

Northwest Notes.

Fires are destroying a large amount of timber 60 miles above Edmonton.

The Hon. Mr. Dewdney will send a diamond drill to prospect for water in Southern Assiniboia.

Frank Boisseau, of the Grand View Hotel, Brandon, has purchased the building which he now occupies.

Freight rates from the railway to Battleford, have advanced to \$1.50 per 100 lbs. A further advance is expected.

The old Carey block at Portage la Prairie has been purchased by George Hall, who is removing the building to Saskatchewan avenue.

Finning & Hoskins are about to occupy their new brick store on South Railway street, Regina, which is said to be second to none in the Northwest.

The shortness of the grain throughout the province and the difficulty of gathering caused an unusual demand for rakes and the supply has been short. The stocks carried are not very heavy as these articles are not in great demand the labor saving machinery rendering their employment very light, hence the scarcity.

Virden continues to increase and several of the merchants are building large stores which would do credit to any town. A. D. Cooper, photographer, recently completed and occupied his studio, a handsome stone building. Charles Burgess' furniture warehouse, J. Smith's hardware store, and several fine residences are now completed. W. F. Scarth and Benjamin Meek will shortly complete their building which are of stone and will be the finest business blocks in town. Tenders have also been called for the new Presbyterian church.

The editor of the *Macleod Gazette* says in regard to the finding of oil in that region that he can add his personal testimony to the fact that the existence of crude petroleum in the mountains near Macleod is a solid fact. The oil comes to the surface in several places in fairly large quantities, and it is as absolutely certain as anything can be that, throughout the length of the valley in which the oil appears, boring will reveal vast deposits of the valuable fluid. A good many claims have been staked out and surveyed, and all that is now required is capital to open up and develop what will soon become one of the most valuable oil regions in the world. While the valley in which the oil has been formed is well in among the mountains, there will not be the slightest difficulty in getting the crude article down to the prairie. A stream runs the whole length of the valley, and out on to the plains, so that a pipe line along its course would be a comparatively simple matter. It is probable that steps will be at once taken to enlist capital for the development of these oil fields, and there is not much doubt that such capital can be obtained without much difficulty.

H. H. Foster, agent for the London and Colonial Financial Co., a syndicate for the handling manufacturing and industrial enterprises, has just concluded the purchase of the Davies brewery in Toronto for \$1,200,000.

Eastern Business Changes.

ONTARIO.

Joseph Barnes, hotel, Fingal, sold out.
Henry Knowles, grocer, Hamilton, sold out.
A. S. Moyer, gardener, Pelham, has assigned.
A. Hutchinson, grocer, Toronto, has assigned.
W. R. Fish, tobacco, Hamilton, has assigned.
N. Chester, wagons, Norway; giving up business.
Shields & Whitney, grocers, Petrolia, burnt out.
Shaw Bros., grocers, Orangeville, have assigned.
F. G. Love, bar supplies, Toronto, has assigned.
Campbell Bros., lumber, Toronto, have assigned.
Endres Bros., furniture, Petrolia, damaged by fire.
Spurr & Viger, butchers, Petrolia, damaged by fire.
G. B. Newbury, dry goods, Picton, has assigned.
F. A. Boldrick, general store, Norwood, has assigned.
Harkness & Co., books, etc., Woodstock, have sold out.
O'Donohue & Doherty, hotel, Toronto, have dissolved.
Chas. Eaton, dealer in shoes, Essex Centre, has assigned.
C. F. Holterman, general store, Fisherville, has sold out.
E. N. Moyer, publisher, etc., St. Catharines, has assigned.
Walter F. Woods, boots and shoes, Hamilton, has assigned.
A. W. Cryslar, general store, Nelles Corners, was burnt out.
W. H. Ryckman & Co., grocers, Hamilton, have sold out.
J. Rieger, grocer and blacksmith, Aldershot, was burnt out.
T. R. & L. M. Mackon, stoves, etc., Highgate, burnt out.
C. Ferguson, harness and groceries, Norway, selling off by auction.
D. Smith & Son, handles, etc., Stewart: style now Smith Bros.
W. H. McClure & Co., dry goods and grocers, Grimsby, have dissolved.
Rico & Chapple, stationery, etc., London, have sold out one of their retail stores.
Thomas McAuley, books and bookbinder, Kingston, sold out book business to G. A. Odell, and continues bookbinding.
The following were burned out at Gananoque, D. J. Darling, grocer, etc.; A. F. Harrison, grocer; L. A. Osterhout, tailor; A. M. Purvis, general store and millinery; W. N. Rogers, carriages, etc.; Taylor & Green, general store; Stephen White, grocer.

QUEBEC.

Alex. Houle, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.
V. Turcotte, tailor, Slierbrooke, has assigned.
Eli Giroux, general store, St. Clothilde, has assigned.
R. Lavoie & Co., hardware, Quebec, have dissolved.
Bush & Munro, restaurant, Montreal, have dissolved.
Laramée & Johnson, gilders, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.
Largenade, Beauchamp & Co., boot and shoe manufacturers, Montreal, have dissolved. F. Dansereau, T. Legrenade and A. Beauchamp continue under same style.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Sharp & Co., victuallers, Halifax, have sold out.

Hancock Bros., soap, oil, etc., Halifax, have dissolved.

Evans & Co., Stationery etc., Yarmouth, have assigned.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Anderson & Kelver, general store, Albert, have dissolved.

A. H. Larice, saw and grist mill, Perth, burnt out; no insurance.

Whitebone & Co., tobacco and cigars and liquors, St. John, have dissolved.

Railway Matters.

Work on the engine house of the N. P. & M. Ry., at Winnipeg, was commenced last week.

Canadian Pacific shares sold in London, Eng., on Sept. 11th at 68½, the highest paid this year.

The P. A., D. & W. Ry. is being pushed rapidly ahead. 700 additional laborers were put on last week.

The C. P. R. have purchased the northeast corner of 9th street and Princess Ave., Brandon, on which to erect a building for use as city ticket office.

Messrs. Middleton & Conmee, contractors for the P. A. D. & W. Ry., are calling for tenders for 12,000 ties to be delivered at Port Arthur and 30,000 at Fort William.

Brydon & McIntosh have the contract for building the stations and section houses on the N. P. & M. Morris-Brandon branch, sixteen buildings in all. The lumber, 760,000 feet, is supplied by J. R. Sutherland.

About 1,400 men are at work on the southern end of the Duluth & Winnipeg railroad, and it is expected 1,600 more will be at work before the end of the week. Large numbers of men are also at work on the Mississippi river end of the proposed road.—*Mississippi Lumberman*.

The company who have the charter to build a line from Calgary to Lethbridge, or through to the boundary, if the Galt extension south is not constructed, have until November to commence operations. If they fail to do so, a firm of wealthy contractors will take over the charter, and build the line next summer, via Macleod.—*Gazette*.

The M. & N. W. Ry. Co. came near losing about \$3,000 worth of coal at Portage la Prairie last week. A spark from a passing C.P.R. engine ignited a large quantity of ties and cordwood near the roundhouse, and but for the timely arrival of the fire engine considerable damage would have been done, the coal sheds being barely saved.

Dairy Note.

Kaye's creamery at Swift Current will have a capacity for the milk of 500 cows. The building is being made of concrete and the establishment will be in operation in October.

An English syndicate with \$5,000,000 capital is buying control of the sole leather tanneries of the United States, and has already invested \$10,000,000 in options on 23 of the leading tanneries in the eastern states.

Nearly a thousand tons of raw sugars are stored at the Woodside Refinery stores in Halifax, waiting for a settlement of the sugar market.