

Manitoba.

Geo. Foulds, a well known Winnipeg property owner, is dead.

Lawrence Frame has opened a harness shop at Treherne.

F. Donkes is opening a general store at Venlaw, near Oaknook.

The Carberry board of trade held its annual banquet Friday evening.

E. W. McLean is about to embark in the flour and feed business at Minto.

H. Peever has bought the Adams' stock of harness, etc., from Hocklin, at Oak Lake.

W. B. Nicholson, flour and feed merchant, Dauphin, has added a stock of tea to his business.

McIntosh & Co., general merchants, Morris, have dissolved. Enright continues the business.

Morrison Bros., general merchants, Bolasevaln, contemplate opening a branch store at Minto.

The Standard Oil Co., Winnipeg, has taken up new office quarters in the Bank of Hamilton building.

Andrew Evans has bought out the the butcher and bakery business of Robert McTavish at Pipestone.

A reduction has been made in the price of Galt coal at country points in Manitoba of from 10 to 20c on the ton.

Souris had a narrow escape from a bad fire this week. Fire broke out in Mrs. Moffat's boarding house, but was got under control.

Bedard & Sons are erecting a new building for their tannery business. They hope soon to add steam appliances to their plant.

W. F. White, the Winnipeg curio dealer, has gone to Lake Winnipeg to fill an order from Skagway for twenty-eight huskie dogs.

The annual minor examinations of the Pharmaceutical association of the province of Manitoba will be held in Winnipeg on Dec. 15, 16 and 17.

Marsh Blanchard, of Morden, has purchased the implement wareroom and business of Messrs. Pritchard & Pell, and will make Carman his home.

Fire broke out in Adams Bros.' harness shop at Virden on Dec. 8. Building and contents were consumed. Insurance not reported. Some windows of other stores in the vicinity were cracked by the heat.

The delay in harvesting and threshing the crop this year will prevent many Manitoba farmers from taking their customary holiday trip to eastern Canada. There is usually quite an exodus eastward before Christmas. This will retain more money in the country.

James Robertson, manager of the Hudson's Bay Company at Portage la Prairie, is being transferred to Shoal Lake, and will be succeeded by Manager Beeson, of the latter post. The transfer takes place after the Christmas holidays.

An exchange says: "The village of Elgin on the Northern Pacific railway extension bids fair to take the lead among the new towns. Prodigious strides in building are going on, and where but a little more than a month back only the rich soil of the prairie with an occasional farm house met the eye can now be seen a lively little town of formidable dimensions, consisting of forty dwellings, two general stores, and a couple of boarding houses.

T. H. Hooper has been appointed agent at Winnipeg for the Monsoon teas, and has opened an office and warehouse on Bannatyne street, east. Hereafter, the teas for Manitoba consumption will be brought here in large lots, and distributed from the warehouses to the city and country trade. Mr. Hooper is well known in Manitoba, and will, no doubt, command a good share of trade.

Alberta.

J. M. Closson contemplates opening in fancy dry goods and ladies' and children's clothing and furnishings at Edmonton.

C. F. Strang, formerly of Ross Bros., hardware, Edmonton, has entered into partnership with J. A. Stovel, for the purpose of engaging in the hardware business. The new firm will be known as Stovel & Strang.

It is reported that discovery has been made of an oil belt not far from the Crow's Nest Pass coal fields, supposed to have its origin in the coal beds. If this be true it is important as the only oil deposit so far discovered in that part of Canada.

The proprietor of the Calgary Tribune is launching a new venture on the journalistic world to be called The Independent. It will be published weekly.

Northwest Ontario.

T. H. White, chief engineer of the Ontario and Rainy River railway, has four parties out locating the route of the new railway.

C. H. Shera & Co., dry goods and gents' furnishings, Port Arthur, are selling off their stock with a view to going out of business.

E. S. Jenison, who proposes taking the Kakabeka power to Port Arthur by means of a waterpower canal, has a force of engineers at work locating the route of the canal.

Grain and Milling News.

The membership fee of the Winnipeg grain exchange has been advanced from \$100 to \$125.

It is rumored that F. H. Peavey & Co., a large Minneapolis grain firm, will establish a line of primary elevators in Manitoba.

Finlay Young, in conjunction with his brother, C. A. Young, has about completed the erection of three elevators at Minto, Dunrea and Elgin, on the line of the N. P. Belmont-Hartney extension in Manitoba.

The report of the grain inspector at Winnipeg for last week is as follows: One hard, 120 cars; two hard, 32: one northern, 145; two northern, 10; three hard, 4; one spring, 48; rejected, 20 cars; no grade, 82; total, 462 cars—the largest number so far this season in one week.

Grocery Trade Notes.

Eleme figs are getting scarce in eastern markets.

A lot of 6,000 half boxes of Valencia raisins was sold at auction in Montreal last week, and realized satisfactory prices.

Advices from the east state that the strength in the market for molasses is likely to continue, as supplies are scarce.

Arbuckle Bros. Monday morning openly quoted granulated sugar 1-16c

lower at New York. Other refiners made no changes in their prices, but they were all selling 1-16c below their quoted figures for granulated and softs.

A Toronto report says: The advance noted in Barbadoes molasses last week has been firmly maintained several round lots changing hands at 31c, and now it is understood that outside of one or two lots there is no molasses at all in first hands. The jobbing demand is quite active and 32c to 32 1-2c is being asked for single punchcans.

It is estimated that the imports to the United States of Young Hyson teas this season will not exceed 12,000,000 to 12,500,000 pounds, as against 15,300,000 pounds last season. This will leave a deficiency of 30,000 half chests. In Pingsuey teas there will be a shortage of 55,000 half-chests, making a total deficiency of 85,000 half-chests, or about 5,000,000 pounds.

For the first time in twenty years an unreserved trade sale of Denla fruit has been held in Montreal, says the Gazette. A sale of over 6,000 half boxes of Valencia raisins took place. The prices, when all is considered, were reasonable market figures for net cash. We append prices: 551 half boxes layers, 4c to 4 1-8c; 5,366 half boxes, fine off-stalk, 3 1-4c; 120 boxes, fine off-stalk, 3 3-8c; 271 boxes, off-stalk, 3 1-2c.

An eastern exchange says: "The adjourned meeting of representatives of the tea trade was held at Ottawa this week for the purpose of determining standards. As was expected, dealers were considerably divided in opinion and another adjournment has been made to enable the tea men to come to one mind on the subject of keeping out trashy teas. In the meantime, the government will go on testing teas by infusion. Which may remark, is a good enough substitute for whatever precautionary measures be resolved upon by those dealers constituting the tea commission."

The Commercial Men.

Mr. Miller, of Miller, Morse & Co., Winnipeg, went east this week.

A. B. Bethune, of J. W. Peck & Co., Winnipeg, went east this week on a business trip.

G. W. Baldwin, a well known fur buyer of St. Paul, who spent a considerable portion of last session in Winnipeg, arrived again this week and will remain in the city until next August.

A meeting of the Commercial Travelers' Association of Canada was held in Toronto on Dec. 4. C. E. Kyle was elected president, and M. C. Ellis, first vice-president, by acclamation. For second vice-president, W. Caldwell and Joseph Taylor were nominated. Directors for Brantford, Montreal, Winnipeg and Victoria were re-elected by acclamation. Nominating tickets were put in in the case of Toronto and Hamilton.

Barre Bros., watchmakers and jewelers, Winnipeg, have occupied their handsome new store premises on Main street, recently and are now entering upon what promises to be a very busy holiday season's trade. The new store is handsomely furnished and fitted up and embodies all the most modern ideas in the retail jewelry line.