

Manitoba

James Lamb is opening a grocery and provision store at Minnedosa.

The price of farm land is advancing in many districts quite sharply.

The Canadian Pacific Company contemplate enlarging their depot in Winnipeg.

A. E. Eller, formerly of Stratford, Ont., has opened as merchant tailor at Morden.

Neepawa has been created an outpost of customs under Winnipeg jurisdiction.

F. Cloutier, grocer, etc., Winnipeg, has assigned to W. Georgeson. Creditors will meet on April 21 to consider the estate.

The firm of Crawford & Breaky, general merchants, Glenwood, have dissolved. Mr. Crawford continues the business.

Thos. Harrison has sold his general store stock at Franklin, to Taylor Bros., of Minnedosa, and has returned to Neepawa.

Mrs. Bell, formerly of Portage la Prairie, has opened a general store at Baldur, where she has purchased the Graham estate.

W. Sullivan, of Collingwood, Ont., has formed a partnership with G. H. Irvin, tailor, of Carberry, under the style of Irvin & Sullivan.

Work has been commenced on the big warehouse which will be erected this season on McDermot street, Winnipeg, for Geo. D. Wood & Co.

Thornton & Carmichael, boots and shoes, Portage la Prairie, have dissolved partnership. Thornton will continue the business.

Owing to a temporary local scarcity of brick, Winnipeg contractors have been importing brick this spring from Grand Forks, Dakota.

There are 500 men employed in the Canadian Pacific railway workshops in Winnipeg. The pay roll for last March was over \$30,000.

J. R. Strome, of Brandon, has purchased the stock of Passmore & Co., at Rapid City, and will continue the business as a branch with J. Mutter as manager.

John McLeod, postmaster and pioneer merchant of Elkhorn, Man., is dead. Deceased was a native of Scotland and was for many years in business in Allison, Ont.

P. J. McDermott, general merchant, of Minnedosa, has purchased the store at Franklin, owned by W. Sharpe, and will open a branch store therein, in charge of P. Browne.

Urquhart & Lindsay, blacksmiths, Neepawa, have dissolved partnership. Robt. Lindsay continuing the business Urquhart will open for himself in a new business.

The "Relief of Lucknow" will be the spectacular attraction at the Winnipeg Industrial exhibition this year, and it is expected this will prove the greatest drawing card ever presented at the exhibition grounds.

It is announced at Ottawa that the Dauphin railway in Manitoba will be extended this summer beyond the present terminus at Winnipegosis. It is said the Dauphin road now controls the Hudson Bay railway charter, and the proposed extension may be a move toward the bay.

The Melita Enterprise newspaper gives a list of new buildings which will be erected at that place. These include a new stone store by T. D.

Sturgeon, hardware dealer. Dunford, butcher, and Powell, hardware, will erect a stone block. A new office for the Enterprise will also be built.

It is reported that the Manitoba government has decided to add the Southeastern railway to the extent of guaranteeing bonds to the amount of \$8,000 a mile, for one hundred miles from Lake of the Woods to Winnipeg. This road is proposed to connect with the Ontario and Rainy River railway, thus forming a through line to Lake Superior in Canadian territory.

Operations have commenced at the new cigar factory, which Thos. Lee, late of the firm of Bryan & Lee, is starting in Winnipeg. The large premises known as Fonseca hall, on Main street, have been secured for the factory and quite a number of hands have already started work. Mr. Lee is placing two brands of cigars on the market this week, which will be known as the "T. L." brand and the "Rosa Linda." Other brands will be put on later as soon as a stock can be manufactured.

Several failures have been announced during the past two weeks, but they are all small concerns, with the exception of that of F. Cloutier, of Winnipeg. The latter failure came somewhat unexpectedly, and the immediate cause is said to be due to a change in the management of a local bank which holds a chattel mortgage for \$10,000 against the stock. It is claimed that it was understood the bank was prepared to carry the business at the time the mortgage was given, a few months ago. Cloutier's stock amounts to about \$20,000, and the estate shows a nominal surplus so far as is known. A few years ago, when Cloutier suffered from fire, he showed a surplus of six or seven thousand dollars.

The Richard Co. have opened business at 342 Main street, Winnipeg, in clothing and furnishings, with Eugene Richard as manager. The store is known as the "Fit Reform Wardrobe." This is an entirely new departure in the clothing trade. On entering the store no clothing is seen. One side of the store is filled up with handsome wardrobes, like cabinets, each wardrobe containing a particular line of clothing. The article of furniture on which the clothing is displayed, is drawn out, and it can be replaced again as readily as a door. The goods handled in clothing are the manufactures of the Fit Reform Clothing Co., of Montreal, and suits are made up in the finest goods, and in all styles, even to the full dress suits. Every article has the price attached by the manufacturers, and the retailers who handle these goods are pledged not to sell at any other price than that marked upon them. The manufacturers will sell to only one person in each place where the goods are handled. The class of goods are such as to compete more with tailor made goods than with the ordinary ready made clothing trade.

Assiniboia.

G. Michaelis has submitted plans for a new store he proposes building at Regina.

A board of trade has been formed at Indian Head with H. H. Campkin as secretary-treasurer.

The citizens of Moosomin have organized an immigration committee for the purpose of calling attention to

the vacant lands open for settlement in their district. Moosomin is an excellent agricultural section.

Thos. Henley has secured premises at Moose Jaw and will open a store.

W. W. Bole's business at Moose Jaw is to be converted into a limited liability company, under the title of The Moose Jaw Drug and Stationary company. The capital stock is \$10,000, and the provisional directors are W. W. Bole, Dr. Turnbull and Dr. McCulloch.

Northwest Ontario.

Capt. Hooper, of Rat Portage, is establishing a fishing station at Rainy lake.

The Rainy Lake Herald is now published by J. A. Osborne, formerly of Rat Portage.

W. P. Margetson and W. A. F. Jones are opening in the mine brokerage and general commission business at Rat Portage.

The annual meeting of the board of trade of Rainy River was held recently, when the following officers were elected: W. A. Weir, president; W. Margach, vice-president; and Rice, Drewry, Barnes, Hall, Rodgers, Carmichael and Schnarr.

Brady and McVane at Rat Portage, have taken over the Queen's hotel from W. G. Cameron, and the latter gentleman will associate himself with Mr. Heap in the produce business. The two gentlemen who have assumed control of the hotel were conductors on the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific railroads.

The big mining corporation known as the Ontario Gold Concession, has placed an order with the Waterous Engine Works Co., for a car load of machinery, for prospecting work, etc.

The bakery business of Smith & Walker, Rat Portage, has changed name, and will in future be known by Walker, Ferris & Co., Mr. Smith withdrawing from the business. The members of the new firm are Jno. Walker, John Ferrier of Toronto, and W. Parsons, of Delhi, Ont.

Grocery Trade Notes.

Maple syrup is arriving in the city freely this week from the east.

Stocks of cured fish are practically exhausted in Winnipeg.

It is said the recent tariff changes will not effect the price of tobacco.

Tees & Persse, brokers, Winnipeg, received a wire from California on Wednesday reporting a further advance of 1-4c on apricots. Mail advices received this week say it is now definitely ascertained that the crop has been badly damaged by the late frosts, and one report says the crop will not be more than one-twentieth of that of last year. This applies more particularly to apricots. Other fruits have suffered in less proportion.

Latest advices received by Tees & Persse, Winnipeg, in regard to Japan teas indicates a firm market for new medium teas, though when the market opens in May much will depend upon the demand for the United States. The tendency to shut out low grade teas will, it is expected, lead to a strong demand for teas of a quality just good enough to pass inspection, and these graded are expected to rule 10 to 20 per cent higher.