

Manitoba

R. Hawthorn will build a store at Oak River.

T. Holloway is opening a furniture store at Stonewall.

D. Kirk will open in the jewelry business at Hamlet.

James Todd is going into the furniture business at Oak River.

Robert Hawthorne, blacksmith, Oak River, has sold out to John McCallum.

D. G. Allman, formerly in the H. B. Co.'s service, is to open a gent's furnishing business in Winnipeg.

The provincial legislature will be called together for business in the second or third week of February.

Dr. L. T. Cullen will open a branch drug store at Whitewater in connection with F. D. Peters' general store.

The firm of Bell & Clark, customs brokers, Winnipeg, has been dissolved. Mr. Clark will continue business alone.

The publisher of the Hartney Star has issued a handsome Christmas number. It is in book form, and profusely illustrated with views of Hartney and district.

The general stock of the estate of K. W. Rehner, of Steinbach, will be sold at Winnipeg on Jan. 13. Stock amounts to \$3,475, and book accounts to \$2,600.

E. L. Drewry is adding to his business a department for handling glassware for the accommodation of the hotel trade. He will carry a large stock, exclusively of hotel glassware, flasks, etc.

The Winnipeg Business college opened on January 8 with twenty new students, and about ten more came in the next day. These, with the old students in attendance, make the largest classes ever formed at the college.

The John Abell Engine and Machine Works company, of Toronto, have opened a branch in Winnipeg, at 144 Princess street, with T. Hartshorne as manager. The company formerly had only an office here, with Mr. Hartshorne as their representative.

D. Naismith, who was manager of the wholesale grocery business of Turner, McKeal & Co., for some years past, left for the east on Sunday last. Before leaving Mr. Naismith was the guest of honor at a complimentary supper, given by a number of his friends, at the Manitoba hotel on New Year's night.

Alberta.

O. H. Bush has opened a grocery store at Edmonton.

H. Goslin & Co. have opened a real estate insurance and commission office at South Edmonton.

J. H. McDonald, publisher of the Plaindealer at South Edmonton, has admitted a Mr. Skinner in partnership.

A French newspaper to be called L'Ouest Canadien will be started at Edmonton. It will be owned by a stock company.

F. Fraser Tims, has moved from Fort Saskatchewan to Edmonton, and will open a commission agency in connection with Klondike trade.

Calgary, Dec. 31.—In many respects this has been a jubilee year for Alberta. In common with the remainder of the territories she has obtained almost provincial status, a fact crystallized in this session's legislation at Regina. Early in the season existing creameries were taken over by the government and

new ones established. This has given a ready and profitable market for butter, and has proved a valuable source of income in a season when there is nothing else to look to. The lowering of the freight rates to the Kootenay has proved perhaps the greatest benefit to the district and given rise to a trade in live stock and farm produce that may attain to immense proportions as Alberta and British Columbia develop. On the other hand, the shipments of cattle to the old country markets have gone on apace. The building of the Crow's Nest Pass railway has given employment to a great many Albertans and opened a ready and accessible market for horses as well as farm produce generally. The trade consequent on the rush to the Klondike has been of vast benefit to the towns of Calgary and Edmonton, and the country surrounding. Taken all in all, this has been a jubilee year for Alberta.

Assinibola.

R. P. Betts, Yorkton, is starting in the livery business.

Ransom & Hans are opening a general store at Fleming.

The Qu'Appelle Felt Boot Co., Ltd., is applying for incorporation.

A flour and feed store has been opened at Regina by Milan Bros.

Crawford & Co., general store, Indian Head; stylo now, W. M. Crawford.

C. C. Evans, merchant tailor, Indian Head, will add to his business a stock of gent's furnishings.

R. H. Williams, of the Glasgow house, general store, Regina, admits J. M. Young, who has been for some time with the house, to an interest in the business at the beginning of this year.

Northwest Ontario.

Wright & Barber, from Winnipeg, have opened a butcher shop at Wabigoon.

Live Stock Markets.

At London, on Jan. 3, there was a weaker feeling in the market for United States cattle, and prices declined 1-4c, choice selling at 11c. Choice Canadians were steady at 10c, and Argentines at 10c. Choice Canadian sheep sold at 10c, and Argentines at 11c.

At the East End abattoir market, Montreal, on Jan. 3, a few choice hoves changed hands at 4 1-4c; good at 3 1-2 to 4c; fair at 3 to 3 1-4c, and common at 2 1-4 to 2 3-4c, per lb. Sheep sold at 3 1-4 to 3 1-2c, and lambs at 3 3-4 to 4 1-4c per lb. live weight.

The Turner-Mackeand Estate

The grocery stock of the estate of Turner, Mackeand & Co., wholesale grocers, which was advertised for sale by tender has been disposed of to Thompson, Codville & Co., wholesale grocers of this city, at 70 1-2 cents on the dollar, cash. The office furnishings, etc., were included in the sale. It is satisfactory that this stock has fallen into the hands of an established and reputable firm as Thompson, Codville & Co., and that it will not be used to the detriment of established interests, both wholesale and retail.

London, Jan. 7.—A board of trade statement for December shows decreases of 2,286,667 pounds in imports, and 1,016,678 pounds in exports.

Movements of Business Men

F. D. Peters, merchant, Whitewater, came into the city on Tuesday.

D. K. Elliot, of R. J. Whith & Co., Winnipeg, went east on Thursday.

J. M. O'Loughlin, of the Consolidated Paper Co., went east on Thursday.

R. A. Mather, manager of the Kewatin Lumber Co., was in the city this week.

F. T. Eames, proprietor of the Queen's Hotel, Brandon, was in the city on Tuesday.

J. F. Boyd, a successful hardware merchant, of Minnedosa, came into the city on Monday.

F. W. Huckell, publisher of the Carberry Express, was in the city for a brief visit this week.

H. P. Hansen and J. H. Ruddell, two leading business men of Morden, were in the city this week.

E. J. Oliver, general merchant, Ochre River, who was in the city some days, returned home on Thursday's Dauphin train.

S. R. Parsons, of Toronto, formerly of the Winnipeg wholesale house of Parsons, Bell & Co., went east this week, returning from a business trip to Winnipeg.

W. Gardner, a leading merchant of McLeod, Alta., who came in from the west this week, speaks in enthusiastic terms of the business prosperity in the western town.

S. Cruthers, who recently sold his banking business at Manitou to the Bank of Hamilton, was in the city this week on his way east. He will return to Manitoba after a short time.

Kenneth Mackenzie, of Kenneth Mackenzie & Co., wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, has returned from a trip to Edmonton. While at Edmonton he arranged for an enlargement of the premises occupied by his branch business at that place.

Winnipeg Clearing House.

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Oats advanced again at Montreal on Tuesday 1-4 to 1-2c per bushel, with sales of car lots at 27 1-2 to 28c.

A New York state legislator proposes to introduce a bill providing a tax of 10 cents per day for each alien laborer employed in the state. The bill proposes to compel every employer to report the number of aliens under him, and to pay the tax under a heavy penalty for failure.