

## MANITOBA.

L. S. Arnold has opened a jewelry store at Melita.

Patrick Greig has applied for a business liquor license at Wapiti. A. L. and G. H. Boucher, electricians, have started business in Winnipeg. Max Holmes has sold his hotel at Crystal City to John Palmer, formerly of Mossin.

The Canada Brokerage Co., Ltd., is being incorporated at Winnipeg. W. A. Hugg is manager.

Mrs. S. G. McNeill is applying for a license to sell liquor in the Cecil House, on Broadway street, Winnipeg.

The town council of Strathclair has decided to build a town hall. Work will be started on the building this summer.

The Crown Co-Operative Loan Co., Ltd., has been incorporated at Winnipeg. Offices have been opened in the Grandby block.

Cooper & Stevenson have purchased the four mill of Greenway Bros. at Crystal City. This mill has a capacity of 125 barrels.

The Manitoba Cold Storage Co., Ltd., is building orders for the erection of a building on the corner of Meade and Fonseca streets, Winnipeg.

Fire destroyed a building known as the "Furnish" House at Carman on Wednesday. It was not occupied, having been out of repair for some time.

The customs collections for the port of Winnipeg for the month of August were \$242,027.13. For the same month last year the collections were \$163,852.35.

John Currie Pump Mfg. Co., Ltd., is being incorporated at Winnipeg, for the purpose of taking over the pump factory and business of John Currie.

During the eight months ended August 31, 1902, the Winnipeg Electric Co. issued 565 permits for new buildings. The aggregate cost of these is placed at \$1,181,616.

Brandon entertained the chambers of commerce delegates on Wednesday. After a luncheon the party was driven to the experimental farms and other points of interest.

J. W. Workman, who has been visiting in the interest of the Chicago furniture factory, states that his company will establish a branch office here, located in Port Road.

Winnipeg real estate dealers report a sharp falling off in sales. It is expected that there will be less movement in the transfer, as the demand for property has been supplied.

Inland revenue collections at Winnipeg during the month of August totalled \$163,928.21. In 1902 they were \$57,462.30. The principal items were spirits, \$52,000; tobacco, \$10,000; manufactured, \$22,794; and leaf, \$1,350; cigars, \$1,192.

Gardner Bros. & McConnell, manufacturers of stakers, etc., Neepawa, have bought a building at that point, which they will convert into a machine shop. A foundry building will be added nearby, enabling them to greatly extend their business.

On Wednesday night the flour mill of Wm. Peters, at Carman, was destroyed by fire. The losses are placed at the elevator of the Northern Elevator Co., and this also was burned. The cost of the mill is placed at \$18,000; insurance \$10,000; loss on the elevator \$5,000. There was no wheat in the mill. The mill had a capacity of 100 barrels.

The Aya Chemical Co. has been organized at New York for the purpose of manufacturing and selling proprietary medicines, etc. Stores and factories will be established in various parts of the United States.

The secretary of the company says that one of the factories will be at Montreal. John D. Bosteller is one of the heaviest shareholders in this concern.

The Winnipeg city council has been asked to give the right of franchise to the Lae du Bonnet Mining, Developing and Manufacturing company, at Lae du Bonnet Falls, Manitoba, for the installation of 10,000 horse-power of electrical energy, which power is to be delivered by transfer to the city within two years. The price named is \$1,500,000 in cash or debentures.

The officers who have been asked to sign their letter that the scheme could be financed so as to make the cost per horse-power of this electricity \$10 per annum.

A correspondent writing from Tynald says: The quarries are in full swing, but though laborers are paid from \$2 to \$2.50 a day, they are few men. At Henry's quarry, four miles from Tynald, with a capacity of 9,500 bushels, are being run by Gunn & Garson's is a carload, and the selling price for the same is from 25c to 30c a bushel. The quarries are doing very well in line. The men are paid \$5 an hour. Henry's quarry is about one mile from Tynald. Gunn & Garson's there is no doubt but the quarries have been paid out as wages from \$7,000 to \$10,000 a day. Green cyclops and white poplar is worth from \$2.50 to \$3 a cord, 100 ft. Tynald.

## ASSINIBOIA.

J. H. Forsyth, formerly of Winnipeg, is opening a bakery at Carnduff.

Wunder and J. Garry have entered into partnership, and will open up a hardware and lumber business at Shebo.

## ALBERTA.

Miss Davkin has disposed of her millinery business at Lacombe to Mrs. H. A. Alex. Burke, late of the Queens Hotel, Edmonton, has purchased the lease license and good will of the Imperial Hotel in Blackfoot.

H. W. B. Douglas, bookseller and stationer, Edmonton, is opening a branch at Athabasca, under the management of Norman May.

W. G. Markley has purchased a butcher shop at Lamerton. It is expected that this will be the last of the railway will strike that point shortly.

"E. L. Bascom, of Winnipeg, was in the stock market here on Tuesday, rubbing up against the fact that the Canadian Pacific railway will strike that point shortly."

"Mr. Bascom is broaching the question of the extension of the Winnipeg of a live stock and commission agency similar to that organization at the University of Manitoba, in recent years. He is confident that the extension of such an organization in the west would be of immeasurable benefit to our people, as it would take much of the worry of shipping and produce and the same time give the prices assuring them a market at any season of the year."

"The towing tug Keewatin was burned at her dock at Kewatin on Friday night last. She was the property of the Keewatin Lumber company."

Six solid bricks was the result of nine and a half tons of the Big Master brand of the Whelan brick company, rated 21 lbs. 11 1/2 oz. avoirdupois all of a uniform size, averaging 3 pounds to the cubic foot. The weight of the six bricks approximates 7,000.

At a meeting of the Sultana Mining company held at London, England, it was decided to wind up the company voluntarily, and D. Davidson, of London, Eng., was appointed liquidator.

Lake of the Woods, near Hat Portage, has been shut down for some months.

THE APPLE TRADE.

The reports of the almost total failure of the apple crop in the United States and Canada on the one hand, and the great demand for the fruit in the future, has led to a speculation beyond their legitimate status, by the fruit dealers.

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the trees, the ruling figure so far being \$1.00, and the bear of new men going into the business on the strength of the big profits to be made in speculation in apples, owing to the great scarcity of the fruit on the other side. It is to be hoped that this speculative fever, which as it has been done in former years, when prices were hoisted to a pitch which precluded the possibility of doing money by either speculators or legitimate dealers and shippers. Although Great Britain and Canada will undoubtedly have a very short crop, the United States and Canada will have a good yield, and of excellent quality on the whole. It must be taken into account that the continent of Europe will have a heavy supply of oranges and grapes, which will be used in place of apples if the latter should be high in price—Montreal Trade Bulletin.

## Railway and Traffic Matters.

The surveyors of the Grand Trunk Pacific, are now working northwest of Yorkton, Alberta, running a try line.

It has been decided to move the city ticket office of the C. N. R. at Winnipeg to the Western Canada Hotel. The removal will take place about Sept. 20.

The Dominion government specifically denies the statement that it purposes letting the mortgage for the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific into Canada free of duty.

The land sales of the C. P. R. Company during August amounted to \$1,239,450 acres, for which the sum of \$1,239,450 was realized.

The sales of the Canada Northwestern Land Company amounted to 12,508.36 acres, for which \$470,000 was realized.

Robert Reford, of Montreal, will be chairman of the transportation commission. The position was offered to Sir Wm. Van Horne, who is found himself unable to take it. The other members of the commission are Messrs. Burtman, Toronto, and Fry, of Quebec.

The stockholders of the Grand Trunk Pacific have authorized the increase of the company's guaranteed stock from \$20,000,000 to \$50,000,000.

It is officially denied that the Canadian Pacific is to do with the Pacific coast extension and it is understood that the company will continue to build a Canadian terminal on the Atlantic.

The Great Northern Railway Co. forced a crossing of the C. P. R. tracks near Vancouver on the night of Aug. 23 by putting the necessary derrick by stealth. Their right to cross has been contested by the C. P. R. for a long time. The priority committee recently decided in favor of the Great Northern, but the Canadian claim is appealing from the decision.

July figures of railway traffic over the American continent show the largest amount of business ever experienced in that month. The carriages were proportionately large and the profits.

The increase over last year is about 12 per cent. The increase is in general freight traffic and there were no abnormal gains in any one department.

The traffic fell off quite largely as compared with other years.

On an early hour on Wednesday morning, the bill of the Grand Trunk Pacific bill at Ottawa, and when the divisions were made, the bill was carried over to the government's proposal was recorded. Mr. Boyd's amendment to Mr. Puttee's plan was rejected by a majority of 51.

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The main motion was carried by 47 majority. Mr. Blair being the only Liberal voting with the opposition.

PRODUCTION OF QUICKSILVER IN 1902.

The production of quicksilver in the United States during 1902, says Dr. Joseph Stricker, is as follows:

United States. Geological Survey, amounted to 34,451 flasks of 76 1/2 lbs. each, valued at \$1,115,197.

California. Geological Survey, amounted to 25,727 flasks, valued at \$1,182,300.

In 1901, an increase in quantity of 4234 flasks, valued at \$1,115,197.

California contributed the greater part of the output, amounting to 25,727 flasks, as compared with 19,000 flasks in 1901.

Texas reported 5,522 flasks, as compared with 2,932 flasks in 1901.

both states thus showing an increase in the production above that of the preceding year. Oregon, which furnished 75 flasks in 1901, reported no production during 1902, the quicksilver mining operations in that state being limited to development work.

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## FINANCIAL

## Winnipeg Bank Clearings.

Returns for the Winnipeg Clearing House for the week ending Sept. 10, 1902, as follows:

Week ending Sept. 1, 1902—\$14,008.00  
Corresponding week, 1901—\$13,119.00  
Corresponding week, 1900—\$14,408.00

During the month of August the clearings totalled \$1,115,197. In 1902 the total for the month was \$1,115,197, as compared with \$1,115,197 in 1901.

## Financial Notes.

A branch of the Bank of British North America has been opened at Estevan, N. W. T. The bank is under the temporary management of A. D. Severs.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce has opened premises in a new block now in progress of construction, on Portage avenue and Carlton street, Winnipeg, and will open a branch there in October.

The United States Congress is to be called in extra session this fall to provide more currency for the business of the country. The facilities for increasing the amount of the national treasury will be increased.

The municipality of Kildonan, Man., is offering \$20,000 of its debentures for sale. Bids are to be received by Sept. 15.

The debentures are to run for 30 years and bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent.

The statements of Canadian banks show that in the past six years the total capital of purely Canadian banks has increased 25 per cent., the reserve fund has increased 43 per cent., and the deposits 93 per cent. The loans and discounts in the same period have increased 100 per cent. and total loans 101 per cent. The total assets of the banks increased 80 per cent. in the same period.

In 1901 the proportion of total loans to total assets was 148 per cent., while this year it was 150 per cent.

D. R. Wikke, general manager of the Imperial bank, states that there will not be any repetition of last year's stringency in money. "In order to prevent any," he said, "the leading Canadian banks have increased their capital with the result that the note issue will be ample to meet any demand. In addition to the action of the banks the Dominion government has made a large issue of new currency bills so far, if necessary, and the banks can call on them when the western crop and market move. The banks will be found prepared for all and any emergencies that may arise."

E. B. Eddy, the veteran manufacturer, will celebrate his seventy-seventh birthday on Saturday, and although long past the age when men men retire, at least partially, from the active arena, he is as vigorous as ever and devotes his whole time to his enormous and constantly developing enterprises of which he is the head.