.