

Manitoba.

R. J. Fleming, hotel, McGregor, sold out to Mr. Gills.

J. C. Stoyte & Co., drugs, Souris, sold out to J. A. Burke.

James Diekson, General Store, Austin, assigned intrust.

H. B. Dumphy & Co., grocers, Winnipeg. Stock sold at 30c.

Thomas McNicol, general store, Oak Lake. Stock sold at 63c.

Fitzgerald & Co., hotel, Portage la Prairie, compromised at 60c.

Samuel Paul, electric lighting, Carberry, sold out to Wright & Garland.

W. H. Paulston & Co., hardware, stoves, etc., Winnipeg. Stock sold at 63c.

The Stonewall *Argus*, the successor of the *News*, has made its appearance.

Morton, Alexander & Morton, Winnipeg. Stock of boots and shoes sold at 43c.

A. H. McIntyre, jeweller, Portage la Prairie, sold out Minnedosa branch to F. H. Vickers.

Chas. E. Skelding, hardware, Pipestone, admitted J. T. Rattray under style Rattray & Skelding.

W. Chalmers has accepted the agency at Manitou for Frost & Wood, agricultural implement manufacturers.

W. H. Breakey, boots and shoes and harness, Pierson, admitted Thomas Lumsden under style Breakey & Lumsden.

The stock of Mrs. Parmenter, stationery and fancy goods, Winnipeg, was damaged about \$200 by fire last week. Covered by insurance.

A. C. McEown & Co., general storekeepers, of Boissevain, who sold out to Hunter & Moore, have repurchased the stock, and will remain in business at Boissevain.

The Bank of Ottawa has purchased 42 feet on Main street, Winnipeg, immediately adjoining the block where their offices are at present, and will erect a new bank building this year.

The stock in trade of D'Aoust & McMillan, general dealers, of Oak Lake, will be sold at a rate on the dollar, at public auction, on Monday, March 27, at Winnipeg. Stock amounts to \$8,850, and book accounts, \$2,350.

Commencing on Monday, and until further orders, the Canadian Pacific Railway car shops will commence work at 7 o'clock until 12 and from 1 until 5.30, except Saturdays, when the working hours will be from 7 till 12.

The company which proposes to build another line of railway via the Rainy River district from Winnipeg to Lake Superior, is asking the Manitoba Government for a cash bonus of \$4,000 per mile for a distance of 110 miles, no payments to be made till the line is completed.

Hunter & Moore, Crystal City, who recently purchased the stock of A. C. McEown & Co., of Boissevain, have again disposed of that stock. They will continue their stores at Crystal City and Cartwright, the statement formerly made that they would move to Boissevain being an error.

Notice is given that the next regular half-yearly examination of the Pharmaceutical Association for the Province of Manitoba, will be held on the 4th, 5th and 6th of April next. Candidates who intend to present themselves for examination must give fourteen days previous notice to J. K. Strachan, secretary.

A fire broke out at Brandon in the rear of Stockton's tailor shop on March 15. Mrs. Hardie, milliner, H. Cowan, barber, and L. Stockton are losers by the fire, their shop and contents being damaged badly. The total loss will be about \$3,000, mostly covered by insurance. Jno. Dickinson, owner of the building, is also a loser of about \$1,000.

J. H. Plummer, assistant general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, has completed arrangements for the establishment of a branch of this bank in Winnipeg. The branch

will be opened in the course of a few weeks, and F. H. Matthewson, formerly manager of the Bank of Ottawa here, has been appointed manager of the new branch. With this appointment, the Bank of Commerce is enabled to engage in business here under the guidance of one already familiar with the commercial condition and requirements of the city.

R. Ironside, cattle exporter, has returned from a tour through the large stock farms along the Manitoba & Northwestern railway. He stated that the outlook for export cattle was very poor on account of the farmers not having yet been educated up to the proper method of feeding cattle for this purpose. Butchers' cattle would be plentiful. The difference between these two classes is that while both must be in good condition, those for export must have an extra quantity of fat in their composition. The winter was unexpectedly severe.

Assiniboia.

George P. Murray, merchant, of Indian Head, is dead.

Boorne & May, Ltd., Calgary, sold out Edmonton branch to C. W. Mathers.

Alberta.

Several irrigation bills for the Calgary district have been presented at Ottawa for legislative enactment. A general irrigation act is promised by parliament next session.

Northwest Ontario.

A Saunderson, butcher, Port Arthur. Sold out to Mrs. Sullivan.

J. L. Meikle, stationery and fancy goods, Port Arthur. Sold out fancy goods business to John Thomson.

A fire broke out in Smith & Mitchell's old block, Port Arthur, owned by Colonel Ray, on March 14. The building was occupied by Shaver as a fruit store, G. T. Ware, barrister, and the Citizens committee rooms. Ware lost his library and legal papers and Shaver his stock. All other contents were a total loss. The insurance on the building is \$3,000 and on Shaver's stock \$900. Cording's block to the south and the Realty to the north were saved, which prevented a large section of the town from destruction. All the plate glass windows in the former were broken with the intense heat. The loss is covered by insurance as follows: Ware's library, \$900; Shaver's stock, \$900; Smith & Mitchell, building, \$3,000; Cording's block, \$500 on plate glass windows.

Grain and Milling.

The farmers' institute is negotiating for the erection of a flouring mill at Morris, Man. A joint stock company will be formed.

At a recent meeting of the Toronto grain men, Brown suggested that steps should be taken to get the Manitoba farmers to discontinue growing Ladoga wheat, owing to its poor milling value.

Mr. Code proposes to establish a flour mill at Hartney, Man.

A movement has been inaugurated to establish a farmers' elevator at Medora.

Freight Rates and Traffic Matters.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin of March 10 says a moderate amount of business in Manitoba wheat has been put through at 72c. to 72 1/2c. Fort William for May shipments, among the sales reported being one lot of 30,000 bushels. Complaints have been made by Winnipeg shippers, to the effect that although they would prefer to send their grain by the St. Lawrence route, they have been forced to ship it via Buffalo owing to want of freight accommodation

from Port Arthur to Kingston. The writer interviewed D. G. Thompson of the Montreal Transportation Company, who stated that he is prepared to charter 250,000 bushels of grain at Port Arthur for spring shipment via the St. Lawrence, and in fact is offering to take that quantity, but cannot secure the grain. Probably the true reason why Manitoba grain has been shipped by the Erie route, was the cheaper ocean freight from New York rather than want of freight accommodation to Kingston. It is well known that several Canadian vessels were waiting at Port Arthur last season for grain cargoes to Kingston, and because they could not get them, were compelled to load for Buffalo, although they would much rather have gone to the former port.

The same paper says. "There does not appear to be much inclination to engage grain freight ahead by first ocean steamers leaving this port in spring. One or two small lots, however, have been engaged at 2s 3d to Glasgow. Deal freight has been taken at from 37s 6d to 41s 6d. Several vessels have been chartered to take wheat from Port Arthur to Montreal on private terms, but understood to be in the vicinity of 7c per bushel.

Cattle are Dying.

The *Herald*, of Helena, Montana, says: "There is no use of concealing the fact from the public, for it will come out sooner or later, that the cattle on the ranges in Northern Montana are dying by hundreds from the intensely cold weather. Reports from Chinook, Malta, Glasgow and other points east along the Great Northern are to the effect that if the weather does not moderate within the next twenty-four hours the loss of cattle from freezing will be enormous. There is no shortage in range feed, but the cattle become cold and "hump-up" and stop rustling, and as a consequence freeze to death. If they could be kept moving about they might be able to pull through."

Montreal Stocks.

There was a financial flurry in Montreal last week, owing to the action of the banks in withdrawing money to loan in New York, where rates are high. Stock brokers were forced to unload in consequence, and there was a heavy decline in some stocks. A telegram dated March 17 says: There was great excitement on the local stock exchange at the opening this morning, owing to the unnatural stringency in the money market, which was caused by three banks having called in during the last few days half a million dollars to loan in New York, where interest rates are higher. The Bank of Montreal, however, which very seldom lends money on the street, came to the rescue and offered money freely, thus easing the situation. Money is again plentiful both here and in New York, and the market at the close was buoyant. Investors were large buyers to-day of gas, cable, passengers, Montreal telegraph and other stocks that have been unduly depressed.

The stove and tinware business lately conducted by R. C. Smith, Brandon, has been taken over by Lochead & Company.

J. E. Saucier, jeweller, Kamloops, B. C., writes THE COMMERCIAL denying the report that the bailiff was in possession of his stock. He says he was never in a better position financially than at present.

D. E. Sprague intends erecting a dry kiln in connection with his saw mill at Winnipeg which will cost over \$8,000. At present there is not such a thing in the province and all the lumber dried by artificial means is brought in from the east.

The machinery which is being put in the Kingston penitentiary for the manufacture of binder twine will be of sufficient capacity to put out 500 tons a year. It will be put in operation about July 1st.