

Manitoba

Millard & Craudwell will open in the butcher business at Carroll.

T. A. Blackwell is erecting a workshop in connection with his harness and shoe trade at Melita.

Frank Lightcap, dealer in furs, hides, etc., Winnipeg, has moved to numbers 172 and 174 King street, near Market street.

W. P. Johnston has rented Victoria hall at Carman to F. Harris, of Morden, who purposes opening in gents' furnishings.

Murdoch Cameron has leased Jas. Duncan's blacksmith shop at Melita and will conduct the business on his own account.

William Beech & Co., brokers, Winnipeg, have dissolved. The business will be continued by William Beech. J. D. O'Brien retiring.

Sarah Graham, storekeeper, of Balduv, has assigned to John Harrower. A meeting of creditors will be held in Winnipeg on March 24.

A new weekly paper has been started at Carman, called the Dufferin Leader, J. W. Jameson and R. G. Marshall are the publishers.

Butchart & Somersall, hardware, Carman, are enlarging their premises by an addition at the rear, which they will use as a workshop.

A Winnipeg wholesale house received a check for five cents one day; this week, the amount being a dividend from a bankrupt estate.

A portion of the upper flat of the store of D. McIntosh, at Dauphin, is being fitted up for a millinery department, which is being added to his business.

Drummond & Spratt, general storekeepers, Minnedosa, have assigned to Donald Fraser, Winnipeg. The stock will be sold by auction on March 15, at the office of the assignee. Stock and fixtures amounts to \$6,375, and book debts \$1,500.

The Boyd Candy company, which opened in the wholesale confectionery manufacturing business in Winnipeg a few months ago, report that the venture is proving quite successful and business gradually expanding. They now keep quite a force of hands employed. Attention is given chiefly to the finer grades of confectionery.

The Price Current, a weekly paper and market report, established in Winnipeg last fall by the Colonist Publishing company, has been discontinued for lack of support. The publishers made an energetic canvass of the country, but the amount of support obtained was very limited and there was no hope of making the venture a financial success.

The annual meeting of the Virdeu board of trade was held on February 28. The council report was of a very satisfactory character and showed that good progress has been made with the immigration scheme developed by the board. The following officers were elected: President, W. J. Wilcox; vice-president, D. Fraser; secretary-treasurer George H. Healey.

Assiniboia.

Bricks are in demand at Indian Head, owing to building preparations being made there.

R. H. Lithgow has purchased the Herd building at Maple Creek, and has fitted it up as a hotel.

Hugh Armour, of Regina, grocers and meat dealer, has bought the ranch of D. A. Macdonald, in the Qu'Appelle valley.

C. Sillm, baker, Regina, is giving up business, and will go farming. He has sold out to G. Gamble, who will take possession in a few days.

A board of trade has been formed at Indian Head with the following officers: President, E. J. Brooks; vice-president, J. K. Welsh; treasurer, A. G. Orchard; secretary, H. H. Campkin; directors, J. Conn, Geo. Thompson, W. M. Crawford, H. W. Sherwood, J. W. Sherwood, J. C. McCaul, W. M. P. Starr. The board of arbitration consists of W. F. Johnston, A. J. Osmond, C. W. Hunt, G. Thompson, T. E. Donnelly, T. H. Bunting.

Alberta.

Jos. Larose, livery, South Edmonton, has sold out to John H. McNulty.

The Marks-Clavet-Doble company, of Port Arthur, Ont., have shipped a portion of their stock to Edmonton, where they are opening a store.

Frederick J. Long, of the Northwest Trading Co., has visited Edmonton to make arrangements for the opening of a branch.

A Calgary paper says the Alberta Railway and Coal company will widen their line from Lethbridge to Great Falls, Mont., to standard gauge next month.

Northwest Ontario.

Fred Hemmings has taken over the cigar and tobacco business lately carried on at Rat Portage by Mr. Tilley.

Cameron, of Collingwood, and Burton, of Barrie, have arranged to place one steamer each from the Black and White lines—the City of Collingwood and Majestic—on the route between Collingwood, Owen Sound, Sault Ste. Marie, Port Arthur, Fort William and Duluth. This will give Port Arthur six passenger steamers per week each way.

Saskatchewan.

W. J. Fleming, druggist, Prince Albert, advertises selling out.

Mrs. Leclaire has opened a confectionery shop at Battleford.

British Columbia Items.

Mr. Field, of Milton, Ont., is opening a drug store at Golden.

G. H. Miner, recently with Chambers Bros. & Bethune, Manitou, Man., is opening in hardware, stoves and tinware at Cranbrook, East Kootenay.

G. M. Manuel, for several years past one of the general agents of the Massey-Harris company in the west, will in future represent E. W. Gillet, an eastern manufacturer, at the Pacific coast, with headquarters at Vancouver.

It is reported from Rossland that the War Eagle mine has entered into a contract with the Canadian Pacific railway for the daily shipment of one hundred tons of ore for one year. This ore will be treated at the Trall smelter, which the C. P. R. recently took over from F. A. Helms. The combined rate of freight and treatment is \$7.50 per ton, a reduction of \$3.50 per ton on the rates which have ruled heretofore. The

Le Roi company's smelter was also a bidder for the big contract. It underbid the C. P. R. It wanted the ore of the Northport, and with President Corbin, of the Spokane Falls and Northern offered.

On Wednesday, Feb. 16th, the New Westminster board of trade held its annual meeting. There had been four general meetings and sixteen council meetings during the year, and the membership is now 73. A resolution that in view of the United States tariff on lumber and shingles "the Dominion government ought to provide a remedy by which the lumber industry of British Columbia may be relieved from the disabilities under which it exists, and which threaten to retard its operations," was carried. A committee of three was appointed to look into the matter of obtaining better postal and telegraphic service, and another to look after improvement of navigation of the Fraser river. General meetings of the board are to be held in future on the third Wednesday of each month. The election of officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows: President, G. D. Brynmor; vice-president, Judge Bole; secretary-treasurer, D. Nelson. Members of council—Jas. Cunningham, T. J. Trapp, R. F. Anderson, J. G. Scott, Jno. Peck, M. Sinclair, D. J. Munn, L. A. Lewis, Jas. Johnson, J. E. Phillips, G. W. Booth, T. S. Annandale, Jno. McNab, J. W. Creighton and D. S. Curtis. Board of arbitration—John Hendry, Geo. Kennedy, Peter Grant and Jos. Reichenbach.

The Lumber Trade.

Brown & Rutherford's saw and planing and factory at Winnipeg, which has been shut down since December, has resumed work.

The Keewatin Lumbering Co. are putting in new dams and new wheels. The planer will now be run independently of the sawmill, and any mishap in the one will not affect the other.

It is reported that P. McLaren will build a large sawmill this spring in the Crow's Nest Pass. The McLaren mill will open a branch lumber yard at Macleod station.

Negotiations and plans that had been formulating for some months, says the Minneapolis Valley Lumberman, were consummated last week in the incorporation of a mammoth concern with the name of the Coast Lumber Co., which will handle the shingle and lumber products of the west coast on a scale which is hitherto had no precedent.

A Seattle report says: Orders for lumber and shingles are coming in well, and the mills are busy. Shingles are stiff at \$1.30 for "A's" and \$1.45 for Clears. Last week a number of leading manufacturers advanced "A" prices five cents. This action was thought necessary in view of the high price and scarcity of cedar logs. Shingle logs are now selling for from \$5.75 to \$6.25, which makes the cost of manufacture \$1.25 per 1,000. However, as the rains moderate and loggers get to work the scarcity will not last long. \$2.15 is quoted for "A's" delivered at Minnesota and Dakota points.

The Hanbury Manufacturing company, of Brandon, intended starting their planing mill this week.

The heavy snow fall this week will cause the loggers to smile as it will mean more water in the spring to float their logs.