

## Manitoba.

The Red river is rising fast this week.

V. D. Potors has sold his bakery at Neopawa to Wm. Howatt.

N. Germain, groceries and liquors, St. Bonifacé, has assigned.

James Fullbrook, harness, Stonewall, is giving up business.

J. Rosen, general merchant, Niverville, is moving to Winnipeg.

Geo. Thomas, machinist, Brandon, is opening a branch at Hartney.

Geo. Shillington, hardware and grocer, Carberry, has assigned in trust.

The latest Manitoba paper is the Killarney Times. It is small but neatly printed.

Mrs. S. Abbott, fancy goods, Winnipeg, is selling out by auction on 2nd April.

W. T. Kirby and Colgate & Armstrong have formed a partnership at Winnipeg as insurance brokers, etc.

J. T. Wilson has purchased the stock of Welden & Co., groceries, Winnipeg, at a rate on the dollar.

Jas. Robertson & Co., wholesale hardware, Winnipeg, filled an order for a Dakota merchant last week.

The sum of \$25,000 is in the estimates for the improvement and enlargement of the court house at Winnipeg.

Inos. Hay, the well known furniture manufacturer, of Ontario, arrived in Winnipeg last week on a business trip.

F. G. Lewis, says the *Birtle Eye Witness*, has purchased the stock of the Rossburn store and will continue the business.

Toombes & Co., general store, Stonewall, have sold out their dry goods and grocery business to Thos. Lusted & Son.

The stock of Hood & Cooper, general dealers, of Roland, amounting to \$4,342, will be sold by auction at Winnipeg on April 4.

Johnson, elevator man, of Minnedosa, contemplates starting a machine shop at Neepawa. He wants exemption from taxes.

The Skelding Hardware Co.'s stock at Neopawa has been purchased by B. R. Hamilton & Co. of the same place, at 65 cents on the dollar.

Reid & Garhardt, general dealers, Neepawa and Arc, have sold out their Arden branch to T. G. Anderson, who comes from Dunganon, Ontario.

P. C. Small who has been engaged by Car-scaden, Peck & Co., Winnipeg, to look after their fur manufacturing department at Montreal, arrived from the east last week.

W. P. Kilbourne & Co., cigar manufacturers and wholesale dealers, who come from Chicago, have secured premises on McDermott street, Winnipeg, and will engage in business here.

It has been proposed by the Birtle farmers' institute to appoint an inspector for butter and have all butter purchased on grade, if an agreement can be come to with the merchants to this end.

The Carberry News says: The store lately occupied by Burton & Hill will be opened about April 1st by a large eastern wholesale grocery firm. All goods will be sold retail at wholesale prices.

There is considerable grumbling in Winnipeg about the price of bread, the bakers here giving only 14 loaves for \$1, while at Brandon and some other Manitoba towns, 20 loaves are given for \$1.

Mr. Hogg, manager of the Bank of Montreal, Winnipeg, goes to London, Ont., to assume the management of the bank there, and will be succeeded in Winnipeg by Mr. Kirkland, of the Chatham branch.

Samuel Wilmot, of fishery fame, was in Manitoba last week arranging for the establishment of a Dominion Government fish hatch-

ery in the province. The hatchery will be on the Red river, near Selkirk.

J. B. Rutter, who has been with J. T. Wilson, auctioneer, Winnipeg, for the past three years, has bought out Mr. Wilson's business, and will carry it on in his own name. He has leased Trinity hall on Portage avenue.

Contractors J. J. Egan & Co., will this season finish up their work on the Canadian Pacific line to the Souris, beginning operations at once. Contractor Dennison who has eight or ten miles to complete on the Deloraine branch will also start immediately.

C. A. Bradford, grocer, Brandon, having sold his premises on Rosser avenue, has commenced the erection of a new brick building on the northwest corner of Sixth street and Princess avenue. This is the first of a number of retail stores that are expected to go up on Princess avenue.

C. H. Fildes and G. B. Simpson, representing Greene & Sons Co., wholesale hats, furs, furnishings, etc., Montreal, arrived in Winnipeg last week. Mr. Fildes will take charge of the territories and British Columbia, and Mr. Simpson will look after the interest of the company in Manitoba. The latter gentleman formerly represented Mills & McDougall in the west.

Early in May, says the *Pilot Mound Sentinel*, J. T. Gordon leaves Pilot Mound for Liverpool with 408 head of fat cattle. The animals have been carefully and properly fed during the winter and are in fine condition, which will be improved as the weather becomes warmer. The cattle will be shipped on the 10th of May at Montreal on the ocean steamer "City of Toronto."

Mr. Bennett, Dominion immigration agent at Winnipeg, has received word from John Dyke, Canadian Government agent in Liverpool, England, to the effect that among the emigrants now departing from Great Britain for Manitoba are a number of experienced dairymen, both British and foreign, who will reach Winnipeg the next few weeks. Among the number will be one or two first-class Englishmen, possessed of some capital, who hold certificates from dairy schools in England, for both butter and cheese making.

For the past three years the Winnipeg post-office has occupied fourth place among the offices of the Dominion in the total amount of gross revenue. For the past two years Hamilton has headed Winnipeg, with Montreal and Toronto in first and second places. For the year ending 30th June, 1880, the Hamilton receipts were \$73,902.22, and the Winnipeg revenue \$66,718.22; a difference of \$7,184. For last year ending June 30th, 1891, the totals were: Hamilton, \$74,591.03; Winnipeg, \$73,377.63; a difference of only \$1,213.40, being an increase for Winnipeg of \$4,659.41. Postmaster Hargrave says Winnipeg will overtop Hamilton and be in third place next year sure.

The following figures have been taken from the books of the provincial immigration offices at Winnipeg, showing the number of arrivals of settlers coming into the province up to March, 1892, as compared with those up to the same date last year:—

	1891.	1892.
January .....	209	307
February .....	259	379
March.....	1,393	4,425

Total ..... 2,361 5,111  
For the first three months of last year 280 cars of settlers' effects arrived in the province, and for this year the number is 599. The increase in settlers for Manitoba up to April 1st, 1892, is 2,750, and the increase in cars of stock and effects for the same is 319.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Brandon board of trade was held on Monday last. A notice of motion was given to reduce the membership fee from \$15 to \$10. Four propositions for new membership were voted upon and the candidates, S. M. Smyth, A. D. Rankin,

P. L. Mitchell, and W. Cowan, were admitted. The election of officers resulted as follows: E. S. Phillips, president; P. E. Darst, vice-president; I. F. Howard, Secretary-treasurer; members of council, Kenneth Campbell, Thomas Thompson, J. A. More, G. R. Coldwell, J. Hurdury, James Sherriff, W. Johnston, J. M. Robinson, J. Murray, D. G. Stewart, Wm. Alexander and J. A. Christie. The question of acting in conjunction with the city council in advertising Erandon in Ontario and in the old country was discussed and it was decided to go fully into the subject at a future meeting of the board.

## Alberta.

J. Somers's tin shop, Calgary, was burned out last week. Covered by insurance.

W. Fielders is erecting a grain warehouse at Edmonton; capacity, 12,000 bushels.

Harry Taylor has severed his connection with the Macleod hotel, and is succeeded by A. J. McDonald.

The Edmonton town council has made arrangements for the publication of 5,000 copies of an immigration pamphlet.

J. L. Bowen, acting for Conrad Bros., says the *Calgary Herald*, has sold to Wm. Bell, of Winnipeg, 600 head of prime cattle for the Vancouver market.

A large number of the merchants of Calgary have signed an agreement to close their stores at 6.30 p. m., except on Saturdays and evenings before holidays, after April 1st.

Caron and Levasseur, says the *Edmonton Bulletin*, are about to start a creamery near the crossing of the Sturgeon bridge on the Athabasca trail. They have purchased a large number of cows.

Now that the Edmonton district has a railway outlet, agricultural products are being shipped out. Oats, barley, potatoes and cattle have been shipped to British Columbia and wheat eastward.

For several days past says the *Calgary Tribune*, of March 24th, occasional flocks of wild geese have been flying northward. Grasshoppers, too, have been seen in fair profusion the last few days. This is pretty good evidence that spring has come to stay.

A large amount of coal has been taken out this winter, says the *Edmonton Bulletin*, from the banks of the White Mud creek, about six miles south of town. The coal differs in formation and quality from that at Edmonton and is supposed to be a part of the very superior seam found at the Big Island, about fifteen miles up the river. The coal mined as yet is only from the outside, and, therefore, has lost some of its quality by exposure to the air. But it is thought that by going a little further in, excellent coal can be secured.

Commissioner Chipman, of the Hudson's Bay Co., during his recent visit, says the *Edmonton Bulletin*, stated that arrangements had been made between the H. B. Co. and the Government for the erection of the land, timber and registry offices on block 4 of the H. B. reserve, south side of Victoria avenue. He brought with him plans for a new H. B. store to be erected on Jasper avenue if his report is approved by the London shareholders. He also said that the H. B. property would be opened for sale at once and placed in the hands of local agents.

On March 23, Lethbridge was again visited by fire, and for a third time the business portion of the town had a narrow escape. The fire originated in an empty frame building owned by I. G. Baker & Co., and formerly occupied as a butcher shop. A high wind was blowing at the time and it was evident to the beholders that the adjoining buildings to the eastward were doomed. These one after another succumbed, producing a perfect storm of sparks and flying embers which were borne directly on the rear of the principal stores facing the public square. By means of barricades, wet blankets