

MANITOBA.

H. third has opened a butcher shop at McLeod.

W. B. Shaw is opening a drug store at Deloraine.

W. B. Fairbairn is opening a flour and feed store at Emerson.

The Thompson House at Neepawa, was slightly damaged by fire on Monday.

Wm. Moor has bought the millinery business of Mrs. Humphrey at Elm Creek.

J. A. Dunkin has purchased the drug business of Geo. Ostrander, at Carleton Place.

P. J. Carroll has bought the Revere house at Deloraine, and will continue there.

The Manitoba medical examinations commenced on Monday with 113 students writing.

The C. P. R. has definitely said that it will not erect a new station at Winnipeg this year.

A butcher has bought the Grand Pacific hotel at Portage la Prairie, and will conduct it in future.

Knittle Bros., Rivers, have been dissolved, and the business will be continuing the business.

The Northern Lumber Company has commenced rebuilding its sawmill at Port Huron which was recently burned.

The Imperial Dry Goods Company of Winnipeg, is applying to have its capital stock increased from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

The Canadian Northern Railway Company will erect a new depot at Portage la Prairie, according to current local reports.

The C. P. R. station at Hartney was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. Some freight and express matter was burned. The records were saved.

John C. Laing, formerly with W. J. Main street, is opening a retail rubber store and physicians' supply house at 243 Portage avenue, Winnipeg.

A new townsite is being laid out by the C. P. R. at the proposed terminus of the St. Andrew line. The plan will be known as Brookdale. The road will reach this new place this year.

The flour and feed store of W. C. Main street, and Aberdeen avenue, Winnipeg, was visited by fire on Wednesday night. The loss was \$1,500. The damage done on Saturday night last fire broke out in the basement of Neveland & Co's dry goods store, on Main street. The store was soon extinguished, but damaged the stock to some extent.

Money has been received from the Chicago capitalists who have proposed building an electric line into Springfield municipality, that a grade will be constructed as far as Oak Bank village this year.

A new business college has been opened at Bragist, in the block previously occupied by the Brandon Business College, they having moved to larger quarters, necessitated by the increase of pupils.

A dwelling house was destroyed in Winnipeg week ago as a result of lighting a fire in a stove with coal oil. The house was John Choinier's, on Main street, the man who started the fire was slightly burned.

Gateway Bros., of Gladstone, gave a positive denial to the publication that they were contemplating retirement from business in Gladstone in the near future. There is no foundation for the rumor.

The C. P. R. will run the first excursion to Winnipeg Beach, their pretensions for the line to Lake Winnipeg, at the terminus of the new line, until the supplies of St. Andrew's Society are exhausted.

E. P. Hutchings, who is deeply interested in the experiment which is now in progress, of boring for petroleum oil near Winnipeg, states that indications for oil are very satisfactory so far and those in charge of the work are hopeful.

The inspector of buildings at Winnipeg reports that up to date 258 building permits have been issued, the majority of which are for construction of \$50,000. At the same date last year 181 permits had been issued, the best construction aggregating \$68,120.

Peter McArthur, Alexander D. McArthur and Geo. Barr, of Westbourne;

Geo. O. Bellamy, of Winnipegosis, and J. G. Harvey, of Dauphin, have been incorporated as the Standard Lumber Company of Manitoba, to carry on a general manufacturing and lumber building business throughout the Dominion.

Last week The Commercial contained an item to the effect that the Telford had purchased the lumber business of Wells & Co., of Lake Winnipeg. It was expected that this regards the name of the purchasing firm. It should have read Drake, Telford & Huley.

An erroneous impression seems to have been caused by the press reports of the closing of a clothing store in dealer, Winnipeg, which occurred about two weeks ago. This is not B. H. Shragge, who well-known dealer in scrap and old materials, as some seem to think. B. H. Shragge is one of Winnipeg's most prosperous business men.

The retail dry goods merchants of Winnipeg have given notice to the public that after June 1 they will discontinue the practice of giving special discounts to certain favored individuals and classes. This practice, from small beginnings has grown to be a serious menace to the retail trade. Consequently action is now being taken to stop it.

Charges of fraud in connection with the business of Winnipeg have been freely made this week. It is alleged that the weight certificates of the city warehouse are systematically altered to show larger amounts of coal delivered to consumers than his sales indicated. It is expected that the charges are true.

The plan is being organized in Winnipeg to manufacture brick in the valley of the Pembina river at La Riviere, some 15 miles from Winnipeg. In short, the company will be called The Pressed Brick & Tile Company, with capital of \$100,000. E. P. Hutchings, E. I. Dreyer, Arthur Stewart, W. J. Chesley, J. H. L. Brown, and J. C. Carle, of Larkville, are interested.

The returns of the Immigration department for April are now complete. Commissioner Smith stated that there had been reported to the Winnipeg office 5,885 arrivals during the month of April. This is the largest number of immigrants that were reported during April of last year, the number being 5,400. The immigration, 65 per cent was British or American. The number of immigrants from the British Isles over 2,500. Of the foreign nationalities, which constituted the remainder were German and Russians predominated.

Strath & Company is the name of a new concern which has been doing business in one of the by-places of commercial life in Winnipeg since the first of this month, and which is respectfully bidding for a share of the vast amount of work which is always to be done in this line in every progressive city. They are successors to Miss Hind, who carried on a type-writing and stenography office in the McIntosh block, and who catered for all persons who need the services of a stenographer. Strath & Company seek attention particularly as patrons of the commercial travellers. Expert stenographers are always on duty to meet the requirements of callers or will attend in any hotel or office in the city called.

The Dauphin Press says: The fishing season opens on the 15th inst. and the fishermen on the latter lake are somewhat in a quandary this spring. The number of boats to be licensed for the season are three times over the number the department will issue. It is expected that the number of forty in present with the inspector with the prospect that no more than ten will be issued. This means twenty boats with two men to a boat. Naturally many of the men who have applied for licenses have failed to get them and feel very much disappointed but there appears to be no quarrel as it extends to the best possible humor. Another phase of the question is the prospect of the fishermen that the fish companies are not open to buy the quantity of fish that they have last year. The companies claim that the operations were not sufficiently profitable to repeat the experience this season.

ASSINIBOIA.

A. E. Samis is opening a tailor shop at Arcola.

W. Wensley is opening a furniture store at Carlyle.

Alex. Cameron is opening a general store at Rocville.

Brannan & Co. are starting in the general store business at Wauchope.

E. Hale, formerly of Oak Lake, is opening a hardware store and implement warehouse at Pense, Assa.

The village of Carlyle is advertising for a bond of \$10,000 to be paid in 10 years in equal annual instalments.

A. C. Hawthorne, clothing and goods' furnishings, Medicine Hat, is opening a branch store at Maple Creek.

The Moose Jaw Signal and Soo Line News is the rather lengthy name of a new paper which has presented itself for public favor at Moose Jaw. Its initial number is a creditable one, and gives promise of a successful career.

W. F. Smiley and T. H. Cochrane, of Moose Jaw, have formed a partnership, and will carry on a real estate, fire and insurance business at that place, under the name of Smiley, Cochrane & Co.

ALBERTA.

The Edmonton Tobacco Company has opened a tobacco shop at Edmonton.

Cawker & Bouch, druggists, Medicine Hat, Assa, have opened a branch store at Deer, near Lacombe.

The Plaiddealer, of Strathcona, has issued a useful little handbook and pamphlet descriptive of that town and district for the use of intending settlers and investors.

A. Allan, collector of customs at Calgary, states that during the month of April duty to the value of \$1,577.93 was collected there, while 227 cars of goods were shipped through the city valued at \$161,100.

SASKATCHEWAN.

W. D. T. Jones, one of the best known traders of the Northwest, had his store of supplies wrecked in the rapids of the Saskatchewan at Port la Corne, 70 miles east of Prince Albert. Mr. Jones had gone on the river from his headquarters at Fort Assiniboia to Prince Albert, with his winter stock of furs, and was returning with his spring stock of goods. In passing the in a Corne rapids his boat was wrecked, and he and his crew narrowly escaped drowning. The cargo was worth \$2,500, but was all saved, with the exception of \$250 worth of goods.

N. W. ONTARIO.

Wm. Armstrong is starting a shoe shop at Rainy River.

A public meeting was to be held in Fort Frances last evening for the purpose of forming a board of trade.

The Labor Market.

There is a good demand for all kinds of skilled and unskilled labor in the west. A great many men are wanted for railroad work. There is also a good demand in the building trades. The only disturbances to note are the continuance of the bakers' strike in Winnipeg, and the strike of Canadian Northern machinists at Winnipeg. The latter has given rise to a discussion with the company for some time, and they are reported that they cannot get a hearing to have taken this kind of bringing the officials to time. They walked out of 10 men on Monday morning. About fifty men are out. The C. P. R. management has been discussing the matter with the machinists and freight handlers this week, with every prospect of satisfaction. The men testify to the fair spirit of the management, and no trouble is anticipated.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has secured control of the east and west end stock yards and abattoirs at Montreal, and this week to develop the cattle trade of that port.

FINANCIAL.

Winnipeg Bank Clearings.

Returns for the Winnipeg clearing House for the week ending Thursday, shows as follows:—
Week ending May 15, 1902... \$2,319,382
Corresponding week, 1901... 2,171,885
Corresponding week, 1900... 1,583,566

Financial Notes.

British Columbia will start its next financial year with a net deficit of \$104,000. The deficit of the province is now \$6,407,757.

C. C. Houston, of the Imperial bank at Port Huron, Mich., has been moved to Winnipeg. Mr. Steele, of the Winnipeg staff succeeded him.

The public school district of Prince Albert, Sask., is advertising for tenders for the purchase of \$10,000 of its debentures bearing interest at seven per cent.

The school trustees of Rapid City district, Minn., are asking for tenders for \$8,000 of the district securities, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent, per annum, repayable in 20 years.

During the ten months which have already elapsed of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902, the government has collected in inland revenue \$5,719,857, against \$5,447,633 at this time last year.

Dominion Steel Company stocks are now down 24 points below the high level which they reached during the boom of last month. On Monday this week they dropped 41 points. The quotation may be expected to decline in due to natural reaction from the flatness.

The annual statement of the Bank of Montreal for the year ending Bank 26, 1902, shows net earnings of \$1,000,000, and a balance of profit for the previous year, and a balance of loss of \$764,703, as against \$724,190 for the previous year. The million dollars has been added to the rest account, making the total of eight millions and eight hundred thousand has been paid out in dividends.

The Canadian daily papers have been full of life with the advertising matter of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company, a concern which proposes to revolutionize the freight carrying to and from the Lawrence river, with a type of craft which has not before been tried by the navigating forces of the river. Its patentee claims will carry more than any existing draught of water tonnage, and will require less tonnage than any existing vessel of the same size. It is now asked to take up 2,500 shares of \$100 per share, or in other words, to provide \$250,000 to enable the projectors to go ahead with construction of vessels. There has been a good deal of company promoting in Canada of late years for various purposes, and the public has dealt almost too generously for its own good with these concerns. Whether this new one will be able to secure what it wants from the public, time remains to be seen.

Freight Rates.

There has been some enlargement of heavy grain from Duluth to Montreal at 5 1/2c per bushel, says the Montreal Trade Bulletin. The rate from Port William at 5 1/2c, but 6c is now Port asking rate. From Chicago to Montreal the rate of heavy grain is quoted at 45c, and we have just heard of three carloads being booked. There is a firm feeling in the market, and the rate going to Buffalo, 150,000 bushels of corn being advanced at 1 1/2c, which is 1 1/2c advance on the rate of Buffalo. Wheat from Buffalo to New York by 4c per bushel, corn 3 1/2c, and oats 2 1/2c.

The United States government is taking action against the beef trust with a view to breaking its control of prices.

The peach and grape crop of the St. Catharines portion of the Niagara district was almost entirely ruined by a heavy frost on Saturday night last. Trees and vines were far advanced in the fruiting stage, and the loss of heavy crop for the coming season. Peaches and grapes, being late, were not so badly injured, but this class of fruit will also be very scarce. All tomato and cucumber plants that had been set were ruined.