

Manitoba

The Winnipeg retail salesmen are forming an association.

Thursday, August 17, has been proclaimed civic holiday for Winnipeg.

The Rublee Fruit company of Winnipeg will open a branch house in Brandon.

Miss Bell has disposed of her millinery business at Killarney to Miss King.

R. Rollins has bought out the general store of A. E. Franklin, at Killarney.

The foundations of the new C. P. R. station at Winnipeg will be put in this year.

The rebuilding of the Northern Pacific station and offices at Winnipeg is almost completed.

J. McDonald has purchased the Bank hotel on McDermot avenue east, Winnipeg, for \$8,000.

Jas. Hay has sold his hotel, the Waverley House, at MacGregor, to Peterson, of Portage la Prairie.

The stables at the Winnipeg exhibition grounds were damaged by fire last Sunday to the extent of \$9,000.

A Hobbs, druggist, has disposed of his business at Morden to O. Lightcap, traveller for the Martin, Boie & Wynne Co., Winnipeg.

There will be about fifty miles of the Reston branch of the C. P. R. completed this fall. Work has now commenced.

An account of \$23,800 was passed at the Winnipeg city council meeting Monday night for pipes supplied for the new civic waterworks.

It is reported that Thomas Jobin, grocer, Winnipeg, has purchased a site on Market street, and will erect a wholesale grocery warehouse.

Chas. Black, late of the Canada Drug & Book company, Regina, has purchased the book and stationery stock of the late Alex. Taylor, of Winnipeg.

Thos. Lee, proprietor of the Western Cigar factory, Winnipeg, has voluntarily raised the wages of his employees from 10 to 15 per cent.

The party sent out to survey the Northern Pacific extension into the Waskada country has been recalled as the company has decided not to go on with the work.

A strike was inaugurated this week by the teamsters in the employ of Merry & McKenzie on the Swan River extension of the Dauphin road. The dispute is over the wage scale.

At the regular meeting of the Winnipeg city council on Monday evening a long list of public improvements were recommended, mainly construction of sidewalks and sewers. The recent sale of city bonds was mentioned by the mayor as being a highly satisfactory one.

The Atlantic Refining Company, refiners of lubricating oils, Cleveland, Ohio, has decided to establish a Manitoba and Northwestern branch of their business in Winnipeg, with W. C. Manning as manager. A. E. Lewis, of the Toronto branch, is now in the city concluding arrangements.

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State Bros. have opened a steam laundry with bath room in connection at Moosomin.

Williamson, hardware merchant, Medicine Hat, has admitted a partner, McIntyre, of Morden, Man.

Joseph Yanoffsky is starting a Doukhobor newspaper at Yorkton, according to current report.

J. H. G. Russell, architect, Winnipeg is preparing plans for considerably enlarging the Queen's hotel, Saltcoats, which when completed will have up-to-date conveniences, and be one of the best equipped hotels in the Northwest.

Alberta.

Stoole & Co., photographers, Winnipeg, are opening a branch in Calgary.

A. C. Herbert and Flueri Perron have purchased the business of E. Brosseau at St. Albert.

The statement that Mitchell & Doble, hotelkeepers, Pincher Creek, have been succeeded by John Henderson is incorrect. They still continue the business, and have no intention of selling out.

Tenders.

Tenders are being asked by the city of Winnipeg for twenty miles of fire alarm wire, tenders to be in at 3 p. m. on Aug. 12.

Tenders will be received until Aug. 9th for the erection of a brick and stone warehouse on Bannatyne street east, for Messrs. Merrick, Anderson & Co.

Tenders are being called for the purchase and removal from its present location, of the brick veneer building known as Bethel church, Winnipeg. Address Geo. Browne, architect.

Tenders are being called for by the C. P. R. for the erection of a twenty-stall solid brick roundhouse, with a stone foundation, at Fort William. The company is also adding three miles to the yard tracks there.

Implement Trade Notes.

The Massey-Harris company is spending \$25,000 on new works at Toronto.

The United States government has purchased 75 tons of manila hemp from the Plymouth Cordage company at a rate of 12c per pound.

Binder twine quotations at Chicago remain unchanged notwithstanding reports of price cutting which has probably takes place in exceptional cases by small dealers. Pure manila twine, 650 feet, is held firm at 11c, and 600 foot manila at 10 1-2c.

Farm Implement News of Chicago comments on the binder twine situation as follows in its latest issue: "Outside the northwestern territory the twine season of 1899 is practically ended. The line of harvest is moving rapidly to the north, attended by generally favorable weather. In nearly all sections the actual consumption of twine has proven an agreeable disappointment, having exceeded in many places the most sanguine hopes. About the only persons who are otherwise disappointed are those who expected the farmers to buy more than their necessities demanded, because the price declined, and of these, unfortunately, there appears to be a few."

Movements of Business Men.

D. Ross, lumber dealer, Whitemouth, was in Winnipeg this week.

Geo. F. Cleveland, manufacturer, of Danville, Que., was in Winnipeg this week.

Henry Bell, of the Consolidated Stationery company, Winnipeg, has returned from the east.

J. T. Mackay, of Mackay Bros., dry goods, Winnipeg, left last Saturday for the east on a business trip.

A. E. Scott, of Scott, Peter & Co., Winnipeg, left for Grand Rapids this week on a vacation trip.

S. H. Willis, manager of the Western Co-operative Loan & Investment company, returned a few days ago from a business trip west.

A. E. Lewis, manager of the Toronto branch of the Atlantic Refining company was in the city this week on his way home from the coast.

Wm. Whyte, manager of the C. P. R., and L. A. Hamilton, land commissioner, returned on Wednesday from an extended trip of inspection through the Northwest and British Columbia. They report business exceedingly good in the west, and prospects of the brightest kind both in the Territories and British Columbia.

Iron Still Booms.

The excitement and strength displayed by all kinds of iron material, both crude and finished, increases rather than abates as time passes, says the Montreal Gazette. As a result of this condition of affairs, it is impossible to obtain prices on pig iron for future delivery, as makers are booked so far ahead that they don't care to assume any new obligations with the future course of values as unsettled as they now are. This applies both to domestic Hamilton pig as well as imported Scotch iron. Some idea of the strength of the latter may be gathered from the fact that warrants at Glasgow have advanced since the month opened 5s-5d the ton, standing now at 74s 10d. At Pittsburg No. 1 foundry iron has scored a gain of \$2.50 per ton, and billets, \$1.75. Bar iron locally is firmly held, \$2 at the mills, and if crude material continues to stiffen, it will have to be advanced still further to be on a parity. Black sheets have advanced in the States, and here jobbers this week ask an advance of 10c, 8 to 16 gauge being now held at \$2.45. Canada plates, as expected, have made another gain of 5c, the base price now being \$2.35. Coke tin plate are 25c higher, at \$4, and charcoal, \$4.25. Deliveries, both of tin and Canada plate, are very backward, and importers' stocks consequently much lighter than they should be. In metals the dominant factor is the sensational advance in ingot tin. Since the month opened spot tin in London has advanced almost £19 the ton, and it now stands \$11.80 per ton above the low point since January 1st, at \$31.50 per 100 pounds at New York. As a consequence spot values have jumped 3c per pound to 35c. The statistical position of the metal also is very firm. On June 30, the visible supply was 18,293 tons, against 19,760 tons on May 31, 1899, and 23,515 tons on June 30th, 1898. The shipments from the Straits Settlements for the first half of July were 2,020 tons, against 2,325 for the same period in 1898, a decrease this year of 300 tons, and since January 1st the shipments are 275 tons less than for the same period in 1898.

The Western Linsced company is the name of a new concern with a capital of \$400,000, which is to erect a new oil mill at Minneapolis Transfer.

The Monetary Times is distributing a capital advertising novelty in the shape of a map of Canada showing the principal towns and cities where it circulates.