

Manitoba.

Smith Bros. are opening a general store at Arnaud.

Scott Bros. are opening a general store at Mather.

Frank Rollins has bought the Western hotel at Carberry.

Hamellin & Cameron have bought the general stock of Graham & Co., Napinka.

Wm. Galloway has bought out the Simpson house, Neepawa, from Mrs. J. W. Taylor.

McLennan & Co., of Treherne, have purchased the stock of T. C. Forbes, general merchant, Rathwell.

W. H. Hemling has opened a drug store in the new town on the Gilbert Plains branch of the C. N. R.

Simpson & McKerlie, proprietors of the Starkey House, Carman, are dissolving partnership. Wm. Simpson continues the business.

The stock of C. R. Gordon, general merchant, Manitou, is being sold under chattel mortgage. Stock valued at \$15,000.

T. Atchison's tender of \$4.13 per cord for a supply of fire wood for the old waterworks plant at Winnipeg has been accepted.

Sutherland & Stelck intend opening a hardware store at the new town on the Gilbert Plains branch of the Canadian Northern railway.

R. J. Molloy, of the firm of R. J. Molloy & Co., tent makers, merchant tailors, etc., Brandon, died on Saturday last in that city of typhoid fever.

Taylor, Breen & Frazer, Minnola, Man., have commenced the erection of a new store immediately beside the one they at present occupy.

W. H. Culver, Q. C., of the well known legal firm of Atkins, Culver & Pitblado, Winnipeg, died on Saturday last. He had been ailing for some time.

Peters & Borm, millers, Winkler, doing business under the name of The Winkler Milling company, have dissolved partnership; Julius Borm continues and assumes all responsibilities.

The Winnipeg fire, water and light committee has decided that tenders for five fire alarm boxes, five key boxes, 40 rubber coats and other requirements of the fire department be advertised for.

Thos. Kelly's contract figure for the St. Andrew's Rapids improvement is \$157,000, and the contract between him and the public works department stipulates the work must be completed within three years.

The transfer of the Leland hotel, Glenboro, license from Budd & Wilson to Thos. Gregg has been granted. A transfer of the Carman House, Carman, license from J. J. McMillan to A. R. Campbell, has also been allowed by the commissioners.

The city of Winnipeg offered a considerable amount of city property for sale on Tuesday for arrears of taxes. The sale was well attended and prices averaged high. The choicest lots brought prices ranging up to \$1,200.

The wholesale hardware firm of Marshall, Wells & Co., Duluth, who have had a branch in Winnipeg for some time, under the management of W. G. McFarlane, will erect a new four storey warehouse and office building on Bannatyne avenue, east, this fall.

The business of Macdonald Bros., electricians, Winnipeg, is being taken over by a joint stock company, which has been organized under the name of the Electric Supply and Manufacturing Company & Macdonald Bros., Limited. The company will shortly occupy new premises at No. 565 Main street.

Contractor Kelly is making progress in the work of preparation for carrying out his St. Andrew's Rapids improvement contract. A branch road from the West Selkirk railway is being graded to the river bank, and will be ready for use within a few days, when the big steam shovel ordered from the south is expected to arrive.

A joint deputation from the Winnipeg board of underwriters and board of trade met the civic fire, water and light committee this week to discuss the question of the city fire protection. The speakers advocated increasing the efficiency of the present department by more men, apparatus and stations. Stations in Fort Rouge the north end, and western portion of

the city were strongly advocated by the deputation.

N. P. McIntyre has opened a butcher shop in Pilot Mound.

The E. B. Nash Co. have succeeded to the retail dry goods business of the N. R. Preston Co., at Winnipeg, having purchased the stock at a rate of \$40 on the dollar. They advertise a clearing out sale. Mr. Preston intends moving to Neepawa, where he will engage in business for the Neepawa Trading Co. He has been engaged in business in Winnipeg since the early 80's and is one of the most widely known retail merchants here.

Assiniboia.

A. J. McPhail is opening a flour and feed store at Wolseley.

Jas. Thomson has opened a livery and feed stable at Moose Jaw.

W. E. Garner has purchased the livery business of Chas. Tudge, Wapella.

The Western Canada Woolen Mill Co. will erect a plant at Medicine Hat.

D. McKinnon has taken over the management of the Prairie Witness, Indian Head.

Dutton & Partridge, general merchants, Sintaluta, have dissolved partnership; D. J. Dutton continuing.

The ratepayers of Medicine Hat last week voted on the proposal to raise \$40,000 for waterworks for the town, and the by-law was carried by 61 to 6.

In Portal, near the southeastern boundary of this provisional district, during this summer there have been erected three general stores, one drug store, tin shops, butcher shops, a blacksmith shop, livery stable, besides a number of private dwellings.

Alberta.

Geo. Plaxton has opened a jewellery store in Calgary.

W. D. Pitcairn has started a newspaper, the Herald, in Ponoka.

R. S. Irvin, of the Macleod hotel, Macleod, has sold out to Robert Wilson.

The water in the new irrigation canal reached Lethbridge on the 5th instant.

W. Dewan has leased the livery stable lately occupied by J. Taylor, Battleford.

The annual exhibition at Edmonton, Alberta, will be held on Oct. 23, 24 and 25.

The Brackman-Ker Co. will erect a large warehouse adjoining their mill and elevators.

The plant of the Albertan newspaper, published at Calgary, has been purchased by Wilson & McCaffray.

Carscadden & Wainright, undertakers, of Strathcona, have dissolved. F. W. Carscadden continues.

The furniture and stock of T. Mullett, druggist, Edmonton, is offered for sale by tender by A. G. Harrison, Edmonton.

J. L. Johnson, until recently in the hardware business in Edmonton, has been appointed general agent for Alberta of the Sun Life Insurance Co., with headquarters at Calgary.

W. T. Livock has arrived in Edmonton from Peace river and gives the Bulletin the following information: There has been more rain at Slave Lake this summer than at Edmonton. The road between the head of the lake and Peace River Crossing is in a terrible condition. At Lesser Slave lake the hay grounds for which the lake is noted are covered with water and cannot be cut over. Peace river is higher than it has been for thirty years, but the rainfall on Peace river above the crossing was not as heavy as at Slave lake.

Northwest Ontario.

M. Quinn is opening a restaurant at Rat Portage.

Wm. Cooke, confectioner, of Port Arthur, has assigned.

J. Edgar Rutledge has purchased the grocery stock of S. J. Jones, Fort William.

C. Choquette is erecting a building at Rainy River, Northwestern Ontario, which he will use for a general store.

Tenders have been called for the conveyance of Her Majesty's mails between Fort Frances and the terminus of the Canadian Northern railway, on the south side of the Rainy

river, opposite Beaver Mills, for the winter months, giving a bi-weekly service.

Reports from the Rainy River district state that the crops there are very good this year.

It is reported that a sawmill will be built about half a mile above Beaver Mills on the Rainy River.

W. H. Scott, of the Scott & Hudson Building Co., Rat Portage, has died of injuries received in the factory last November.

British Live Stock Markets.

London, September 3.—The supply of cattle on the Deptford market was very small, in consequence the feeling was strong and prices show a further advance of $\frac{1}{2}$ c since this day week. Choice Steers sold at 14c, and Canadians at 13c.

Liverpool, September 3.—Trade was much firmer and prices are higher at 13c for Canadian cattle and at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for sheep.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

IRON AND METALS.

An important development recently, which has a very encouraging significance for the general situation, are the reports of further improvement in the iron industry. That is to say the decline in prices appears to have been checked, while the beginnings of a new buying movement are discernable. The improvement, as expected, has arisen partly from the curtailment of new production, which has gone on quite rapidly during the last two and a half months, and partly from the recognition by large consumers who have been holding off for a year for a suitable reaction that the limit of their expectations has about been reached. There are two main checks which have frequently been alluded to upon a lasting fall in the iron industry. One is the enormous growth of the routine demands owing to the multiplication of the uses for iron and steel. The other is the higher cost of production in Europe as compared with former years, which is the outgrowth of the higher foreign prices of fuel. Both of these checks are asserting themselves in a practical manner now. The knowledge that a vast number of buyers are ready to send in their orders when the bottom seems to have been reached is a constant stimulus to the individual purchaser to be forehanded in filling his requirements. It is true beyond doubt that when prices begin to turn upward again there will be a rush to cover the necessary wants by the great majority who have waited too long, and an excited advance would not be a surprising sequel. The important general conclusion, however, is that with the change for the better in the iron trade the chief support of those who thought they saw three months ago a protracted decline in general business is removed. The temporary overproduction which caused the reaction in prices, has been pretty nearly corrected, and traders can look with more assurance for a new era of expansion than for a further period of decline.—Montreal Gazette.

NEW YORK LEAD PRICES ADVANCE.

On Thursday of last week the National Lead Company advanced its prices for all lead products $\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound to take effect at once. This advance was a surprise to the trade as it has been the custom to advance prices only after notice. The reasons advanced for this action is an increased demand and the higher prices for pig lead. Foreign makes of lead remained unchanged up to the end of the week.

HARDWARE TRADE NOTES.

Canadian refined Silver Star petroleum has declined $\frac{1}{2}$ c per gallon in the east.

An advance of $\frac{1}{2}$ c a pound in the price of pig lead to $\frac{1}{2}$ c has been made by the American Smelting and Refining Company.

The manufacture of glass in Germany has become a thriving industry. The number of factories has reached 400, giving employment to about 35,000 workmen. For the past thirty years the import from Austria, Belgium, England and Italy has not

only been rapidly losing ground, but Germany now exports to those countries certain kinds of glass, such as bottles of every description, etc. Naturally the German manufacturers have not yet reached that stage where they can compete with Belgium in mirrors or with Venice in fancy-colored decorations.

"Bad deeds are mostly committed at night, aren't they?"

"Yes, Adam, you know, didn't sin until after Eve."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

A lawyer took in a new boy the other day, and, as he had suffered to some extent from the depredations of the former one, he determined to try the new boy's honesty at once. He therefore placed a \$5 note under a weight on his desk and walked out without a word. Upon his return, half an hour later, the note was gone and half a dollar in silver had taken its place.

"Boy, when I went out I left \$5 under this weight."

"Yes, sir, but you hadn't been gone five minutes when a man came in with a bill against you for \$1.50. I guess the change is correct."

"You paid the bill?"

"Yes, sir. There it is, all recaptured. The man said it had slipped your mind for the past four years, and so—"

He he did not get any further before he made a rush for the door. The boy is not in the law business any more.—Chicago News.

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A general store business, thoroughly established, in good town. Good will and lease of premises to right buyer. Address X. N., care of Commercial.

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For purchase of Stock, Book Debts and Real Estate belonging to the estate of Savage Bros., Revelstoke, B. C. Full particulars on application to J. B. Smith, Revelstoke.