

### Northwest Trade and General News.

The Cypress Division Agricultural exhibition will be held on Oct. 11th.

Three hundred more Icelandic immigrants have arrived at Winnipeg.

Christie & Fares, of Emerson, lately shipped a car of cattle to Winnipeg.

The new woolen mill at Rapid City, Man., is finding a good demand for its yarns.

The proposed branch of the bank of Ottawa will be opened at Keewatin, on October 1st.

Norris & Carey, of Edmonton, Alberta, recently made a large shipment of fur to Winnipeg.

Considerable building improvements are being made at Moose Jaw, Assa., as a result of the good crops.

A good trade is being done by the steamers plying between Rat Portage and the Rainy River country.

The date of the meeting of the Northwest Council has been postponed from the 4th to the 14th of October.

John A. Macdonald, of the Prince Albert district, has secured the beef contract for the mounted police.

Potatoes are selling at seventy-five cents a bushel at Battleford, with every prospect of being still cheaper.

Sheriff & Davis, of the Springhill brewery, Minnedosa, Man., contemplate the erection of a malt house this fall.

F. Lamoureux left Edmonton for Battleford with a large raft of lumber and 60 tons of coal for the industrial school.

Posters have been issued announcing the York agricultural exhibition, which takes place at Yorkton, Assa., on Oct. 6th.

A Regina correspondent writes to the effect that F. W. Stobart, of Winnipeg, is fitting up a building at that place for a store.

Some 70,000 railway ties, seized by the Crown under the Dominion Lands Act, will be sold by auction, at Brandon, on Sept. 27th.

Regina will require to raise \$6,815 for current municipal expenses, which will necessitate an assessment rate of 15 mills on the dollar.

The new fire hall at Rat Portage was well under construction before the vote was taken on the by-law to provide the necessary funds.

A prairie fire did some damage about Rea-burn, but was extinguished by the heavy rain of Monday last. Some hay stacks were burnt.

President Porter of the Duluth and Iron Range railway, states that the road will be pushed through to connect with the C.P.R. at Port Arthur.

— Scott, general merchant, Shoal Lake, Man., is having a large addition built to his store, so that he will have twice the amount of former accommodation.

It is believed that new depot buildings will soon be built at Pilot Mound, Killarney, Boissevain and Deloraine on the Pembina Mountain branch.

P. B. Richard has left Battleford, Sask. for Isle à la Crosse, where he will open a trading establishment and remain until next summer, if not permanently.

The rate of taxes at Port Arthur will be 15 mills on the dollar.

Sargeant, butcher, Virden, Man., lately shipped a car of hogs to Winnipeg.

The town of Birtle, Man., has by public vote decided to grant no licenses for the sale of liquors.

R. Anderson, Binscarth, Man., has gone to Ontario and will bring back a car load of sheep and a car load of other stock.

The C.P.R. Co. propose erecting a new depot building at Regina, but the date of commencement has not been decided upon.

R.J. Bird, formerly of the firm of Walton & Bird, Emerson, Man., lately visited that place. He is now travelling for a Chicago house.

The Fort William *Journal* is anxious to have its town made a port of entry, and presents statistics to show the importance of its argument.

W. C. Dobie, F. Gibbs and Bowerman were appointed delegates by the Port Arthur Board of Trade, to attend the meeting of grain examiners in Toronto.

J.W. Harris, Winnipeg, has let the contract for a solid brick and stone building, which will be occupied when completed by Kirkwood & Rubidge, wholesale grocers.

The value of goods imported through the customs port of Regina for August was \$2,833, and the amount of duties \$580.52. The amount entered as free goods was \$562.

Wm. Thompson, of Oak Lake, Man., shipped to British Columbia lately two car loads of potatoes and two of oats. The former went to Golden City and the latter to Roger's Pass.

The new colony on the Northwestern railway, at Langenburg, forming under the auspices of the company recently organized in England, will be known as the Castleton colony.

The Hand in Hand ranche company promise to put 8,000 head of cattle on their ranche on the Rose Bud near the Hand hills, Alberta, this fall, and to develop a coal mine on the property during the winter.

The amount of customs duties collected at Port Arthur for the month of August was \$13,310.98. The value of the goods entered for export amounted to \$105,969, and the value of the imports reached \$57,009.

F. G. Lewis, general storekeeper, Birtle, Man., will have a new store completed in a few days. T.F. Patterson, furniture dealer, of the same place, also has a new place of business about ready for occupation.

The new stone warehouse to be built for Kirkwood & Rubidge, wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, will be located on the north side of the Market square on the premises lately occupied by the Royal Oak hotel, now moved away.

The *Alberta Live Stock Journal* does credit to western journalism. Its publication speaks well of the importance of the ranching industry of Alberta, when such a creditable representative of the industry finds support sufficient to maintain such a degree of excellence.

Tenders are called for supplies for the Manitoba asylum, at Selkirk, for the year ending June 30th, 1888, for bacon and hams, flour, oatmeal, cornmeal, bran, fresh meats, oats, hay and bread. Tenders close on Monday, Sept. 26th.

—Loaden, of Oak Lake, Man., has been fined \$100 for selling liquor without a license.

Oak River district holds its fall fair at Oak Lake, Man., on Tuesday, the 4th of October.

The council of the Regina board of trade has agreed to accept Reynold's tender for the Boggy Creek bridge. The council by resolution decided hereafter to meet every Thursday morning.

A Minnedosa correspondent says: There is a great rush to secure the abandoned and cancelled pre-emptions thrown into the market as homesteads in this district, but there are still many good ones left.

Prices at Brandon last week were: Wheat, No. 1 hard 50c; oats, 20 to 25c; one ear sold for 23c; butter, 13 to 15c; eggs, 13 to 15c; potatoes, 20 to 25c; hogs scarce and not sufficient supply for the local demand, at 5c live weight. Some choice cattle sold at 2½c live weight.

The rails for the Red River Valley road were released at Montreal on Sept. 10th on the payment of \$47,000 to Jas. Hutton & Co. from whom they were ordered. They were paid for out of a loan of \$50,000 negotiated by Mr. LaRiviere with the Seminary of St. Sulpice at the rate of five per cent. interest.

The steamer Northwest arrived at Battleford on Sept. 1st with 112 tons of freight, 40 of which were for that place and the remainder for points up the river. The captain decided that it would not be wise to go any further and accordingly unloaded and turned back. Amongst the goods left were forty tons of flour for Edmonton.

Nepawa *Register* says: Mrs. Hartford, of Minnedosa, was here endeavoring to rent a building in which to open a general store, but found none vacant. We are not anxious to see another general store opened. Our merchants are quite capable of supplying the wants of the community. What we want is a millinery and dressmaking establishment and a good shoemaker.

THE COMMERCIAL job printing department is becoming noted for the fine class of work turned out. A programme recently prepared at this office, by the ordinary mode of printing, was described by a city daily as a "handsome lithograph." The idea was that such fine work could not have been turned out by ordinary process of printing.

The dates of the following fall exhibitions have been published: Central Saskatchewan at Saskatoon, Sept. 21st; at Moosomin, N.W.T. Sept. 28th; St. Andrews at Selkirk, Sept. 29th and 30th; at Whitewood, Sept. 30th; at Broadview, N.W.T., Oct. 1st; at Grenfell, N.W.T., Oct. 3rd; at Wolseley, N.W.T., Oct. 4th; at Indian Head, Oct. 5th; at Fort Qu'Appelle, Oct. 6th; at Yorkton, Oct. 6th; and at Qu'Appelle, Oct. 7th.

Lloyd & Co., of Nebraska, have leased the buildings of the Winnipeg Warehousing company for pork-packing purposes, intending to carry on this business on a large scale. Understanding that the province has not many hogs this year they do not expect at present to do much slaughtering; but they propose to handle dressed hogs. They are also interested in cattle in Montana and will bring a large number