

Manitoba.

J. L. Gould, general dealer, McDonald, has sold out to H. A. Manwaring.

The stock and business of George Simpson, baker, Emerson, is in the hands of the bailiff.

John F. Woodley, has opened an office at Brandon, as accountant, auditor, valuator, etc.

A farm near High Bluff was sold recently, at forced sale, for \$25 per acre, including buildings.

A branch of the National bank, of Quebec, may be opened in Winnipeg and some other Manitoba points.

On fine days last week there was some boating being done on the Red river, though the ice is yet in the river.

The stock of gents' furnishings of the Arnett estate, owned by H. Ripstein & Co., has been sold to M. Woolinger.

R. S. Norton left Winnipeg last week for the Pacific coast in the interests of Gordon, McKay & Co., of Toronto.

The stock of the estate of Wm Johnson, hardware Carman, has been sold to Merrick, Anderson & Co., of Winnipeg.

A. Strang, jobber in groceries, etc., Winnipeg, is offering a settlement at 50c on the dollar, secured in three, six and nine months.

Wm. Thompson has sold his hotel business at Oak Lake to P. J. Flanagan, late proprietor of the Leland house, of the same place.

Two new wholesale manufacturing establishments and one wholesale house were added last week to Winnipeg's business institutions.

Blanchard & Co., bankers of Wawanesa, have sold out their business at that place to Chambers & Co. They intend opening up in Carman.

The Royal Soap Co., Winnipeg, is circulating a little book containing "400 testimonials" in favor of its Royal Crown soap. The pamphlet, we may say, speaks for itself.

David Fraser and J. W. Charlesworth have purchased the butcher business of Thomas Jones of Virden and will conduct the business in future. Style of firm Fraser & Charlesworth.

THE COMMERCIAL is always willing to give its subscribers any information upon general business matters, which may be asked for. We do not, however, supply private information regarding the standing of business institutions.

W. L. Griffith, says the Emerson Times, has returned from England where he has been arranging a direct wheat market with the old country. We are pleased to hear that he has been successful and will shortly buy wheat and ship direct from his elevators to millers in the old country.

Frank W. Tucker, an experienced cheese and butter maker, arrived in Winnipeg last week, and will seek an opening for a cheese or butter factory in Manitoba. Mr. Tucker has had experience in England and New Zealand, and holds a certificate of efficiency from the Western Dairy Institute, of Berkeley, England. Any communication addressed to THE COMMERCIAL, will reach Mr. Tucker.

During the past week there has been considerable fear of damage from high water. The Red and Assiniboine rivers have been higher than at any time since 1882, and all the streams are high, while some have overflowed. South in Minnesota and Dakota, the Red river has overflowed its banks, and caused serious damage. Dawson, Bile & Co.'s almanac predicted a flood this spring, and it is not far astray.

Wm. Robertson, representing H. Shorey & Co., wholesale clothing, Montreal, arrived in Winnipeg early last week. Mr. Robertson will take the territory formerly worked by J. Holman, extending from Winnipeg to Calgary. This is Mr. Robertson's first trip west for H. Shorey & Co., but he visited Manitoba about

ten years ago, in the interest of another Montreal house. He sees a great change in the city since his last visit.

J. W. Bartlett, chief clerk in the provincial department of agriculture, and formerly editor of the *Farmers' Advocate*, died suddenly last week from inflammation of the bowels. Mr. Bartlett has been but a short time connected with the provincial agricultural department. He was well up in both practical and theoretical agriculture, and under his control the department would soon have been made a far more useful institution to the province than it has been in the past.

A petition has been presented to the legislature asking for the legalizing of a by-law, adopted by the council of the town of St. Boniface, granting a large bonus to the Norwood Bridge Co. for a bridge across the Red river. A similar by-law was submitted to the people of St. Boniface, but was rejected by the popular vote. The principle of asking the legislature to legalize what has been rejected by the popular vote is vicious and should be promptly rejected by the legislature.

The first quarterly meeting of the newly elected council of the Manitoba Pharmaceutical association was held last Wednesday at Winnipeg. The election of officers for the next two years resulted as follows: President, J. F. Howard; vice-president, A. Moncton; treasurer, J. C. Gordon; examiners, G. W. McLaren, B. M. Canniff, H. E. Neelds and Dr. Hutton; auditors, Messrs. Howard, Mitchell and Rosser. A report of the registrar was read, giving names of new members and submitting an opinion of Hough & Campbell as to recognition of diplomas granted by other pharmaceutical associations or colleges of pharmacy. The examiners submitted their report of the half yearly examinations which showed the following to have passed: Major, W. Campbell and W. L. Gemmel; minor, Austra Francis, F. A. McDonald and Max Benjamin.

The following statement shows the value of goods exported, imported and entered for consumption, with duty collected thereon, during the month of March, 1892, at Winnipeg, and compared with the same month, 1891:

DESCRIPTION.	VALUE 1891.	VALUE 1892.
Exported	\$124,568 00	\$127,442 00
Imported, dutiable	187,642 00	230,810 00
" free	45,848 00	45,911 00
Total imported	233,490 00	276,721 00
Entered for consumption, dutiable	178,371 00	236,117 00
Entered for consumption, free	45,848 00	45,911 00
Total for consumption	224,219 00	282,028 00
Duty collected	\$57,950 00	\$71,620 20

The receipts of the Winnipeg division Inland revenue for March were:

Spirits	\$19,358 76
Malt	1,999 50
Tobacco	14,320 50
Cigars	600 15
Licenses	47 50
Petroleum	4 50
Other receipts	1 50

Total	\$36,332 45
March, 1891	23,946 91

Increase

Dominion Government Savings bank transactions in Winnipeg for the month ending 31st March, 1892, were:

Deposits	\$18,164 00
Withdrawals	26,335 31
Withdrawals exceed deposits by	\$8,171 31

Alberta.

J. F. Glanville & Co., clothing, Calgary, have dissolved partnership, W. H. Ford retiring. Wm. Robertson now becomes a partner with Glanville.

A telegram from Lethbridge says: While boring here for an artesian well natural gas was struck at five hundred and seventy-five

feet, and work was immediately suspended. One of the workmen was severely burned. He was using a piece of red hot iron, which caused the gas to ignite, sending up a ten or twelve foot flame. It is likely that as yet the outer portion of the vein only has been touched. The contractor, Mr. Grant, has succeeded in extinguishing the flame and confining the gas. He will consult with the boring company before proceeding further.

The Alberta Railway and Coal company ask for power to construct and operate an irrigation ditch or canal from a point at or near the crossing of the Milk river by the railway of the said company in a northwesterly direction to Lethbridge; also to construct and operate an irrigation ditch or canal from a point on the St. Mary's river in township 1, range 25, west of the fourth initial meridian, in a northeasterly direction to Lethbridge.

Red Deer is growing since the advent of the railway. A number of settlers are arriving and taking up land. Carey & Burch are building a hotel. Two implement warehouses are being built by Wilkin Bros. and Mr. Burch respectively. Hicks & Gaetz have erected a building and will open with a stock of drugs immediately. G. W. Smith will open a butcher shop shortly. A law office has been opened by a Mr. Greene. L. Gaetz has moved his saw mill to the town from its former site.

Calgary farmers are going in for wheat more extensively this year. The seed is being produced in Manitoba.

Assiniboia.

The colonization store stock at Regina, has been sold to A. Holiday, at 38 cents on the dollar.

The C. A. C. & C. company intend importing a large number of sheep from England. Sheep are in fine condition; they have required little or no hay during the winter. No trouble has yet been experienced from wolves.

The first large sale of sheep for mutton in the Medicine Hat district this season has been made by W. L. Nichol, of Walsh station. He has delivered to the Northwest Trading company one thousand and fat sheep to be slaughtered for the British Columbia markets.

Saskatchewan.

W. R. Fash has been appointed to go to Regina to look after incoming settlers for the Prince Albert district. The tide of immigration is slowly setting towards the district, says the *Times*, a number of settlers arrived here this week, bringing with them a couple of car loads of effects.

The Battle River Agricultural Society, Battleford district, has sent for a few bushels of both Ladoga and Red Fife, which it is intended to have sown side by side in different sections of the district, so as to test their relative merits in that latitude and on different kinds of soil.

Northwest Ontario.

Forty or fifty citizens of Port Arthur, including T. Marks, G. M. Brown, W. C. Dobie and A. L. Russell, are applying for a charter as the Port Arthur and Duluth Steam Packet company, with a capital stock of \$25,000.

Lawrence & Co. have been awarded the contract for the erection of a brewery at Fort William to take the place of the frame buildings now being used by Gehl as a brewery. The walls of the new structure are to be of native stone and the material is now on the ground. The building will be 80x12 feet in widest part and a portion 80x25 feet, two storeys high.

F. Mireault has awarded the contract for the erection of a hotel at Fort William to W. R. Graham. The building is to be brick veneered, 50x50, three stories high and will cost in the neighborhood of \$6,000.