

Manitoba.

Wm. Hopkins intends opening in hardware at Hartney.

Irvine Bros. will open a hardware store at Austin, shortly.

Frank Elliott has opened out a line of hardware at Gainsboro.

Hugh McFetridge intends opening in boots and shoes at Carberry.

John Drew & Son are opening a hardware store at Snowflake.

Jas. Freeborn, grocer, Morden, has sold out to James Blair, of Ottawa.

The C. P. R. will enlarge its yards and one of its roundhouses at Winnipeg.

The Selkirk town council has struck the rate of taxation for this year at 19 mills.

Mills & Hamilton are starting a paper at Boissevain, to be known as the Recorder.

A sale of lands in the city of Brandon for arrears of taxes will be held on October 30.

The Anderson Produce Company, of Winnipeg, are opening a branch at Brandon.

Chas. Whitehead, at one time a leading druggist of Winnipeg, contemplates re-opening in the city.

Windy weather this week has led to some bad prairie fires which have destroyed considerable hay.

Fred Wilson, Treherne, has entered into partnership with S. Calvert, of the Central store, in that town.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company will considerably enlarge their railway work shops at Winnipeg.

The first train will be run over the Snowflake extension of the C. P. R. on Monday, when the spur will be open for traffic.

The Dauphin track is now laid as far as Swan River and an auction sale of town lots of that place will be held on Wednesday next.

Burglars entered several stores at Boissevain on September 23, but without very much success. They were afterwards captured.

W. F. Cochrane, general merchant, Oak River, has made an assignment to S. A. D. Bertrand. The creditors meet at Winnipeg on Oct. 3.

W. C. Manning and W. A. Lawson have entered into a partnership at Winnipeg to engage in the coal business under the style Atlantic Coal Co.

It is likely that the train and mail service on the Emerson branch of the Canadian Pacific railway will be increased from two to three trips a week.

The Winnipeg city council has decided, on the recommendation of its fire, water and light committee to reduce the water rates of the new city water works 25 per cent.

D. D. Adams, coal and wood merchant, Winnipeg, has opened a fine new yard on Higgins street for the accommodation of his business during the coming winter.

Jackson, of the grocery department of the Hudson's Bay company, Winnipeg, will start in business for himself, having purchased the grocery business of Thos. John & Co.

Joseph Neumeyer has sold out his brewery business at Brandon. Two Brandon men, R. G. Macdonald and J. A. Robinson are said to be the purchasers, though they are said to have bought the business in the interest of the Empire Brewing Co., Toronto.

A. E. Hill & Co., general merchants, Griskwold, will open a branch store at Underhill on the Balmoral branch of the Northern Pacific. Underhill lies about midway between Souris and D'Eloraine.

The tracklayers on the Canadian Northern railway reached Favell river on Tuesday, the 19th inst. Favell river is twelve miles south of the Swan river townsite. The graders have reached a point some distance north of Swan river.

A joint committee of the Winnipeg board of trade and city council met on Tuesday afternoon to discuss the question of the improvement of St. Andrew's Rapids. It was decided to urge upon the minister of public works that tenders for the work be asked as soon as possible.

R. J. Gallagher, formerly of Winnipeg, but who has been in the east since last fall, returned to the city and will open business here as commission dealer and manufacturers' agent. He has secured the agencies of a number of eastern firms, including Braley, Sons & Co., Marotte & La Blane, C. A. Chouillon & Co., Oxalis Fluid Beef, etc.

A party consisting of Wm. Stitt and J. Manson, of the C. P. R. service, Winnipeg, and E. F. Hutchings, J. Ducker, D. R. Dingwall, W. Brydon, Geo. Murray, J. W. McLeod and A. N. McPherson, all well known business men, visited the new brick and tile works at Lac du Bonnet last week and have returned very much impressed with the importance of the industry.

The Western Agricultural and Art Association of Brandon held its annual meeting on Sept. 26, at which the following officers and directors were elected: President, W. J. Lindsay; 1st vice president, R. M. Matheson; 2nd vice president, R. E. A. Leech; secretary and manager, F. J. Clark; Directors—Messrs. Anderson, Brisbin, Clark, Ferguson, Fleming, Huntbury, Kelly, Lindsay, Leech, Middleton, McPhail, Matheson, Payne, Pilling and Pattimore.

Mr. McKenzie, of the Canada Northern railway, who is in the city this week, declares that the road will be extended to Hudson Bay. The action of the company in securing power to extend the road westward to Prince Albert, on the North Saskatchewan river, led to the belief in some quarters that the intention to build northward to the bay had been abandoned, in favor of a westerly route through the Saskatchewan valley. Both lines, Mr. McKenzie says, will be built.

Alberta.

Innisfail is organizing a board of trade. If its meetings subsequent to organization are as lively as the one at which definite action in that direction was decided on the new board will never die from lack of interest in its proceedings.

Speaking of the crop prospects in that neighborhood the Edmonton Post says in its issue of last Saturday: "We have had fine, clear weather all week and the effect in the country must have been beneficial in expediting the harvest. In many places threshing is under way and some heavy yields have been reported. Those who cut green are few in comparison with those who waited for the change in the weather and got it and the loss from premature cutting will be small. There have been slight frosts, but little damage to grain can now be done."

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Miss McLeay is opening a millinery and fancy goods store at Medicine Hat.

Saskatchewan.

Merchants of Rosthern have organized a board of trade, with the following officers: President, A. D. McIntyre; vice-president, John Hamm; secretary-treasurer, A. Davidson.

Northwest Ontario.

Rutledge & Smith are publishing a new semi-weekly paper to be known as The Times, at Fort William.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—New, No. 1 hard wheat was offered at 69 1-2c spot afloat Fort William.

Flour—Local price per sack: Patent, \$2.05; best bakers', \$1.85.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$9 per ton; shorts, \$11, with \$1 per ton off for large lots.

Oats—Per bushel, car lots now oats on track, Winnipeg, 30c.

Barley—Carlots on track, Winnipeg, sold at 30c per bushel.

Butter—Dairy, jobbers' prices, 13 1-2c to 14c; fresh creamery, 19 to 20c at factories.

Cheese—9 to 31-2c per pound at factories.

Eggs—Dealers paid 14c per dozen.

Hides—No. 1 green hides 7 1-2c.

Wool—\$ 1-2 to 9c for unwashed fleece.

Seneca—19 to 20c per lb.

Hay—Baled on track here, \$5 to \$6 per ton.

Potatoes—New potatoes, 25 to 35c per bushel.

Poultry—Turkeys, 10 to 11c per lb., live weight; live chickens, 50 to 60c per pair; spring chickens, 25 to 30c per pair; ducks, 65 to 80c per pair.

Game—Ducks, 15 to 40c per pair.

Dressed meats—Fresh killed beef, city dressed, 43-4 to 51-4c; mutton, 7- to 7 1-2c; hogs, 7 to 7 1-2c for dressed; veal, 6 to 7c.

Live Stock—Cattle, 3 to 3 1-4c off cars; for exporters and 2 1-2 to 3c for butchers' stock; hogs, off cars, 5 to 5 1-4c per pound for best bacon hogs; sheep, 3 1-2 to 3 1-2c off cars.

Comparative Prices of Staples.

Bradstreet's gives the following table of comparative prices at New York, in its last issue:

	Sept. 22, 1899.	Sept. 23, 1898.
Flour	\$3.25 to \$3.35	\$1.25 to \$3.40
Wheat ..	73 1-2	73 7-8
Corn ..	39 1-4	34 1-8
Oats ..	27 3-4	26 1-4
Rye ..	61	54
Cotton ..	6 5-8	5 7-16
Printcloths ..	2 3-4	2-16 loss 1 p.c.
Wool ..	34	30 to 31
Pork, mess ..	\$9 to \$9.50	\$8.75 to \$9
Lard ..	5.65	5.20
Butter ..	23	21
Cheese ..	11 1-2	8 3-8
Sugar, gran.	4.76	5 1-2
Coffee, Rio ..	6	6 5-8
Petroleum	8.80	7.65
*Iron, Bess. Sigs.	23.25	10.50
*Steel billets, ton ..	38.00	16.00
Steel rails ..	33.00	18.00
Copper	18.50	12.25
Lead, lb.	4.60	4.00
Tin, lb.	32.00	
* Pittsburgh.		

Factory lumber continues scarce in the States and factories have trouble keeping their supply within reasonable distance of requirements.

Owing to the scarcity of labor, milling concerns are a little dubious as to their ability to get out a full complement of logs next winter. Wages must be very high to secure the necessary number of men.