

Manitoba.

S. Russell has opened in the butcher business at Strathclair.

Alex. Tait, of Pilot Mound, has taken out a license as auctioneer.

A. Strang, jobber in groceries and liquors, Winnipeg, has assigned.

Struther Bros. will open out a stock of new goods in the Marshal block, Pilot Mound.

The branch of the Banque de Hochelaga will be opened in Winnipeg on Monday, March 28.

Baird Bros. intend building a large store this spring on their present site at Pilot Mound.

James Crosbie is erecting a store at Nesbit, in which, in the future, he will carry on his business.

Sixty five car loads of stock and settlers' effects have been unloaded at Brandon, up to the 20th inst.

D. Ricker is putting up an implement warehouse at Nesbit which he will conduct in connection with his general store.

Nearly 600 new settlers arrived in Winnipeg on the Ontario specials, on March 18, and nearly the entire party were booked for points in the province.

A cheese factory is likely to be established near Carberry, this spring, and several other new factories and creameries in other districts are mentioned.

Jas. Anderson, Portage la Prairie, is having the brick store, recently occupied by A. L. Ashdown, fitted up for spring when he will open out therein.

C. Nettikoven, Strathclair, has sold his farm stock and intends entering into partnership with Gossett Jackson, of Rapid City, in the brick-making business.

Mr. Corelli, of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, has severed his connection with that company to accept the managership of the Equitable in Manitoba.

Gladstone's burnt out merchants have got temporary places of business and will be able to carry on fairly well until more commodious premises can be erected.

Commercial travellers will learn with regret at the bereavement which has fallen upon J. D. Roberts, of the Pure Gold goods, through the sudden death of Mrs. Roberts.

This week, says the Pilot Mound *Sentinel*, the elevators have been so filled that for lack of room, large quantities of grain in bags, have been piled up outside.

The Roseberry cheese factory near Pilot Mound, will be operated this season. A new plant is being procured. P. W. Simpson, from Ontario, has been engaged to manufacture cheese.

The early closing movement with the dry goods merchants of Brandon, takes effect after the 1st of April, and it is expected other business places will follow suit. The hour for closing is to be 6 p.m.

During the past week or two says the Pilot Mound *Sentinel*, a considerable number of new threshing machines have been brought in. Some have been taken off for farmers here, others have been taken further west.

Mr. Bedford, of the Brandon Experimental farm, at a meeting of the Farmers' Institute, said he thought a starch factory would be a success in Manitoba, as potatoes can be raised so cheaply and in such unlimited quantities.

Dealers in cattle, says the Pilot Mound *Sentinel*, are again visiting farmers in search of fat animals. Mr. Gordon has already about four hundred cattle including what he has been wintering. Baird Bros. and Chalmers are also purchasing. Choice animals are worth about 4½ live weight.

A Winnipeg city paper says that Arnett & Co., are about opening an exclusive gents' furnishings and hat store at 454 Main street.

The establishment is being elaborately fitted up in white and gold, the effects of which is very pretty. The wiped out creditors of the late Arnett estate would like to see some of the gold.

The Queen's hotel, Greta, owned by Henry Braun, was totally destroyed by fire last week. The fire did not spread to the adjoining buildings, as not a breath of wind was stirring. Hiebert's store was not damaged, but the contents were somewhat injured by removal. The loss on the hotel is about \$5,000; insurance, \$3,000.

At a recent meeting of the Portage la Prairie Board of Trade it was moved that Marlatt, Curtis and Graban be a committee to wait upon the town council and urge upon them to make an effort to have the change in assessment act being agitated for by the board of trade and city council of Winnipeg extended to the whole province.

Mr. Porter, of Porter & Ronald, who will be one of the representatives of the Winnipeg board of trade at the congress of boards of trade and chambers of commerce, in London, England, in June next, is an ardent advocate of closer trade relationship with the mother country. Mr. Porter's business leads him to make frequent trips to Great Britain, and he understands well many of the advantages to be gained all around, from a closer commercial union of the Empire. He thought seriously upon and advocated this course, before it became a public question.

A bill has been introduced in the provincial legislature providing for the representation of Manitoba at the World's fair next year, for which purpose \$20,000 is set apart in the estimates. It empowers the appointment of a fit person to be the commissioner of the minister of agriculture and immigration, and the appointment of such assistants as are necessary to carry out the work. The bill also provides for the erection of a suitable building and suitable accommodation for the reception of such articles and products from the province of Manitoba as it may be deemed desirable to exhibit at Chicago.

H. S. Westbrook, who is proud to be able to style himself the pioneer dealer in agricultural implements of Winnipeg, has just issued a handsome illustrated catalogue, showing a very wide range of implements. Mr. Westbrook says by way of introduction in his catalogue, "I cannot but feel proud of the fact that my effort to place a first class line of implements on the market has met with your approval, as has been evinced by my unparalleled sales the past season. The new lines which I have added this year I feel will be thoroughly appreciated, and as I have always endeavored by fair dealing and supplying the best of goods, to merit your confidence, I therefore bespeak your continued liberal favors."

Assiniboia.

The meeting of the directors of the Wolseley agricultural society, recently passed a resolution asking the municipal council to purchase a carload of thoroughbred bulls to sell to the ratepayers at wholesale rates.

Count de Roffignac has decided to leave Whitewood and take up his residence in Long Island, New York, where he has large real estate interests. He has sold his coffee mill and chickory plantation at Whitewood to a syndicate of his countrymen.

W. W. Bile, druggist, Moose Jaw, intends erecting a solid brick store this season. Several others are talking of building on the lots cleared off by the fire. The council intend to enforce the fire limits by-law which will make the business part of the town much safer than it has been in the past. Wright Bros., butchers, burned out, are opening out on the east side of Main street, and M. Ripstein & Co., on River street.

T. H. Cross, secretary of the Moosomin board of trade, has gone to Ottawa to arrange some matters of importance with the Minister of the Interior. He will also see the Minister of

Agriculture on immigration business and afterwards spend several months in the eastern provinces delivering lectures and distributing literature setting forth the advantages of the Moosomin district for settlement.

Alberta.

T. R. Vaughn, barber, Calgary, has assigned.

E. P. Davis, a Calgary lawyer, has moved to Vancouver, B.C.

Calgary citizens have subscribed and purchased a site to be presented to the Government, for a new post office.

Notice of application for letters of incorporation of the Calgary Brewing and Malting Company is given. The applicants are Alfred Ernest Cross, Mosquito Creek, Alberta, brewer; Herbert Samson, High River, Alberta, ranchman; John Lineham, of Calgary, lumber dealer; Wm. Roper Hull, Calgary, rancher; John Roper Hull, Kamloops, British Columbia, rancher; R. H. McPherson, High River, rancher; William Edwards Cochrane, Mosquito Creek, rancher. The capital stock is \$100,000.

Saskatchewan.

R. Gwynne is building a store at Prince Albert in which he will carry on business in wholesale liquors.

Moore & McDowall, Prince Albert saw mills, will be in a position to ship lumber this coming summer at the rate of sixteen car lots per week.

The Prince Albert board of trade is asking that the place be made a customs port of entry. The nearest custom house is now at Regina, 250 miles distant.

Northwest Ontario.

D. Cooper, baker, Fort William, has sold out to Manning & Hearn.

Johnston Whaley will open in the boot and shoe business at Fort William.

J. R. Stinson has opened a new stock of merchandise in J. G. Clark's old stand at Keewatin.

The Hudson's Bay Co. will this spring add a tailoring department to their business at Fort William. The company also proposes erecting some ten or twelve cottages in Fort William and an addition to the store is contemplated.

The bill for the incorporation of Fort William including West Fort has passed the private bills committee at Toronto. Arrangements were made by which in all probability the Port Arthur electric railway will be continued to Fort William West.

Grain and Milling.

Qu'Appelle farmers are moving for an elevator.

There is now some talk of getting up a joint stock company to build a grist mill at Miami, Man.

Over 350,000 bushels of wheat have been marketed at Hartney, Manitoba, which is not bad for the first year of the new town. It is claimed that 200,000 bushels are yet to be marketed.

The Burnside, Man., Elevator Co., with a capital stock of \$10,000, has been formed. Directors—T. Leader, J. Fisher, K. McKenzie, jr., Wm. Kitson, J. Troop, H. Grant and A. Fox.

On March 15, the steamship Missouri, of the American Transport line, sailed from New York with about 6,000,000 pounds of flour and meal for the starving Russian peasants. The enterprise is that of the *Northwestern Miller*, of Minneapolis, and is most creditable.

Notice is given that application will be made for the incorporation of Frank Burnett, finan-