

Manitoba

Kilpatrick & Andrich have opened a butcher shop at Brandon.

R. B. Hill is erecting a building at McGregor, in which he proposes opening a furniture business.

Elliott & Cowie have purchased the pump business of A. E. Little, for the Morden district.

The Windsor house, Portage la Prairie, is advertised for sale, Mr. Roe having decided to retire from business.

Mr. Pickwell, of Niagara, Ontario, has located at Morden, where he will establish a new paper, to be called the Morden Empire.

James Noble's residence, at Cypress River, with contents was totally destroyed by fire recently. The house was insured in the Phoenix for \$500, and the loss is \$1,500.

The Western Electrical Construction company recently opened business at 210 William avenue, Winnipeg. W. T. Steward, of the company, is a practical electrician, and F. Yates is a mechanical engineer. Mr. Steward was formerly in the machinery trade at Vancouver.

Geo. F. Bryan & Co., cigar manufacturers, Winnipeg, received this week a carload of Havana tobacco, which, with the shipment delivered to them last week, makes in all over twelve tons. There appears to be some Havana stock obtainable in spite of the war.

An eastern exchange says that Robt. Waddell, of Trenton, Ont., has secured the contract for the construction of the Brandon and South-west railway from the Turtle Mountains to Brandon, and from Deloraine to Waskada, a total distance of 90 miles. The work is to be completed by November 1st, 1901. Mr. Purdon is locating a portion of the line.

D. E. Fraser, of James Hall & Co., returned Tuesday from a business trip through the Seine river and Itany lake districts. Mr. Fraser will look after the interests of the firm in the city during Mr. Reid's absence in Ontario, where he recently went on an important errand, which will necessitate a considerable increase in his personal expenses hereafter.

The following are the recently elected officers of the Winnipeg Caterers' association: President, K. J. Johnston; vice-president, W. H. Stone; secretary, D. A. McDonald; assistant secretary, M. G. Lock; treasurer, A. R. Christie; finance and transportation committee, W. Hunter, J. A. McKercher, W. F. Ross, J. Mount, Thomas Hurlley, R. R. Scott, M. W. Rudloe, R. J. Campbell, D. W. McLean, J. H. Dickie, H. E. Toms, J. R. McNamara. The annual outing of the association will be held on Aug. 23, to Rat Portage.

Assiniboia.

Payton & Co., butchers, Medicine Hat, are giving up business.

Dill & Hill Co., general merchants Wolseley, will open a branch store at Chikney, in charge of S. Chipperfield, postmaster at Chikney.

The Hudson's Bay Co. will open a general store at Yorkton, where they have secured two stores in the Horne block and will commence business as soon as the premises are ready for occupation.

The Grenfell Sun reports that building operations are very brisk

there. Among the building improvements mentioned are D. D. McDonald's new store, 60 by 26 feet; Dr. Hutchison's stone block, 60 by 24 feet; Walker and Faulkner, lumber, new office and storage building; etc., and a number of dwellings.

The Commercial has received a copy of the Maple Creek Gazette, through the courtesy of Jean Claustre, merchant of that place. It contains an interesting account of Mr. Claustre's trip to the Winnipeg and Brandon fairs. The Maple Creek Gazette is printed by a type writer on a sheet of fool-cap paper. No doubt Maple Creek will soon have a real newspaper.

Alberta.

H. Brenton has purchased the drug business of Mr. Richards at Innisfail.

Mott, Son & Co., have opened up business as dealers in lumber and hay at Macleod.

Crawford M. Bolmage has purchased the Victoria hotel at Lacombe, and will open the hotel at once.

Saskatchewan.

J. B. Mercer, merchant, of Battleford, who is moving to Edmonton, was tendered a banquet at the former place before his departure. Jas. Clarksill has bought from Mr. Mercer that part of his stock consisting of patent medicine and stationery.

Tenders.

MacKenzie & Belyea ask for tenders up to August 1 for the erection of a brick block at Rat Portage.

P. Gallagher & Sons, Winnipeg, are asking for tenders for the cutting and stacking of 100 tons of hay on their farm near the city.

Tenders will shortly be called for another batch of Winnipeg street improvements, including macadam and asphalt pavements.

Neither of the two tenders for the proposed new Winnipeg waterworks system have been accepted. New tenders will be called for, on a somewhat different plan.

No tenders had been received in response to the call for macadamizing Garry, Vaughan, Charlotte, Ellen and Rupert streets and Ellice avenue in Winnipeg. It has accordingly been recommended that the work be done by day labor.

Two tenders have been received for the construction of the proposed new waterworks system for Winnipeg. The Pneumatic Engineering company, of New York, offered to do the work for \$131,866. W. F. Lee was the other tenderer, and his figure is \$72,387.50. C. L. Parker, of Winnipeg, submitted a plan for building as a public work under his superintendency. The tenders were referred to the city engineer.

Freight Rates.

Chicago Trade Bulletin: The tariff on flour and grain from Chicago to New York is 18c per 100 lbs. Ocean room is in better demand at 11-2d per bushel for grain from New York to Liverpool. Through rates from Chicago to Liverpool are 71-2c per bushel on wheat. Flour is 20-3-8 to 21c per 100 lbs. Lake rates from Chicago to Buffalo were firmer, with light business at 1c on wheat and 3-1c on oats per bushel. Corn to Kingston at 13-4c.

Company Promoting.

London, July 27.—The public examination in the bankruptcy court to-day into the affairs of Ernest Terah Hooley, the company promoter, for whose property on his own application a receiver was appointed on July 23, attracted a big crowd of people. The debtor attributed his failure chiefly to his partner, a man named Buckner, by crippling the business by drawing out £500,000 within two months. In detailing the floating of the Dunlop Tire company, Mr. Hooley said the names on the directorate cost from £80,000 to £100,000, including Lord Albemarle, £12,500 and Lord De La Warr £25,000. In connection with this flotation, Mr. Hooley also said he lost £63,000 on "press calls," these being "shares intended for people connected with newspapers," whose names have not been divulged thus far, though it is expected they will be made public in due course of time. Later, during the course of his testimony, Mr. Hooley detailed the payments he had made to newspapers, including, it appears, the Pall Mall Gazette, the Financial Post and a number of smaller papers. When Mr. Hooley was questioned about £10,000 paid to Harry Marks, editor of the Financial News, Mr. Hooley denied that it was connected with the insertion of "puffs" in that paper. As a matter of fact, the supposed profit on the floating of the Dunlop Tire Company, amounting to £1,700,000, had been sweated away to under £290,000. Mr. Hooley further asserted that he paid many thousands of pounds for introductions to Lord's Ashburton, Warwick, Norbury and others, and he testified that the Earl of Winchelsea received £10,000 for acting as chairman of one of the bicycle tube manufacturing concerns. The testimony is creating even more of a flutter in the west of London than in the city proper. The revelations concerning such men as the Earl De La Warr and the Earl of Albemarle have been received with astonishment. Numerous instances were disclosed by Mr. Hooley, in which a peer, bearing a proud title, would charge the promoter a sum ranging from £200 to £2,000 for an introduction to another peer. Thus, Mr. Hooley said the Earl De La Warr received £2,000 for an introduction to Lord Greville, while Lord De Erhurst, who married Miss Bonyng of San Francisco was paid £2,000 for an introduction to Lord Ashburton.

A handsomely illustrated souvenir of Western Canada has been issued in connection with the visit here of the several press associations of the states to the south and east. The illustrations begin with Winnipeg in the early days, followed up by views from Winnipeg to the coast, showing the various resources and the development of the country. The engravings, which are very creditably done, are the work of the Printers' Litho Engraving Co., Winnipeg.

Letters received here from managers of Canadian banks at Dawson City, say the gold commissioner estimates the production of gold at \$7,000,000. It would be more but for the number of men having to leave last winter on account of the anticipated shortage of provisions, and the consequent scarcity of laborers at the mines.