

Dredging is going on at the mouth of the Kaminitiquia river. Operations will be carried on from the mouth of the river to a point a short distance above the elevator. It is likely that next session of parliament the government will make an appropriation for continuing the work where required, between the place of abandonment this season and the Neebing docks, Fort William West.

Northwest Vindicator: Every farmer who raises 25 bushels of wheat per acre in Manitoba hands over to the C.P.R. the full value of the land on which it is grown, to have it carried to the eastern markets—in round numbers, 50c. per 100 pounds. A farmer who raises thirty bushels to the acre pays nine dollars an acre to the C.P.R. for freight—nearly double the price of good land in any part of the Province.

Brandon Times: A fairly accurate idea of the extent of the farming operations conducted around Brandon may be found, by the amount of new machinery that has been sold here this season, by our leading local machine men. Inquiries among the principal firms show that there have been sold this year in the city 340 self binders, 140 mowers, 165 rakes, 275 sets of harrows, 705 plows, and 160 tons of binding twine.

The Northwestern Land Company are likely to come to an arrangement over their tax difficulty at Regina. The following agreement is spoken of as a basis for settlement: All back taxes on the company's lots to be remitted, on consideration of the improvements made by the company in the town, amounting to \$17,000. This year the assessment is to remain, except on lots which have been sold and money paid. The company's interest in lots hereafter only to be assessed, the company reserving the right to revise the lists.

The following, according to the *Regina Leader*, is the agreement arrived at between the Regina council and the Northwest Land company, regarding the claims against the company for taxes: "The company to pay the present year's taxes (some \$1,936); furnish a full list of all assessable lands held and sold by them; and acknowledge the right of the town to assess their property in the future. In return the town agrees to remit all back taxes in consideration of some \$15,000 spent by the company in improvements in the town; and to exempt from taxation the lands of the C. P. R. so long as they are exempt under the law. The mayor was authorized to sign the agreement for the town. It does not become binding, however, until submitted to the ratepayers and endorsed by them—the company to pay half the cost of the by-law. The appeal before the Supreme Court is postponed until the by-law is submitted.

The following return shows the quantity of produce offered for sale on the Winnipeg market during the past year: Wood, 7,406 loads; hay, 9,002 double loads, 1,184 single loads; straw, 109 loads; oats, 29,678 bushels; potatoes, 26,150 bushels; wheat, 4,658 bushels; barley, 6,745 bushels; turnips, 733 bushels; onions, 164 bushels; vegetables, 1,955 pounds; fish, 54,720 pounds; poultry, 14,502 head; eggs, 16,546 dozen; ducks, 5,020 pair; rabbits, 860 pair; waveys, 342 head; chickens, 912 brace;

butter, 81,682 pounds; berries, 2,224 pails; mushrooms, 608 pails; cows, milch, 271; hogs, live, 207,477 pounds; pork, dressed, 55,990 pounds; beef, 232,170 pounds; cattle, 1,350,448 pounds; mutton, 36,410 pounds; sheep, 201,910 pounds. The above is offerings by farmers, gardeners, etc., and does not include shipments received from the country in wholesale quantities and for sale on commission.

Business East.

ONTARIO.

M. Mooney, grocer, Dresden, is dead.
Isaac Coyne, dry goods, Ingersoll, has assigned.
C. H. Muir, fruit dealer, Toronto, has assigned.
Jos. Peltier, hotelkeeper, Tilbury Centre, has sold out.
W. E. Holden, hotelkeeper, Toronto, is out of business.
Geo. Trolley, shoe dealer, Toronto, is giving up business.
Geo. Ponwarden, hotelkeeper, St. Thomas, has sold out.
Querin & Holden, manufacturers of cigars, Berlin, have dissolved.
Orr, Harvey & Co., wholesale shoes, Hamilton,—John A. Orr dead.
M. Nisbet, hats and caps, Hamilton, has compromised with creditors.
Perfection Spring Bed Co., Toronto, R. I. C. Jordan, prop., granted an extension.
Garfield & Patterson, grocers, Toronto, have dissolved; Wm. A. Garfield continues alone.

QUEBEC.

Zotique Deschamps, saddler, Montreal, has assigned.
P. E. Labelle & Co., grocers, St. Jerome, have assigned.
Landry & Desmarais, tins, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.
S. R. Cairns, general storekeeper, Upper Bedford, has assigned.
J. H. Douglas, wholesale hardware, etc., Montreal, has assigned.
A. Daoust & Sons, general storekeepers, St. Timothee, have dissolved.
Ross Bros., general storekeepers, Gould and Scotstown, have assigned.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Jas. McLean, grocer, Truro, has sold out.
W. T. Gillis, druggist, Pictou, has sold out.
Wm. Harnish, —, Sober Island, has assigned.
Alex. Murray, —, Middle River, has assigned.
McMillan & Calder, grocers, Stellarton, have dissolved.
Bigney Bros., fancy goods, etc., Halifax, have assigned.
McDonald & McArthur, grocers, New Glasgow, have dissolved.
H. C. Perry, general storekeeper, Salmon River, has assigned.
E. Morris & Son, general storekeepers, Advocate Harbor, have admitted Oliver Knowlton partner.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

C. S. MacGregor, grocer, St. John, has assigned.
Arthur Everitt, dry goods, St. John, has suspended.

Personal.

D. W. Cummings, banker, etc., Birtle, Man., has returned from England where he had been spending a portion of the summer.

Mr. Johnson, representing Kilgour Bros. paper, bags, etc., Toronto, was in the city last week, and left later for the Pacific coast.

Mr. Geo. F. Galt, of G. F. & J. Galt, wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, has gone on a pleasure trip to California, accompanied by Mrs. Galt.

General Manager Hague, of the Merchants Bank, has lately made a trip through Manitoba. He said the policy of the bank would be to hold any properties it had in this country, as they were quite convinced the province was on the upward grade, and that investments here were perfectly secure, and bound to increase in value.

Dairy Matters.

Mr. Dill, of Wolsely, Assa., is considering the advisability of establishing a cheese factory there.

Hon. S. C. Wood, general manager of the Freehold Loan and Savings Company, who has recently made a trip through the province, says: "There are a few lessons which your farmers might take to heart and profit by. A keg of butter weighing one hundred pounds can be shipped east very nearly as cheaply as a hundred pounds of wheat. One represents a value of \$14 and the other a value of about \$1. One hundred pounds of cheese can be shipped east for about the same figure as one hundred pounds of wheat. One represents a value of about \$10 and the other about \$1. These facts carry their own moral. This is a great grass country, and better suited for dairy produce than many other provinces, and why should your people not compete in supplying our eastern Canadian market with your products. It could not fail to pay, and pay well."

S. M. Barre, Government dairy inspector, writes as follows, regarding the Crystal City cheese factory: "On the 17th instant I paid an official visit to the Crystal City cheese factory. This factory organized on the stock company plan, was built last spring. The farmers own the building and milk wagons, and the machinery and utensils are the property of the cheese-maker. This building, though not yet finished, promises to be one of the best in the Province. The curing room, which is to be made more secure against atmospheric changes, is on the lower floor. This is a great improvement over the old style curing rooms situated overhead on the second floor. Mr. Taylor, the cheese maker, is a careful and progressive operator, and the quality of cheese produced compares very favorably with that made in the province. The milk is of good quality, the average showing about 1.00 on the centesimal lactimeter. The whey is taken back to patrons in the milk cans. This is an objection which should be removed. The greatest drawback is the cost of milk transportation. This difficulty will in time be removed by an increase in the number and size of the herds."

The Nova Scotia Cotton Manufacturing Co. has declared a dividend of three per cent. on the past year's business.