

Manitoba.

R. Long is opening in gents' furnishings at Griswold.

Strachan & Cousc, commission agents, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

The Winnipeg Trading Stamp Company is applying to the local legislation for a charter.

Caskey & Van Norman, general merchants, Macdonald, offer their business for sale.

The Manitoba government has been asked to build a bridge across Swan River at the town of that name.

A. Coblenz, will continue to carry on business in Gretna. He has abandoned his intention of moving.

Andrew Hollday, general merchant, Boissegain, made an assignment on Wednesday to Chas. H. Newton.

A severe wind storm visited Winnipeg and points west of here on Tuesday evening and did considerable damage in places.

A sale of school lands was held at Portage la Prairie on Wednesday at which some very good prices were realized. The highest figure reached was \$52.50 per acre.

Several residents of Lowe farm are making application for incorporation under the title of the Lowe Farm Elevator Co., Ltd. The concern will be capitalized at \$10,000.

The strike at the establishment of W. J. Boyd, baker, Winnipeg, is still on. Sufficient help is, however, available to keep the bakery going and customers are being regularly supplied.

A C. P. R. freight went through a bridge near Plum Coulee on Sunday last. The train was loaded with grain and cattle. Some of the grain cars were burst open and their contents spilled. The cattle escaped injury.

Fire broke out on Wednesday in the planing mill of Hughes & Long, at Brandon, and the building and machinery were destroyed. Loss \$1,000. Insurance \$2,000. The premises of the Cockshutt Plow Company were damaged by the same fire.

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The C. P. R. freight sheds at Medicine Hat were destroyed by fire on Monday together with their contents.

Alberta.

Robinson & Co., Calgary, have dissolved partnership; G. C. Robinson, continuing.

Saskatchewan.

Reports from Battleford state that there has been more than enough rain there for all requirements this year. Some of the ranchers are said to be getting uneasy about the hay crop, the sloughs and meadow land being flooded so that the hay cannot be reached.

Northwest Ontario.

The mill at Barker's mine, Wabigoon, has been burned, bush fires being the cause. Loss is covered by insurance.

Reports from along the C. P. R. east of Rat Portage, indicate that the drouth there has been broken, and rains are now frequent.

It is estimated that not more than 50 per cent. of the twine which will be required to bind the crops of the northwestern States this season has yet been ordered.

Tenders.

The Winnipeg city council will call for tenders for supplying sewer pipe, such tenders to be in by Wednesday, June 13.

Architect Peters is calling for tenders for the erection of a brick residence on River Avenue, Winnipeg, to be in by June 13.

The Merchants' bank is calling for tenders for a new bank and office building to be erected at Winnipeg. Bids are to be in not later than the 15th inst. B. F. Peters, architect.

Tenders will be received by the Weyburn school board until Friday, June 15, for the erection of a two story stone building and basement in Weyburn.

Tenders marked for "Mounted Police provisions and light supplies, Northwest Territories," and addressed to Fred White, Regina, will be received up till Wednesday, 13th of June.

Tenders will be received up till Wednesday, June 13th, for the following supplies for Calgary Indian Industrial school for the fiscal year 1900: Groceries and provisions; meats. Address the Principal, Indian Industrial School, Calgary.

Tenders will be received Wednesday, June 13th, for the following trades required in the completion of an apartment building in Winnipeg: Brickwork, plastering, steam heating, iron work and roofing, plumbing and gas fitting, glazing and painting. J. Grenfield, architect.

The Wolseley board of trade is now duly incorporated and the following officers have been elected: John Benson, president; E. A. Banbury, vice-president; W. H. Hall, secretary-treasurer; and a council consisting of Messrs. R. A. Magee, S. V. Bray, J. P. Dill, Levi Thomson, J. T. Mutrie, A. D. Ferguson, Jas. A. Balfour, Dr. Elliott, A. G. Thompson, J. L. Gibson, G. H. Hurlbut, and R. L. Broad. The board will endeavor to secure increased elevator accommodation at Wolseley, and will also promote settlement of lands in that neighborhood.

Lumber Trade Notes.

Stocks of dry hardwood lumber in Minneapolis are very low, in fact, they are said to be almost exhausted.

Hanbury's saw mill at Brandon started work on Thursday of this week, its log boom having reached the mill that day.

The large lumber establishment at St. Etienne Du Saguenay, near Tadoussac, belonging to Price Bros., of Quebec, was destroyed by fire this week. The loss is estimated at \$350,000 to \$400,000.

Financial Notes.

On Tuesday the ratepayers of Winnipeg voted in favor of a by-law to raise \$60,000 for school purposes.

H. G. Marquis, manager of the Brandon branch of the Bank of British North America has been transferred to Quebec. J. C. Nicoll, accountant at Vancouver, succeeds him at Brandon.

The annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal was held at the head office on Monday. In the absence of Lord Strathcona, Hon. Geo. A. Drummond presided. Reports for the past year showed a highly satisfactory business done. The election of directors resulted in the old board being returned as follows: Lord Strathcona, Senator Drummond, Sir W. C. MacDon-

ald, and Messrs. A. T. Paterson, E. B. Greenshields, R. B. Angus, A. F. Gault, James Ross and R. G. Reid. At a meeting of the board held on Tuesday morning Lord Strathcona was re-elected president, and Hon. Geo. A. Drummond vice-president.

Hon. Geo. A. Drummond who acted as chairman at the annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal held on Monday, sounded in his address the following note of warning to the Canadian business community: "For the coming year there are some indications of over-production. The stocks in the merchants' hands are too large and in some districts the collections are disappointing. In fact, at the moment there is something of a check, which, however, may prove highly salutary, if the commercial community will only proceed with caution till the new crop is assured, and matters have adjusted themselves on a more satisfactory basis."

Dairy Trade Notes.

Quebec pastures are said to be getting into good shape and there is every prospect of a favorable season for milking.

The English make of butter has been retarded by the cold spring as well as that of the continent, which partly accounts for high prices ruling there.

Last year at this time, says the Montreal Trade Bulletin, finest Western cheese sold on this market at 8½¢ to 8¾¢, and finest Eastern at 8¼¢ to 8½¢, while at the present finest Western brings 9½¢ and finest Eastern 9¼¢ on spot, or about 1½¢ per lb more. Present high prices are due to the great scarcity of old cheese in the British markets, which is too high to be reckoned as a factor in the general market. Consequently the new make has to supply what in former years was divided between the old and new.

The Maritime Merchant of Halifax is running an interesting series of articles at present on "How to Sell Flour in the West Indies."

Some eastern factories are reported to be asking 2½ to 5 per cent advance in prices for fall deliveries of boots and shoes.

During the month of May 5,000 settlers arrived at Winnipeg, bound for various parts of the west. This makes 16,948 arrivals since Jan. 1.

Albert H. Campbell, representing A. C. Leslie & Co., iron, steel and metal merchants, Montreal, was in Winnipeg this week on his way west. Mr. Campbell finds business very good in his line although somewhat affected by the uncertainty regarding crops. From Winnipeg he went straight to Vancouver and will call upon his Territorial and Manitoba customers on the return trip.

A party of Winnipeg bank managers waited upon the provincial government his week in regard to the new corporations taxation bill. They represented that the bankers were willing to pay any reasonable tax but that the rate proposed is too high. Their views were promised consideration.

A. E. Ogilvie, president of the Ogilvie Milling Company, is now in the west on a tour of inspection. He expresses himself as being well pleased with things as he finds them here. The new engine and other improvements at Winnipeg are giving great satisfaction. Mr. Ogilvie went to various points along the main line west and on the branches.