

Manitoba.

Curtis & Son have opened a store at Macdonald.

I. R. Strome, Brandon, is retiring from business.

Dr. Chalmers has opened in drugs at Minnolas, Man.

Rochan & Co. have opened a drug store at Somerset, Man.

Mrs. Walker is opening a millinery establishment in Selkirk.

F. G. Lewis, general merchant, Birdie, has sold out to J. M. Hough.

T. Lake, of Macdonald, has sold his confectionery store to Broadfoot Bros.

Head & Son, Rapid City, have bought D. Buchanan's butcher business.

Hanley & Burgess, Boissevain, have purchased Jos. McCutcheon's butcher business.

George Billyard has gone into partnership with W. Liversidge & Co., of the Morris Herald.

Track laying on the Lac du Bonnet railroad was recommenced last Friday from Maudslon.

Fairley Bros., Carberry, have sold their fruit and confectionary business to Vanderlip & English.

Hodges & Co., grocers, Winkler, are offering to compromise with their creditors at 25c on the dollar.

The flour mill of Bullock & Son, Melita, had a narrow escape from destruction by fire last week.

The Winnipeg labor party has nominated A. W. Putter as its candidate for re-election to the Dominion house.

The contract for supplying winter bedding for the Winnipeg fire brigade has been let to the Hudson's Bay Co.

The Manitoba Milling Company, of Neepawa, is applying for incorporation. R. C. Ennis is one of the applicants.

The butcher business carried on by Jos. McCutcheon, at Boissevain, Man., has been taken over by Hanley & Burgess.

Sam H. Roseborough, watchmaker and jeweller, Dauphin, will open a branch store at the new town of Gilbert Plains.

E. H. Rodgers, inspector of buildings, reports 405 building permits having been issued this year, aggregating \$1,045,453.

The planing mill of Hughes & Long, Brandon, which was burned last June has been replaced and work was resumed last week.

W. F. Lee has been awarded a contract for supplying the city of Winnipeg with 3,500 feet of sewer pipe at a cost of \$1,275.

The Canadian Northern Railway Co. has named the new towns on the Gilbert Plains extension Ridgeway, Gilbert Plains and Grand View.

The hardware firm of Crouter & McLean, Gladstone, has been dissolved; the business will be carried on by E. Crouter, who assumes all liabilities.

The Northern Pacific Belmont section has reached Hartney, where a fine station building is being erected. In a week or two at least there will be a regular train service into Hartney.

The next long distance extension of telephone lines from Winnipeg will be to the south making connection with the North Dakota line to St. Paul, Minneapolis and Chicago. This will not be built until next year.

S. R. Hunter & Co., a Toronto tailor, who has visited Winnipeg periodically for the purpose of taking orders for execution in Toronto, has now opened a regular tailoring business in Winnipeg.

Percy Burrell was charged at the Winnipeg police station this week with forging the name of Superintendent Osborne of the C. P. R. to an order on a city jeweller for a watch. He was sent up for trial.

The Canadian Northern Elevator Company is applying to the provincial government for incorporation. The chief place of business will be Dauphin. T. A. Burrows and J. H. Hedderly are among the applicants.

The steam shovel to be used in the St. Andrew's Rapids improvement has arrived, and machinists are now busy putting it in order for work. It will be ready at once. The contractor will at once commence operations and soon 200 men will be engaged on the work. The work will be continued during the winter and until completed. How long it would take would depend greatly on the seasons.

With a dry spring such as the past one was, matters would be greatly facilitated for the quicker completion of the work.

The office effects of the Merchants' Produce and Fruit Company, Winnipeg, better known as the Great West Cold Storage Co., of which J. H. Anderson is manager, were offered for sale by the bailiff last week to meet a claim for rent.

A. W. Lelse was prosecuted at Portage la Prairie this week for infraction of the transient traders law. He opened a stock of furnishings and afterwards commenced to sell the goods by auction. The law requires a license of \$250 before business can be done in this way. Decision was reserved.

The branch line from Dauphin, better known as the Gilbert Plains branch of the Canadian Northern railway, is practically completed, and the sale of town lots at Gilbert Plains and Grand View stations is advertised to take place on the 2nd of October next. Gilbert Plains station is about 20 miles from Dauphin, and Grand View station is about 30 miles from Dauphin. A special train will leave Portage la Prairie on the arrival of the Imperial Limited from Winnipeg on Oct. 1, the auction sale beginning on the morning of Oct. 2 at Gilbert Plains. The railway company are giving reduced rates to intending purchasers and others.

Alberta.

Cowdry Bros., private bankers of Macleod, will establish a branch at Cardston.

Olmstead and Sherblino have purchased the butcher business of T. G. McClelland, Calgary.

At an early hour on Saturday morning last the thermometer at Edmonton showed 4 degrees of frost.

Hamilton & Parslow, Calgary, have purchased the livery outfit of the Pacific stables, recently leased by James Young.

The Strathcona Grain Cleaner Manufacturing Co., Strathcona, has been formed for the purpose of manufacturing a new grain cleaning machine.

It is reported that preliminary surveys will shortly be made to demonstrate the feasibility of irrigating a large extent of land between Calgary and Medicine Hat from the Bow river.

Assinibola.

J. A. Mitchell, Weyburn, is opening a flour and feed store.

J. A. Balfour hardware merchant, Wolseley, Assa., has admitted Geo. H. Hurlburt into partnership, the firm now being Hurlburt & Balfour.

Northwest Ontario.

The Fort William tax rate for the current year is 29 mills on the dollar.

A Minneapolis engineer who has been to Fort Frances investigating the water power at that place for the projectors of the proposed new pulp mill has expressed himself as being well pleased with the results of his survey.

Reports from Port Arthur on Sunday last stated that the worst storm of this season was then prevailing, the wind blew hard from the northwest. Several vessels were forced to take refuge in the harbor.

A petition signed by all the business men of Fort Frances has been forwarded to the postmaster general asking that a change be made in the contemplated mail service next winter so that the outgoing mail on Wednesdays shall not leave Fort Frances until the arrival of the incoming mail from Beaver Mills.

The Fort William Journal publishes a rumor that the Canadian Northern will have two steel passenger boats, with the most modern machinery, built this winter to ply between Port Arthur and lower lake ports, in connection with their railway. The boats, it is said, are to have a speed of 18 to 20 miles an hour, and will be built and equipped expressly for the passenger trade.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Bank of England on Thursday, the governor, Stewart Gladstone, announced that the six months' profits were £727,860. The usual 5 per cent. dividend was declared. During the meeting cordial references were made to the co-operation of New York's financiers with those of London in managing the issue of the war loans.

Live Stock News.

J. B. Baird, of Pilot Mound, was in Winnipeg on Saturday last with a shipment of cattle and hogs.

Hamilton Bros., of Neepawa, shipped six cars of cattle from Strathclair, Man., Thursday of last week.

J. R. Mullens, of Virden, brought nine cars of prime cattle into the Winnipeg stock yards on Saturday last for export.

Dairy Trade Notes.

The London, England, cheese market was in active condition last week under a brisk demand, and as a result the range of values was from 1s to 2s higher. Stocks were only fair, and despite the further rise the outlook is considered fair. Prices ranged from 52s to 55s as to grade. The butter market showed great irregularity in prices during the week. Finest creamery held firm, but values on other grades fell off 2s. Demand was light and stocks ample to meet the current demand. The range for creamery butter was 100s to 106s.

Ontario Fruit Depot.

Taylor Bros., fruit dealers, have opened a retail fruit depot at 232 Main street, Winnipeg, where they are handling large quantities of basket fruit, both wholesale and retail. The firm have been doing business here since the season opened through other warehouses but are now located in premises of their own. They handle only Ontario stuff and are meeting with much success in their venture. They are receiving numerous consignments of choicest peaches, pears, apples, plums, and grapes every week in good condition, which have found ready sale in a retail way as fast as received.

Ocean Grain Freights.

A stronger feeling has developed in the ocean grain freight market of late; in consequence rates have been steadily advancing, and are now higher than they have been at any previous time this season. The demand has been fair and all the space for September is now engaged and some taken for October; but the high rates asked for the above month are checking business to some extent. We quote: Liverpool, 3s 3d to 3s 6d; October: London, 3s 6d to 3s 9d; Glasgow, 3s; Avonmouth, 4s; Hamburg, 3s 9d; Leith, 4s; Dublin, 3s 9d; Belfast, 3s 6d; Cardiff, 4s; Antwerp, 3s 6d, and no Aberdeen offering.—Montreal Gazette.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard closed at 65½c in store Fort William.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$1.75; best bakers' \$1.55.

Oatmeal—\$1.65 per 50 lb sack in carlots.

Millstuffs—bran, \$10.50 per ton; shorts, \$12.50, delivered to city dealers.

Oats—Carlots on track, new oats, 25¢ 30c.

Barley—25¢ 30c per bushel for new.

Corn—In carlots, 40½c per bushel of 56 lb.

Flax—50c per bushel.

Butter—Dairy, 12¢ 14c per lb; creamery, 20c at the factories.

Cheese—Regular sizes, 11¢ 11½c.

Eggs—16c for Manitoba fresh.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 7c per lb.

Wool—72¢ for unwashed fleece.

Seneca root—50c per lb.

Hay—Baled, \$5.50 \$5.60 per ton on cars.

Potatoes—Choice new potatoes, 25c per bushel.

Poultry—Turkeys, live weight, 11c per lb; spring chickens, 25¢ 30c per pair; ducks, 60c per pair; geese, 60¢ 75c each; wild ducks, 25¢ 40c per pair.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 6¢ 7c; fresh killed mutton, 10¢ 10c; lamb, 10¢ 11c; hogs, 6¢ 7c; real, 7¢ 8c.

Live Stock—Cattle, 30¢ 35c for good to choice steers; sheep, 34¢ 45c; hogs, 5c off cars, according to weight and quality.

Tenders are invited for the purchase of the plant and business of the Bishop Printing and Engraving company, Montreal. Bids to be in by Oct. 1.

A wire from Montreal on Tuesday stated that the Ontario bank has entered suit against the Merchants Bank of Halifax and Patrick Mullin, D. J. McGillis, J. F. Mullin and Duncan M. Stewart, for the amount of a warehouse receipt held by the plaintiff for goods stored in the Montreal Cold Storage and Freezing company premises and alleged to have afterwards been removed without the knowledge of the said plaintiff, and for which it now holds the present defendants responsible.

THE BANK OF N.A. STATEMENT.

In our financial column this week is given a report of the address of President Hoare at the semi-annual meeting of the Bank of British North America, held in London, England, on the 4th inst. Last week we gave the financial statement. It will be seen from the proceedings at the meeting that this well-known Canadian institution is thoroughly abreast of the times in management of its funds and is making out of its prudently managed business very satisfactory profits. The field of this bank extends from New York to Dawson City. One of the notable things about its management is its policy of keeping its reserve invested in British government securities which policy should commend itself to the public. Its immediately available resources are equal to 59 per cent. of its liabilities. The net profits for the half year under review were £37,240 7s 5d, out of which the regular October dividend will be paid.

Producing Cement in Manitoba.

The Manitoba Union Mining Company which has been working for some time on the erection of necessary buildings and machinery at the cement deposit near Miami on the Morris and Brandon branch of the Northern Pacific have the work so far advanced that they expect to commence shipping in about a month. The samples of this cement already shown are of excellent quality and the product should find a ready market in the west.

The Calgary Fair.

The Calgary exhibition last week was a great success. The number of exhibits increased; the attendance was so large that the city could not lodge the crowds, and there were no mishaps to mar the event. The only drawback was a break in the weather on Friday and Saturday, which prevented racing and sports.

Seneca Root Higher.

A special wire to The Commercial from Minneapolis, on Friday morning, noted an advance of 2c per pound in the price of seneca root. Dealers there are now quoting 30c for choice Manitoba root, 25c for inferior, delivered there.

British Live Stock Markets.

London, September 17.—The trade in cattle was very slow and this fact, coupled with heavier supplies of Canadian stock, had a depressing effect on prices for the same, and they show a decline of ½c since this day week, but Americans were steady at 13½c. Choice Canadians sold at 12½c and ranchers at 11c to 11½c. Canadian sheep brought 12c.

Liverpool, September 17.—A very weak feeling developed in this market for both Canadian cattle and sheep and prices show a decline of 1½c, choice cattle selling at 11c and sheep at 11c.

President Shaughnessy of the C. P. R. started on Thursday morning from Montreal on his annual tour of inspection. This will be extended to the Pacific coast and will be of a thorough character. The new spurs, which the C. P. R. are building in the mining regions will be visited.

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