

Manitoba.

John Oliver & Co., have opened a harness shop at Dauphin.

S. Jackson, of Hamiota, will open a lumber yard at Carlingville.

W. H. Cross, of Crotty & Cross, Winnipeg, has been appointed general agent for the Provincial Building and Loan Association of Toronto.

T. G. McNab, manufacturers' agent, etc., Winnipeg, has moved to the Balfour block, where he has three floors and basement, giving largely increased accommodation.

The losses in the Dauphin district through prairie fires, which the department of agriculture has been investigating lately will probably amount to about \$2,000.

A small fire occurred in the oil house of the Geo. D. Wood wholesale hardware establishment, Winnipeg, on Wednesday afternoon, but was extinguished without damage.

Macdonald, Tupper, Phippen & Tupper, barristers, etc., Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership, Hugh J. Macdonald retiring. The partnership will hereafter be known as, Tupper, Phippen & Tupper.

As showing the extent to which real estate values have advanced this year in Winnipeg it may be stated that an offer of \$500 per foot was recently refused for a lot on the south-east corner of Main and Fonseca streets facing the site of the proposed Canadian Pacific railway hotel. Not anywhere near this amount could have been secured for such property a few years ago.

The works committee of the Winnipeg city council has accepted the tender of W. F. Lee for the supply of sewer pipe, the bulk amount of the tender being \$1,890.70, about \$300 below the next lowest tender. A tender of \$1,312 for construction of a sewer by Dalson & Jackson will also be accepted. A. E. Wells & Co., have been awarded the job of putting in the heating apparatus in the new water-works building to cost \$4,495.

The government dairy school will open this year with the home dairy course, to begin on the 8th of January, and continue until the 3rd of February. The second home dairy course will begin on the 5th of February, and continue until the 3rd of March, and the 3rd home dairy course will begin on the 5th of March and continue until the 31st. Students in the home dairy course for the month of January can take up the professional course in butter and cheese making, which will begin on the 5th of February, and continue until the last of March.

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A. Cotton, manager of the Medicine Hat Trading Company, has accepted favorable contracts from his previous employers, the Alberta Railway and Coal Company, at Lethbridge. D. Milne, president of the company, has succeeded Mr. Cotton in office. The board of directors passed a vote of thanks and confidence in their retiring manager.

Alberta.

Franklin & Stevenson have opened a butcher shop at Macleod.

The Albertan, a new semi-weekly newspaper, will be started at Calgary. C. B. Halpin is the editor.

C. M. Neher is engaging in business at Edmonton as a soda water and soft drinks manufacturer. He is erecting a factory building.

Northwest Ontario.

Timbers & Elms are opening a furniture store at Fort William.

Geo. and Andrew Arthur have taken over the lease of the Pacific Hotel at Port Arthur and are refurbishing the house with a view to making it a first-class hotel.

MINING MATTERS.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Athabasca mine, Rossland district, produced \$9,665 worth of bullion during the month of October from a 10 stamp mill.

The pay rolls of the mines in the vicinity of Rossland for the month ending last Wednesday aggregated close to \$140,000.

The Black Cock mine, of Ymir, is to be put on the list of shipping mines next week, ore from the mine being regularly shipped to Northport hereafter.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

Fire destroyed the offices at the Mikado mine last week, but the loss is not serious.

An English company is making preparations to work some nickel properties which it owns in the Sudbury district.

A gang of seven men went to work at the Bad mine, Bat Portage, on Monday morning. The price which the Bullion Co. is to pay for the property if the tests being made be satisfactory, is \$20,000.

At the Ewart and Brown property, on Quarry Island, some good looking specimens of white and blue quartz are being found. The mill run on 250 tons of ore got out, will be completed during the week at Keewatin.

Good work is being done on the Crown Point. The shaft is down seventy feet, and it is proposed to begin cross-cutting when it is down another five feet. At the first level a fifteen foot drift east has been made.

An estimate made shows that there are close on a hundred companies employing over 2,000 men, engaged in development and mining work in the Lake of the Woods, Seine river and Manitowish districts. This is probably a conservative estimate, but it is sufficient to show that much work is being done.

Operations on the Zenith zinc mine, northeast of Rossport, on the north shore of Lake Superior, will be carried on this winter as soon as the snow falls sufficiently to allow the transportation of the ore by sleigh from the mine to the railroad. It is understood that work will also be done on some other zinc properties in that locality. There has recently been a marked increase in the interest taken in zinc mining. The value of that metal has been advancing rapidly, due to the exhaustion of important mines abroad, particularly in Belgium, where they have been worked below the sea level and the mines have become flooded. Another cause is the increased consumption in brass, which is made of zinc and copper, and the expansion of the electric field and the development of the cyanide process for gold extraction.

A. C. MacEown, general agent of the Confederation Life Association at Brandon, has accepted the position of agent at Winnipeg. H. Worsley, who has filled the position for the last nine years, has been compelled to retire owing to ill health.

FINANCIAL

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The Winnipeg clearing house returns for the week ending Thursday, compared with the corresponding week in previous years show as follows:

Week ending Nov. 23, 1895 \$8,382,168
Corresponding week, 1898 ... 2,312,866
Corresponding week, 1897 ... 2,883,357

The monthly clearings at Winnipeg for a series of years show as follows:

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Jan.	\$6,347,168	\$5,009,918	\$4,977,200
Feb.	5,517,000	3,851,000	4,052,000
Mar.	5,968,000	4,289,000	4,286,000
April	6,240,000	4,161,962	4,022,000
May	6,683,264	5,014,786	4,246,201
June	7,396,799	5,531,140	4,094,000
July	6,510,238	5,610,603	4,961,277
Aug.	6,180,385	6,298,574	4,646,959
Sept.	6,414,551	8,035,201	4,630,706
Oct.	9,347,692	13,291,879	7,585,472
Nov.	11,533,669	13,551,761	8,895,175
Dec.	10,708,731	9,784,498	7,736,946
Year	90,672,798	83,435,121	64,143,935

	1899.
Jan.	\$7,683,052
Feb.	6,209,471
March	6,756,091
April	6,916,431
May	7,472,855
June	8,211,716
July	8,169,595
Aug.	7,995,291
Sept.	8,281,159
Oct.	12,689,000

THE MONEY MARKET.

The prevailing rate of discount at the banks is 7 per cent with a range of 6 to 8 per cent as to name.

Mortgage loans mostly range from 6 to 7 per cent on Winnipeg property with special large loans on more valuable properties ranging 1 to 1.1-2 per cent less. Farm loans range at 7 to 8 per cent.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard wheat quoted at 69 1-2c afloat Port William.

Flour—Local prices per sack: Patent, \$2.05; best bakers', \$1.85.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$9 per ton; shorts, \$11; with \$1 per ton off for large lots.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots feed oats on track, Winnipeg, 24 to 25c.

Flaxseed—Per bushel at country points, 65c.

Barley—Carlots on track, Winnipeg, 26 to 28c per bushel for feed grades.

and 30 to 35c for malting.

Butter—Dairy, jobbers' prices, 15 to 16c; fresh creamery, 22 to 23c at factories.

Cheese—9 1-2 to 10c per pound at factories.

Eggs—Dealers asking 19 to 20c per dozen for Ontario or Manitoba fresh eggs.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 7c.

Wool—8 to 9c for unwashed fleece.

Seneca—21c per lb.

Hay—Baled, \$7 to \$8 per ton on cars.

Loose hay worth \$8 to \$10 per ton.

Potatoes—New potatoes, 35 to 40c per bushel on the street.

Poultry—Turkeys, 10 to 12 1-2c per lb., live weight; dressed chickens, 8 to 10c per lb.; ducks and geese, 9 to 10c per lb.

Game—Rabbits, 8 1-2c each.

Dressed meats—Fresh killed beef, city dressed, 5c; mutton, 6 1-2 to 7c; hogs, 6 to 6 1-4c for dressed; veal, 5 1-2 to 7c.

Live Stock—Cattle, 3 to 3 1-4c off cars for exporters, 2 3-4 to 3c for butchers' stock and 2 1-4 to 2 1-2c for stockers' hogs, off cars, 5c per lb. for best bacon hogs; sheep, 3 1-4 to 3 1-2c off cars.