

MANITOBA.

W. R. Lavery & Son have opened a store at Neudale.

A. R. Garret intends opening a store at Manitou.

G. W. Brishon has opened a harness shop Pilot Mound.

W. H. Saults has sold his implement business at Bolesvalin, Man., to R. H. Orr.

The brick work on the new wing of the asylum, at Selkirk, was finished last week.

E. J. Dalton has purchased the grocery business of Jas. Dandy, at Medora.

A. A. Irving, hardware merchant, Austin, has assigned to C. H. Newton, of Winnipeg.

P. E. Metherall has erected a large addition to his store at Weyburn, Assn., and intends adding a gent's (turning department).

E. Nicol & Son, Edselvalin, Man., announce a closing out sale. They intend retiring from business.

Heath & Woolf have bought the butcher's business of W. Dunford at Melita and will continue it.

Wm. McFarlane, food and feed merchant, Winnipeg, is selling his stock at auction and leaving for California.

F. W. Handel, formerly proprietor of J. Maurice's restaurant, Winnipeg, has purchased the Ontario hotel business at \$50-00 Main street, from Robt. Adams.

The indications are that there will be more winter fishing this winter than usual. A number of men and outfits have already gone north.—Selkirk Record.

The Winnipeg city council will submit a bill to the taxpayers on the day of civic elections, Dec. 9, to provide for an expenditure of \$20,000 on three suburban fire halls.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has not yet commenced to build a new branch line extension and the settlers are kicking. Machinery is wanted for the elevators which cannot operate until the road opens.

The Melita board of trade is making representation to the C. P. R., to build a branch line to Melita to carry flour to the various towns along the Souris branch. The supply of flour is presently available at that point is inadequate to the requirements of winter.

W. W. Rugg, printer and publisher, Winnipeg, has bought the property known as the Breckville house on King street and will rebuild it so as to make it suitable for a printing office. It will then be occupied by his growing printing business. The Canadian Threebroom, which is shortly to commence publication here, will be printed at this office.

A new store which was just about completed at Eden, was burned with its contents on Tuesday. The store was owned by G. H. Smith, and was valued with its contents at \$7,000. It was insured for \$1,500. Rebuilding of the store will be completed by the fire was careless handling of heating apparatus by roofers. Eden is about ten miles from the town of Neepawa, on the Canadian Northern.

On Monday evening a board of directors was formed at Port Arthur, composed of about 20 members. The election of officers and council resulted as follows: President, J. H. Ryan; Vice-President, John H. Graham; Secretary, W. M. P. Kirk; Council, T. J. Tait, T. J. Pearson, E. C. Connor, H. Boyd, H. A. Alwyn, Thomas Kernighan, H. H. Buettner, F. J. G. McArthur.

Notice is given in the Manitoba Gazette that applications will be made for the incorporation of the MacDonald-McMillan Co., of Westbourne, to take the business of the D. McDonald Co. The parties seeking incorporation are Duncan McDonald, of Winnipeg, Arch. McDonald, Alex. McMillan, Malcolm McMillan and Colin W. McMillan, all of Westbourne. The stock of the company is \$100,000.

The C. R. Steele Furniture Co., Winnipeg, are preparing for a large party of their business. The company has purchased the property in the rear of their warehouses on Main street, and are preparing to build a four-story, 50 feet front by 120 feet deep. A four-story warehouse will be erect-

ed on the property next year, thus extending the present store eight through to Fort street. The present premises will also be remodelled, and a new front will be built in the building. It is the intention, when the new building is ready, to add a general-consumables business. At present furniture only is handled.

ASSINIBOIA.

R. Haslam has bought the Queen's hotel at Moosomin from Mr. Cavanaugh.

John R. Hiddell, livery and drag, Moose Jaw, has admitted Jas. Cline as a partner. A new building is being erected by this firm.

A. E. Hman & Co. have opened a general store at Regina. Mr. E. Hman was in the same line at Regina some time ago but lost his business through fire. Now he starts again.

The woolen mills property of the Western Canada Woolen Mills Company at Medicine Hat, has been purchased by a local company, who will be commencing the starting of some suitable industry.

The stock and fixtures of C. T. Bailey, general merchant, South Qu'Appelle, Assn., are being sold at auction on Wednesday last to E. Fitzgerald, of Moose Jaw. Who bought them at 71 1/2 cents per dollar. The book accounts were bought by W. M. P. Starr.

A commission is to be appointed at Toronto to proceed to Medicine Hat and take evidence regarding the sub-rogation of the late C. T. Bailey to the Canada Woolen Mills Company, which is now in liquidation. The liquidators dispute an account of \$2,700.

ALBERTA.

L. Doherty is opening a general store at Wetaskiwin.

W. J. Doherty & Co., of Edmonton, intend erecting a new stationary saw mill at their timber claim, 50 miles up the river from that town. The bulk of the machinery is now on the ground and the balance will be forwarded at once. The mill will only be operated in the winter.

The directors of the Alberta Railway and Coal Company issued their report on the operations for the year ending June 30, in London last week. In anticipation of the meeting to be held on the 29th ult. The aggregate coal sales made during the year amounted to 148,000 tons, against a total of 171,350 tons sold during the previous year. The increase of 23,350 tons attributable to the smaller quantity taken by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, by reason of that company taking a greater portion of their supply from new coal mines which have recently been developed along the line of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway in Alberta. The general coal trade was satisfactory. Increase.

The earnings of the railway, apart from the carriage of the company's stock and coal, were \$228,000, against gross returns having been \$108,102, against \$170,405 for the preceding year.

NORTHWESTERN TERRITORY.

Thos. Martin has opened in the general store business at La Vallee.

W. S. Stith, formerly a storekeeper in Fort William, has opened a general store at Hyman's River.

D. L. Mather, of Rat Portage, has nine camps going this winter, employing 200 men taking out ties.

It is reported at Port Arthur that Mr. Clergue is about to develop the power at Kakabeka Falls. These falls are about 22 miles from Port Arthur, going by the railway. The fall is 130 feet high and is capable of developing 50,000 horse power. The falls and land adjacent belong to the Clergue company.

A Port Arthur correspondent intimates that the Canadian Northern Railway Company is developing the idea that town for a bonus for the location of coal docks there. The company has docks now on the river above Fort William. Port Arthur gave the company a bonus of \$50,000 for the railway to the town of Port Arthur. People think that this should have included the docks as well.

FINANCIAL INSURANCE

Winnipeg Bank Clearings.

Returns for the Winnipeg clearing house for the week ending Thursday shows as follows:
Week ending, Nov. 11, 1902 \$5,285,193
Corresponding week, 1901 \$5,646,131
Corresponding week, 1900 \$5,261,991

Financial Notes.

W. R. Miller bought a seat on the Montreal Stock Exchange last week for \$25,500.

The new branch of the Dominion Bank at Selkirk, Man., is now open for business, with J. Grisdale in charge.

The Lake of the Woods Milling company's stock has been listed, and will be called for the first time on the Montreal Stock Exchange on Wednesday.

J. H. D. Benson, accountant of the Imperial Bank at Strathcona, has been transferred to Regina. He was given a complimentary banquet by the business men of Strathcona.

The British Columbia government has floated a loan in London of three and a half million dollars. The finance minister announced that the loan has been underwritten at 92 per cent.

The London cablegram says: The point in the money market is that the Bank of England has now repaid all that it recently borrowed from the open market to sustain rates.

The Montreal stock market was a very weak one on Monday of this week, and a good many selling orders "canceled" in the Pacific were largely sold, and the price eased off some cents.

Mr. Oliver Clark, formerly agent of the Bank of Hamilton at Vancouver, has been appointed manager of the North Island operation of the exchange building, Winnipeg. Mr. Clark has arrived to take over his duties.

A. W. Strickland, accountant of the Greenwood Bank of Montreal, is to be transferred to Rossland, at that place he will succeed the accountant at that place, Mr. Brown. H. G. Fisher, of Rossland, will fill the vacancy.

The Union Bank branch at Arcola, Assn., was burned on Saturday morning last. All the papers there saved; The accountant and the junior clerk were rooming above, and the manager lost all their personal effects. Manager Stewart also loses his personal property, valued at about \$400, with \$200 insurance. The bank opened again on Monday morning in the new sample room of the Metropolitan hotel.

A cable dispatch on Thursday announced the decision of the privy council dismissing with costs the appeal from the Supreme Court of Canada of the Imperial Bank against the Bank of Hamilton in the Bauer case. It has engaged the attention of commercial circles. Bauer, a customer of the Bank of Hamilton, had a claim for \$200,000 against the bank, and raised it to \$500 and discounted it with the Imperial Bank. The latter presented the check through the clearing house, and the Bank of Hamilton paid it. When the forgery was discovered the next day they demanded a refund which was refused, and an action for recovery of the money was commenced and carried through all the courts. The privy council has now affirmed the judgment in favor of the Bank of Hamilton.

Lake and Rail Freight.

The market is quiet, although there are some charters reported in which from Duluth to Montreal at 1 1/2 cents to 6 cents, and from Fort William to Montreal at 6 1/2 cents to 8 1/4 cents. From Chicago through to Montreal the rates quoted are 5 cents to 5 1/4 cents. The rates from Chicago to Buffalo the rates are firmer, at 2 1/8 cents wheat and 2 cents corn.—Montreal Free Press.

Very heavy receipts of general merchandise are being reported at the Villiam and Port Arthur. There is a great rush to get in goods before the close of the season. The receipts of barrels of apples for the West have been unloaded this week.

October Fire Losses.

The Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin, of New York, in its issue of the 6th, said:

"The fire loss in the United States and Canada for the month of October, as compiled from the carefully kept records of the Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin, shows a total of \$9,503,300. The following comparative table will show the losses by months:

| | 1900 | 1901 | 1902 |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| January | \$1,725,000 | \$1,975,100 | \$1,832,800 |
| February | 1,547,000 | 1,922,000 | 2,019,000 |
| March | 1,349,200 | 1,679,000 | 1,656,000 |
| April | 2,577,000 | 1,352,800 | 1,484,000 |
| May | 1,579,400 | 2,281,100 | 1,866,000 |
| June | 2,181,000 | 3,506,000 | 2,342,500 |
| July | 1,506,100 | 1,740,000 | 1,028,000 |
| August | 1,828,250 | 1,831,000 | 745,500 |
| September | 9,110,000 | 7,645,000 | 9,245,000 |
| October | 7,107,000 | 14,788,000 | 9,503,300 |

Total, \$43,435,500 \$45,388,200 \$43,647,700
"It will be seen that the reduction, as compared with October, 1901, is over \$5,000,000, and the first ten months of 1902 are over \$11,000,000 less than the same months of the preceding year. Taken together the October losses of the fire insurers are much brighter than heretofore. They are receiving somewhat higher rates, and losses are for the first time they were. The insurance companies quite well."

Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this date last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard wheat closed 72 1/2c in store Fort William.
Flour—Jobbers' price per sack: Patent, \$2; best bakers, \$1.85.
Barley—No. 1, \$1.50 per ton; shorts, \$1.20 per ton; medium, \$1.40 per ton.
Harley—Malters' grade, 8 to 10c; feed barley, 6 to 8c.
Carrots—On track, No. 2 white \$2.50 per ton.
Flax—1 1/2c per bushel at country points.
Butter—Dairy, 1 1/2c per pound, common; cream, 1 1/2c per pound, extra.
Eggs—No. 1, 90c per dozen; No. 2, 80c per dozen.
Dressed Meats—Beef, 10c per pound; mutton, 10c per pound; pork, 10c per pound.
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Poultry—Broilers, 10c per pound; chickens, 8c per pound; ducks, 8c per pound; turkeys, 10c per pound.
Hides—No. 1 hides, 60c; No. 2, 50c.
Wool—Nominal.
Baled Hay—No. 1, 10c per ton on cars.
Stocks—Cattle, 2 1/2c; sheep, 2c; hogs, 1 1/2c.
Yarlings, 10c to 11c per head; sheep, 8c; hogs, 6c, packers' price.

Brandon Retail Grocers' Association.

A short time ago The Commercial recorded the formation at Brandon of an association of local retail grocery men under the name of the Brandon Retail Grocers' Protective Association. The printed constitution and by-laws of this body are now being distributed to furnish full information as to its aims and objects. These are briefly to promote a social feeling among the members; not to patronize such wholesale houses as do a retail business; to be the best possible protection to credit; to watch legislation; to protect against adulterated goods and false weights and measures; to shorten the hours of labor; arbitration; and to procure legislation regulating to peddling business.

The returns of immigrants coming into Canada during October show that arrivals from the United States during the last month numbered 11,000. These are actual settlers, the majority of whom came via Fort on the Soo line. The number of European immigrants to enter Canada during the month was 1,455. There were 716 settlers from the eastern provinces permanently located in the west during the month. The total arrivals for the month are 6,511, which is of the same month last year shows 2,191, of which 1,049 came from the United States. Thirty-one per cent of the total contributed the American settlers, by far the most part coming from Minnesota, the Dakotas, Iowa, Wisconsin, Montana and Utah. Thirty nationalities are represented among the incomers from all parts of the globe.