

**Manitoba.**

J. E. Birch & Son, burned out at Ro-land, will re-build.

Wilson & English have opened a carriage shop at Brandon.

John Forrester has opened a hardware store at Swan River.

J. A. Clare intends erecting a two story brick building at Neepawa.

S. Randle, of Portage la Prairie, will open a butcher shop at Swan River.

Higgins & Webster, merchants, Ro-land, recently burned out, intend building a new store at once.

A. J. McPherson is opening a hardware store at Swan River, with Wm. McIntosh as manager.

Johnston & Southworth have disposed of their butcher business at McGregor to Chas. Street.

Thos. O'Brien, of Thornhill, has arranged to take over Pickel's feed and and sale stables at Morden.

T. L. Scott & Co. contemplate building a brick store at McGregor to replace the burned premises.

L. E. Turner, McGregor, has sold his stock to N. Holmes and intends devoting his attention to the live stock trade.

J. Giles, butcher, Portage la Prairie, intends to retire from the business and devote his entire time to the live stock trade.

Geo. H. Cameron, of the Pulford Drug Co., Winnipeg, left on Monday for Lacombe, where he will open a drug store.

Colville & Co., wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, will occupy a large new warehouse on Rannatyne street east, before another year goes round.

Temple & Belton, general merchants, and Josh Blackie, merchant tailor, who were burned out recently at Napinka, are preparing to commence business again.

J. S. Andrews, tailor, Brandon, is admitting to partnership W. H. Moore, and adding clothing and furnishings, and will continue business under the firm name of Andrews & Co.

P. W. Martin, McGregor, has sold out his business to Sam. and Walter Little. New premises will be erected for the general store business, which the purchasers contemplate carrying on.

The Wiebe brothers have been selling out their general store and lumber stock at Rosenfeld, previous to moving to Rosethorn, Saskatchewan territory, where they have purchased the flour mill.

The McClary Manufacturing Co., have acquired 47 feet on the north side of Rannatyne street east, Winnipeg, and will erect thereon this year a four story and basement stone and brick warehouse 47 feet by 135 reaching back to the Transfer railway track in the rear.

Graham & Co., well-known general merchants, of Rat Portage, have bought the stock of Hallonquist & Co., of Napinka. The new purchasers have rented premises at Napinka, and will continue the business permanently. They will also continue their Rat Portage business as heretofore.

Mr. Mills, of the wholesale firm of Mackenzie & Mills, Winnipeg, will have the sympathy of the community in loss of his wife, who succumbed to an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Mills was an energetic worker in the interest of charitable and kindred institutions and her loss will be felt widely throughout the city.

The Crystal City Courier gives a list of building improvements in that district during last year. At Cartwright the cost of building improvements exceeded \$12,000, at Holmfield over \$18,000 was invested, including \$10,000 for Harrison Bros. mill, and at Mathor \$7,500, including \$5,000 for the farmers' elevator.

The sudden and mysterious death of R. W. Jameson, member of parliament for Winnipeg, on Tuesday evening last, through the discharge of a revolver in his own hands, caused a great shock to the citizens. Mr. Jameson attended the meeting of the board of trade in the afternoon, and an hour or two after the meeting the announcement was made of his death.

**The Lumber Trade.**

The annual meeting of the Ontario Lumbermen's association was held on Feb. 17 at Toronto. D. C. Cameron, president of the Rat Portage Lumber company, who was present, discussing the position of Manitoba, said the volume of business coming into the province from Minnesota was steadily increasing, advancing from 1,000,000 feet in 1894 to 38,000,000 feet in 1898. There was a growing feeling in the west, he said, that while Canada was being treated as she had been, the government should take steps to protect the industries of the country. There was sufficient competition in the lumber business in the west to prevent any man or set of men from getting fancy prices for their lumber. A resolution was passed by a large majority declaring that in the absence of reciprocity in lumber, the government should impose an import duty on lumber corresponding to that of the United States, and relieve the injustice at present existing with regard to Canadian lumbermen.

Tenders were received by the Winnipeg city council for the delivery of from 1,000 to 2,000 cords of cedar blocks, as follows: J. G. Hargrave, \$12.14 per cord; T. D. Robinson, \$11.95 per cord; Kelly Bros., \$12.17 per cord. The tender of T. D. Robinson & Co. was recommended for acceptance.

**The Commercial Men.**

Walter S. Crone, of Toronto, is at the Leland, Winnipeg.

J. Persse, of the firm of Tees & Persse, left on Thursday for St. Paul on a business trip.

T. Homer Middleton went east from Winnipeg on Wednesday, on a business trip to Eastern Canada, and United States cities, representing F. C. Davidge & Co., of Victoria. B. C., importers of Japanese silks, wall papers, etc. Homer handles a magnificent line of goods, and his samples show that a high condition of artistic skill has been reached by the Japanese in manufacturing such lines. Some of his lines of wall paper are quoted at so many dollars per yard.

H. G. Middleton, a well known western traveller, has taken the second floor, extending the full length over White & Marshall's new building on Main street, where he purposes carrying a stock of boots and shoes, gloves, mits, moccasins, etc. Mr. Middleton has represented a number of eastern manufacturers in these and other lines of goods for many years in the West, and now he proposes going into a regular jobbing business. His first car load of shoes has already arrived. Mr. Middleton is also the proprietor

of a special line of shoes for miners and prospectors, which he manufactures in Winnipeg, and in which he is working up a good trade. A brother is taking a partnership in the business, and the firm will be known as H. G. Middleton & Bro. The new business will have commodious and convenient premises, right in the centre of the city with entrance from Albert street.

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