

Manitoba.

Crawford & Estlin, builders, Melita, have removed to Pipestone.

Walker, J. J., jeweller, has opened business at Portage la Prairie.

Woods & Co., of London, Ontario, will open in dry goods at Brandon.

Mode & Scurfield, Livery, Manitou, have been succeeded by R. D. Scurfield.

The section house and McIntosh's store at Reburn were burned on October 11.

Axford Bros., general store, Belmont; stock sold at 50c on the dollar to F. Finkelstein.

The Winnipeg *Tribune* now appears in a new dress presenting an attractive appearance.

The partnership existing between Griffith & Leo, general store and creamery, Starbuck, has expired.

The work of tracklaying the Winnipeg electric street railway extensions has been delayed by the scarcity of laborers.

The wheat delivery at Portage a month's to about 10,000 bushels per day, although very little is changing hands, being stored by farmers.

The long spell of bright, dry weather has made this fall a bad one for prairie and bush fires, but the rains of last week have put out the fires.

One car of hogs and twelve cars of cattle were shipped from Minnedosa recently. The latter were bought for the Montreal market by John Wake.

New plans and specifications have been prepared for the proposed fish hatchery at Selkirk. Tenders will be called for at once and the building closed in this fall to allow of time this winter for the completion of the works inside the building.

The weather continues very mild and enjoyable, variation in temperature for weeks past being slight. There has been no killing frost yet in the Winnipeg district. Gardens about the city are in full bloom, and tender plants are uninjured.

Straw stacks are taking the place of the wheat stacks and the farmers are hauling the grain to market in large quantities. Some are storing in hopes of an advance in the low prices, others are selling rather than wait for an uncertain raise. Fifty to fifty-three cents is the ruling price.

The close season having begun on October 5, the fishermen have been coming in from Lake Winnipeg. The catch this season has been the largest on record, and whitefish appeared to be particularly abundant. It is a great pity the Selkirk hatchery had not been in operation some time ago, so it could claim the credit for the abundance of fish.

On October 5, says the *Manitou Mercury*, a special train load of cattle, destined for the Liverpool market, left the Manitou station. The shipment was made by R. Ironside, and additional cars of stock would be picked up at Thornhill and Morden. The cargo comprised about three hundred head of cattle, and will probably be Mr. Ironside's last shipment to the old country for this season.

The Winnipeg *Scandinavian Canadian* has appeared for the last time as a monthly publication. Hereafter it will be issued weekly and its size will be enlarged. Mr. Ohlen will have associated with him in the editorial department Rev. C. O. Hofstrand. This is the only Scandinavian paper published in Canada, and as the element which it represents is growing rapidly in Canada, particularly in the west, Mr. Ohlen has found it necessary to make the improvements referred to.

There have been no less than ten separators burned in the past two weeks in the district between Glenboro and Wawanosis says the *Brandon Sun*. Considerable grain was burned with each one. In one case a few miles west of town where the stacks were discovered to be

on fire, the large belt was rolled up and put on the separator, and a team of horses were hitched on but in the excitement prevailing others hitched a pair of oxen on the other end and the horses and oxen were pulling against one another. We understand the horses got the better of the oxen once and pulled it about 15 feet, but their antagonists pulled it back again to be devoured by fire.

Alberta.

The Crystal Hall Co. is the name of a new business concern in Calgary, opening in the crockery trade.

MacNulty Bros., general merchants, Banff, will, after October 15, transfer their headquarters to Canmore.

Little & Cleveland, druggs, etc., Lethbridge; Joshua Little has sold out his interest to J. E. Lethbridge and Thos. Kevin.

The *Edmonton Bulletin* reports the capture of a genuine brook trout near that place. We have heard it alleged that brook trout are not found west of the Lake Superior district, but this is a mistake. A representative of *The Commercial*, who has frequently angled for trout in the east, and knows the fish well, has caught genuine specimens of the "speckled beauties" in the interior of British Columbia.

Assiniboia.

Burton Bros., tailors, Regina, have assigned in trust.

Neelands & Gibbons, are opening in dry goods at Regina.

Wilkinson, Bros., livery, Oxbow, have moved to Estevan.

The partnership existing between A. H. Harrison and A. E. Fleming, agents, Moosomin, has been dissolved, Harrison continuing the business.

Kobold & C., butchers of Winnipeg, shipped seven car loads of fat cattle from Maple Creek on Sept. 8, for the Winnipeg market, and P. Gallagher, of Winnipeg have shipped five cars of cattle. This is the third train load of beef cattle shipped from Maple Creek this summer.

Northwest Ontario.

Two hundred laborers have been hired in the east for the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western railway.

Rutledge & Hammond, dry goods, etc., Fort William, have compromised at 70 cents; 46c cash, balance on time unsecured.

Grain and Milling.

R. Whitelaw's roller and oatmeal mill at Pilot Mound, Man., was completely destroyed by fire on Oct. 11, together with and all the contents. Dow & Will, lessees of the mill, had only left the mill a short time before the fire was discovered. The fire is supposed to have originated in the engine room.

The Selkirk Roller Mill Co.'s mill, Selkirk, Man., has plenty of work to do, says the *Record*, since the roller plant has been put into the mill.

Chas. Braithwaite, grand president of the Patrons of Industry of Manitoba, has been appointed agent at Fort William to look after the shipping of the Patrons' grain. He entered on his duties on the first of the month, at a salary of \$100 per month. One cent per bushel is charged by the association for selling grain there, and this amount will go into the general fund.

The statement has frequently been made that Manitoba will ship more "good" wheat than last year. This fact seems to be misinterpreted by many, particularly in eastern Canada, that the total crop is larger than last year. This is a great mistake. The crop is much smaller,

but the quality is much better. Nearly all the crop is good quality, while last year the average was poor. While there are more bushels of first quality, the total of all grades is much less than last year.

At a meeting of the Winnipeg grain exchange to consider the question of exporting Manitoba wheat via New York, it was decided to delegate President Mitchell to attend the meeting at New York on October 19, when an effort will be made to come to a satisfactory arrangement for the export of Canadian grain via that port. The railway companies say they will receive only three grades of Manitoba wheat for export via New York, and ask the Winnipeg exchange to name the three grades which dealers may ship to that port in carload lots. This will be done later on.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has notified the Winnipeg grain exchange that no car can be consigned to North Bay "for orders" except such as are to go to Ontario and Quebec points. A car billed to North Bay for orders cannot be rebilled for export. Cars billed from country points for export via New York may if the grain misgrades at Winnipeg from the three regular "export grades," be rebilled to any other points, but if detained, a detention charge of \$2 a day will be imposed.

Since the Farmer's Elevator Co. took hold of the People's co-operative Flour Mill project, says the *Liberal*, of Portage la Prairie, Man., very little has been heard of it. But the directors of the Elevator Co. have not been idle. They have had their charter amended, increasing the capital stock and getting power to operate a mill. They have ordered plans to be prepared by architect Head, who will finish them this week. The contract for the erection of the mill will then be immediately let. The intention is to have everything strictly first-class. The building will be of the latest design with stone foundation and of sufficient size for a mill of 250 barrels capacity per day. The mill machinery will be of the very latest and best design. At first only sufficient for 100 or 150 barrels per day will be put in. The exact capacity is not yet decided on. Some 500 shares of \$25 each have been already subscribed for, almost entirely by farmers.

Affecting Western Ranches.

The case of the Crown vs. McDiarmid and Ross was argued in the exchequer court at Ottawa, on October 11. Judgment was reserved. This is the first of a number of cases which the department of the interior has on hand against ranchers in the northwest. McDiarmid and Ross took up a ranch near Calgary several years ago, under the usual lease of twenty-one years, at a rental of two cents per acre. In the course of a few years they fell into arrears with their payments of rent, and their difficulties with the department of the interior ended in the cancelling of their lease. They still continued pasturing a large band of horses on their ranch, and when the department of the interior demanded rent they replied that they were no longer to be expected to pay any as their lease had been cancelled. There are several other cases of the same character. The present policy of the government is to discourage the taking up of large ranches such as that of Sir Stanley Hill, which is over 100,000 acres in extent. The northwest is becoming more settled now, and what is desired is that investors should take up fenced in ranches of about 5,000 acres. There has been much trouble between men who hold leases for vast ranches and settlers who squat on their lands.

Dominion revenue receipts for September were \$3,233,065 and for the first three months of the fiscal year \$9,314,435, being an increase of \$498,552 over the same period last year. There is also an excess of revenue over the expenditure of \$3,560,530.