

Manitoba.

J. Nash is opening a shoe store at Braudon.

R. L. Hood & Co., general merchants, Oak Lake, have added dry goods.

R. Frank & Co., are opening in the general merchandise line at Boissevain.

D. Spence has purchased the Queen's hotel, Gretna, formerly owned by H. Brown.

Dalglish & Co., general merchants, Margaret, will erect a large store in the spring.

W. Brown, merchant, formerly of Selkirk, Man., will take up his residence in Nelson, B. C.

The Napinka Standard has suspended publication and the business is in the hands of the sheriff.

S. Hunter and E. Stout, of Rapid City, have entered into partnership in the implement business at Minnola.

S. Dowad, general merchant, Brandon, has moved his stock to Minnedosa, where he will continue the business.

W. H. Bennett, general merchant, Boissevain, has given up business and has sold his stock to Hunter & Moore.

C. C. Chipman, commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Company, left for England on Thursday on official business.

I. Loewen, general merchant, Gretna, has entered into partnership with W. Abrams, under the name of Loewen & Abrams.

L. H. Gordon has been appointed manager of the Winnipeg Stationery and Book Company, Limited, assuming control March 1st.

The seventh annual exhibition of the Manitoba Poultry association was held in Winnipeg this week and attracted a good attendance.

D. McTavish, of Boissevain, has purchased the Minto stock of Morrison Bros., general merchants, and will continue the business.

The name and style of the firm of W. D. Cameron & Co., general merchants, Lauder, Man., has been changed to Hamelin & Cameron.

Jas. Carrick and Albert Hardaker have entered into partnership in a general blacksmithing and carriage building business at Brandon.

The annual exhibition of the Western Agricultural and Art Association of Manitoba, Brandon, will be held from July 31 to August 3, this year.

Geo. Foster has purchased the interest of the late Ira Bates in the firm of Bates & Emrick, Carman, and the new firm will be known as Emrick & Foster.

The harness and saddlery factory of the Great West Saddlery Company at Winnipeg was temporarily closed down on Saturday last owing to this being the slack season.

The plant and stock of Ed. Gullbault, tin box manufacturer, Winnipeg, will be sold at auction on March 3, by S. A. D. Bertrand. The total value is \$15,464.25.

The city draymen of Winnipeg are asking the council for more stringent regulations protecting licensed drays from unlicensed competition and for a higher rate of pay for city work.

A New scale of charges for gas in Winnipeg will shortly go into effect. The price will be reduced from \$2.50 per thousand to \$2.25, with the usual 10 per cent reduction for prompt payment.

E. L. Drowry, retiring president of the Winnipeg board of trade, enter-

tained at dinner the members of the past and the new council of the board, on Wednesday evening, at the Manitoba club.

The sheet metal workers of Winnipeg have through their union given notice that after June 1 next the minimum wage for their work shall be 27 1-2c per hour and nine hours a day's work.

The clothing and gents' furnishing business in Winnipeg, known as the Yorkshiro House, carried on for the last ten years by J. Dresser, has been sold to S. H. Narovlansky, late of Moosomin.

Thos. Vanderburgh's harness shop at Nanga was completely destroyed by fire together with the contents on Feb. 18. The building belonged to another party. The residence of J. A. Redmond was destroyed by the same fire. No insurance on any of the property.

The Winnipeg city council is being asked to permit the running of a railway spur from the C. P. R. tracks through the centre of the blocks facing on Princess street from the west as far south as Logan avenue. This would give better shipping facilities to a number of consumers in that locality.

The death took place in Winnipeg this week of James Mannagan, at the age of 38 years. The deceased was well known here in the early days. He operated flat boats on the Red river previous to the advent of railways, and later engaged in the wholesale provision trade in Winnipeg, but has been out of business for some years.

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Wm. Hunt is opening in lumber at Yellow Grass.

The Medicine Hat board of trade is now provisionally organized as a result of a recent meeting which was very largely attended by local business men. A charter of incorporation will be applied for. The following provisional officers were elected: President, E. J. Fewings; vice-president, L. B. Cochran; secretary-treasurer, C. R. Mitchell; council, J. A. Grant, A. C. Hawthorne, W. B. Marshall, T. Tweed, J. K. Drimman, F. G. Forster, F. Sissons and D. Milne. The number of members enrolled is 27.

Alberta.

The Edmonton Advertiser has suspended publication.

W. J. Brumpton is succeeding to the general store business of Hamstock & Dean, at Olds.

Trimble Bros., general merchants at Leduc, Alberta, have assigned to J. W. Kelly, of Edmonton.

Wm. Berry & Son have bought the hardware and furniture business of T. H. Hinton, at Pincher Creek.

Saskatchewan.

A large number of new buildings are to be erected at Saskatoon during the coming season. Tucker intends building a large stone hotel; Davis two stone stores; Clinkskill a residence; Leslie & Wilson talk of putting up a grist mill, and Shclair contemplates erecting an abattoir and tanning factory.

Northwest Ontario.

The Superior Brewing and Malting Company, Limited, of Port Arthur, has been incorporated.

Rat Portage will advertise for tenders for \$75,000 waterworks debentures and \$14,000 local improvement debentures. Bids to be in by March 22.

Dairy Trade Notes.

The Montreal market has developed a keen demand for colored cheese and prices show a strong inclination to appreciate. This is partly due to the improved demand from England.

The Florida orange groves have been again subjected to frosts and it is feared seriously damaged.

James Mitchell, of the firm of J. & R. Mitchell, cattle dealers, Medicine Hat, died on Dec. 6, at sea.

Quebec boot and shoe factories are working full time yet on spring orders and some are obliged to work overtime owing to the pressure of orders.

It is stated that quite a large amount of coal has been displaced from consumption this winter in Chicago by the installation of gas cooking apparatus by the gas companies.

A. E. McKenzie, grain and seed merchant of Brandon, paid The Commercial a visit this week. Mr. McKenzie reports that he is working up a large trade in the seed line.

A motion has been introduced in the Dominion house of commons looking to the taxation of C. P. R. lands in Western Canada as soon as the twenty-year exemption which they enjoy has expired.

The annual report of the Winnipeg board of trade has been issued in pamphlet form. It contains the president's address and report of the council for the past year in full; also the treasurer's report and miscellaneous statistical information.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has commenced work on the much needed improvements to its freight sheds and docks at Owen Sound. The present car sheds, freight sheds and docks are to be enlarged and rearranged at a total cost of about \$30,000.

How almost every girl there comes between girlhood and womanhood, a time when she feels prompted by her own vitality to take some share in the world's work. It accounts for much that is vigorous in church and social life. Cornelia Atwood Pratt writes of this period in the March Delineator. Her article is thrilling, and will in itself do much to induce directness of aim. In the same number, as if to add meaning to Miss Pratt's thoughts, there is a well illustrated article, of great interest to women, dealing with the leaders of Women's colleges, and some of the co-educational institutions.

A Montreal exchange makes the astonishing statement that to such length has the credit business gone with the bakers of that city that some of the best people in the city are in habit of having months and even years in which to pay their bills if they desire it. One well known city merchant who ought to know better, owes his baker between \$200 and \$250 for bread and has not paid a cent on his bill for over two years. The account is good but the business of crediting has grown to such an extent that this is not an uncommon case. Montreal merchants can evidently give the Manitoba farmer points on staving off bills.