

## Northwest Trade and General News.

Snow fences will be erected along the Galt railway.

A hotel is being established at the Beaver mine, near Port Arthur.

British Columbia mares are being imported into Manitoba to some extent.

Port Arthur is claimed to be one of the healthiest towns on the continent.

The Hamilton Powder Company intend erecting a magazine at Rat Portage at once.

Goldsmid, Flindt & Rendell are occupying their commodious new store at Binscarth, Man.

Oxhart, rancher, Maple Creek, Assa., has arrived at Brandon with a car of horses for sale.

The Shoal Lake agricultural society will hold its fall show at Shoal Lake, Man., on October 11th.

A carload of choice cattle was shipped to Winnipeg recently by John Wake, of Minnedosa.

The annual Manitoba & Northwestern picnic will be held on the 25th inst., at McArthur's Landing.

The heavy rains of a week ago or so have flooded low meadows in some parts of the province.

A late arrival from the Lake Dauphin district says that coal of good quality has been discovered there.

Coal from the Banff anthracite mines is being distributed to points along the railway eastward from the mines.

McCallum & Vaughan, butchers, Rapid City, Man., have received an order from Winnipeg for two car loads of live hogs.

James T. Gordon, of Pilot Mound, Man., recently shipped another mixed car of cattle, hogs and lambs to Winnipeg.

At the late annual meeting of the Calgary agricultural society it was decided to hold the fall fair on the 28th and 29th of September.

The Tremont House at Pilot Mound is being thoroughly overhauled and repaired, and it is said George Wood, a farmer of the district, has made arrangements for leasing the hotel.

Merrill's new hotel at Port Arthur is to be three stories high and to have all modern improvements. The brick work has been commenced by Hill & Chambers, the contractors.

A by-law will be submitted at Birtle for prohibiting tavern licenses in that town. It will be voted on by the property owners on the 10th of September. The ladies of the place originated the movement.

The Beaver Mine Company, Port Arthur, have shipped or have ready for shipment \$100,000 worth of concentrates and \$75,000 worth of smelting ore, making 100 barrels of concentrates and 75 barrels of smelting ore.

On Saturday, the 31st of August, the special car with samples of the products of Manitoba, intended for the Dominion Exhibition, will leave Winnipeg for Toronto. Mr. R. Waugh, of the *Northwest Farmer*, has charge of the collection.

A meeting called by the mayor was held at Rapid City, Man., lately, to consider the finan-

cial position of the town. The result was that a committee consisting of Messrs. Head and Hampton was appointed to wait upon the government in the matter.

A special general meeting of the shareholders of the Northwest Navigation Company (Limited) will be held at Winnipeg on Thursday, the 15th of September, at 4:30 o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of altering the by laws of the company.

A number of settlers located at Lee's Creek, Macleod, Alberta district, last spring. Some eighteen families in all went in, and more are coming. Their crops are reported to be good. George Farrel will open a store in the settlement, and application has been made for a post office. The settlers are mostly English.

*Birtle Observer.* The abundance and excellence of the vacant lands, the beautiful groves of trees which dot the prairies in all directions for hundreds of miles and the fine timber north in the mountains, within easy reach, makes this portion of the province particularly attractive to men from Ontario who do not love a country without trees.

The Eighteenth street bridge at Brandon is likely to be opened for traffic, free of tolls. The owners want \$3,000 for it, and think the government can be induced to pay half the amount. Cornwallis municipality has voted \$100 towards the purchase, Elton has voted \$200, and doubtless Daly will give \$200 more, leaving \$1,000 for Brandon city to raise.

It is known that the wild geese of Manitoba are very easily domesticated. The *Birtle Observer* says: Last spring a young man of Solsgirth discovered the nest of a wild goose, and removing the eggs he placed them under a domestic bird. The result is a small flock of wild geese without the wild character. The birds are quite tame and large and beautiful.

James McLenaghan of Portage la Prairie recently interviewed Howell & McArthur, the solicitors on behalf of the creditors of that town, as to what terms they would give for a settlement of the municipal debt difficulty. Mr. McLenaghan said they laid before him certain schemes which he proposes bringing up for discussion at the next meeting of the citizens' committee, but he preferred to maintain silence in regard to them until then.

A quarterly meeting of the Regina Board of Trade was held recently. Mr. Carss reported on state of Saskatoon trail, and several further repairs were authorized. The board not feeling it advisable to act upon suggestions of the C. P. R. re stock yards, it was decided to accept the company's offer to build a chute for the convenience of local stock shippers. Other matters of importance were discussed. The resignation of F. J. Hunter as president of the board was accepted, and first vice president D. W. Bole will act as president until the annual election.

Mr. Kirchoffer, M. P. P. for West Brandon, had an interview last week with W. R. Baker, general manager of the Manitoba & Northwestern Railway, on the question of extending their line from Rapid City to Brandon. Mr. Kirchoffer urged the importance of such a line, and pointed out the advantages which would no doubt accrue to the company by its con-

struction. He suggested that in another year they would no doubt find themselves in a position to push the road on southwest to the Souris coal fields. Mr. Baker said when the company made the offer to Mr. Daly to build to Brandon they had the money and were in a position to build the road in six weeks. Mr. Daly refused their offer, and now they had no desire or intention whatever of going into Brandon.

*Winnipeg Sun.* "J. H. Ashdown, president of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, has returned from a western trip extending to Lethbridge and Macleod. On the return trip he addressed a meeting of the Brandon board of trade on the railroad question, and was given a very attentive hearing. He thinks that any misunderstanding that once existed on the part of the business men of that town relative to the intentions of the Local Government in the matter of securing western connection have been removed by recent explanations in the Winnipeg press and elsewhere. He says the crop prospects are magnificent. About one-fourth of the wheat crop has already been cut, and the work is being actively pushed ahead. Probably the greatest drawback is the absence of a sufficient supply of binding-twine.

At the last meeting of Franklin municipality, held at Dominion City, Man., Messrs. Molson, Nanton and Archibald, representing the bondholders, appeared before the council for the purpose of discussing the financial position of the municipality and its ability to pay up arrears of interest. It was agreed that the proceeds of the tax sale to be held at Dominion City on August 30th next—the aggregate amount of arrears advertised is \$8,000—should be paid to the agents of the bondholders to be applied on arrears of interest, and it was further agreed that should the coming sale not prove a success, another should be held in Winnipeg. The agents of the bondholders think if the present economical management of municipal affairs is continued the municipality will soon be in good shape financially.

A charter has been granted by the Local Governor in council to the Winnipeg Transfer Company, of Winnipeg, and at a recent meeting of the promoters, the following officers were elected: President, G. R. Crowe; vice president, Col. McMillan; directors—Alex. Moffat, C. S. Drummond, D. E. Sprague and H. N. Ruttan. Besides these there are two or three English gentlemen who are putting money into the enterprise. The capital is placed at \$50,000, but can be increased. The object of the company is to build a series of large warehouses along the river front, and to build a line of railway running to the warehouses. Another idea the company has is the connection of the railways entering the city from the north end with those at the south end. One great object to be gained would be a connecting link between the C.P.R. and R.R.V.R. The company's charter gives it power to build a bridge over the Assiniboine River and construct six miles of road, which would be sufficient to connect with the R.R.V.R., by a line running along the river front, from the mouth of the Assiniboine to the C.P.R. at Point Douglas. It is expected that active work will commence in about a month.