

### The Prince Albert Route.

S. McLeod, general merchant, Prince Albert, was in the city this week on his way home from a purchasing trip in Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal and New York. Mr. McLeod is one of the leading business men of Prince Albert, and may be considered a pioneer, having gone there from Winnipeg in 1883. He has had a successful business career, and in 1896 was mayor of the town. While in the east Mr. McLeod was interviewed by a number of the leading papers in Toronto, and Montreal on the subject of the Prince Albert route to the Canadian gold fields. The information he furnished attracted general attention, with the result that many inquiries are being received every mail asking for full information on the route. Mr. McLeod also interviewed members of the boards of trade in the Canadian cities on the subject of promoting trade on that route. The safety and cheapness as well as shortness of the route are points that Mr. McLeod took care to dwell on with emphasis. As to cheapness, he quaintly puts it thus: "It's cheaper than staying at home." Mr. McLeod left on Thursday for Regina to proceed home.

### Boots and Shoes.

Manufacturers are busy on spring goods, and are working on full time. Travellers are still out on their spring trip, and a few orders are coming in, but the great bulk of them have been received, and are ahead of those of a year ago. Remittances continue very satisfactory from both Eastern and Western customers. Prices are firm and well maintained, complaints of cutting being less than in former years, although we are informed that there is still one or two houses resorting to it.—Montreal Trade Bulletin.

### Movements of Business Men

J. H. Ashdown has returned from a trip South.  
E. Nicholson has returned from a trip to California.  
A. H. McIntyre, jeweller, Portage la Prairie, was in the city on Monday.  
E. A. Mott, manager of the Cockshutt Plow Co., Brantford, has returned from the south.  
James Burrige, manager of the Gurney Stove and Range company, was west this week.  
A. S. Binns and H. J. McGill, of R. J. Whittla & Co., wholesale dry goods, Winnipeg, returned last evening from a trip to the Pacific coast.  
W. Gardner, of Barker, Miller & Gardner, merchants, Macleod, N. W. T., was in the city a day this week on his return from a trip to Montreal.

### Financial Notes.

The Merchants' Bank of Canada will establish a branch at Neepawa, Man., taking over the private business carried on by Dr. Harrison.  
W. J. Whitall, vice-president of the Quebec bank, holding many important business interests at Montreal and Quebec city, has passed away at the age of 81.  
T. N. Christie, who has acted in the capacity as manager of the Union bank at Indian Head since its opening three months ago, will move to Calgary to take charge of the branch of the Union bank to be opened there.  
J. J. Millidge, of the firm of Gibbins & Millidge, grain brokers, Winnipeg, has been appointed manager of

the branch of the Union bank at Bois-Sevain Man., Mr. Millidge was accountant of the Bois-Sevain branch when it was first started, and later was located at Souris. Further reported Union bank changes are to the effect that H. B. Shaw, of the Winnipeg branch, will go to Indian Head as manager of the branch at the latter town.

### The Live Stock Trade.

L. J. Thomas and A. B. Hankey, live stock brokers of St. Paul, Minnesota, are in Manitoba on a business trip.

The growth of the live stock business at Winnipeg is shown by the establishment of offices at the stock yards. Several exporting firms now have offices at the yards. H. A. Mullins & Co have recently established offices at the stock yards here.

There was no improvement in the Glasgow market last week. According to reports received, sales of Canadian cattle were at figures which showed a loss of from \$1 to \$5 per head to the shippers, which is very discouraging news after the unsatisfactory state the above market was in last summer.—Montreal Gazette.

### British Columbia Items.

G. A. Feehan is starting in groceries at Trail.  
D. Gaydon, restaurant, Vancouver, has sold out.  
Paulson Bros. are opening in groceries at Rossland.  
C. J. Mills, Nelson, is starting in business as grocer, etc.  
Nathan Friedman, men's furnishings, is opening at Vancouver.  
Johnston & Haines, hardware, etc., Sandon, have assigned.  
W. J. Orr, Kaslo, boots and shoes, has closed out and removed.  
H. L. Turner, grocer, Rossland, is succeeded by Turner & Rajston.  
Morrison & Knowles, hotel, Silverton, are succeeded by L. M. Knowles.  
Geo. E. Munro, Victoria, grocer, is offering his business for sale.  
Alfred Wood, cigars, etc., Victoria, is succeeded by Ruseil Humber.  
Mrs. D. Gaydon, Vancouver, fancy goods, etc., advertises business for sale.  
Julim & Gould, grocers, Kaslo, have closed out and removed to Kalama, Wash.  
Hall Bros., general store, Valdez Island, advertise their business for sale.  
E. A. Marshall, Vancouver, is opening in furniture and mattresses at Vancouver.  
A. L. Stewart, Illecillewaet, general merchant, contradicts the rumor that he is giving up business.

W. J. Blackwell is closing his bottling works at Slocan City and removing to Seattle, Wash.

It is said Turner, Beeton & Co., of Victoria, wholesale importers, dry goods and commission merchants, contemplate opening a branch at Vancouver.

The restrictions placed upon Canadian shipping in handling goods from United States points for Alaska, is greatly resented at the coast, as calculated to deprive Canadian carriers of a profitable trade.

The Centennial Alaska Transportation company will put on two boats from Vancouver to Dyea and Skagway. The company have purchased the Takasago in Japan for \$50,000, and rechristened it the Centennial.

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