

### Manitoba.

C. Hoey will open in boots and shoes at Nanga.

F. S. Booth is opening in furniture at Minota.

W. T. McKenzie has sold his hotel at Nanga to H. Witt.

G. W. Ray, Nowdale, has added flour and feed to his business.

E. Parant has sold his hotel at Letellier to Bourbonais, of St. Plé.

Miss K. McDiarmid is opening a dress-making and millinery establishment at Gladstone.

J. C. Storey, general merchant, Wawanesa has added millinery to his business.

J. G. Kalbfleisch has disposed of his butchering business at Morden to W. H. Snowden.

P. D. Laird and H. Ford have formed a partnership in contracting and building at Deloraine.

Wm. Bailey, proprietor of the South-eastern hotel, Winnipeg, has assigned to Newton & Davidson.

James Willis, butcher, Plumas, has sold out to James Leggett and is leaving to live in St. Paul.

The Chester Seed Co. has opened business for the spring trade at 122 McErmot avenue, Winnipeg.

The Neepawa Trading Company, successors to Stevenson & Clare, general merchants, Neepawa, are now open for business.

Miss Malcolm, milliner, is retiring from business at Portage la Prairie and will open in the fancy goods business in Winnipeg.

J. W. Fleming and H. Ferguson, of Brandon, are now in the east looking for attractions for the Brandon exhibition of this year.

Settlers are beginning to arrive in Manitoba in large numbers from Eastern Canada. Several hundred landed at Winnipeg last week.

A small carpet weaving shed belonging to T. A. Garland, at Portage la Prairie, was destroyed by fire on Monday at a loss of about \$200.

The differences between the Great West Saddlery Company and its factory hands have been settled and the men are returning to work.

Hamelin Bros., of Melita, and Lauder, have bought the general stock of W. Bolton, Napinka, at a rate on the dollar and will continue the business.

The stock of T. C. McRae, merchant tailor, Winnipeg, which was sold by the assignee at auction last Saturday, was bought by R. Rose for 65c on the dollar cash.

S. McWilliams, blacksmith, Brandon, has sold out to Metcalf & Brooks. McWilliams will move to Rapid City, where he will go into blacksmithing again.

A delegation from the Winnipeg city council attended a convention at Fargo on Wednesday to consider the question of preventing floods on the Red River.

Zink Bros., boot and shoe dealers, Brandon, have purchased the stock of the late Strome & Whyte Co. It is understood that Zink Bros. will erect a block on their present premises during the coming summer.

Portage la Prairie has formed a new board of trade with A. H. Dickens, president. W. Bell, vice-president, H. W. B. Douglas, secretary-treasurer; and W. J. Cooper, E. Brown, W. J. May, J. A. Marshall, R. S. McKenzie, W. Forsyth and J. McPherson as councillors. A

railway southwest from that town will be one of the schemes immediately pushed.

The partnership between Wm. Henderson, of Wawanesa, and Jas. Alexander Hector, of the same place, has been declared dissolved by the death of J. A. Hector.

Application will be made at the next session of the legislature for the incorporation of the Winnipeg, Selkirk and Lake Winnipeg Electric Railway. It is proposed to run this road through to Selkirk and possibly to the lake.

The postmaster general of Canada has agreed to establish four branch post offices in Winnipeg at the following locations: Corner Logan and Nena, Fort Rouge, corner Portage avenue and Spencer and on Main street north.

Last year Winnipeg spent \$86,600 in sewer construction; \$261,400 on pavements, and \$56,350 on sidewalks and boulevards, or a total on local improvements of \$384,250. The sum is to be raised by an issue of local improvement debentures. In 1898 the expenditure was \$150,450.

Thos. Buck, manufacturers' agent, Winnipeg, has taken the agency here for the Canadian Asbestos Co., of Montreal and will carry a stock of their goods in Winnipeg. The company manufactures a wide range of asbestos goods, some of which are of great commercial value.

McGlashan & Waldon, commission merchants, Winnipeg, have assigned. Their trade liabilities are small, being under \$3,000, their business being mainly commission in drugs, etc. They carried a moderate stock of Japanese goods, etc. Waldon, of the firm, died suddenly last fall and this affected the standing of the business somewhat, while another trouble was accommodation paper in connection with the J. F. Howard failure.

The large addition to the Hudson's Bay Co.'s stores, Winnipeg, is approaching completion. The new addition about doubles the size of the large Main street building. The entire building is being rearranged and new departments are being added, which makes this one of the most complete establishments of the kind in Canada.

Gault Bros. Co., Limited, who are opening in the wholesale dry goods trade in Winnipeg, are this week occupying the fine new warehouse which has been erected for them here, and which is now nearing completion. H. M. Belcher, who will be manager of the business, arrived from Montreal this week, and other members of the staff have also arrived, including J. D. Brown, who will act as accountant. Mr. Belcher has been with the company in Montreal for many years, and Mr. Brown has also been with the Montreal house for a long period. J. G. Crawford, western representative of the company, will have the position of assistant manager in connection with the new Winnipeg business. Mr. Crawford moved his samples this week from the Sanford block to the new building. The stock is now beginning to arrive.

### Assinibola.

J. F. Robinson has purchased the clothing and boot and shoe business of W. Cousins at Medicine Hat.

Fire visited Medicine Hat on March 19 burning the Cosmopolitan hotel, and C. H. Evan's store, with two other buildings. The fire started in the

Cosmopolitan hotel, and the wind carried it east along South Railway street. The loss is about \$5,000, partly covered by insurance.

A. Urquhart, of Fort Qu'Appelle, will move to Yellow Grass and open a hardware store there in the spring.

The stock of general merchandise of A. L. Treleale & Co., Fort Qu'Appelle, was sold by the assignees at auction on the 17th inst. to A. M. Blackburn at 5c on the dollar. Blackburn also bought the book debts at 2c on the dollar.

### Alberta.

W. J. Walker will erect a \$10,000 store building at Edmonton this year for the accommodation of his general store business.

E. C. Pell, who was recently mentioned as opening in business at Strathcona will open at Edmonton instead. His line is meat and provisions.

The Farmers Milling Company of Fort Saskatchewan have all the machinery in place in the new mill there and will commence operations the first week in April.

### Northwest Ontario.

Jackson Bros. are opening a bake shop at Rat Portage.

Geo. McCannan is opening a butcher business at Rat Portage.

The town council of Port Arthur read, on March 18, for the third time the by-law voted upon at the January elections, granting a bonus of \$50,000 and exemption from taxation for twenty-one years to the Ontario and Rainy River railway in consideration of the terminus of the Port Arthur, Duluth and Western railway, the Ontario and Rainy River railway and the Canadian Northern railway being placed in Port Arthur. The company especially agrees to erect a union station between Cameron and Bay streets, workshops and round houses within one mile south of Arthur street; a million bushel elevator within one and one-half miles of Arthur street, and to transfer all their through freight and passenger business at Port Arthur.

### Red River Floods.

The main object of the convention held at Fargo, North Dakota, this week is to consider the proposals to control the waters of the Red river and tributaries so as to prevent floods. Great damage has been done in Minnesota and Dakota, and to a less extent in Manitoba, by the overflowing of the river. The United States government has had a report upon the matter by an engineer, who recommended three reservoirs at Big Stone lake, Lake Traverse and Red lake. The work as outlined in this report would cost in the neighborhood of from \$600,000 to \$800,000. These reserves would hold the water back in these lakes, which are the principal sources of the Red river. Incidentally the reservoirs would be a benefit to the navigation of the river.

The Fargo meeting was preliminary to the holding of a convention at Grand Forks, North Dakota, at a later date.

T. A. Cuddy, of Minnedosa, passed through Winnipeg this week on his way to British Columbia.

Wm. Crawford, of Indian Head, Assa., whose store and stock were recently damaged by fire, was in Winnipeg this week buying a new stock. He left for home on Thursday.