

Manitoba.

Mrs. Baldraw has opened a bakery at Shoal Lake.

F. H. Francis, general store, Headingly, has assigned.

M. A. Wilson, dealer in fruits, Winnip'g, has assigned.

McBean & McGregor, general store, Napinka, have assigned.

George Stotts purposes going out of the implement business at Souris.

M. McNichol (Mrs. James) boots and shoes, Brandon, has assigned.

Ford, Lowe & Co., grocers, Winnipeg, have sold out to Archie Wilson.

Roblin & Armitage, grain dealers, Winnipeg, have dissolved; R. P. Roblin continues.

Clark & Fleming, butchers, Shoal Lake, have dissolved partnership. Flemming will continue the business.

E. Estlin has bought out the machine shop and tools of the late G. P. Marshall at Deloraine, and will shortly commence business in that line.

The two storey building occupied by W. L. Lyall, tailor, Portage la Prairie, was totally destroyed by fire on Aug. 28. The stock was mostly saved. The insurance on the stock is \$2,200 and on the building \$500. Mr. Lyall has opened a temporary shop until he can rebuild.

At the last sitting of our county court, says the *Patrons' Advocate*, the judge held that the loss of grain by fire from a threshing engine, if carelessness on the part of the engine owner could be proven, must be made good to the farmer. Following will be found another case in which another judge held similar views, but in addition another fact developed which also is of much interest to farmers and threshers. Whenever a contract is made to thresh by the bushel, every bushel must be measured. The simple running of the grain into sacks will not entitle the thresher to recover for his threshing.

Assiniboia.

James A. McCaul, lumber and coal merchant, Regina, assigned.

Albert Edward McCaul, rancher, Regina, assigned.

Edwards, Angus MacKay, Wm. Stephens, Walter B. Sheppard.

Samuel McCutcheon's livery stable and dwelling at Gainaboro and Albert Reynold's stable was burned last week; loss, \$3,000; no insurance.

At a meeting held at Indian Head on August 26, a board of trade for the district was formed, with the following officers: President, Major W. R. Bell; vice president, James Conn; treasurer, Wm. Dickson; secretary, H. R. Henderson; directors, Robt. Crawford, A. J. Osment, Wm. Douglas, H. H. Campkin, S.

A fire started at Regina on Aug. 30, in a shed containing fifty barrels of coal oil, at the rear of McCusker's blacksmith shop. It was owned by the Standard Oil Co. A stable owned by William Longworthy took fire next, then one owned by P. Lamont, and one owned by Mrs. J. W. Young, all of which were burned down. Mrs. J. W. Young also lost a house valued at about \$350.

This has been a boom year for buildings in Regina, says a correspondent. Charlie Howson's new hotel, four stories high, is now the most conspicuous object on the prairie landscape, and can be seen many miles away. The new station, looking attractively novel with its Calgary freestone and red brick, is about ready for the roof. Tinning & Hoskins will shortly finish their store extension, which rumor states is destined for a wholesale liquor department. The new home of the Assiniboia club, opposite the post office, built of Pilot Butte brick, is rising rapidly, and will look handsome when

finished. Charlie Willoughby has a big staff of men busy laying the stone foundation of the new court house on the corner of Victoria and Hamilton streets. Besides these important structures, numerous residences of all kinds have gone up, among others being houses by the following: W. F. Eddy, R. H. Williams, Principal Chisholm, E. McCarthy, Mr. Bettschen, Mr. Beach, Mr. McGuire and George Fleming.

Alberta.

Ross & Crossman, merchant tailors, Lethbridge, are opening a branch store at Macleod.

J. Lindsay, of Winnipeg, travelling agent for the McCormick Harvesting Co., says the *Calgary Tribune*, made a trip to the country south of Calgary yesterday, and he expresses himself as highly pleased and quite surprised at the crops. He visited several farms, among them being those of Hall, Hope, McArthur, Molanes, Cleland, Acres and others whose names he did not know. He says he did not see a field of grain that would not turn 20 bu. or better per acre. The grain is plump and bright, and certainly promises well. He says he has been through all the grain districts of Manitoba, and has seen nothing to equal one field of barley which he saw out here south. He cannot understand why the farmers should put in such a small acreage as they have on such fine farms. Another thing which he complains of is that the grain should have been cut a week ago.

Saskatchewan.

Mr. Oram, of the Queen's, Prince Albert, has let the contract for the building of a large addition to his hotel.

Never in the history of this district, says the *Prince Albert Times*, has the prospects of a magnificent crop been better than they are this year. The season, though somewhat backward in the spring, has proved to have been one of the most favorable that this country has had for a number of years. No matter in what direction you go you may see beautiful fields of golden grain waving in the sunlight and the farmers busily engaged in the harvest fields.

Northwest Ontario.

The two saw mills at Norman, which closed down on account of a strike, have resumed work, the strike being off.

A public meeting of those interested in mining matters in Rat Portage was held in the town hall there recently. The meeting was part of an agitation for the abolition of the royalty clause in the Ontario Mining Act. A petition to this end was discussed by section. The feeling against the royalty clause is strong, and resolutions condemning it were unanimously passed.

Grain and Milling.

The stone foundation of the new oatmeal mill, to be erected at Pilot Mound, Man., has been completed, and some of the heavy machinery is on the ground.

Mr. Phillips, of the firm of Phillips & Richardson, of Portage la Prairie, has located a site for a new elevator at Oakville, Man., which his firm are going to erect.

The first new wheat of the season, at Portage la Prairie, was delivered by Michael Blake to the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., on August 30. The wheat was pronounced to be No. 1 hard.

J. W. Sparling has started putting improvements and power into his grain warehouse at Oakville, Man. Phippen & Richardson have commenced operations on their elevator at the same place.

The Farmers' elevator at Indian Head has been completed, with the exception of placing the engine in position. Head & Bossons have

commenced the building of another elevator at Sinituluta, to be completed by 1st October, next.

Chas. B. Watts, central wheat buyer of the Dominion Millers' Association writes *The Commercial* as follows from Toronto: "In your issue of August 14th, you report, in error, that a resolution was adopted revising the standard wheat buying tables. My attention has been called to this with the request that it be corrected. The following is the resolution that was carried: 'That the standard wheat buying table, as adopted in 1890, and published in our by-laws, as follows, be confirmed:'

Wheat testing—

"	62	pounds or over pay 2c over standard price.
"	61	" " " " 1c
"	60	" " " " standard price.
"	59	" " " " 1c less than "
"	58	" " " " 2c "
"	57	" " " " 5c "

The new Farmers' flour mill at Portage la Prairie, is just about completed at a cost of \$20,000. Gray & Stabler have the contract for building, and the machinery was put in by the North American Mill Co., of Stratford. The mill will be run in connection with the farmers' elevator, and James Nummy will be head miller.

The election of officers at the recent meeting at Toronto of the Dominion Millers' Association resulted as follows: President, A. H. Baird, Paris, elected by acclamation; first vice-president, Harold Barrett, Port Hope; second vice-president, A. Wolverton, Wolverton, by acclamation; treasurer, Wm. Galbraith, Toronto, by acclamation. Representative on Toronto Industrial Exhibition Board, J. L. Spink. Executive committee, M. McLaughlin, J. L. Spink, Toronto; Jas. Goldie, Guelph; J. D. Flavell, Lindsay; J. D. Saunby, London; W. H. Meldrum, Peterboro; J. Galbraith, Altona. Board of Arbitration, James Stark, R. A. Thompson, W. S. Snider, George H. Harper, A. Flews, J. G. Bechtel and G. S. Baldwin. Following is the basis upon which Ontario millers buy wheat, 60 pounds per bushel being taken as standard:

Wheat weighing 64 lbs. pay to more than standard price.

"	63	3c	"	"	"
"	62	2c	"	"	"
"	61	1c	"	"	"
"	59	1c less	"	"	"
"	58	2c	"	"	"
"	57	5c	"	"	"
"	56	8c	"	"	"
"	55	12c	"	"	"
"	54	16c	"	"	"
"	53	20c	"	"	"

Silver.

The market for bar silver, says *Bradstreets*, of New York, on Aug. 26, both here and in London, has exhibited a further advancing tendency, the local rate rising from 73½c to 74½c, and reacting to 74½c per ounce. In London the price moved from 33½d to 34½d and receded to 34d.

Embezzlement Figures.

The Chicago *Tribune* has been gathering statistics of embezzlements in the United States for each of the seven months of the present year and for eleven days of the present month. It gives the following:—

January	...	\$ 715,901	May	....	\$1,752,127
February	...	1,226,313	June	.....	365,800
March	.....	546,441	July	.....	1,164,439
April	.....	602,100	Aug. (11d's)		3,031,966

August certainly led in exposures of breaches of trust in money. Men had been robbing for considerable periods perhaps, but it was concealed until the panic forced a development.

Minnesota's Wheat Crop.

The Minnesota board of agriculture estimates the wheat crop of the state at 40,849,000 bushels, or nearly 10,000,000 bushels more than the estimates compiled from the returns to the Washington department of agriculture.