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Manitoba.

B. J. McCullough, tailor, Winnipeg, has assigned.

Stephen White, hotel, Virden, Man., is advertising business for sale.

R. Scott, of Shoal Lake, is opening a stock of Japanese goods in Winnipeg.

P. McGuire, has purchased the Nicollet hotel, Winnipeg, from P. O'Connor.

Samuel Astin, music dealer, Winnipeg, who is going to take up his residence in Toronto, has sold out to S. L. Barrowclough, in the same line at Winnipeg.

The fifth annual convention of the Central Farmers' Institute of Manitoba opened in Brandon on Wednesday, president James Eldor, of Virden, in the chair. A number of very excellent papers were read at the convention.

Winnipeg city engineer has reported on the tenders for the asphalt paving of Donald, Hargrave and Kennedy streets, and Assiniboine avenue. The tender of Kelly Bros., \$30, 981.80 for Wasatch and \$81,131.80 for Trinidad or Bermuda asphalt, was shown to be the lowest and was accepted.

Supt. Bedford, of the experimental farm, Brandon, reports very favorably on the crops at the farm. He also says: "I have driven over the district south of Brandon for forty miles, and the crops are promising, fully equal to those on the experimental farm; and I am informed that the crops are also promising on every side of Brandon."

McRae & Flewelling's blacksmith shop and Thos. Miner's carriage shop at Hamiota were burned recently. The adjoining building, a barber shop, occupied by A. Kelly, was partially burned and otherwise damaged. The blacksmith and carriage shops, with the entire contents, were consumed. Mr. Miner's loss is partially covered by insurance. McRae & Flewelling had no insurance; loss about \$500.

Northwest Ontario.

A. Macdonald & Co., grocers, Winnipeg, have opened a branch business at Rat Portage.

C. H. Jackson, dealer in boots and shoes, Fort William, has formed a partnership with A. E. Rutledge. The firm will be known as Rutledge & Jackson.

The Bullion Mining Co. of Ontario has been formed, with a capital of \$300,000, to

acquire, develop and deal in gold mining properties in the Lake of the Woods and other gold districts. The prospectus of the company is published on another page in this number of The Commercial. Some excellent names are connected with the company, such as Geo. Barnes, mayor of Rat Portage, president; D. C. Cameron, president of the Ontario and Western Lumber Co., vice-president; W. A. Weir, manager of the Imperial Bank. Rat Portage, treasurer, etc., thus affording a guarantee that the company is a solid concern and will faithfully carry out its obligations.

Coal has been discovered in Algoma, near Sudbury. This is a particularly gratifying find, as Algoma has enormous mineral resources, in aid of the development of which coal has been needed. The coal is said to be suitable for the iron industry.

Alberta.

It is reported that the Great Falls and Cananda railroad, the narrow-gauge line running from Great Falls, Mont., to Lethbridge, Alberta, will be widened and made standard gauge. Construction trains, it is said, will be put on at once and the road will be rebuilt as soon as it can be done. The work of building the bridges and trestles will be continued as fast as possible. This will permit direct connections to the "Soo" and Canadian Pacific lines, and the latter will make a bid for the business of northern Montana in competition with the Great Northern.

The quarterly meeting of the Edmonton board of trade was held recently when I. Cowie was appointed with F. Oliver, M.P., to interview the proper authorities with a view to obtaining a reduction in railway rates on the Canadian Pacific Railway branches leading to the Kootenay country. It was also decided that those members of the board who are also provisional directors of the Edmonton district railroad should join with the directors in preparing data for Mr. Oliver's guidance at Ottawa in bringing before the Liberal government the promises made by their predecessors regarding aid to the Edmonton district railroad.—Bulletin.

Hides, Wool etc.

The Toronto Globe says: The tanners are indifferent and seem to be only buying hides to meet immediate requirements. Holders are firm, however, and prices were advanced this week and are now quoted at 6c for No. 1 green, 5c for No. 2 and 4c for No. 3. Cars of cured are quoted at 6½ to 6¾c. Lambskins at 85c; pelts at 15c; horsehides, \$1.50 to \$1.75 each; wool pickings are quoted at 8c to 9c, and horsehair at 18c. Tallow dealers are paying 8½ to 9¾c. For fleece wool, there is a demand for all coming in, and the market is steady at 19c for lots of selected washed wool in the country. A little selected wool has been taken for export to the United States at 20½c.

The Chicago Shoe and Leather Review says: Shipments to Europe of Australian tallow have fallen off 12,000 tierces for June as compared with the same month of 1895. Stocks of tallow in Europe are gradually decreasing and American renderers are looking forward to an increased demand from that country. At the present time shippers are not bidding over 9½c for prime packers' tallow, while 9½c is asked. The output by the packers continues liberal, while the receipts of tallow in the country markets are meager and of a poor quality.

Regarding wool markets in the United States, Bradstreet's says: "The market is very much depressed, and the business doing is largely confined to sample lots, but few sales of fair-sized parcels of wool being noted.

Values are not materially different, but are largely nominal, there being not enough business to establish quotations. The feature of the market is the firm tone in London, and the strong views held by operators at producing points in the interior. Manufacturers are not well supplied, but they will not buy wool until they are able to secure orders for woollens, hence the low prices prove to be no attraction. The supply of old wool that erat high hold at the seaboard is large, and dealers are not disposed to show much speculative tendency as long as they have this on their hands. Australian wool is held firm, and sales run small. Carpet wools are dull but steady.

Grain and Milling.

About the close of last year, says a Montreal exchange it was known in certain quarters that a reverend gentleman of this city was interested in 100,000 bushels of oats which he purchased in Chicago, somewhere around 22c or 23c. The market then being three or four cents against him, and it was generally supposed that he closed the deal shortly afterwards and made his loss. Nothing more, however, was heard of it until a few days ago, when the rumor was started that he was still carrying his oats. If such be the case, those oats are getting pretty wild on the down turn, as they have already reached 15c.

There was a weaker feeling in the market for oatmeal at Montreal on July 9 and prices declined 5 to 10c per barrel. Rolled oats in car lots sold at \$2.60 per barrel, and at \$2.25 per bag.

At Montreal on July 9 flour prices declined. Sales of winter patents were noted at \$3.70 to \$3.90, and spring at \$3.60 to \$3.75, while straight roller sold at \$5.50 to \$3.60.

R. P. Roblin, D. W. Cummings and James A. Mitchell, all Winnipeg grain men have returned from the Kootenay country British Columbia, where they have been interested in mining properties.

Grocery Trade Notes.

Currants, according to latest cables from Greece, were quoted at 8s 6d for prompt shipment, which is an advance of 3d on the last cable quotation.

A telegram received from Vancouver instructs agents to withdraw quotations on Fraser River salmon. The telegram is supposed to have been sent because of the rise in the Fraser, which makes salmon fishing difficult for the present.

A Bordeaux letter states that French pea packers will not be able to fill their orders in full, and decline to accept further orders.

Molasses are decidedly firmer, says a Montreal report, and the advances at the Islands noted a week ago have been well maintained. Several large cargoes of Barbadoes molasses have lately arrived, two vessels arriving up on Wednesday. Offerings are now made at about 28½c to 29½c in round lots. Syrups are quiet but steady.

Dairy Trade Notes.

At Woodstock, Ont., on July 8 at the cheese board 16 factories offered 3, 05 boxes cheese. Sales—340 at 6 18-16c, 1,010 at 6½c. Bidding brisk, but salesmen are holding for higher prices since the pasture is drying.

At Brantford, Ont., on July 10, 14 factories offered 3,260 boxes June make. Sales—950 at 6 18-16c. Several buyers present.

At London, Ont., on July 11, 81 factories boarded 5,500 boxes June. Sales—510 boxes at 6½c, 605 at 6¾c, 1,235 at 6 18-16c. The attendance was fair and the bidding brisk.

D. Smith, of the Fort William Journal, paid The Commercial a visit last week.