

MANITOBA CITY.

Mr. Stewart has some of the material on the ground for the erection of his new hotel.

Messrs. Salts & McKay, hotel keepers have dissolved partnership, Mr. McKay retiring and Mr. Salts continuing the business.

There is some talk of an oatmeal mill being put up at this place. We trust the rumor may be correct. We feel assured that such an investment would pay well.

It is really astonishing the amount of implements that is being sold to farmers in this neighborhood. We hope the energetic agents are not overdoing the business.

MOOSE JAW.

Huuter & Brewster have gone into the well-boring business.

Allan & Mackenzie have increased the capacity of their brewery to 1,000 gallons per day.

The C. P. R. are erecting an eating-house just west of the station and north of the track, at a cost of between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

J. Ryan, of Portage la Prairie, has opened a branch of his boot and shoe business here, under the management of G. A. Carmichael.

The crops, which were suffering from dry weather have been improved greatly by recent copious rain falls, and a good harvest is assured.

According to the *News* over \$25,000 has been expended in new buildings here since the 25th of May, making a total of about \$65,000 for the season thus far. Very satisfactory progress indeed.

EMERSON.

Merlin & Lalham, clothing, have made an assignment in trust.

A. H. Doran, jewelry, &c., is selling out, and intends retiring from business.

Chalmers & Carney are opening a branch of their lumber business at Darlingford.

J. J. Johnston, of this place, has purchased from Wm. Barnes the grist mill at Crystal City.

Shultz & Marsden have received a contract for thirty miles of grading on the Manitoba & Northwestern Railway.

The crops in this district have been suffering for the want of rain. The showers of the past day or two have again revived them.

About five million feet of lumber is being shipped from American markets for the C.P.R. west. This will all be transhipped here, and will give employment to quite a number of men for a time.

RAT PORTAGE.

All kinds of business are quiet.

Hodder, Edwards & Co., grocers, have sold their business to George Hodder, jr., & Co.

Large numbers of telegraph poles are now being shipped from here for the Western prairie.

There were 65,900 feet of lumber cut at the Rainy Lake Lumber Co.'s mill here one day this week.

Messrs. Bulmer, Bailey & Co.'s new steamer the *Victoria* was launched on the 11th inst. She is 50 feet keel.

Messrs. Gardner & Shorts new steamer, the

R. J. Short was launched on the 7th inst. She is eighty-five feet long.

The Indian treaty payments commenced in this district on the 12th inst. Our merchants traded for considerable of the red man's shuniah.

Licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquor have been issued to a number of the hotels, and now there will be war to close up a few low dives that became established under the system of no law previously existing.

MINNEDOSA.

All classes of business are now represented with one exception—a barber is wanted. Time is too valuable to afford two days to go to Brandon for a hair-cut, and while some of our young men may be mistaken for painters or poets owing to their flowing locks and negligent appearance, others have resorted to the use of horse-clippers, and their plush heads give them the appearance of prize-fighters. We hope some knight of the razor will take the hint and come at once.

Robert Wilson, dealer in stoves and hardware at the West End (Odanah), has sold out and will hereafter give his whole attention to the Brandon branch of his business. Walter Bragshaw has purchased the stock-in-trade and will at once open business on Main st. in the store formerly occupied by Isaac Armitage. This store is being fitted up for the purpose, but is not large enough to carry a stock to meet the requirements of the place, and it is probable that M. Bragshaw will build before snow. He comes here with the reputation of a careful, shrewd and far-seeing man of business, and his success is assured.

BRANDON.

Isaac Lewis, butcher, has assigned in trust.

C. B. Kenleyside and W. J. McCoy have opened a lumber yard at Whitewood, Assiniboia.

On Friday the newly issued county debentures were sold to Osler & Hammond, of Toronto, at 95c on the dollar.

Fortier & Bucke have been appointed agents of the Northwestern Transportation Company, Beatty line, at this place.

The plant of the *Daily Mail* was sold by the sheriff on Saturday. It was bought in by J. E. Woodworth, and the paper appeared as usual the same day.

Leask & Rose, general store, who have been in temporary difficulty have obtained an extension from their creditors, and will it is expected soon be clear of all trouble.

The rapid growth of the city makes the necessity for telephone accommodation felt; and about the 1st of September the Bell Telephone Company will establish an exchange here.

The site for the new jail and court house for the western judicial district at Brandon has been located on the Woodworth estate, on block 3, sec. 24, at the extreme east end of the town, and about two blocks south of Rosser avenue. Work will be proceeded with at once.

The capital stock of the Brandon Masonic Hall company, limited, is fixed at \$20,000, divided into 200 shares of \$100 each. The appli-

cation for incorporation are J. E. Woodworth, E. Hughes, A. C. Fraser, W. A. Macdonald, James A. Johnston, T. M. Daly and H. M. Sage.

The crops in this vicinity are looking well, being greatly improved by the recent showers that have fallen. Business men look forward with satisfaction to the prospect of a good fall and winter trade. At present business is at its slowest period of the year, and will likely remain quiet until after harvesting operations are over.

Montreal Stock Market.

The following in reference to the stock market in Montreal is from the *Toronto Mail*, and written under date of the 7th inst. "The Montreal Stock market," it says, "notwithstanding the despicable attempt yesterday to bull it at the expense of an extensive operator, has not made much progress since last week. The business has been dragging its slow length along far more dead than alive, and doubtless would have collapsed altogether at the close but for the ignoble assault upon an honorable man's credit and integrity. If the market cannot be sustained by other and fairer means than the sooner it gives up the ghost the better. At the present writing all is chaos, the little advance on Friday being no standard or guide to go by, for it was unquestionably due to the machinations of those who wanted to unload in order to realize a point or two. That there is no clear evidence yet of a genuine advance is admitted by all who are not directly interested in keeping up prices. The feeling is that until stocks come to a lower level there will be very little bona fide investing done. It is patent from the transfers that capitalists are not in the market at all, and that the trading on the board is confined almost exclusively to the professional operators themselves. This, it is urged, cannot continue forever, and there must be a fall in prices before a healthy business comes round. The stagnation itself shows there is a gulf standing between buyers and sellers which must be got over, and until means are taken to that end there will be no life in the market. How this is to be accomplished few are ready to hazard an opinion on, as the outlook is very obscure. It is a well known fact that within the past thirty days a couple of millions at least have been paid out in dividends, and unlike in former years, not a dollar of this large amount has drifted into investments in stocks. Now, the most of this money is going into other enterprises or remaining on deposit in banks, and the same state of affairs will continue until prices are so low as to be absolutely tempting to investors. As a well known financier remarked to-day, men who have lost money heavily the past two or three years on the local Stock Exchange by the shameful manipulation carried on, and who abandoned the business there from distrust, will not return until they see a decided opening that will give them a chance at least to redeem their losses. There is sound logic as well as truth in these observations, as anyone who has watched the local market and its frequenters can tell what a wonderful change is witnessed at present on our Wall street as compared with a year,