

MANITOBA.

Sheffield & Wilson are opening a confectionery store at 144 Hudson St. H. McVicar has sold his drug business at Holland to a Rat Pledge man.

J. J. Merrill has bought Hunter's confectionery and bakery business at Holland.

The town of Neepawa will clear over \$2,000 on the operation of its electric lighting plant this year.

Webb & McClean, auctioneers, Dauphin, will continue partnership. McClean will continue the business.

Hughes & Long, lumber merchants, Brandon, are dissolving partnership. A. M. Long takes over the business.

Chapman & Co. will install a mill this winter at Swan River. The machinery has been ordered from Winnipeg.

Honey & Whaley are opening a bakery and confectionery and flour and feed store at Grand View, in connection to E. Honey.

Alex. Douglass, late of the firm of Douglas and Martin, Dauphin, is now travelling for the grocery house of John & Martin, Winnipeg.

J. E. Perkins, merchant tailor, Dauphin, announces his intention of leaving business there to locate in the new town of Rainy River.

Goodwin & McLean have purchased the bakery and confectionery business at Gladstone carried on by Lunn & Co. and will continue the business.

Notice is given that letters patent have been issued incorporating The Manitoba Water Power Electric Co., with a capital stock of \$2,000,000.

I. F. Brooks and W. C. Sutherland have decided to go into partnership in the law business, and will open an office in the new building at Carleton Place.

A company is being organized at Winnipeg for the purpose of manufacturing and selling the new trucking machine recently invented by H. Mac.

John & Schneider have purchased a interest in the wooden mills at Moorhead. The name will be changed to that of the "Manitoba Wood Products Mills."

On December 9 the stock and fixtures of C. A. Carruthers, grocer, Winnipeg, who recently resigned, were sold at a rate on the day by Newell & Davidson. The total value is \$7,134.

Fire destroyed about \$200 worth of goods in the cabinet making and upholstering shop of J. J. Davidson, at 214 Pacific avenue, Winnipeg, on Wednesday morning. No insurance was carried.

The general merchandise store, at W. T. Bremner, has been valued at about \$12,000 and was sold by auction on Thursday to A. H. Purford, of Winnipeg for \$10 on the part of the Winnipeg General Trusts Company.

Samuel G. Hurst, one of the principals in the Emerson fire insurance case, which we reported two weeks ago, was charged at the Winnipeg police station last week with forgery. He passed a \$100 cheque for \$25 on a retail boot and shoe merchant.

Answering a question in Toronto a few days ago as to the action to be taken by his government on the L. J. Act decision, Premier Roblin is reported to have said: "That is for the legislature of Manitoba to decide next session, and it is for the members to say whether or not the law shall be put into effect."

The new abattoir at Winnipeg in which Herman Kobak is largely interested and which will be under his management, is nearing completion. In about ten days it is expected to be in operation.

The construction work pretty well finished and killing will then commence. The abattoir is situated on the street near the C. P. R. crossing.

The International Correspondence School, Herman Kobak maintains an office in Winnipeg, will open a new office at Brandon, with W. R. Finlay in charge. This is one of the most successful of the technical schools operating on this continent.

The Hudson's Bay company is adding an oriental store to its retail store establishment at Winnipeg. The room is fitted up in true oriental style and should prove a great attraction to the ladies who do their shopping in the Hudson's Bay stores. Fin

est grades of tea and other refreshments will be served during the shopping hours to patrons of the store. It is worth noting in connection with the retail trade of this company here that it is being pushed by Manager Taylor more energetically than ever this season, and the stores are thronged with customers during the busy hours of the day that they present the appearance of a bona-fide one of the recent features of the retail trade. It is a five-page advertisement. Daily went into the store, which was the largest single advertisement ever placed in any newspaper in America. The results were most satisfactory.

ASSINIBOIA.

S. V. Bray has again gone into the lumber business at Wolsely. He was fourteen years continuously in the business prior to 1886 at Wolsely.

ALBERTA.

F. A. Peet has opened a jewelry store at Strathcona.

Lacombe is greatly agitated over the question of an incorporation as a town, and may vote on the question shortly.

An agitation is on foot at Pincher Creek for a flour mill at that point. Settlement in that district is increasing and the citizens believe that a mill would pay.

The Hastings Exploration Company has acquired a very large tract of coal land in the Frank district, making a payment to the government on their purchase of \$12,000. The main workings at present are near the head of Maxin creek, a small stream flowing into the Crow's Nest river at a point about four and half miles from Frank, and almost within the same limits of Blairmore.

Frank Sentic, the coke works here, have now been running for over a week have already turned out over four carloads of first-class coke. The coal being used in the making of this is the slack or screenings from the mine. There has now been four drawings from these cokes.

The quality of the coke is equal to that of Fernie, and superior to any other now on the market. The first carload of this coke has gone for \$17.50 to the C. P. R. smelter at Trail, B. C.

General complaint comes from all parts of the district, says the Edmonton Bulletin, about the quality of the coal oil being shipped in there by the Imperial Oil Company of late. Not only are people of Edmonton and Strathcona complaining but all along the line. A great deal of it is simply unfit for use.

Rumor has it that the lighting bill has been subjected to the government test which is required by law. The dealers are doing what they can to have the matter remedied.

Lethbridge News: The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Alberta Railway and Navigation Co. was held in London, England, when the report and accounts for the year ending June 30th were presented.

The aggregate coal shipped during the year amounted to 171,656 tons, as compared with 160,000 tons in 1901. The earnings of the company's coal, increased \$3,155, the gross returns having been \$176,000, as against \$119,139 in the preceding year.

After payment of the interest on the prior lien bonds the balance retained amounted to a balance of \$8,535, this sum including a balance brought forward from the year of \$1,125.

According to "The Alberta Railway and Navigation Co. Act, 1885," the sum of \$100,000 was directed to be set apart from the proceeds of the sale of the Lethbridge-Dunmore railway for the purpose of redeeming \$100,000 of "B" debenture stock at par, and the directors announce that the \$100,000 received has been so applied, thus reducing the outstanding "B" debenture stock to \$40,000.

In May last the sale of the Montana portion of the system from the boundary to Great Falls was sanctioned, and the net proceeds were \$1,125,000. Of this sum \$82,575 has been applied in redeeming the prior lien debenture stock at 10 per cent premium, while the balance of \$1,042,425 is to be used in widening to the standard

usage the remaining portion of the company's system, a distance of 61 miles. The progress of the operations of the Canadian Northwest Irrigation Company throughout the year have been satisfactory.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

H. A. Coulter is opening a general store at La Verne in the Rainy River district.

J. H. Snider has purchased the clothing business of Joseph Armstrong at Norman.

The week ending Saturday last was one of the busiest ever known at Port William for shipping. During the week thirty of the largest vessels on the lakes were in and loaded. These took out in the aggregate over three million bushels of wheat.

Late T. B. Devaney.

To accompany T. B. Devaney's engraving is from a photograph of the late T. B. Devaney, an eastern representative of W. R. King & Co., wholesale sale of goods merchants, Toronto, who died suddenly on Friday last at Wolsely, where he was on a business trip. He was very well known to the travelling fraternity and retail druggists of the west and was on one of his periodical business trips when death overtook him. He had been in good health and had no idea of meeting with such a sudden fate. He went to bed on Thursday night.

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The matter was amicably arranged.

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Mr. Stitt has been prominent in railway circles here for many years, and his departure was greatly regretted by the business community, although his regret is tempered with satisfaction that a Winnipegger should receive so important an appointment. Mr. Stitt leaves for Australia next week.

The C. P. R. land sales for the month of November, completed on Saturday, amounted to 131,223.93 acres for \$512,822.94. This brings the total number of sales for the year of 1901 up to 628,922.80 acres, for which \$2,230,862.91 were received.

Compared with the whole of the preceding year, this shows a big increase. In 1900 the sales for the year were \$2,000,000 and 618,700.00. For the month of November last year the sales only amounted to 22,408.68 acres for \$33,000.

A wire from Toronto on Wednesday said: It looks as if the Grand Trunk was heading towards the West wall. A contract has been made by the Grand Trunk with the Manitoba Railway Company, the directors of which are Grand Trunk men, to operate a line from Burks Falls to Lake Magnesian.

The line is the first move of the Grand Trunk towards the West and the railroad men have the reputation of being in connection with the C. P. R. lines at South St. Albans and ultimately with the Canadian Northern.

The regular holiday excursions from Manitoba and the Territories to Eastern Canada and the States are expected to be more largely patronized this year than ever. Tickets were placed on sale last week, with all ticket agents of railway companies doing business in this country. Tickets are good for three months from date of issue, and may be extended on payment of nominal sum. The price is \$10 for the round trip. The C. P. R. is also selling excursion tickets to the States in the United States for the benefit of the numerous settlers who have lately moved into this country from the south.

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Railway and Traffic Matters.

C. M. Hayes has been appointed manager of the Grand Trunk Railway system.

The Canadian Pacific Railway bridge across the Red River at Winnipeg will be completed by the first of January.

The wholesale merchants of Winnipeg presented Wm. Stitt with a cheque and \$500 on the occasion of his leaving Winnipeg to take up the work of his new C. P. R. appointment in Australia.

Mr. H. A. Coulter, the general superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway, announced this week that traffic over the line between H. A. and Gladstone would be commenced the latter end of the week.

The engineering department of the railway has been approved by the management for a new depot to be built at Port Arthur. The building will be of Calumet, and will cost not less than \$250,000.

The shipping business of the company is greatly increased as a result of heavy traffic which it is now experiencing. One hundred of the company's latest equipment, the cost of which will be \$1,000,000, are being sent to the west.

One of the Canadian Northern Railway stations is being built at Port Arthur and the expected completion of this work will take about two weeks time to finish.

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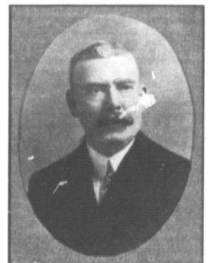
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LATE T. B. DEVANEY.

well, but at seven o'clock next morning was noticed wandering about the hall of the house as if dazed. He returned to his room as he seems to have fallen to the floor and was picked up in an unconscious condition from which he did not recover and about noon he died. The doctor who attended him gave the cause of death as hemorrhage of the brain. His body was shipped to Winnipeg at once and from here was sent east to Toronto on Tuesday. Deceased was at one time in the retail business for himself in Toronto, but for a number of years he has been travelling in the west. He leaves a wife and family to mourn his loss.

The Commercial Men.

The shoe travellers were in evidence in the city this week, returning from their spring trips.

L. G. Bell, traveller for J. & T. Bell, has returned from a western trip.

W. E. Short, western traveller for the Huey-Van Norman Co., was east this week, having finished his western trip.

Ges. Levey, who is this season representing the James McCreedy Co. in the west, was in the city this week. He has just about finished his trips for the spring trade.

The recent reports of smuggling of furs from the States to the United States have led the customs officers on the other side of the line to redouble their vigilance in the purchase of horses for the new Canadian contingent for South Africa.