

**Manitoba.**

John Sprague is opening a general store at Cayen.

W. Hamilton is starting a general store at Indianford.

Evans & Stovin, Deloraine, are opening a branch at Wascada.

\$15,500 has been expended in new buildings at McGregor this year.

J. Snider and H. Howarth are opening a butcher shop at Crandella.

Hugginson & McLellan, hardware dealers, Brandon, are dissolving.

W. H. Sowden has bought the butchering business of J. O. Gage at Morden.

Spicer Bros. have bought out the bakery and confectionery business of W. Young at Souris.

Gulbault & Cote, who were sufferers by the recent fire in St. Boniface, are about opening out again.

Work on the masonry of the new Bank of Commerce building, Winnipeg, was finished on Tuesday afternoon.

L. J. Collin, of St. Boniface, who suffered in the recent fire in that village, has assigned in trust to S. A. D. Bertrand.

The Northern Pacific will celebrate the opening of its new Portage extension with a free excursion to Winnipeg from all points west of Portage in Prairie.

The market, license and health committee of the Winnipeg city council are advertising for applications for the position of dairy and meat inspector for the city. Applications are to be in by December 4.

W. S. Reid, of the firm of McRae & Reid, railway contractors, whose headquarters are at Winnipeg, was accidentally killed by a falling tree on the North Star branch of the C. P. R. in British Columbia early this week.

An incipient fire was discovered in the Royal block, St. Boniface, on Wednesday morning, which threatened for a time to result in another serious conflagration for that town. Fortunately it was gotten under control with but slight damage.

The new town at the end of the Great Northwest Central railway extension, is to be named Minlota instead of Parkismo as was expected. Building operations are in full swing. Two livery stables are now under construction, also two boarding houses, a blacksmith shop and a general store. John Stewart will move his store from its present site to the new town in the course of a week. His implement shed has already been moved. It is also his intention of starting a harness shop in connection.

Winnipeg retail clerks gave a pleasant entertainment in Oddfellows hall on Monday evening last, which was opened by an address in favor of the earlier closing of stores by Mayor Andrews. The president announced that the work in the interest of early closing was going ahead satisfactorily, and they hoped to have the reduction of hours of labor in stores in force by January. It was also announced that a meeting would be held in Friendship hall next Monday evening to further the work. All city clerks are requested to attend.

**Alberta.**

John Sharples of Calgary, has purchased the general store business of J. Helenback at Olds.

Garlepy & Chenier, general merchants, Edmonton, have dissolved partnership. The business will be carried on by Garlepy & Brosseau.

Notice is given of application for incorporation by the Cochrane Trading company as general traders and stock dealers at Cochrane, Alberta.

**Northwest Ontario.**

Jas. Brouillard has succeeded to the butcher business of E. A. Babin & Co., at Norman.

At a Port Arthur tax sale on Nov. 28, some three hundred parcels of land were disposed of, aggregating over \$15,000. A few lots are left, which will be put up at an adjourned sale on Dec. 12.

The Fort William Journal has been purchased by the Rutledge & Smith Co., the present proprietors of the Times. Both plants will be amalgamated, and in future will be conducted as the Daily Times-Journal.

Arrangements have been made for running a stage line from Rat Portage to Shoal Lake throughout the coming winter, taking in the Sirdar, Tycoon, Crown Point and Milkado mine. The passenger stage will be heated so as to make it more comfortable and will make three trips a week each way.

**Shoe and Leather Trade Notes.**

The tanners and leather merchants of Montreal have changed the discounts on leather from the prevailing six months' basis to one of sixty days. Prices are now quoted net sixty days, one per cent off for payment in 30 days, and 2 per cent off for cash.

A further advance of 1-2c is reported in sole leather, further business being reported at 24 1/2 and 25c for No. 2 manufacturers' sole, with higher prices asked for next year's delivery. Stocks continue very small, and the leading tanners of the country find considerable difficulty in meeting the requirements of the home and export trade. Further large English orders had to be refused. In black leather the market is quiet, and values generally are firm. The continued scarcity of hides and their high price tends to higher prices in leather, and must eventually force a higher basis of value.—Montreal Trade Bulletin.

**Manitoba Wheat Stocks.**

There were 1,719,000 bushels of wheat in store at Fort William on Nov. 25. Receipts for the week were 962,000 bushels, and shipments were 880,000 bushels. Stocks of wheat at Fort William, Port Arthur, Keewatin, Winnipeg and interior country points were estimated approximately at 7,400,000 bushels, compared with about 6,200,000 bushels a year ago.

**Winnipeg Grain Inspection.**

For the week ending Nov. 25 there were 1,497 cars of grain inspected, grading as follows:

Wheat—1 hard, 970, 2 hard, 180; 1 northern, 35; 2 northern, 5; 3 hard, 107; 1 frosted, 23; 2 frosted, 8; 1 rejected, 80; 2 rejected, 35; no grade, 22; 3 frosted, 1; 1 white type, 3; 2 white type, 1; 1 spring, 1; condemned, 3.

Oats—1 white, 3; 2 white, 6; 2 mixed, 8; No. 3, 2; rejected, 1 car. Barley—No. 1, 1; feed, 2 cars. Flax seed—No. 1, 3; No. 2, 2 cars.

The stock of F. W. Watkins, a large general merchant of Hamilton, Ont., who failed a short time ago, has been sold en bloc for 70 cents on the dollar with the stipulation that the purchaser take a lease of the premises for two years, thus preventing any slaughter business.

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