

Manitoba

D. McIntosh, general merchant, Dauphin, offers his business for sale.

The Carberry summer fair opened on July 21, and was a very successful event.

Mr. Haslam, of Headingly, near Winnipeg, contemplates establishing vegetable evaporating works.

Rosen & Duggan have bought D. Fraser's general store at Selkirk and will continue the business.

Harry Peever is opening a harness shop at Oak Lake, making the third business of the kind in the town.

An auction sale of military stores—tents, blankets, etc., will be held at the military stores, Winnipeg, on July 28.

Wm. Moffat, general merchant, Kerfoot, has sold his stock to F. A. Moore, who has opened business at Petrol.

The first harvest excursion party from Ontario arrived in Winnipeg Thursday evening. There were about 600 people in the party.

J. M. O'Loughlin, of New York, formerly of Winnipeg, was renewing old acquaintances in this city this week. He returned homeward on Thursday.

The Queen's hotel, Minnedosa, has changed management. Mr. Russell, of Winnipeg, having entered into possession, Mr. Reeves retaining an interest in the bar.

It is stated that the proposed railway from Brandon, to Deloraine will be built this year, with a spur to the coal district south of Deloraine, where it is said a plant for mining coal will be put in.

It is said 63,000 people visited the Winnipeg Industrial. This is the record of the turnstiles, but some persons no doubt visited the fair several times. It is, however, the largest attendance on record.

The Brandon summer fair held this week is reported to have been a great success, exceeding all previous years in almost every department. A large portion of the exhibits and attractions of the Winnipeg fair went to Brandon.

The summer fair at Portage la Prairie this week was mainly of a local character, owing to the fact that the Brandon and Carberry fairs made it difficult for exhibitors to take in the Portage fair. The exhibition, however, was very creditable to the district.

West Selkirk.

A representative of The Commercial during a visit to the town of Selkirk, Manitoba, a few days ago gathered some interesting information regarding business conditions at that point. For the information of readers of The Commercial who dwell in distant parts and are not familiar with the geography of Manitoba it may be well to explain that Selkirk is situated on the Red river, about twenty-three miles north of Winnipeg, and is one of the oldest settlements in this western country. It is a lumbering, fishing and trading centre of considerable importance and is the shipping port for all the extensive trade from the shores and fisheries of Lake Winnipeg. It also enjoys a considerable trade with the

Indians and half-breeds, who dwell along the banks of the Red river and on the St. Peter's Indian reservation, which is near here.

No attempt is to be made here to describe Selkirk and its industries, as this has already been done repeatedly by The Commercial and other publications, but a few notes on its present business conditions will no doubt be appreciated by the readers of this journal.

In its lumbering industry Selkirk seems to be enjoying an extensive and lucrative trade. The mill of H. B. Mitchell, is cutting large quantities of spruce logs into excellent lumber and the yards of Wm. Robinson, and I. Riley are drawing large supplies continually from the lake mills and shipping these to all points in Manitoba. There is a large demand for the product of all these concerns and the only difficulty experienced is in filling orders. Wm. Robinson has also a planing mill and box factory at work here where a number of men are employed.

Very few people, even among those who live near Selkirk have any idea of the extent of the operations, in the packing and shipping of fish, which are carried on at this point. The Selkirk Cold Storage and Transportation company of which Wm. Robinson is one of the principal partners; The Selkirk Fish company and several other concerns are all engaged more or less extensively in the business of packing and shipping Lake Winnipeg fish, such as sturgeon, whitefish, &c. These are shipped in a frozen condition, and the business extends to points as distant as the city of New York and indeed to almost every considerable place on this continent. So excellent is the system of freezing and packing these fish and the condition of them at all times for food purposes that they displace fish of the same species at almost every point where they can be found in the United States. The Commercial representative had the pleasure of being shown through the new cold storage plant of the Selkirk Cold Storage and Transportation Co., where immense quantities of fish are being continually frozen and handled by the effective and economical ammonia process, and on the conclusion of his visit could not help expressing surprise at the extent and completeness of the plant. The fish are kept constantly in a temperature ranging from 17 degrees to zero during the freezing and packing process and are thus made to retain all the properties of freshly caught fish which to all intents and purposes they are right up to the time of their consumption, even if this be many months from the time of catching and in latitudes as far south as the Gulf of Mexico. One of the engines used in running this plant is alone worth something like \$10,000.

General mercantile business in Selkirk this year is in a fairly flourishing condition. The Indians on the neighboring reserve have recently received their treaty money amounting in all to some \$8,000, and as a result there is considerable cash in circulation among the merchants just now. Business in Selkirk is always of a more stable character than that in the ordinary agricultural towns in Manitoba. The varied character of its industries insures this.

The Selkirk Trading Company, handling a stock of general goods, has just moved into a new stone building and with Mr. C. C. Lee as man-

ager is looking forward to a greatly increased trade.

Mr. J. G. Dagg is opening a new stock of general goods in his commodious store, which has heretofore been occupied by the Selkirk Trading Co.

Rosen & Duggan recently bought out the general store of David Fraser and are making a strong effort to establish themselves in the good graces of the trading public of Selkirk.

The passenger service Lake Winnipeg is beginning to add something to the importance of Selkirk, as it is the unloading point. Many people have already taken advantage of the excellent passenger service afforded by the boats of Messrs. Reid & Tait for a run over Lake Winnipeg to Grand Rapids and Selkirk Island, and large numbers more are contemplating the trip. Those who have already taken it either this year or last have expressed themselves as delighted with the sail and with the comforts provided, and we confidently recommend this as one of the very best short trips to be had from Winnipeg, and all points in Manitoba.

In conclusion it may be said that Selkirk gives this summer, to even a casual observer, an impression of business, progress and importance such as is conveyed by very few points of its size in the province.

Tenders.

Tenders are asked for \$5,000 school debentures of the town of Gladstone, Man.

Tenders for the work of widening the outlet of Lake Manitoba will be shortly called for.

Tenders will be received until August 1, for the sheeting of the Keweenaw farmers' elevator with metallic sliding and putting in of a new bin spouting.

For Consideration.

A few weeks ago an engineer who happened to be on the lockout at Sheffield, came home late one night, much the worse for drink, and, to his surprise, on arriving he found the door locked, and the house all in darkness. Trying the door a few times, he bawled out:

"Mary, Mary, let me in!"

All of a sudden up went the window, and Mary popped her head out.

"Heleoa! Wheer dost reckon theeaw's bin while now?" she asked.

"Oh, Mary, we've been considering th' present strike."

"Oh, well, then," said Mary, "sit thee down on doorstep and consider th' present lockout."

Stranger—"Did you ever think what you would do if the rope should break or your foot should slip when you are cleaning the outside of one of those windows on the seventeenth floor?"

Window Cleaner—"Yes, sir, I would go out of the business entirely."

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