

## Manitoba

W. Bennett will open a butcher shop at Dauphin.

Wm. Bell, formerly of Souris, is opening a pump factory at Dauphin.

The Belmont Star is the latest addition to the country press of this province.

H. and T. Stevens are to open a new brickyard at Portage la Prairie this spring.

H. Bird, of Portage la Prairie, is opening a butcher shop at Swan River.

The Hudson's Bay company is adding millinery to its Portage la Prairie branch.

Mrs. F. E. White has disposed of her fine good business at Neepawa to Miss E. C. Smith.

C. E. Pattison, Sr., has disposed of his fruit and confectionery business at Neepawa to J. Smale.

P. McConnell has sold out his grocery and baker business at Deloraine to C. E. Gutteridge.

It has been decided to summon the Manitoba legislature for the dispatch of business on Thursday, March 16.

P. Winram & Co., of Manitou, are opening in general goods at Pilot Mound, with W. Winram as manager.

The Crawford Co., Ltd., Neepawa, have secured letters patent to carry on a general ranching business, the capital stock to be \$20,000.

Miller & Douglas, books and stationery, Portage la Prairie, are dissolving. H. W. B. Douglas continues the business, having bought his partner out.

Huston & Buck, proprietors of the Windsor hotel, Rapid City, have dissolved, and in future the business will be carried on by S. T. Huston.

Robt. Hales, of Hamilton, has been appointed manager of the Lake Du Bonet Press Brick company at Fort Alexander, on the eastern shore of Lake Winnipeg.

Application is to be made for a charter to build a railway from Morris, in a northwesterly direction through Manitoba, touching at the towns of Carman, Portage la Prairie, Carberry and Neepawa.

J. X. Griffin & Co., Winnipeg, inform The Commercial that there is no truth in the statement made in a city paper that they were going into the meat canning business. Their large pork packing and produce business will continue to receive their undivided attention, as heretofore.

Buckle & Morris, of the Franklin Press job printing office, have now got located in their new premises in the Martin, Bole & Wynne Co. block, corner Princess and Market streets, Winnipeg. Their new quarters are well adapted to the business, and they claim to have the best equipped job printing office in the city.

Mr. Mellen, president of the Northern Pacific Railway Co., was in Winnipeg last week. A special meeting of the board of trade was held during his visit, to which he was invited, and the matter of rebuilding the Manitoba hotel, burned recently, was talked over. Mr. Mellen did not make any promises, but he intimated that an architect had been engaged to make an estimate of the cost of rebuilding.

Stewart & Hyndman is the name of a new firm which is opening in the retail men's furnishing trade in Winnipeg, in the new Syndicate block, corner Portage avenue and Fort street. Mr.

Stewart is an old Manitoban, and was formerly in business at Methven, but has been living in California recently. Mr. Hyndman is a well-known commercial traveller, recently with Love & McAllister, Winnipeg. He has also had much experience in the men's furnishing trade.

The new wholesale warehouse of Cooville & Co., wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, will be completed and ready for occupation about September 1 next. The building will be four stories and basement, giving five floors in all, size 50x135. The building will run back to the transfer railway track in the rear, thus affording facilities for loading and unloading directly into railway cars, from or to the warehouse. The firm find themselves crowded in their present quarters, owing to their extending business, hence the need of larger premises, which the new warehouse will afford.

The annual meeting of the Virden board of trade was held on Tuesday, Feb. 21. The reports presented showed that much was accomplished during the year in the line of furthering the trade interests of Virden and promoting the settlement of the surrounding country. 64 quarter sections were settled as a result of the work of the board. 330 cars of live stock were handled by Virden people last year, 365,000 bushels of wheat entered the town's elevators from last year's crop and \$39,189.62 worth of goods, free and dutiable, were entered for consumption. The amount of duty collected was \$8,621.58.

## The Commercial Men.

J. F. Boxall, of John Macdonald & Co., went east early this week.

R. H. Bryce, of Bryce & Co., Winnipeg, is east on his usual spring trip.

R. H. Climie, a well known western traveller, went east on Tuesday on his usual spring trip.

W. T. Smyth, of W. H. Storey & Son, Acton, Ont., was in the city this week on his way east.

F. G. Crawford, western representative of Gault Bros. & Co., has returned from a short trip to headquarters at Montreal.

Winnipeg city travellers had a pleasant social evening on Monday night in Unity hall, being the occasion of their fifth annual at home.

W. J. Mildrew, of J. E. Green & Co., was showing his millinery samples in Winnipeg this week. He had a very nice line of hats opened out in the Sanford block.

A. E. Dykes, of J. H. Ashdown & Co., has returned from a two months' trip through the Territories. Mr. Dykes reports having done a large amount of business with Territorial merchants.

W. S. Rough, of John Macdonald & Co., has finished his trips for the spring trade and is about ready to start for the east. He reports their spring orders fully up to and even a little better than last season.

W. S. Crone, of the H. A. Nelson & Sons Co., arrived in Winnipeg last week from the coast, to meet his import samples for the fall trade, which were forwarded to him here. The samples comprise a very fine line of goods drawn from many countries, including dressing sets, work boxes, etc., from England, tobaccoist supplies from Austria, and a great collection of toys from Germany and France, etc. Mr. Crone will remain in the city a couple of weeks and then go west again with his new samples.

## Live Stock News.

J. G. McConnell bought 240 head of stocker cattle in the Hamiota district last week.

The Ontario department of agriculture has received orders to send 200 thoroughbred cattle to the government of the Northwest Territories.

On February 18th H. Bonallack shipped two carloads of fat beef purchased from the Medicine Hat Ranch Co. to Winnipeg to be used on the local market.

D. W. Mills, of Carman, is arranging to ship one hundred head of stall fed cattle to the eastern markets. He has also recently purchased 500 head of stockers, which he is placing on his ranch near Carman.

Mr. Mathews, secretary of the Western Stock Growers' association furnishes the following details as to the number of cattle shipped from the various shipping points in our western range country last season: Cayley, 3,610; Lethbridge, 3,131; Claresholm, 2,078; Calgary, 2,285; Pincher Creek, 358; Strathmore, 471; Morley, 252; Cochrane, 155; Maple Creek, 3,158; Medicine Hat, 1,359; Stair, 1,359; Walsh, 837; Rush Lake, 316; other points, 463.

## Grocery Trade Notes.

Sardines are advancing in New York and quotations are around \$2.50 now, with another increase probable.

Unfavorable weather is making it next to impossible to get crops of rice out of the fields in Southwest Louisiana.

The foreign markets continue strong and prices for India and Patna rice have been steadily tending upward. The advance has been so great that prices for new crop goods are on a level now with old. Offerings of rice from Burmah are only moderate and generally for late shipment. It is expected that the shipments from Siam to European markets will be very small this season.

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