

### Manitoba

C. Winter has succeeded Mr. McRae, butcher, at Melita.

Alf. Owen, stoves, etc., Rapid City, contradicts the report that he has disposed of his business.

Geo. Johnston, confectioner and fruits, Mankinuk, is adding groceries.

Jas. McIntosh has leased his tailoring business at Neepawa to J. Matheson.

W. D. Wilson and Thos. Churchill have entered into partnership in the blacksmithing business at Virden.

Hallonquist & Co., general merchants, Napiwka, have assigned in trust to D. M. McMillan, of Brandon.

Schultz & Stiefel, general merchants, Gretna and Altona, have dissolved partnership, Otto Schultz continues.

R. Johnson, of Stonowall, has opened a branch of his saddlery business at Balmoral, his son John being in charge.

Hector Milne will open in the implement business at Hamiota and will handle the Cockshutt Plow company's implements.

Arthur Sanders has taken a half interest in the butcher business of Thos. Carveth, at Souris. Carveth & Sanders will be the firm name.

E. G. Hipwell & Co., general merchants, Westbourne, have decided to retire from business, and advertise their entire stock for sale by auction.

N. Boyd and R. M. Power, of Carberry, leave the early part of February for the state of Kentucky to buy horses for this market.

The Melita Enterprise has issued a very fine illustrated number, giving a number of views which show the prosperity of the district, and much valuable information about the country.

A meeting of the creditors of Hallonquist & Co., of Napiwka, will be held at the office of D. M. McMillan, Brandon, assignee of the estate, on Jan. 26.

W. B. Shannon, of Tara, Ont., has arrived and assumed control of the hardware business formerly conducted by C. W. Maloon. Mr. Maloon is one of the Carberry pioneers and his departure is much regretted.

Dowd & Besharah, general merchants, Brandon, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Dowd will continue in business in the old stand, while Mr. Besharah will go into business on his own account in other premises.

There has been a change in the proprietorship of the Portage Review newspaper, J. Cornyn having acquired the franchise and plant from his former partner. A joint stock company was in process of formation to purchase the newspaper, but the movement has been dropped as a result of the transfer.

C. W. Willis and I. J. Crittenden, two well known young men of Portage la Prairie, have formed a partnership under the firm name of Willis & Crittenden, and have leased the premises which will shortly be vacated by R. W. McLeod. They will open business in dry goods and ladies' and men's furnishings.

### Assiniboia.]

Frank Grobb has arrived at Moose Jaw from Regina and will open in the implement business.

Duquette & Co., general merchants,

of Whitewood, are dissolving partnership and offer their business for sale.

The general stock of the estate of M. Naroviansky, of Moosomin, will be offered for sale in Winnipeg on Jan. 31st.

The annual meeting of the White-wood Butter and Cheese Manufacturing association was held last week. The financial position was highly satisfactory, and the directors were empowered to declare a dividend. The old board of directors was re-elected.

The directors held a meeting at the close and reappointed the old executive committee. The make last year amounted to 45,000 pounds of butter.

During the past season there were shipped from Moosomin 4,100 head of cattle. Placing an average price of \$23 per head the total value is a little less than \$100,000. A number of the cattle thus sent were young stock and these went principally to the United States. A number also were sent west to the ranches.

### Alberta.

John Donohue, proprietor of the Windsor hotel, Calgary, has sold out.

J. Llewellyn Wilson will continue to carry on the business of the late firm of Child & Wilson, architects, Calgary.

J. H. Dunn and C. W. Cross, advocates, Edmonton, have entered into partnership under the firm name of Dunn & Cross.

Baker & Skelding is the name of a new firm which has opened business at Macleod in flour, feed and produce. C. H. Baker and P. McLaren are the principals.

### Northwest Ontario.

E. A. Babin, and J. C. Degegne, butchers, Norman, have dissolved partnership.

An acetylene gas lamp in the window of J. Werner's drug store, Rat Portage, exploded recently, completely wrecking the window. There were three lights attached to the lamp, probably causing too much heat.

### Grocery Trade Notes.

Advices indicate a strong market for Central American coffees.

The Dominion company is the name of a new Montreal concern which will manufacture Canadian tobaccos.

Eastern refiners reduced the price of granulated sugar 5c per 100 lbs. on Monday to \$1.30. Yellows were not changed.

Prunes are somewhat unsettled and prices for the four sizes seem to be tending in buyers' favor.—New York Journal of Commerce.

Advices from the other side state that 24s is the lowest at which Valencia shelled almonds can be bought there. This is equivalent to about 30c laid down here.

Codfish is scarce, stocks in St. John's, Nfld., being 20 per cent less than a year ago. The price ex store has advanced 25c per quintal at Halifax within the last few weeks.

Cables from Sicily quoted shelled almonds for shipment at a price equal to about 26 1-4c laid down in New York. Stocks in the primary market are said to be practically exhausted.

The Indian tea market is showing decidedly strong features. A cable

received recently from Calcutta, advises an advance of 1c per lb., with a strong demand for the lower grades.

Great Britain takes 354,600,000 pounds of rice a year, or 9 pounds to each person; the United States requires but 4 pounds per capita; Spain, 5; Italy, 14. But Japan takes no less than 300 pounds per person a year, and the average of India is 200.

News from the interior of Brazil relative to the next coffee crop, confirm the impression that has already gone abroad, that the yield will be comparatively small owing to frosts having touched the growing plants.

Further information concerning the rice markets show that the weather in Burmah continues unfavorable, and it is now estimated the yield will be reduced from 225,000 to 500,000 tons. European markets are firm, a cargo of new crop Burmah, which was sold recently in New York showed an advance of one shilling six pence per ton in the rough from the price paid recently. Prices for new crop Patna have also slightly advanced from opening figures. Japan rice holds about steady.

The broom corn corner in the United States has been a complete success, both in Illinois and in Kansas, these two states growing 27,800,000 pounds out of a total of 33,400,000 pounds, making the 1898 crop. The article started in for the season at \$10 to \$60, but soon reached to \$75 and \$100 per ton. Dwarf corn has been especially high, and it is anticipated it will sell at \$125 to \$150 in Chicago before new corn comes in.

### The Lumber Trade.

The province of Quebec proposes to place an export duty on pulp wood, following the example of Ontario in the matter of saw logs. The exportation of pulp wood is almost a more important matter than that of saw logs, and it is one which we have in our own hands, as United States manufacturers cannot get along without our raw material. If that country continues to prohibit the importation of Canadian pulp, we can stop the supply of raw material to United States mills.

It is reported that the Rat Portage Lumber Company will go on at once with their proposed big mill in Winnipeg, Manager Cameron having received assurances that the South Eastern railway will be completed to Rainy River this year. The lumber company will have their logs brought from the Lake of the Woods by this railway.

The Minneapolis Lumberman says: The market is strong at the advance of Jan. 15. The demand is quite general that dimension and timbers shall also be advanced 50 cents, but this will probably be postponed till the middle of February. At that time if the spring trade shall have developed sufficiently to warrant it, the advance will be made.

A handsome hanger calendar has been received from Leitch Bros., the well known Manitoba flour millers, of Oak Lake. The calendar is one of the best received this season.

In the British shipbuilding trade the year just ended has been one of unparalleled activity. The total production of the year is estimated by the Newcastle Daily Chronicle at 1,610,000 tons, which is largely in excess of previous years.