

The Commercial

A Journal of Commerce, Industry and Finance, especially devoted to the interests of Western Canada, including that portion of Ontario west of Lake Superior, the Provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia and the Territories.

Eighth Year of Publication.
ISSUED EVERY MONDAY
SUBSCRIPTION, \$2.00 PER ANNUM.

ADVERTISING RATES.

1 month weekly insertion	\$0 80	per line.
3 months, do	0 75	"
6 " do	1 25	"
12 " do	2 00	"

Transient advertisements, 10 cents per line each insertion.

Fine Book and Job Printing Departments.
 Office, 4 and 6 James St East,

JAMES E. STERN,
 Publisher.

The Commercial certainly enjoys a very much larger circulation among the business community of the country between Lake Superior and the Pacific Coast, than any other paper in Canada, daily or weekly. By a thorough system of personal solicitation, carried out annually, this journal has been placed upon the desk of the great majority of business men in the vast district designated above, and including northwestern Ontario, the provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia, and the territories of Assiniboia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. The Commercial also reaches the leading wholesale, commission, manufacturing and financial houses of Eastern Canada.

WINNIPEG, JUNE 9, 1890.

Manitoba.

W. Harrison purposes opening a drug store at Neepawa.

J. N. Braun, proprietor of the Queen's Hotel, Grafton, is dead.

The stock of G. Cassels, Brandon, has been sold for 27c on the dollar.

The flour mill at High Bluff is to be sold under a mortgage in a short time.

Mr. Whitman, of Emerson, will start a dry goods and grocery business at Treherne.

The C.P.R. telegraph has opened an office at Souris, Man., formerly called Plum Creek.

Mr. Rogers is building a store at Clearwater, and will open up as soon as it is completed.

McCulloch & Co.'s mills at Rapid City are now running eighteen hours a day in order to meet the demand for flour.

R. W. Hector has doubled the capacity of his warehouse at Wawanesa to accommodate his rapidly increasing business.

A post-office is to be opened at Gartmore on the Strathclair and Lake Dauphin mail route, with P. H. Chipman as postmaster.

The stonemasons working on the Northern Pacific depot at Winnipeg have struck for an increase in wages to 45 cents an hour.

W. Harness has sold his interest in the firm of Harness & Darwin, general blacksmiths, Wawanesa, to F. Sims, of Souris City.

A general meeting of the Manitoba and Southeastern Railway Company was held in Winnipeg on June 3 for the purpose of electing directors.

At a meeting of the Winnipeg city council held on Monday evening, it was decided to submit a by-law to the ratepayers to raise \$30,000 in aid of the industrial exhibition.

A consignment of 200,000 bricks for the British Columbia Sugar Refinery was shipped from Winnipeg last week.

J. Arnold is taking charge of the N. P. & M. Ry. employment and ticket office, at Winnipeg, W. Caldwell having resigned.

A new firm, Callaway & Co., is opening business in Winnipeg—its specialty being auctioneering, insurance and commission, while real estate and mining and timber limits will also be handled.

A train of over twenty cars, loaded with harvesting machines, from the Massey Manufacturing Company, left Toronto for Winnipeg on Thursday. Several other train loads will be shipped shortly from the same field. There seems to be an enormous demand for these machines in Manitoba and the Territories.

The N. P. & M. R. between Wawanesa and Brandon has been opened for freight traffic and a considerable amount of local business is being done. As soon as this part of the road is inspected by the government engineer it will be opened for passenger traffic. Wawanesa is being made a coupon ticket office with a full stock of through tickets over the N. P. R. and all connecting lines.

The C.P.R. Telegraph company posted up the following crop bulletin Monday morning: It is now the general opinion among farmers in this country that Manitoba wheat crop for 1890 is assured. Reports received from fifteen grain centres in Manitoba and the Western Territories all give very encouraging news of the condition of the crops; many farmers assert that even if we should have no more rain this season the wheat cannot suffer from drought as the plants have taken good root and are in a healthy and vigorous condition. This is perhaps not owing so much to the recent copious rains as to careful cultivation and the use of the press drill. Eight hundred thousand or an increase of more than 20 per cent. over last year, is the estimated number of acres in wheat alone in Manitoba. In Western Territories there has also been an increase in acreage sown over last year. The C. A. C. Co.'s farms in Western Assiniboine look remarkably well and at Dunmore and Gull Lake the vigorous and strong growth of the wheat equals that of the Portage Plains. Altogether the present prospects for a large crop were never more favorable at this time of the year. Sunday's rain was general throughout the province and Territories.

Northwestern Ontario.

The Murillo mine is still shut down, awaiting a new boiler and other machinery.

The Palisades silver mine near Port Arthur has been sold for \$10,000 to A. Bliss, of Saginaw City, Mich.

About 1,000 men will be employed in the saw mills at the Lake of the Woods this summer, and more lumber will probably be made than during any previous year.

In the month of May it was reported that there were only 4,000,000 pounds of copper at Lake Superior and the bulk of this was sold. In former years there were from 22,000,000 to 23,000,000 pounds on hand at the opening of navigation. It is estimated that at least 76 per cent of the entire copper production is manufactured into wire for electrical purposes.

Assiniboia.

A. Hellner, Langenburg, is selling out.

A fire at Wapella last Wednesday destroyed the Cambrian hotel.

The first accident on the Regina & Long Lake railway happened last week near Regina. Nine cars were more or less damaged but no one was injured.

Alberta.

C. C. Mackenzie is opening the new Park hotel in Calgary.

A sawmill is being built at Sheep Creek, south of Calgary, by Mr. Lineham. The mill will have a capacity of 20,000 ft. a day.

The S. T. V. Ranching Co., Cypress Hills, have sold part of their band of cattle which number between four and five thousand to the I. G. Baker Company and the balance to the Cochrane Company.

Rapid progress is being made with the construction of the Galt line extension between Great Falls, Montana, and Lethbridge, track-laying proceeding at the rate of two miles a day. It is expected that the line, which is a narrow gauge one and about 200 miles long, will be completed by September 1.

Saskatchewan.

About 1,000 men are employed in railway work in the neighborhood of Saskatoon.

The survey of the Northwest Central from Battleford to Saskatoon has been completed.

George Russell has disposed of the stock of drugs, etc., recently purchased from P. L. Lafond, at Prince Albert.

H. J. Montgomery has been appointed local agent for the Confederation Life Insurance Company for Prince Albert district, instead of Mr. Brewster, who resigned.

Dairy Matters.

A movement is on foot to start a creamery at Fairmeade, N. W. T.

A cheese factory has been established in the vicinity of Beaconsfield.

The Lorette, Man., cheese factory has commenced operations for the season.

James Ross has sold his cheese factory at Sunnyside, near Winnipeg, to Douglas Gillespie.

Butter wrapped in parchment paper instead of muslin cloths is said to be much improved in flavor. This is especially true in warm weather.

An expedition is shortly to be sent out by the Dominion Government in charge of some American experts, to explore the oil regions in the extreme northwestern part of Canada. Prof. Dawson, who has traveled in that part of the country, expressed his opinion of it in these words: "If the indications of oil are correct, Canada has the largest oil bearing district in the world, comprising nearly 150,000 square miles, and as the indications extend down the Mackenzie river below Athabaska, the above area may only be a part of the oil bearing country. Some of the lakes and rivers in the north are covered to a depth of several inches with oil which has oozed from the banks."