

manufactory, fourteen cents per pound.

Provided that the weight upon which such duty shall be computed shall be with reference to the standard mentioned in paragraph (c) of section 247 of the Inland Revenue Act.

The house went into committee of ways and means, Hon. W. S. Fielding explained that a mysterious error had crept into the tariff act of last session. The votes and proceedings of the house showed that the duty imposed on rubber belting was 25 per cent., but the words "rubber belting and rubber cement" were omitted from the rubber resolution as finally printed, throwing these items under another item at the rate of 20 per cent. The committee restored the duty to 25 per cent.

SUGAR DUTIES.

Mr. Fielding made a proposal with reference to the duty on raw sugar, which he said might be regarded as another step in the direction of Imperial preferential trade. In the tariff passed on April 6 last, the benefit of the preferential duty was extended to the British West Indies and Bermuda. It had been claimed that one effect of that was to produce unequal conditions of the sugar trade by giving advantage to the sugar interests on the Atlantic coast, which did not extend to the sugar interests on the Pacific coast, where they draw their supplies of sugar from sections of the empire not brought within the scope of the preferential tariff in April last. It was suggested to extend the preference to the British possessions of Queensland, Fiji, and perhaps Mauritius. He proposed to deal with raw sugar, as described in our tariff in a different way, and instead of admitting these products generally under the preferential tariff to provide that raw sugar from all portions of the British empire shall be admitted under the terms of the preferential tariff. That would meet complaints of those interested in the trade on the Pacific coast, and he was inclined to think might lead to the encouragement of trade between Canada and the Australian colony. The duty on this raw sugar is 40 cents per 100 lbs. and for each additional degree 1 1/2 cents per 100 lbs. Such sugar coming now direct from any portion of the British empire will be dutiable at the above rates, less 25 per cent.

Another resolution provided that the tariff shall be treated as coming into force April 6, 1898. There was no discussion on these amendments and the resolutions were reported.

Note—The tariff of 1897 was amended by resolutions introduced in April, 1898. In June, 1898, additional changes were made, the substance of which latter changes is given under the above heading of "Further tariff changes."

Manitoba

Ritz & Widmeyer, bankers, Gretna, and Altona, have dissolved partnership.

C. J. Nester has opened a general store at the Lowe Farm station, west of Morris.

A harness shop has been opened at Bois-Sevau, by Geo. Palmer, late of Portage la Prairie.

The business of Cruise & McGratten, groceries, etc., Dauphin, is now carried on by Robt. Cruise alone.

Siftings, a paper published at Russell, has been enlarged.

H. C. Clay, auctioneer and bailiff of Rapid City, has opened business at Brandon.

A. Grant, of Portage la Prairie, formerly of Hamilton & Grant, palaters, Winnipeg, is dead.

M. M. Kenting is building a store at LaRiviere, in which he will open a hardware business when completed.

Miller-Morse & Co., wholesale hardware, Winnipeg, will erect a large warehouse in the rear of their premises.

A company is being formed in Winnipeg to build and equip a steamer to operate the pneumatic caisson and elevator on Yukon rivers, introduced in Winnipeg by John Love.

Stewart J. Shiel, of Widmeyer & Shiel, of the Grand View hotel, Dauphin, has sold his wholesale liquor business at Altona, Man., to Gunther Limprecht.

Carberry will hold a summer fair on July 21 and 22. Liberal contributions have been received, and it is expected the event will be a great success.

P. Trottier has re-opened in a general store trade at Laurier, a point in the Dauphin district. At the same place A. A. Trottier has opened a flour and feed business.

F. W. Henbach has returned from New York and other eastern cities where he went to secure attractions for the forthcoming Winnipeg Industrial exhibition which takes place July 11 to 16.

Mr. Dagg has sold out his interest in the general store business carried on by E. Dagg & Co., at Rathwell, to Mrs. A. M. Kane, of that place, and the business hereafter will be carried on in the name of "A. M. Kane & Co."

The recent rains will no doubt greatly improve the hay crop. In districts where the hay crop promises poor, farmers are advised to sow a few acres to Hungarian grass or millet, to cut green for fodder. It gives a large yield per acre and it is not too late to sow this crop for hay fodder.

J. H. Ungar has built an implement warehouse at Rosenfeld and is fitting up the second story of it for a town hall. The Messrs. Weib have built a large addition to their store and will move their dry goods into it, reserving the old store for their groceries and hardware.

Considerable building is being done at Carberry this year. Jos. Alkenhead has completed a brick implement warehouse, Massey-Harris, a similar warehouse. Alex. Robertson, furniture dealer, is erecting a two storey brick building, 33x80 feet; Mr. Arthur Mack, an implement building of brick; Murphy, Brown & Co., a two storey brick building, 25x80 feet; which will be rented to Mr. Murphy's brother, of Mitchell, Ont., for a dry goods store, and W. J. Smale, boot and shoe dealer, a new store, 25x50 feet. James Kines purposes erecting two brick stores; one for his own use and the other for G. S. Haslam. The Canadian Pacific Railway company is erecting a new brick station. It is also expected that a flour mill will be erected this year.

Alberta.

The Calgary Waterworks company ask \$125,000 for their plant. The council will ask an expert to value the plant before making an offer of purchase.

Wm. Winkle has formed a partnership with H. F. Sandeman in real estate and commission business at South Edmonton.

McIntosh & Whitehaw's new store at South Edmonton, is now completed, and the firm are now opening with a full stock of furniture.

Sandeman & Mills, South Edmonton, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Sandeman continuing the commission business and Mr. Mills taking a position as general agent for the Federal Life Assurance Co.

Voting on the C. P. R. bonus by-law at Calgary takes place on June 13th. \$25,000 is the sum to be voted, when in consideration of which Calgary will be made an import and divisional point for the railway.

P. Helmick & Co., on behalf of Wm. McMoran, of St. Hayelthe, Que., says the Edmonton, Bulletin, have made a proposition to erect and operate a woolen mill at Edmonton, at a first cost of \$15,000 or \$20,000 provided a suitable free site could be secured and exemption from taxation allowed for twenty years. The council decided to submit a by-law to the ratepayers on this basis provided McMoran would refund the amount expended re the by-law in case the work was not carried out by them as agreed.

Northwest Ontario.

A. Drynan has opened a restaurant at Rat Portage.

Austin & Donley, commission agents, Rat Portage, have dissolved partnership.

It is reported Gordon & Ironside, of Winnipeg, will erect a cold storage warehouse at Fort William.

Geo. Hamilton & Co., Rat Portage, are disposing of their butcher and produce business.

The Fort William council is submitting another waterworks by-law to the people, to raise \$40,000, instead of \$35,000 already voted, changing the rate of interest from five to four per cent.

The town council of Fort William has granted a six months' option to Messrs. Eagle and Cramer, Chicago capitalists, on the proposed iron industries. The option carries with it a bonus of \$50,000, a free site and exemption from taxes for ten years.

Saskatchewan.

J. W. Toogood is opening business at Prince Albert in groceries and crockery.

Tenders.

Tenders are asked for putting in hot water heating in the Morden hospital.

Tenders will be received for the building of an extra frame boat to the bridge over the Assiniboine river at Oak Lake, Man.

The provincial public works department is calling for tenders for the erection of a bridge over the Assiniboine river, near Virden.

Tenders for the construction of macadam pavements on portions of Hargrave, Bannatyne and Alexander streets, Winnipeg, are asked for.

Tenders will be received until twelve o'clock noon on June 14th, for the erection of a traffic bridge across the Roseau River, at Dominion City, Man.