

Manitoba.

H. Shilson & Co., is opening a general store at Roland.

Geo. Anderson, pawnbroker, Winnipeg, is retiring from business.

W. J. Devlin, shoemaker, Winnipeg, has sold out to A. C. Gardiner.

J. D. Ramsay & Co. have opened in gent's furnishings at Dauphin.

The report that A. T. Andrews, druggist, Plumage, has sold out, is denied.

An order-in-council has been passed making Brandon a chief port of entry.

Watt & Wilmott have sold out their butcher business at Souris to Arthur Sanders.

T. C. Forbes is reported to have bought the A. M. Kane & Co. general store at Rathwell.

About 1,000 men are at present employed by the Winnipeg city public works department.

The Radford company, Winnipeg, doing business in bicycles and sporting goods, has assigned.

Ed. Jordan, of Thornhill, has purchased lots and will erect a building suitable for a general store at Darlingford.

W. Shields is erecting a blacksmith shop at Darlingford, and James Law is building a butcher shop at the same place.

W. Armstrong, of Garside & Armstrong, painters, Brandon, Man., has bought out his partner's interest in the business.

J. K. Wright, of Wright & Wright, grocers, Winnipeg, is leaving shortly for British Columbia, where he will engage in business.

G. W. McLaren, druggist, of Morden, has purchased a building and lot in Plum Coulee, and will open a branch business there shortly.

After July 1 the Northern Pacific will reduce local passenger rates on its line in Manitoba to three cents per mile, instead of four cents as heretofore.

The Heimskringla News and Publishing Co. has been incorporated under the joint stock companies act of this province. The capital stock is \$5,000.

A large wholesale warehouse will be erected on the corner of Princess and McDermott streets this season, to be occupied by The Bolo Drug Co. and The Ames-Holden Co.

It is reported from Ottawa that twenty miles of the Northwest Central railway will be built this year, in a westerly direction from the present western terminus.

The rumor that Johnston & Wallace were opening in wholesale smallwares at Winnipeg is incorrect. The enterprise was talked of but no definite arrangement has yet been made.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co. contemplates building two additional branches in southeastern Manitoba, one from Deloraine through the Wasnada district, and another branch through the district south of La Rive.

Hugh McKellar, of the provincial department of agriculture, Professor Fletcher, Dominion entomologist and Ott. Luggier, of Minneapolis, state entomologist of Minnesota, left this week for a trip over the Pembina Mountain branch of the C. P. R. to deliver lectures upon various agricultural questions including the prevention and destruction of noxious weeds.

The Manitoba government has promised to bear one-third of the cost of a bridge across the Assiniboine river at Portage la Prairie, in response to representations which were made by a deputation which waited on the minister of public works this week. This means that the bridge will be built, as the other two-thirds of the cost is already almost assured.

The deal between Gould & Elliott and Hamelin Bros. for the general store business of the former at Pteron, mentioned in The Commercial a short time ago, has been declared off.

It is rumored that Mackenzie & Mann, who are now the proprietors of the Hudson's Bay railway charter, will reconstruct and complete the forty miles of that road built some years ago and extend it to Lake Manitoba.

The Red river, which was the principal artery of commerce in the early days, but which has been almost out of use since the advent of railways, is again to be used for traffic purposes. R. A. Lister & Co., have put a steamer on the river to gather up cream for their butter factory at Morris. This is probably the first attempt at utilizing the river for regular traffic purposes south of Winnipeg, since 1832.

D. W. Cumming, a well known Manitoban, passed away somewhat suddenly at Selkirk on Saturday last, from an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Cumming came to Manitoba in the early days and for some years resided at Birtle, where he engaged in the lumber industry and also carried on a banking business. Later Mr. Cumming moved to Winnipeg and for some time was engaged in the grain trade here. His untimely demise will be a source of regret to a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

There are rumors of a third railway line being built between Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie, to connect the Dauphin railway with the Southeastern, both of which latter lines are controlled by Mackenzie & Mann, the Northern Pacific having refused to give running power over its line. We are not told whether or not application was made to the Canadian Pacific railway for running power over its line between Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie. Mr. Mann, according to a daily paper, talks about the Canadian Pacific and Northern Pacific combining against them, though the general belief has been that Mackenzie & Mann were in harmony with the former company. The latter has been the impression entertained by The Commercial.

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Jacob Ehman is opening in the grocery business at Regina, Assa.

The Windsor hotel, Regina, has been bought by McLeod, of Prince Albert, who will manage the hotel himself.

Alberta.

Carl Inkerman is opening business in groceries at Edmonton.

About 200 teams are now engaged on the big irrigation canal south of Lethbridge.

P. Burns, cattle dealer, Calgary, has a shipment of cattle on the way to the Klondyke.

The Allan block on Stephen avenue, Calgary, has changed hands for the sum of \$9,000.

At Cardston, in the Mormon colony, T. Brandley is erecting a store, as is also J. Smith, and a local company has been formed to open a lumberyard.

Saskatchewan.

Mr. Neilson, of Regina, will open a business shop at Rosthern.

R. J. Shepherd, of Toronto, will open a drug store at Duck Lake.

H. S. Monkman, druggist, Battleford, has added stationery, cigars and tobacco to his stock.

Adamson & Pashford, hardware, Rosthern, are opening a branch at Hague. They will also erect a new store building at Rosthern.

By the new C. P. R. time card, which will go into effect to-morrow, the Prince Albert branch train days are changed. Trains will leave Regina at 7.15 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays, reaching the north end at 9 in the evening. Trains leave Prince Albert at 5.10 a.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays reaching Regina at 7 p.m.

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