

Manitoba

R. A. Mather, of the Keewatin Lumber Co., was in the city this week.

Mr. Foster contemplates erecting a hotel at Plumias.

W. G. Wyatt, lumber and hardware, Virden, offers to sell out.

Winnipeg city council is calling for tenders for 200 cords of tamarac wood.

Fred Wright takes over the tea business of Dawson & Toye at Portage la Prairie.

G. R. Russell, cattle dealer, of Prince Albert, paid The Commercial a visit this week.

The Winnipeg Commission company has opened business in specialties, on Princess street.

R. G. Wellwood, general store, Plumias, has sold out to a Mr. Ramsey, of Winnipeg.

J. J. Pearson, of Carnduff, Assa., has purchased W. Newby's butcher business at Holland.

H. Holloway, butcher, Glenboro, is moving to High Bluff, where he will open in the same line.

The Dauphin Press has published a handsome illustrated edition, giving an extended write up of the Dauphin region.

Dr. J. C. Stoye has sold out his practice in Souris and will leave for the old country. Dr. Henderson, of Cavalier, N. D., is the purchaser.

T. Dunlop, blacksmith, La Riviere, has the lumber on the ground for the erection of an implement warehouse, which he will add to his business.

John Colter has sold his carriage making and repair business at Souris to D. Petty, of Douglas. Colter is leaving for the Peace river region.

Manitoba druggists have requested the legislature to grant them the privilege of selling liquors without a doctor's certificate.

The license of the Exhibition hotel, St. Boniface, has been transferred to Jos. Holland, and the license of the Mondor hotel at the same place, has been transferred to V. Couture.

Transactions at the Dominion Government Savings Bank, Winnipeg, for the month ending 31st March were: Deposits, \$24,917; withdrawals, \$21,519.62. Deposits exceeding withdrawals by \$3,097.38.

Thos. Lee, late of Bryan & Lee, cigar manufacturers, Winnipeg, is opening a new cigar factory in Winnipeg, to be known as the Western Cigar factory. He has secured premises at No. 713 Main street, and will begin operations shortly.

The Farmers' Trading company have leased the premises at present occupied by A. D. Bell, at Portage la Prairie, and will open business with a stock of goods, principally implements.

Wm. Esau & Co., general merchants, Gretna, have dissolved. Mr. Esau retaining. J. C. Miller will continue the business in his own name.

If any of the business people of the west are poetically inclined they have a chance to win one of four prizes which the Montreal Witness is offering for the best Canadian patriotic songs, sent in before May 1. The Witness will send full particulars about the competition, on request.

F. C. Fahey, traveller for John W. Peck & Co., Winnipeg, has returned from a trip to the Crow's nest pass. He says the principal town on the route at present is Coal Creek, but

several other new towns are springing up. Great activity is expected in that region in mineral, and other development during the present year.

The MacPherson Fruit Co., Winnipeg, will move next week to No. 140 Princess street, in the Henderson block, where they will remain until their new warehouse on Main street is completed. The work of pulling down and removing the old buildings will be started as soon as the premises are vacated, and the new building will be completed about the first of July.

The Wilson-Leslie Furniture company is opening business in Winnipeg. The company is composed of C. H. and R. J. Wilson and T. W. Leslie, all of whom are well known in connection with the furniture business in Winnipeg. Mr. Leslie has been a resident of Detroit, Michigan for some months, but recently returned to Winnipeg. Premises on the corner of Princess and William street have been secured and a large stock is being put in.

The Gurney Foundry Company, limited, of Toronto, contemplates opening a branch in Winnipeg. Mr. Edward Gurney, president of the company, recently spent some time in the city and decided to open a branch here. The Toronto concern is not now connected with the Gurney-Tilden company of Hamilton, which is the parent of the Gurney Stove and Range company, of Winnipeg, though originally the Toronto company was established as a branch of the Hamilton house.

Boyce's Carriage Works, Winnipeg, were crowded this week with wheeled rigs manufactured entirely in Winnipeg, on order, for city and country firms. Now that the snow is going off these rigs will be wanted for service. The rigs include special delivery wagons in considerable variety, for stores, bake shops, breweries, and to suit the requirements of different lines of trade. Among the lot are two strong delivery wagons for the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., and two of the same nature for J. Y. Griffin & Co. Quite a number for outside towns were noticed, including brewery delivery and ice delivery wagons for Rat Portage.

Alberta.

J. O'Neill has opened a restaurant at Medicine Hat.

J. H. Cavanah is opening in dry goods at Medicine Hat.

A butcher shop has been opened at Innisfail by Frank Ro s.

Chisholm & Copeland, general merchants, Grenfell, are adding millinery.

James Beatty, of Moosomin, has opened a harness shop at Red Jacket.

Mr. Evans, of Qu'Appelle, has opened in fruit and confectionery at Medicine Hat.

Therburn & Sons, Ltd., general merchants, Broadview, are adding dress-making and millinery.

J. M. Simington, baker, Moose Jaw, has decided to erect a two-story brick store, and will add confectionery.

R. Watson & Co., livery, Medicine Hat, are adding farm implements. An addition will be built to their premises for this purpose.

The Canmore coal mines will be worked in future by the H. W. McNell Co., who have taken over the property from the Coghane company.

The Edmonton board of trade is sending D. McCallum, an expert blaster, and Billy Clark, pilot, to clear the boulders from the Grand Rapids of the Athabasca. The business men and Klondikers subscribe the necessary funds. Calgary and Winnipeg boards of trade will be asked to assist.

The South Edmonton Agricultural society has brought in, through the Brackman & Ker Milling Co., a car of the famous Swedish milling oats, which are supposed to be the finest for milling purposes in the market. The seed cost 75 cents per bushel laid down.

Northwest Ontario.

A. J. Holmes is opening a meat store at Keewatin.

Mr. Stevens, jeweler, of Keewatin, has removed to Norman.

B. W. Shaver, of Port Arthur, has purchased the confectionery business of S. F. Coolidge, of Fort William.

Mr. Kingdom has his new brewery at Rat Portage completed and will begin operations at once. The buildings are on quite an extensive scale.

Plans for the waterworks system to be established at Fort William have been received and tenders are being called for, to be in by April 4th. The town council are thinking seriously of taking the vote of the ratepayers on another by-law for \$45,000, rescinding the present by-law, and making the rate of interest four per cent, instead of five, as at present. This latter idea is actuated by the fact of the electric light debentures, already sold, having realized a considerable bonus.

A Port Arthur deputation have requested the Dominion government that the subsidy of \$6,400 voted last session to the Ontario and Rainy River Railway company for eighty miles of line be extended over the whole line which is ultimately intended to connect Lake Superior and Winnipeg. The Ontario government has given a bonus of \$3,000 a mile for the road from the starting point to Fort Frances, where connection can be made with Rat Portage by water. The deputation also asked that a model farm be established near Fort William.

It is said there are over 100 steamers on the Lake of the Woods, and forty-five of them go up and down the Rainy river, and some fifteen or sixteen vessels ply on Rainy Lake, above the proposed locks at Fort Frances. The contemplated improvements would open up continuous navigation through a chain of lakes with 2,000 miles of coast line. The new town of Mine Centre, situated on the Seine river about forty-five miles east of Fort Frances, has a population of about 600. An appropriation was made last session to build the lock at Fort Frances but the work has not been done yet. The construction of this work would be of great value to all the region tributary thereto.

In the United States cotton fabrics are inclined to be weak, except for those grades which are affected by the New Bedford strike these latter being scarce and firm. Print cloths and goods of that character are weak. Gingham are going well and hold firm, while specialties in printed fabrics also sell well. Dress woollens are quiet and fall orders have not been placed very freely as yet.