

Manitoba.

J. Siemens has opened a real estate and financial office at Altona.

Wm. C. Currie, music dealer, Brandon, died on the 2nd inst. of typhoid fever.

Mills & McCartney have purchased the grocery business of J. L. Lamb at Altona.

Rapid City residents are organizing a company for installation of a telephone system.

The Hamiota Hustler newspaper has changed hands. Mr. L. B. Latimer is the new publisher.

Tracklaying on the Roston and Waskada extension of the C. P. R. is being pushed to the utmost.

An estimate by The Press of the amount being spent in Dauphin on new buildings this year places it at \$37,500.

A. Gresbach, the Altona merchant, whose store was robbed a few days ago, is offering \$100 reward for the recovery of goods stolen.

The steamer Lady of the Lake, while going up Berens river, struck a sunken rock, was waterlogged and had to be towed into the harbor. Her cargo was slightly damaged.

\$50,150 has been invested in new buildings in the town of Neepawa this year. This sum includes \$10,000 spent by the Union bank in a new brick bank building. \$1,500 was spent on a fire hall.

E. A. Blow, who has been city editor of the Winnipeg Free Press for several years, has accepted an important position with the firm of Walter Suckling & Co., real estate agents, Winnipeg.

The Carberry Express estimates that \$63,600 has been invested in new buildings in that town this year. This includes \$35,000 for a mill. Farmers in the neighborhood of the town are spending \$32,550 in new buildings.

Campbell Bros., hardware merchants, Winnipeg, have sold out their stock of hardware and house furnishings to Wm. Anderson and J. E. Thomas. M. Campbell is retiring from business to accept the western management of a well known eastern manufacturing. Copp Bros., manufacturers of stoves, ranges, etc. This firm intends enlarging its operations in the west.

The Vulcan Iron Co., Winnipeg, have received an order for the valves and pipes for the softening works, in connection with the new waterworks system, which is being established in Winnipeg. The contract for this work was let by tender to a Pittsburg concern, and it shows well for our local iron industry that the Pittsburg contractors are able to secure such important portions of their supplies in the city.

J. McLeod Holiday, wholesale merchant, Winnipeg, has found it necessary to enlarge his premises. He has taken another store in the same block, in which his business has been carried on in the past, at No. 267 Portage avenue, and this will be connected by archways with his old quarters. The addition to his warehouse accommodation will give him three more floors. Mr. Holiday intends to largely increase his stock of stationery and other lines which he carries.

Alberta.

The contractors on the big northern Alberta irrigation canal have now finished \$75,000 worth of work, and if

fine weather continues, will be finished in the stipulated time.

The Northwest Fire Insurance company has opened an agency at Inuitfall with John Smith as manager.

Several new buildings are in course of erection at Cardston, which is growing fast.

D. Thompson, from Utah, arrived in Cardston last week, and opened up a watch and clock repair shop.

The Western Co-operative Loan & Investment Co. has established an agency at Strathcona under the charge of J. D. Foster.

Speaking of the weather and crops last week, the Edmonton Bulletin says: "Tuesday was a fine day and Wednesday was still finer. A light snow fell on Monday night, but this was cleared off by the warm sun of yesterday. Roads are good but a little muddy on the surface. Stacking and threshing are in progress. Stacked grain is all right for threshing, but grain in the stack has not been fit for threshing since the snow fell. Those who have threshed have made a mistake as their grain will be damp. Some settlements report potatoes well out of the ground, while in other parts a large proportion are still in the ground. No very great damage has been done yet. If warm weather comes for a few days they will be all right."

Assinibola.

A natural gas well has been struck at Medicine Hat at a depth of 700 feet by Chas. Cotter.

E. J. Brooks, general merchant, Indian Head, is making an important addition to his store premises.

Saskatchewan.

The excitement of the week, says the Prince Albert Times of last week, has been the round up and shipment of some 2,000 head of cattle by J. M. Paul. This is by far the largest shipment, as yet, of cattle from the Saskatchewan, and totals up in value to something like \$100,000.

Northwest Ontario.

W. Clary's bakeshop at Rat Portage was destroyed by fire on Sunday last. Loss about \$200 on plant and stock.

The Central hotel, Rat Portage, was damaged by fire on Oct. 29 to the amount of \$4,500 on building and contents. The hotel was well insured.

The Watrous Engine Company has just delivered to the Keewatin Lumber Company at Keewatin, Ont., one of their No. 3 Allis band mills with No. 2 Reliance log carriage with 4 head blocks and a No. 1 extra heavy double friction feed works. This alteration in their mill plant is being made by the Keewatin Co. preparatory to their spring work.

Grain and Milling Notes.

Metcalfe & Son have completed a new metal roof on their oatmeal mill at Portage la Prairie.

The machinery has been received for the new flour mill which is being established at Cardston, Alberta.

It is estimated by some that America will have about 2,000,000 bushels of flaxseed available for export to the markets of Europe from the present crop after supplying all home needs. Export shipments so far have been light owing partly to scarcity of cars and ocean vessels.

The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. have purchased a property in Montreal, where they will build new offices and warehouse.

Canal rates from Buffalo are reported at 4c for wheat to New York, advancing tendency. Rail rates were to be advanced to 61-2c for wheat, Buffalo to New York, about Nov. 1st.

William Goodwin, of Buenos Ayres, an authority on Argentine grain statistics, estimates the exportable wheat surplus of the coming crop will be 70,000,000 bushels and the quantity of grain remaining over from the last crop about 16,000,000 bushels.

A number of grain dealers in the Winnipeg grain exchange have arranged a sort of association to enable them to combine their shipments. The arrangement will enable them to charter boats and make up cargoes jointly, and effect savings in other ways in shipping grain. None of the parties to the agreement are elevator owners. Independent action of those interested, in buying grain, is not affected by the agreement. Following are the parties to the arrangement. Duncan G. McBein, Wm. S. Logan, Thompson, Sons & Co., Walker & Boston, W. C. Graham, F. J. Parker, McBean Bros., MacLennan Bros., John McVicar, John A. Logan, W. Gibbins & Co.

Winnipeg Prices a Year Ago.

Following were Winnipeg prices this week last year:

Wheat—No. 1 hard wheat quoted at 70 1-2c 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 new oats on track, Winnipeg, 28 to 30c.

Barley—Carlots on track, Winnipeg, 20c per bushel for feed grades.

Butter—Dairy, jobbers' prices, 15 to 15 1-2c; fresh creamery, 20c at factories.

Cheese—3 3-4 to 9c per pound at factories.

Eggs—Dealers paid 18c per dozen.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 7c.

Wool—3 to 8 1-2c for unwashed fleeco. Seneca—21 to 22c per lb.

Hay—Baled, \$7 to \$8 per ton on cars. Loose hay worth \$12 to \$14 per ton.

Potatoes—New potatoes, 35 to 40c per bushel on the street.

Poultry—Turkeys, 12c per lb., live weight; dressed chickens, 10 to 12c per lb.; ducks, 10c per lb.

Game—Ducks, 20 to 40c per pair; geese, 40 to 60c each; rabbits, 7 to 8c each.

Dressed meats—Fresh killed beef, city dressed, 5 to 5 1-4c; mutton, 7 to 7 1-2c; hogs, 7 to 7 1-2c for dressed, veal, 6 1-2 to 7c.

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

It is estimated that the export of nitrate from Chili this year will exceed 30,000,000 quintals.

Latest advices to the American Agriculturist confirm recent reports showing the situation in the cranberry belt. The crop, as a whole, is a liberal one, but unevenly distributed. The commercial crop approximates \$65,000 bushels, a little less than a year ago, but considerably greater than that of 1897 or of 1896. The New Jersey crop is the one which has been most violent in its fluctuations the past few years, this season falling off materially from the bumper yield of 1898.