

high tariff policy was adopted. But our tariff policy seems to have been terribly bungled in the making, and it emerged from the government factory more hostile to free trade Britain than to the protected United States manufacturer. What a wonderful reciprocity-of-tariff policy is here presented. It has taken the government fifteen or twenty years to find out this bungle.

### Manitoba.

Blinco & Co., butchers, Morden, have closed out.

Kaliger & Co., liquors, Winnipeg, have sold out.

Wm. Keyes, Midway, is opening a general store.

A joint stock cheese factory is proposed at Deloraine.

A. Hardy, grocer, Winnipeg, has sold out to Campbell.

The Souris Coal Mining Co., Souris, seeking incorporation.

E. J. Moon, baker, etc., Carman; advertises business for sale.

Geo. Davidson, photographer, Melita, is removing to Deloraine.

J. Lindsay, (Mrs. Wm.) Est. of, baker, fruit, etc., Hamiota. Stock sold.

J. L. Cook & Co., general store, Newdale, burned out; is insured for \$3,000.

Alexander Supply Co., Alexander, burned out; loss reported, \$1,000; insured.

Newton & Martin, general store, Rounthwaite, are succeeded by James Martin.

It is proposed to exempt Mitchell's sawmill at Selkirk from taxation for ten years.

Ferguson & Co., wholesale and retail stationers, Winnipeg, is in financial difficulties.

The store and dwelling of J. L. Cook, at Newdale, was destroyed by fire on October 20.

The Winnipeg Water Works Company propose to borrow a sum not exceeding \$150,000 by issue of bonds.

E. A. Pulford, surviving partner of the firm of James E. Pulford & Co., hardware, Winnipeg, has assigned.

L. F. Cutten & Co., physician, drugs, and stationery, Boissevain, have dissolved partnership; John Bremner retiring.

L. Godbolt, representing J. & T. Bell, wholesale boots and shoes, Montreal, was in Winnipeg this week, on his way west.

Drake & Co., lumber and saw mill, Selkirk, have disposed of saw mill, logs, etc. at Rice River, Lake Winnipeg, to Robinson & Co.

The Winnipeg school board will advertise for bids for debentures for \$50,000, to be submitted not later than Nov. 20, as per by-law recently passed.

A train load of cattle came down over the Manitoba and Northwestern railway last Tuesday consisting of twenty-eight cars, principally from Yorkton. Another train load is on the way.

The by-law to raise \$50,000 for school purposes, in Winnipeg, has received the endorsement of the electorate, and the debentures will accordingly be issued.

A Mr. Short, formerly of Wallaceburg, Ont., who embarked in pork packing last summer at Brandon, is in trouble with the Bank of Montreal on the alleged charge of obtaining money by false pretences.

There is some demand for men to go to the woods for the winter. It is customary to send in men and supplies for the winter to the Lake of the Woods camps before the lake freezes up, so as to take advantage of water navigation.

Work on the warehouse which Turnbull & McManus, dealers in sash, doors, etc., Winnipeg, intend erecting next to their present build-

ing, was commenced recently. The building will be 140x60 feet and will have an elevation of two stories.

J. D. Roberts, who has represented the Pure Gold Manufacturing Co. for some time, has been promoted to the head office, where he will have the general management of the business. A. French, who was with Lucas, Steele & Bristol, takes his place in the territories, and Geo. Stacy in Manitoba.

C. W. & A. R. Speers, cattle dealers, of Griswold, Man., left for Toronto Thursday with the largest shipment of cattle that has left the province for some time. There were eighteen cars in all, averaging eighteen head each, which would make a total of 324. A good part of this shipment was purchased in the Yorkton district.

The dry weather and high winds recently have favored the spreading of prairie fires, and considerable loss has been occasioned in some sections, by the destruction of hay stacks, etc. A great many hay stacks may be noticed on the prairie guarded by only a couple of furrows turned up around the stack. When driven by a strong wind, such imperfect fire guards are of no use, and the result is that many stacks of hay are often destroyed.

At a Portage la Prairie town council meeting on Monday evening it was decided to purchase a chemical fire engine. The style decided upon is one made by the Fire Extinguisher Company of Chicago, A. A. Andrews, Winnipeg, agent. The cost of the engine will be \$1,005, plus the freight. The Manitoba board of underwriters agreed to discontinue an extra ten per cent levy, provided the council purchase a chemical engine and have a sufficient number of firemen sleep at the hall.

The Winnipeg city council has instructed the city clerk to communicate with the McCormick Manufacturing company of Chicago, with a view of inducing that company to locate their Canadian branch manufactory in Winnipeg. Harvesting machinery is the line which the company is engaged in manufacturing, and some time ago the company secured a charter with a view to opening a branch in Canada, to avoid the duty in supplying their Canadian trade. With the present prospect for lower duties, however, it is quite possible that the company will not go on with the proposed Canadian branch.

A splendid new bridge has just been completed across the Red river at Winnipeg, making the third structure crossing the river in the city. The new bridge is located on the south side of the Assiniboine river, and will be known as the Norwood bridge. The work was begun in February last, at which time the river was frozen over, enabling the men to work on the ice. The bridge consists of three spans of about 140 feet, and a draw span of about 250 feet. The whole length of the bridges and approaches is about 800 feet. Sidewalks have been constructed on each side of the bridge and approaches. These walks are each six feet wide, and the roadway is twenty feet clear. An iron railing extends the whole length on the approaches and spans. The masonry piers are about thirty-five feet above low water. There are four piers and two abutments. The piers extend through a depth of about eight feet of water and eight feet of earth down to the solid rock.

### Grain and Milling.

Two years ago this fall, says the Montreal Trade Bulletin, No. 1 hard Manitoba wheat was sold by shippers here for Liverpool and London account at 43s and 43s 6d per quarter, with ocean freights of 5s and 5s 6d. The changes that have taken place, since then can be appreciated by contrasting the above figures with 27s and 27s 6d, which are said to be the highest rates obtainable for No. 1 hard Manitoba wheat on the other side to-day, while ocean freights can now be had at 2s 3d to 2s 6d. Last week we quoted actual sales of No. 2 hard

Manitoba wheat at 02½c afloat Fort William, while to-day it is freely offered in the same position at 01c. Two years ago the same grade of wheat in Fort William was quoted at 98c to \$1. What a contrast!

A correspondent at Whitewood writes as follows: "Charles Davies, a farmer living a few miles north of Whitewood, Assinibois territory, came into town a few days ago and stated that he had 1,800 bushels of white Fyfe, which would weigh sixty-nine pounds to the bushel. Townsmen thought there must be some mistake, and Mr. Davies was challenged to bring in a bag and have it weighed before witnesses. On Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 19th, Mr. Davies brought a bag in, and in the presence of Councillor Street, wheat buyer, Councillor Hunter, of the Agricultural society, Town Treasurer Terry and others, the weight was tested with every care, with the result that the wheat was found to weigh sixty-eight pounds and a half to the bushel. The wheat was grown on breaking (not back setting) and put in with a Cutaway harvester; date of sowing, May 10th; date of harvesting, August 24th and 25th. The wheat is large and of a beautiful color. Mr. Hawkes has sent a sample to Prof. Saunders at Ottawa.

"A very good business is being done in broken lots of Manitoba flours," said a well known Toronto dealer to the World newspaper of that city. "These flours are preferred to Ontario brands," he continued, "as there is much more body in them. For instance, bakers can get from 66 to 67 loaves out of a barrel of Manitoba flour, while 60 is a large number from a barrel of Ontario wheat flour." "In speaking of flour," the dealer said, "the price of bread is uppermost. Bakers must be making good profits just now in selling the four-pound loaf at 10 to 12c. Choice Manitoba patents sell at \$3.80 to \$3.90 per barrel, and counting 66 loaves to the barrel, which sell say at the lowest price 10c, the gross revenue from a barrel would be \$6.60. The cost of baking and delivering is \$1 per barrel, so that the baker has a return of \$5.60 for every barrel bought at \$3.80 to \$3.90. Some allowance must be made for bad debts, for although the accounts are generally small, bakers make losses by giving credit."

The awards have been made at the World's Fair in several groups of the agricultural classes. In flour and mill manufactures the following Canadians have received prizes: Stephen Nairn, Winnipeg; W. A. Stevens, Chatham, Ont.; Whitlaw, Baird & Co., Paris, Ont.; John Stearns, Walkerton, Ont.; D. McLellan, Calgary, N.W.T.; Moose Mountain Trading Co., Cunningham Manor, Assa; J. Wilson, Fergus, Ont.; E. O. Tilson, Tilsonburgh, Ont.; Western Milling Co., Regina, N.W.T.; Austin Mills, Austin, Man.; M. McLaughlin & Co., Toronto, Ont.; John Hall, Lakeside; Brackman & Ker, Victoria, B.C.

The Ogilvie Milling Co., Winnipeg, has issued a handsome folder circular, giving a list of testimonials from bakers who have used the manufactures of the company. The front page of the circular is a handsome piece of printing in color work. It gives cuts of the Winnipeg and Royal mills owned by the company. Cuts are also given of bags of Ogilvie's oatmeal and bakers brands of flour, showing the trade mark of these brands. The testimonials speak very highly of Ogilvie's flours, particularly of the quality turned out since the improvements were made in the Winnipeg mill.

The weekly general meeting of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange was held on Wednesday, when boards of arbitration and appeal, as provided for by the by-laws, were elected. The following were elected as the board of arbitrators:—S. A. McGaw, Jos. Harris, W. A. Black, D. H. McMillan, D. G. McBean, Robert Muir and R. P. Roblin. The board of appeal is to consist of G. R. Crowe, N. Bawlf, S. Spink, S. P. Clark, A. Cavanagh, S. W. Farrell and J. A. Mitchell. W. M. Urquhart was elected a member of the exchange.