

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

Mr. Hay is asking a bonus or a loan of \$2,500, so as to increase his foundry business, which now employs six men.

The country is threatening to sue the town of Portage La Prairie regarding its share of maintaining the registry office.

The only change worthy of notice in business circles during the week was the dissolution of the firm of J. B. Pewtrees & Co., stationers. J. B. Pewtrees, will continue the business in his own name.

The arrangements between the Town Council and the P. W. & N. W. R. Company regarding the site for the depot round house and shops of the latter are not yet concluded. The company require 80 acres altogether.

There has been considerable irregularity in trains and mails during the past week owing to snow, and on Tuesday and Wednesday the Portage, Westbourne and North-western was blocked about ten miles from this place.

The license committee of the town council have recommended the granting of fourteen licenses for the sale of liquors, while they have refused only one applicant. This is in marked contrast with the fruitless attempt to enforce the provisions of the Scott' Act a year ago, but it is not expected that drunkenness will increase in consequence.

The past week has been a very dull one in mercantile circles, and trade has been at a very low ebb. The cold weather has kept farmers from coming to town, and grain receipts have been correspondingly light. Not more than half a dozen cars have been shipped during the week. Wheat still sells at from 65c to 70c, and oats at 35c to 37c. Potatoes have sold during the week from 80c to 90c.

PRINCE ALBERT.

We expect shortly to have a weekly mail which will be a great boon to our citizens.

E. Waldo & Co., are making extensive preparations for the manufacture of bricks.

Prince Albert has now two banks for the accommodation of merchants and other business men.

T. McKay & Co's., new grist mill is running night and day, throwing out a splendid quality of flour.

E. Flood & Co., bankers, have opened a bank in the new building occupied by McLean & Watson.

Matters have been satisfactorily arranged for the building of the Saskatchewan Valley Railway, work to commence in the spring.

Kerr & Hamilton have sold out their general stock and have gone east. They intend returning shortly with a large stock of furniture.

MacArthur & Knowles, bankers, have removed into their new and commodious building, the office of which has been handsomely fitted up.

Real estate is on the boom. Several lots were sold this week by auction, bringing good prices. Twenty lots were sold by private sale at \$150 each.

McHaffey & Clinksill have purchased a lot for \$1,600 on River Street next to T. N. Campbell's book store, and intend building in the spring.

T. O. Davis & Co., have opened out in their new premises, River Street, and are doing a good business. They have also opened a branch store near Prichard's Crossing.

Gold mining will be vigorously prosecuted in this vicinity in the spring. The river opposite here has been examined by experts and found to contain gold in paying quantities.

One of the firm of Goodfellow & Bros. has gone east to Qu'Appelle to bring an engine and additional wood working machinery for their factory. They have got into their new premises.

The poles are now being got out for the construction of a branch telegraph line from Clark's Crossing, the point at which the Government line crosses the south branch of the Saskatchewan and thence along the river to Prince Albert

Shipments of goods, etc., from the east on the opening of navigation will be sent to Leopold on the C.P.R. and thence by flat boats down the Saskatchewan to a point ten miles north of here. Parties left here by last mail to construct these boats at Leopold.

The trail from Qu'Appelle to here so far has been kept open, and freighters are coming in constantly. J.D.M.

Although America possesses the largest mill furnishing establishment in the world, Germany boasts the largest iron works, as evidenced by the following: Krupp's works, at Essen now employ some 449 steam boilers; 456 steam engines, with an aggregate horse-power of 18,500; 80 steam hammers, varying in weight from 200 pounds to 50 tons; 21 rolling mills; machines for making tools, 1,622; furnaces, 1,556 of which 64 are high furnaces; 25 locomotives, and 5 propellers, with a tonnage of about 8,000 Annual production, 300,000 tons of steel and 25,000 tons of iron.

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