

Manitoba.

The *Slidney New Era* has been launched by J. W. Bailey.

Oliver & Byron, general merchants, Selkirk, have made an assignment.

L. F. Metcalf, general merchant, High Bluff, is adding implements.

Mr. Platt, druggist, of Carberry, intends opening a branch store in Slidney.

Geo. McLean, of Souris, contemplates going into the hardware business at Waskada.

Over 60,000 was expended in the erection and improvement of buildings in Brandon last year.

Fend & McNell have sold their shop and blacksmithing business at Carman to Wm. Hudson.

The Crescent hotel at Souris has changed hands, N. Taylor, of Melita, having bought out Menarey.

H. Grills is opening again in the grocery business at Union Point. His store was burned a short time ago.

Jas Leggett has bought out the butcher business of Geo. Willis at Pumas and will carry it on in future.

John J. Black, of Bates, has sold his blacksmith shop, business and good will to Jos. H. Bates, who is to carry on the business.

A. C. Fraser & Co., general merchants, Brandon, have changed their style to Fraser & Ross. A. Ross has been taken in as a partner.

A Blain's implement warehouse and dwelling at Wawanesa were destroyed by fire on Monday night together with most of their contents.

D. Lamont has bought out the blacksmith shop of J. A. Charters at Melita. Charters will devote his attention hereafter to his implement trade.

Robt. Allen has opened an implement warehouse at Rathwell and will handle besides agricultural machinery pianos, organs and sewing machines.

T. C. McKee, merchant tailor, Winnipeg, has assigned to C. H. Newton. McKee had a fire not long ago in his premises and this has led to his failure.

Higgins & Webster, general merchants, Iceland, have sold out their branch at Myrtle to Harrison & Co., who will continue the business as general merchants.

Application will be made by Adam Forbes, of Rathwell, and others for incorporation as the Adam Forbes Trading Co., Ltd. The amount of the capital stock will be \$20,000.

The stock and fixtures of F. D. Stewart, general merchant, Carman and Elm Creek, who assigned recently, will be offered for sale by auction on the 14th instant. The total value together with \$300 of book debts is given at about \$3,000.

W. Kemp, of the Kemp Manufacturing Company, Toronto, makers of stamped tinware, etc., was the purchaser of the tin box factory and plant of E. Gullbault, Winnipeg, which was sold by auction on Monday by the creditors of the estate. The rate paid was 93c on the dollar. Mr. Kemp refused to say what were his intentions regarding the continuing of the industry here. It is rumored that considerable additional capital will be invested in the factory and that the industry will be continued on a much larger scale than heretofore. In the meantime the factory has been closed.

D. McLelland has purchased the stock of boots and shoes and dry goods of John McElrea at Slidney, and will add it to his present general stock. McElrea takes the hardware belonging to McLelland and intends carrying a full line of hardware hereafter.

John McKechnie, of the Vulcan Iron Co., Winnipeg, was injured in the recent railway accident near Toronto but his friends here will be pleased to learn that his injuries, consisting of bruises, are not serious, and that he is able to be about again.

The new Marshall Wells Co., which is opening in the hardware trade in Winnipeg, has rented the old No. 6 warehouse on Lombard street, near the Parson's Produce Co., as temporary quarters until more suitable premises can be obtained. The stock will begin to arrive at once.

The firm of James Ferguson & Co., merchant tailors, and proprietors of the Brandon tent, mattress and over-all factory, has been dissolved by the retirement of Ferguson. R. J. Molloy, the remaining member of the firm, will continue the business in all its branches in his own name.

Dauphin was visited by fire on March 7, and the Dauphin house, the Newton building and R. Smith's harness shop were destroyed before the flames could be subdued. J. Smith, owner of the hotel, lost, \$4,500; D. C. McKinnon, tenant, \$2,000; F. W. Newton, owner of the adjoining building, \$500, and R. Smith \$700. All insured.

The labor troubles of the Great West Saddlery Company continue. Mr. Hutchings, manager of the company, refuses to have union men about him, and says he is not disturbed by the present situation, as he says he has a large stock of manufactured lines on hand and will be able to supply the trade for a long time without difficulty.

Assinibola.

R. Tavior & Co., have opened in general merchandise at Indian Head.

Magee & Thompson have bought the livery business of J. Mundell at Wolseley.

J. B. and J. Ryder have purchased the flour and feed business of Golding & Co., at Wolseley.

J. Muir has purchased the Aberdeen hotel at Lumsden, and intends having it thoroughly renovated and enlarged.

T. M. Grover is starting in the newspaper business at Lumsden. His paper is to be known as the Lumsden News.

Saskatchewan.

D. McGregor, Jr., is opening a furniture store at Prince Albert.

Alberta.

H. Aldridge and J. A. Haller have formed a partnership and bought out Lauder's bakery at Edmonton, which they will conduct in future.

Northwest Ontario.

Fort William Times-Journal: Graham, Horne & Co., have purchased the tugs *Salty Jack*, *Mary Ann* and *Atkins* from Mr. James Murphy. They intend putting these tugs in first-class condition for their work here on the coming summer. This probably means that they will do more work in their mill this year than ever before, be-

cause they never had more than two tugs working.

Delegates of the Rainy River board of trade, who recently visited Ottawa, have been promised by the department of marine that a boll-buoy will be placed on the reef off the sand hills, at the mouth of Rainy river, and also that three lighthouses will be erected, one at each of the following points: Burton's Island, northwest corner of Big Island, and at Oak Island narrows.

Tenders.

Tenders are called for the erection of a new post office at Wolseley, Assn.

Tenders are invited for the erection of a frame school house 16x20 at Yellow Grass, Assn. Address, W. H. Sissons, secretary, Yellow Grass.

Tenders will be received by the trustees of Lornvale school district up to Wednesday, the 28th of March, for the erection of a new school house. Address W. Channon, Cordova, P. O.

Tenders will be received up to March 16 for the labor and material of a public school, to be built at Indian Head, Assn. Address, A. J. Osment, secretary.

Tenders addressed "The warden of the penitentiary, Kingston, Ontario," and endorsed "Tender for Twine," will be received until the 20th of March next, inclusive, for the twine on hand and unsold at that date, together with the output of the penitentiary factory between that date and the 31st July next.

Territorial Threshing Returns.

Threshing returns for last year have just been published by the government of the Northwest Territories and show some interesting results. According to the figures given the production of wheat in Assinibola, Saskatchewan and Alberta totalled up the satisfactory quantity of 6,946,997 bushels, as against 5,542,478 bushels in 1898. The number of acres from which this wheat was taken was 364,777, and 307,580 respectively. The number of bushels of oats in 1899 was 4,740,903, as against 3,316,259 in 1898. The number of acres sown to oats was 136,416 in 1899. The barley crop of the Territories is a comparatively small one and fell off last year. The number of bushels threshed was 342,425, as against 449,512 in 1898. This yield was obtained from 14,633 acres, as against 17,092 acres in 1898. While the returns include substantially the whole production of the Territories they are incomplete to the extent that two districts of Assinibola failed to report. The total area under cultivation amounted to 515,826 acres, as compared with 429,749 in 1898. The average yield per acre for the two years were: Wheat, 1899, 19.04 bushels, 1898, 18.01 bushels; oats, 1899, 34.75 bushels, 1898, 28.93 bushels; barley, 1899, 23.40 bushels, 1898, 26.29 bushels.

Official Assignee.

The appointment of S. A. D. Bertrand as official assignee of Manitoba, which was made by the Greenway administration about twelve years ago, has by order-in-council of the Macdonald government been cancelled from Feb. 15, and P. J. Nixon is appointed to the vacancy. Mr. Bertrand, however, will continue in the business which he has carried on for so many years, but without the title "official."