

# The Commercial

A Journal of Commerce, Industry and Finance, specially devoted to the interests of Western Canada, including that portion of Ontario west of Lake Superior, the Provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia and the Territories.

**Eighth Year of Publication.**

**ISSUED EVERY MONDAY**  
**SUBSCRIPTION, \$2.00 PER ANNUM.**

**ADVERTISING RATES.**

1 month weekly insertion	.....	\$0 20 per line.
3 months, do	.....	0 75 "
5 " do	.....	1 25 "
12 " do	.....	2 00 "

Transient advertisements, 10 cents per line each insertion.

Fine Book and Job Printing Departments.

Office, 4 and 6 James St East,

**JAMES E. STERN,**  
 Publisher.

*The Commercial certainly enjoys a very much larger circulation among the business community of the country between Lake Superior and the Pacific Coast, than any other paper in Canada, daily or weekly. By a thorough system of personal solicitation, carried out annually, this journal has been placed upon the desk of the great majority of business men in the vast district designated above, and including northwestern Ontario, the provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia, and the territories of Assiniboia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. The Commercial also reaches the leading wholesale, commission, manufacturing and financial houses of Eastern Canada.*

**WINNIPEG, MARCH 10, 1890.**

MRS. FOX, millinery, etc, Portage la Prairie, has sold out to Mrs. McLaughlan.

R. J. W. ATTWOOD, druggist, Nanaimo, B.C., has been closed out.

LAFFERTY & MOORE, bankers, are closing their branch at Regina.

ELLIOTT & Sons have sold their implement warehouse at Minnedosa to S. C. Ranson.

ANDERSON, general merchant, Solsgrith, Man., contemplates moving to Bridge Creek.

ZINK BROS., boot and shoe dealers, Rapid City, Man., have sold out to W. H. Langman.

W. HODDER, grocer, Winnipeg, has left the city, and his stock has been seized by his creditors.

The Manitoba Legislature last week decided that church property should not be exempt from taxation.

The Tecumseh House, Winnipeg, has changed hands. F. Collins has sold out to Harvey Johnson and Chris O'Connor.

The Canadian Agricultural, Coal & Colonization Company (Kay Company) has bought out the business of G. Ward, butcher, Calgary.

J. J. SMITH & Co., general dealers, Emerson, Man., have dissolved partnership, Mr. Hefferling retaining. Smith will continue the business.

W. BROS., Regina, have bought the Palace House from the Merchants' Bank. Harcourt, the present lessee, holds the property during the year.

The WESTMINSTER, B.C., has a bill before the local legislature for a street railway, and at a recent meeting a resolution was passed asking that a clause be inserted in the bill to prevent the employment of Chinese in connection with the enterprise.

The Dominion Parliament has thrown out the application of the Spokane Falls and Northern Railway for a charter to build into British Columbia.

At a meeting of the dry goods section of the Toronto board of Trade held last week, a committee was appointed to carry out the scheme of shortening credits.

ROBERT STEELE, who has been with J. F. Howard & Co., druggists, Winnipeg, for some time, has purchased the drug business of Dr. J. E. Gemmel at Virden, Man.

CITY Engineer Ruttan, of Winnipeg, left last week for Ottawa to aid the efforts of the Manitoba members in securing an appropriation for the improvement of navigation on Red River.

BURKE, STONE & Co., general merchants of Cartright, Man., have made an assignment to S. A. D. Bertrand. A meeting of the creditors will be held at the office of the assignee, Winnipeg, on the 20th of March.

VAN BLARICOM & Clarke, general merchants, of Arden, Man., have made an assignment to S. A. D. Bertrand. A meeting of the creditors will be held at the office of the assignee, Winnipeg, on the 15th of March.

A BOARD of Trade is being formed at Morden, Man., and about forty residents of the place have given in their names. A meeting to effect a permanent organization will be held as soon as the necessary papers are secured.

THE Winnipeg Scandinavian-Canadian estimates the population of Scandinavians in Manitoba at 18,000, and referring to the introduction of the new school bill, says these people are a unit in favor of the government's policy.

D. W. BOLE, of Regina, was in the city last week, arranging for the opening of a wholesale drug house in Winnipeg, by the firm of Dawson, Bole & Company. Mr. Bole secured the premises on Princess street, near the market square, recently vacated by Parsons, Bell & Co., and the new business will be opened about the first of April.

A MEETING of the stock holders of the Rat Portage Reduction Works company was held in Winnipeg last week when R. T. Riley was appointed trustee for the Winnipeg stockholders and the appointment of Messrs. Drewry and Riley on the directorate was confirmed. The manager reported that work on the building was progressing favorably.

THE Port Arthur board of trade has recommended the granting of an additional bonus of \$15,000 to the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western Railway Company, payable on the completion of the line to the international boundary. Strong resolutions were also passed recommending the Dominion and Provincial Governments to aid both this and the Rainy River Railway.

The committee appointed by the retailers convention to interview the Government respecting the exemption act, insurance rates and the taxation of stocks, met the Ministers on Thursday and presented the views of the convention on those subjects. The Ministers promised to give the matter full consideration. The committee asked that the exemption law be so amended that it will be possible to collect accounts for the actual necessities of life; that only the value of merchants' stocks over the amount of liabilities against the stocks be taxed; and that the insurance act be amended so as to secure for business men a cheaper rate of insurance.

J. W. PATERSON & Co., manufacturers of roofing felt, etc., Montreal, who purchased the paper mill at Portage la Prairie a short time ago, are overhauling the mill preparatory to commencing operations. They expect to begin work during this spring, and will manufacture straw-board, tarred felt and wrapping paper. Merrick, Anderson & Co., Winnipeg, are agents for the firm.

THE Winnipeg Tribune says: "It has been learned upon reliable authority that one of the largest loan and colonization companies now doing business in Canada propose this spring to open a branch in Winnipeg for the purpose of doing business in Manitoba and the Territories. The advent of this company will doubtless mean a decrease in the rate of interest, etc."

At a meeting of the retail merchants of Rapid City the following delegates were appointed to attend the convention of retailers to be held in Winnipeg: D. A. Hopper, J. G. Hindson, James White, C. A. Rea, H. C. Ross, R. E. McGregor, J. A. Ovas. At the same meeting a resolution to abide by the decision of the Winnipeg convention regarding the credit system was unanimously passed.

THE Brandon Mail says: There has been scarcely any wheat deliveries in the city since the recent storm. The demand for seed oats is increasing. Choice imported oats on the track sell for 43 or 44c. Butter is plentiful and about the same price. Fresh eggs are scarce. Butchers are mostly well stocked with frozen beef and very little farmers' beef is offering. Good potatoes are still scarce and sell readily. The storm affected the delivery of baled hay and it has advanced in price but will not likely be any higher.

MANITOBA whitefish are beginning to be appreciated by the fish epicures of the Pacific coast, despite the report that the first consignment sent out was very slow sale. The Westminster Columbian says: "So great was the demand for Winnipeg whitefish after the quality of the fish became known, that W. H. Vianen was obliged to make a second importation. The fish arrived yesterday and sold like hot cakes." Sending fish to British Columbia is like sending coals to Newcastle, but the Manitoba article gets there all the same. Manitoba has more than wheat to export.

THE committee on agriculture and immigration had a scheme proposed to it at Tuesday's meeting by C. N. Bell, secretary of the Winnipeg board of trade, who had been summoned as a witness. He wanted the Government to appoint two, or perhaps more seed grain exchanges, say at Winnipeg and Brandon, through the medium of which farmers could exchange seed grain thereby keeping their seed new and strong. These exchanges could be in the charge of the local immigration agents, who, at present have nothing to do during the winter season.

THE Barnum Wire and Iron Works Company, of Walkerville, Ontario, are now preparing a new catalogue for the trade. They state it will contain descriptions of the largest line of architectural and builders' iron work ever published. The catalogue will be ready by April and it will be sent free to all architects, builders or dealers in such goods, who will send for it. The company is the largest manufacturing concern of the kind in Canada, their specialties including fire escapes, iron stairways, iron fences, bank and office railings and architectural metal work of every description.