

Manitoba.

A. McCunlg has re-opened business at Melgund in harness.

The Manitou Mercury newspaper has been enlarged and improved.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company has offered to carry relief supplies to the sufferers free of charge.

Mr. Chas. Pilling, proprietor of the Royal hotel, Brandon, has sold out to W. F. Thompson, formerly of Wawanesa.

C. E. Slater, who has, for a number of years, been with W. W. Matthews, in Winnipeg, has gone to Holland, where he is opening in the watchmaking and jewelry business.

The E. B. Eddy Co., of Hull, have telegraphed their Winnipeg agents Tres & Perse, to distribute pulls, tubs and washboards to all the families burned out by the recent prairie and bush fires.

W. Coleman has secured a license for the Turtle Mountain House, at Nanga, and is now in possession. Mr. Seefeld, the former occupant, has retired to his farm.

The report published last week that the Albion Hotel, at Portage la Prairie, had been taken over by Angus McLeod, is an error. Mrs. Bell, the present proprietress, will remain in charge of this hotel.

Herman Telke, manager of the Northwest Hide Co., Winnipeg, met with a severe accident by a fall from his bicycle caused by the breaking of the crown joint of his wheel. Mr. Telke was rendered unconscious, for some time, and suffered much pain after his revival.

Manitoba farm lands are looking up. Mr. Penner, a Greta merchant, says that a short time ago a man sold a farm of 160 acres, five miles from Greta, for \$4,000; a few weeks ago another farmer sold his place of 190 acres, three and a half miles from the town, for \$5,000. "I think the best speculation to-day," added Mr. Penner, "is the purchasing of Manitoba farm lands; there is money in it."

George Bannerman, the last but one of the original Red River settlers, who arrived between 1811 and 1815 to found a colony on the banks of the Red river, was buried at Kildonan cemetery, near Winnipeg, on October 17. The only survivor now is the father of Rev. Canon Matheson, of Winnipeg. The original settlers came in by way of Hudson Bay. They founded a settlement in the heart of the continent of North America, a thousand miles from any other settlement then existing, and which became the nucleus of the now flourishing province of Manitoba.

Assiniboin.

John Hurst has opened the hotel at Oxbow, which has been closed lately.

John Densmore, of Densmore & Fleury, saddlers, Indian Head, is dead.

Jos. A. Brown, a well known hotel man, formerly proprietor of the Crescent House, Souris, and latterly of the Kelly House, Brandon, takes possession of the Ottawa hotel at Moose Jaw on Nov. 1st, having bought out the late proprietor, Mr. Holt.

Alberta.

A Canadian Pacific railway official reports that 200 people have started for the Klondyke, via Edmonton this season.

Burdett & Dyson have opened a tobacconist store at Calgary.

The Springbank irrigation district has passed a by-law to mortgage the district for \$10,000 for irrigation purposes.

The Edmonton Bulletin claims that about 500,000 bushels of wheat and 1,000,000 bushels of oats have been produced in the Edmonton district this year.

British Columbia Business Notes

D. H. Kirk, jeweller, Silvertown, has given up business.

Kennedy & Hume, bicycles, Victoria, have closed out.

R. Strathern, jeweller, has bought out R. C. Wells, of Kaslo.

Walter S. Jones will open an electrical goods store at Kaslo.

J. S. McCague, baker, Revelstoke, is succeeded by McCague Bros.

Weeks, Kennedy & Co., brokers, Roseland have dissolved partnership.

Mrs. J. W. Miller, baker, Chilliwack, has sold out to J. W. Williams.

E. W. Thomas, watchmaker, Chilliwack, has gone out of business.

Keown & Ball, cigar manufacturers, Victoria, have given up business.

R. Hintley succeeds W. Darnard as proprietor of the Waverley hotel, Vancouver.

Holmes & Grace, wholesale liquor merchants, Vancouver, have dissolved partnership.

F. C. Allen has been appointed liquidator of the Diphlock Book and Stationery Co., Vancouver.

Batterson & Kleinberg, dealers in stationary and cigars, Silvertown, are moving to Revelstoke.

The stock of Wm. Wilson & Co., dry goods merchants, Victoria, is in possession of the mortgagees.

A sale was advertised for the 11th inst., of the goods and chattels of the Vancouver Bleach Co., (in liquidation.)

Two Kaslo grocery firms, Ferguson & Cameron, and Thompson Bros. are merged into one, Ferguson & Thompson succeeding.

Robt. Jamieson, bookseller and stationer, Victoria, advertises that he is retiring from business and will close out on Dec. 31st.

Meldrum & Co., of Calgary, Alberta, and Slocan City, B. C., have opened a branch store at New Denver, in clothing and furnishings.

Canadian Pacific officials have commenced preliminary arrangements for a steamship service between Vancouver and Yukon.

Freight Rates.

A freight rate of 20 cents for 100 pounds, on grain and millstuffs, from Fort William to Boston, for export, has been announced, via the lake route and Owen Sound.

Coal freights from Buffalo are higher at 30 to 40 cents to Chicago and Milwaukee, 30 cents to Manitowoc, and from 5 to 10c higher to other ports.

Considerable space has been engaged for wheat at 61-4c to 61-2c from Duluth and Fort William to Montreal, amounting to about 300,000 bushels. Corn has been taken at 31-4c from Chicago to Kingston.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: The demand for grain space has somewhat slackened for Liverpool and

Glasgow and is quoted dull at 3s to 3s 3d for both ports. There is little or no room to be had for London, and Bristol is unchanged at 3s 3d to 3s 6d. Flour has been taken at 15s to 16s 3d to Liverpool, London and Glasgow and at 17s 6d to Bristol.

Hides, Wool, etc.

At Toronto 81-2c is quoted for No. 1 green hides.

At Montreal dealers were paying 8s and tanners 9s for No. 1 hides.

The recent series of London wool sales has closed. During the series 173,000 bales were catalogued, of which 160,000 were sold. Of the latter number, 35,000 were taken by the home trade; 63,000 by the continent, and 2,000 for America. During the series good merino scoured and greasy showed 1-2 to 1-12d higher and other descriptions 1-1 to 1d higher. Fine greasy cross-bred showed an advance of 1-2d to 1d, and faulty and inferior stock 1-4d to 1-2d higher. Finer scoureds also showed an advance of 1-2d and the mediums unchanged; faulty and inferior, however, showed par to 1-2d lower. Slips were unchanged to 1-4d lower. Cape of Good Hope and Natal greasy snow-white western sold par to 1-2d higher, but medium snow white realized par to 1-4d lower. Lambs wool showed par to 1-2d lower and others generally unchanged. It is supposed the above advance was due to short stocks. The next series will commence on November 25. A sheepskin sale will be held on Oct. 21.

Wheat Supplies

Stocks of wheat in Canada at principal points of accumulation are reported as follows:

Montreal	369,000
Toronto	38,000
Kingston	25,000
Winnipeg	210,000
Manitoba elevators	3,725,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	1,506,000

Total Oct. 9 ... 5,882,000

Total stocks in United States and Canada east of the Rocky Mountains as reported by Bradstreet's, on Oct. 9, 34,320,000 bushels.

Total stocks in the United States and Canada a year ago were 67,116,000 bushels, according to Bradstreet's report. Two years ago stocks were 55,078,000 bushels, three years ago 92,100,000 bushels, four years ago 71,108,000 bushels, five years ago 59,845,000 bushels. These figures do not include Pacific coast stocks. The latter were 6,251,000 bushels on October 2, compared with 9,760,000 bushels a year ago.

Boots and Shoes.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: A decided improvement has been experienced in the sorting trade, quite a number of orders have been received since our last issue, some of our manufacturers have all they can do to attend to them. In about two weeks' time some of the leading manufacturers intend issuing revised price lists, which it is said will show an advance of five per cent all round. Remittances continue satisfactory.