

Manitoba

Thos. Angus, confectionery, etc., Steekton, has sold out to Robt. Barr.

Robert Little, of Aweme, will open in the butcher business at Treesbank.

T. Durnin, of Neepawa, has opened a general store at Oelke River, Dauphin district.

Rattray & McKinnon, blacksmiths, Pipestone, have sold out to J. Wright, in the same line at the same place.

The incorporation of the Winnipeg Ledgeing and Coffee House association is being applied for. The capital stock is placed at \$15,000.

J. F. Prud'homme, dry goods, St. Boniface, has sold out to J. B. Leveque. Mr. Leveque has been employed by Mr. Prud'homme for the last ten years.

A bill has been introduced in the Manitoba legislature respecting bake-shops. Its object is to secure the carrying out of sanitary regulations, etc.

Atkinson & Co., general merchants, of Hamiota, have assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand, of Winnipeg. The creditors will meet in Winnipeg on April 15 to consider the matter.

The following are burned out at Hamiota: Inman & Co., bankers; Atkinson & Co., general merchants; F. Middleton, printer and publisher; McKellar & Todd, livery.

The following new businesses are being established at Makinak, in the Dauphin district: A butcher shop by Faulkner & Gunne, a hardware store by Mr. Douglas, lately arrived, and a bakery by Geo. Johnstone.

Alberta.

Messrs Cinnamon, of Vermillion ranch, are opening a butcher shop at Athabasca Landing.

Calgary city council will submit a by-law to the electors, offering the Canadian Pacific Railway company a bonus of \$25,000 to locate their repair shops at Calgary. The company guarantee not less than thirty-five men on the pay roll, and agree to make Calgary a divisional point, and district headquarters. This, Mr. Whyte assured the council, would mean a permanent pay roll of \$6,000 per month. Two sites were pointed out by Mr. Whyte as satisfactory to the company. One in the extreme east, between the C. P. R. track and the hospital. The other site comprises the three blocks immediately south of the track, and opposite the coal sheds and flour mill.

Assiniboia.

J. W. Bateman, baker, Yorkton, has sold out to Sharman & Bates.

The harness and saddlery business formerly carried on by Lang & Campbell has again changed hands. Findlay Campbell, who has controlled the business since the retirement of J. M. Lang, has sold out to A. G. Thompson.

Grocery Trade Notes.

The activity in the rice market continues. Foreign advices continue strong, private cables received this week noting a further advance of 1s 6d in Patna.

A Toronto report says. There was an advance of about a cent in Red-path syrup to-day, and 2-lb. tins are now quoted at 10 1-2c.

A Montreal report says the dried apple market has ruled dull lately, and holders, in order to dispose of stocks, have had to accept prices that they would have laughed at a month or so ago. To-day a small lot of five or six barrels was disposed of at 3 1-2c per pound, but the quality was not A 1. For first-class goods, therefore, values may be quoted at 5 to 5 1-2c.

New York Journal of Commerce says: No further business was reported in apricots, the coming crop of which, according to California advices, has been entirely destroyed. The movement noted earlier in the week in this column resulted in the close concentration of available supplies here and in Philadelphia in the hands of two or three parties; and the market consequently is firmer, but there has been no quotable advance in prices.

Regarding the prune situation, the California Fruit Grower says: "This fruit is cleaning up remarkably well. Both large and small sizes are scarce, and buyers are now taking the medium sizes. Prices are low, but the demand continues, and it looks as if the heavy crop of 1897 would go out clean before new fruit comes to hand. Sizes at present run from 60s to 90s, but 70s to 80s are more freely offered. Prices for Santa Clara stock have been above those of other districts from the start, so that close buyers looking for prunes at low prices have picked up nearly all the outside prunes. We learn of a few sales of outside stock on 2c basis, and one car 70s to 90s on 2 1-4 basis, although one party reports sales at 1 7-8c basis for outside stock. The prune trees in the Santa Clara valley were not generally in bloom when the heavy frosts occurred, hence escaped with slight damage thus far.

Grain and Milling News.

The Hudson's Bay company have shipped from their flour mill at Prince Albert since June last, to Edmonton and Vancouver, some 22,000 sacks of flour.

Metcalf & Son, of the Pioneer Oatmeal mills, Portage la Prairie, Man., will build a 10,000 bushel elevator at their mill. They do not expect to run the mill till the new crop of oats come in, owing to the present scarcity of oats.

Application is being made for the incorporation of the Roland Farmers' elevator company, of Roland, Man. The capital stock is placed at \$12,000. The applicants are Robt. Langtry, Geo. Ross, Geo. Lorce, Wm. Reekie, Jas. Phillips, M. Sutton and A. Chater.

At the meeting of shareholders in the Farmers' Elevator Co., of Cypress River, Man., it was decided not to dispose of the elevator at present but to give encouragement to a flour mill by a cash bonus. A public meeting was held later and a committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions.

The Lumber Trade.

W. J. Clisholm, formerly of South Edmonton, is opening in the lumber business at Edmonton.

W. R. Ridington, lumber and hardware dealer, Fox Warren, Man., has bought out the lumber business at that place, managed by L. P. Westergard.

The Minneapolis Lumberman says: There is a continued strengthening of the market for red cedar shingles. During the week there has been a practical increase in the price in this market and most dealers are now quoting "A" at \$2.25 per thousand. This is 5 cents higher than they were two weeks ago, and the jobbers say that the end is not yet reached. The rapid rise in the prices for red cedars is causing an increased enquiry for pine shingles, and has developed the fact that there is a scarcity of pine shingles. The railroads are calling on the manufacturers of fir lumber for timbers, and the price has raised at the mills as much as \$6 per thousand over what was being asked last year.

The Live Stock Trade.

Sir Roderick W. Cameron, of Alberta, has sent to the department of agriculture at Toronto asking for 2,500 young cattle for his range. Why not have bought up some of the stocker cattle which have been shipped by thousands out of Manitoba to the United States. Our western ranchers seem to be making a mistake in allowing United States buyers to pick up all the young cattle in Manitoba.

Dry Goods Trade.

The cotton mill strike in New England continues. The employees of Ponoman cotton mills, of Norwich, one of the largest concerns of the kind in New England, have gone out on strike because of a 10 per cent reduction in wages. Two thousand hands are employed at the mill and 1,100 workmen in all departments except the carding and spinning rooms went out.

Binder Twine.

Minneapolis Farm Implements says: At two different times during the present month, handlers of binding twine have been notified of further advances in price, the advance being 1-4 of a cent each time. The latest advices affect manila as well as sisal, though the prices of the two grades still remain nearer together than at any previous time in the history of the trade. It is also noticeable that sisal hemp has been travelling upward, and it has travelled faster than the finished product; relatively, therefore, the price of sisal twine is more reasonable than it was a year ago. All present indications point to still further advances before the harvest is over. When the price of raw material and the cost of manufacture are considered, current prices are too low to warrant any expectation that a break may follow.

NOTICE.

The publishers of Price Current, the publication of which was recently suspended, have arranged with the publisher of The Commercial to carry out the subscriptions of the defunct publication. This applies only to persons who were not already subscribers of The Commercial. Such subscribers of Price Current will therefore receive The Commercial to cover full amount due them, based on our regular subscription rate of \$2 per year.