

Manitoba.

Dr. G. Frizell has opened as dentist at Minnedosa.

H. G. McBean has opened a drug store at Gretna.

A. Coblentz, liquor dealer, Gretna, has sold out to Otto Ritz.

Hicks has opened in the hotel business at Deloraine in the Palace hotel.

Coppinger, Pickle & Co., are opening in the real estate business at Morden.

G. Coblentz is removing his printing outfit from Gretna to Great Falls, Montana.

C. H. Edwards, of Manitou, has bought the law practice of W. H. Black at Carman.

Otto Ritz has sold his interest in the Anglo-American hotel at Gretna to his brother John.

Howard & Moore have succeeded to the lumber business of Caughlin Bros., at Cartwright.

A motion has been introduced in the Winnipeg city council providing for the taxation of churches.

The Selkirk Trading Company, Limited, Selkirk, has made an assignment to C. H. Newton, Winnipeg.

D. W. Mills, of Carman, has been appointed manager of Gordon, Ironsides and Fares abattoir at Winnipeg.

The result of the assessment of B. is seven for 1900, recently completed shows the population to be 150.

Donald D. Mann and Nell Keith have dissolved the partnership hitherto existing between them at Winnipeg.

McKeivill has bought the Bellevue hotel at Alexander from W. W. Douglass.

H. C. Neilson has purchased the Minnedosa creamery from the shareholders, and expects to increase its output this season.

W. G. Brown has disposed of his blacksmithing business and machine shop at Minnedosa, and is building an improved warehouse.

The Stuart-Arbutnot Machinery Co. have secured the contract for the machinery for the planing mill and machine shop now being erected at Altona, Man.

From May 1 the price of gas in Winnipeg will be reduced to \$2 per 1,000 feet with a discount of 7 1/2 per cent for prompt payment of account, making the cost \$1.85 net.

Jones & Dingman have opened business in Winnipeg as manufacturers' agents in lamps, cutlery, etc. E. W. Dingman, the active partner in the business, was formerly on the road for Jas. Porter, wholesale crockery, Winnipeg. Premises have been secured in the Sanford block.

According to the assessment roll for 1900, the population of Portage in Prairie is 3,917 souls, of which 910 are school children. In 1899 the population was 3,566, and in 1893 it was recorded at 3,593 people. The total value of assessed property is estimated at \$2,083,976, which is, of course, in excess of the 1899 report. The value of property exempt from taxation is \$283,006.

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S. N. Bacon has opened a harness shop at Weyburn.

W. J. Cosgrave has sold out his liquor business at Moose Jaw to A. Smith, formerly of the C. P. R. hotel of that place.

W. J. Thompson is putting in a printing plant at Moosomin, and will start a paper to be called The World.

McDonald & Riddell, harness makers, Moose Jaw, have dissolved partnership. B. Fletcher has been appointed receiver.

It is reported that the Doukhobors who are seeking to leave Yorkton, in strict for the States are indebted to the merchants of that town to a considerable extent for provisions, and other necessities supplied them during the winter.

Alberta.

T. J. Carscaddon will open a hardware and tinmith shop at Fort Saskatchewan.

J. Chenier, lately of Garipey & Chenier, is opening a grocery store at Edmonton.

It is reported that E. C. Pell will not enter into business in produce and fresh meats at Edmonton as he intended.

John T. Macdonald & Co. have purchased the flour and feed and grocery business of J. G. Van Wart, at Calgary.

The bridge across the Saskatchewan River at Edmonton has at last been completed and is now open for traffic. The event was celebrated by the people of Edmonton in a suitable manner.

Northwest Ontario.

Taillon intends opening in jewellery at Fort William.

W. G. Barclay is taking charge of the branch business of The A. Macdonald Co., wholesale groceries, at Rat Portage.

Tenders.

Tenders addressed to the chairman committee on works, Winnipeg, for the construction of several sewers, will be received up to Wednesday, April 18.

Tenders addressed to the chairman, committee on works, Winnipeg, for the delivery of one (1) street sweeping machine, will be received up to Tuesday, May 1.

Tenders, whole or separate, for all trades required in the erection of an extension to a store on William avenue, Winnipeg, were being received by Architect Greenfield, until to-day.

Tenders are requested for the erection of a new school house for the school district of Little Mountain to be addressed to D. Beveridge, Box, 912, Winnipeg. The time for receiving tenders will expire on the 21st of April.

Seeding Notes.

Nepawa, April 9.—Spring has opened out beautifully this year and seeding operations were commenced in this district last week. This has been the earliest seeding operations in Manitoba for the last four seasons. The soil has been a little dry for wheat seeding, but Sunday's rain will moisten the soil sufficient for that purpose and seed will be sown in a few days.

A match factory is to be established at Walkerville, Ontario, by Detroit, Windsor and Montreal men.

The Ontario government is establishing a provincial labor bureau to be devoted to the compilation of statistics relating to labor, to have a general oversight of labor questions, and to ensure the enforcement of laws affecting the working classes. The bureau will be modelled on that of Massachusetts.

Monthly Trade Returns.

The customs statistics for March, 1900, as compared with the same period in 1899 are given below:

	1899.	1900.
Goods exported	\$577,186	\$1,925,095
Entered for consumption—		
Dutiable	432,062	357,539
Free	109,595	159,207

Total \$512,557 \$516,746

Duty collected \$118,117 \$102,022

The inland revenue collections at Winnipeg for the month of March, 1900, is as follows:

Spirits	\$37,085.17
Malt	6,220.32
Tobacco	21,764.37
Law leaf tobacco	791.30
Cigars	2,616.30
Methylated spirits	124.35
Fines and seizures	56.50

Total \$69,056.29

Grain and Milling Notes.

The visible supply of flaxseed in Minneapolis, Chicago and Duluth is 1,127,000 bushels as against 1,890,600 bushels a year ago.

Flaxseed shows continued strength in United States markets and went up another 5c last week. Deliveries at country points are very small whereas the shipments from store are quite large. Farmers are taking considerable quantities for seed. It is estimated that a very large acreage will be shown this year. North Dakota is looked upon as the best flaxstate and will produce more largely than ever this year.

The Manitoba legislature has adjourned until May 7, to enable farmer members to superintend their seeding operations.

A contract has been let at Chicago for the construction of half a dozen vessels for a new company which will operate a line to Montreal. This is supposed to be the Connors' syndicate which recently secured elevator privileges at Montreal. The vessels are to be ready in time to handle this year's crop. The boats will carry about 75,000 bushels of grain each.

E. F. Stephenson, crown timber agent, Winnipeg, returned this week from an inspection tour to the coast. He states that in the Edmonton district the large number of incoming settlers has given a great impetus to business. Most of the settlers are from the States, and in nearly all cases are farmers of means. Several large deposits have been made in the Edmonton banks. One of the new settlers deposited about \$8,000, another \$5,000 and a number of smaller deposits show that the people are able to make a good start for themselves in this country.

The northwestern states figure on receiving a large influx of new settlers this year, some placing the number at 200,000 people between the two Dakotas, Minnesota and Montana. North Dakota will receive the most. Most of these people will be from the older states where they have been crowded out. Land values in the spring wheat states are said to be advancing rapidly, and some large profits have been made by speculators buying up the land in advance of settlers. The Soo line in North Dakota is receiving large numbers of settlers. It is said that settlers are moving in to some parts which have been tried before and found not to be suitable for farming.