

## Manitoba.

The paint shop of George Green at Winnipeg was destroyed by fire on Thursday together with a quantity of materials.

Miller, Morse & Co., wholesale hardware merchants, Winnipeg, state that they contemplate erecting a handsome new warehouse on the corner of Adelaide street and McDermott avenue.

The new Commercial club, of Winnipeg, will have the formal opening of its quarters on Main street on Monday night. The building has been transformed into handsome quarters.

The Winnipeg Business College will hold a typewriting competition during exhibition week, which promises to be very interesting. Three prizes will be given to the fastest operators.

Work is progressing upon the new three-story warehouse of A. M. Ald & Co. on Market Street East, Winnipeg. It is expected to be ready for occupation early in the fall.

J. W. Bailey has disposed of his interest in and good will in the business of the Jubilee hotel, at Shoal Lake, to J. W. Taylor, late of the Simpson house, Neepawa.

The stock and fixtures of Mrs. E. Paul, milliner, Winnipeg, who made an assignment last week, will be sold by auction on Friday next, at Newton & Davidson's offices. The total value is \$3,100.34.

The Chicago House, one of the oldest buildings in Brandon, was badly damaged by fire on Thursday morning. It was occupied by Jenkins Bros., laundry and a pump shop. The loss is about \$2,500.

The grading of the forty miles of railway extension west from Forrest Junction, on the C. P. R., commenced on Tuesday morning and J. D. McArthur, the contractor, has now a force of fifty teams at work.

The partnership existing between J. S. Haley and T. N. Williamson, Brandon, otherwise known as the Manitoba Pump Works, has been dissolved. Williamson will conduct the business under the old name.

Mr. Compton is having an implement warehouse fitted up at Headingly and intends getting in a stock of machinery at once, which business he will run in connection with his general store.

An injunction has been applied for by the Dominion government to restrain Hall Bros., the proprietors of the Gertie H. steamboat, from taking sand out of the bed of the Red and Assiniboine rivers at Winnipeg. The contention is that the rivers and their beds belong to the crown.

About one o'clock on Wednesday morning fire was discovered in the elevator leased by Kellett, Parkes and Riley, at Morden. It gained such headway that nothing could be done to save the building or the contents. The loss has not been stated. The fire brigade kept the flames from the other elevators.

The employees of the Imperial Dry Goods Co. held their annual picnic to Elm park last Thursday evening. A good programme of music and dancing was enjoyed and at a late hour the party returned by special car. B. C. Fairly, one of the oldest employees of the company, was presented with a gold-headed cane by Manager A. E. Ham, on behalf of the staff.

Geo. Webster, of the C. P. R. engineering department, returned a few days ago from Lac du Bonnet. He states that the work on the brick work there is progressing rapidly, and that the plant being installed is one that is up-to-date in every particular. The expert that is putting in the machinery states that the clay deposit is as fine as he has seen anywhere and he has installed plants in many parts of the continent. The new sawmill is also going ahead and it is expected that about five million feet will be sawn there in a year.

At a meeting of the Winnipeg school board held on Thursday evening the following recommendation of the building committee was adopted: That they have considered the tenders received for the erection of the Somerset school on the Nena street site and recommended that the tenders of the following parties, aggregating \$28,728, be accepted: D. D. Wood, excavating, draining, stone, brick and plastering work; John McLeod, carpentering and joinery, including hardware and electric bells; Anderson & Thomas, tin and galvanized iron work; J. A. Payne, painting and glazing; J.

J. Wells, plumbing; H. Ross, wiring for electric lights. That the tender of the Rutley Warming and Ventilating system and automatic flush closets for \$2,500 be accepted.

## Assiniboia.

On June 1st R. C. Porter purchased the meat business of Geo. Milne & Co., at Medicine Hat.

W. B. Bennett, late of Medicine Hat, is starting a tinware and hardware business in Maple Creek.

## Alberta.

Hawthelmer & Son are making preparations to open a lumber yard at Red Deer.

H. Anderson, formerly of Stony Plain, has opened a general store at Beaver Lake, in Northern Alberta.

Cristall & Diamond, clothing merchants and wholesale liquor dealers, Edmonton, have dissolved partnership. Cristall takes over the clothing department at 75c on the dollar, and Diamond the liquor store and stock.

## Northwestern Ontario.

Seaman & Co.'s Eva Lake sawmill foreman arrived in town yesterday, says the Port Arthur Herald, bringing intelligence that the mill was destroyed by fire on Tuesday morning. The mill and sawing machinery is a total loss. Fortunately the wind was blowing in a direction carrying the sparks and flames away from the lumber already cut and piled, otherwise the loss would have been much greater. As it is the loss in mill was considerable, but the greater loss will result in the delay that will be caused in getting the cut logs converted into lumber. The cut at the mill would have been completed by the end of July, but now it will probably be a month later.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

## OFFICE OF THE COMMERCIAL.

## BUSINESS AT VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, June 17, 1901. There was a large increase in the bank clearings this week, the amount running over the million dollar mark, and exceeding the clearings of the corresponding week of 1900 by \$200,000. The increase is said to be due to the settling up of several Klondike orders and some cannery stock purchases. The feature of the week in the market is the price cutting war between the provincial canneries. The best butter in bricks can now be bought for 20c, while the Manitoba butter cannot be sold at less than that for a profit. As far as Manitoba and Northwest creamery is concerned dealers here claim that most of the creameries are selling to the retail trade as cheaply as in carload lots.

Retail merchants complain of dull times, but there is considerable activity among wholesale merchants shipping goods north and filling orders for the season's salmon canning.

At this writing it is impossible for canners and fishermen to come to terms. The canners offered the fishermen 12 cents per fish during July and 10 cents thereafter. The fishermen declined this offer and asked for 15 cents. The canners declined, but consented to recognize the union, which they declined to do before and extend the time during which they would pay 12 cents for one week. The fishermen again declined, but this time demanded 12½c per fish for the entire season, and there the matter stands. Should the canners and fishermen not come to terms it will be a great loss to the business community.

## PRICES AT VANCOUVER.

By wire to The Commercial.

Vancouver, June 22. Oats have advanced \$1 per ton. Corn is \$2 per ton lower. Shuck hay is \$1 per ton lower. Live steers have declined. Beef is also lower. Old potatoes are out. Apples are out. Local plums are offering at 90c to \$1, to the exclusion of southern varieties. Local strawberries are also in the market at \$1.75 per crate. GRAIN—Wheat, \$30 per ton; oats, \$25 per ton; corn, \$25 per ton. FLOUR—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent, 44.00; strong bak. oat, \$4.00; Oregon, \$4.50 per barrel; Burlington, B. C. patents, \$4.80. FEED—National Mills chaff, \$25 per ton; bran, \$21; shorts, \$23; oil cake meal, \$35 ton f.o.b. Vancouver, including duty paid on imported stuff.

HAY—Shuck hay double pressed, \$21 per ton; Fraser River hay, \$18 per ton; ordinary bales, \$12.

MEAL—Rolled oats, 90lb sack, \$3.00; two 45lb sacks, \$3.10; four 22½lb sacks, \$3.30; ten 7lb sacks, \$2.50; oatmeal in 10lb sacks, per 100lb, \$3.50; in 50lb sacks, \$3.25 per 100lb.

HIDES AND WOOL—Sound heavy steers 7½c per lb; medium, 6½c; light cows, 5½c; sheep pelts, November killed, 30c each; deer skins, green, 8c lb; deer skins, dry, 20c lb wool, 60c lb.

LIVE STOCK—Steers, \$1.50 per 100lb; sheep, \$1.75 per 100lb; lambs, \$1.45; hogs, \$6.25.

POULTRY—Chickens, \$3.44; fowls, \$1.40.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef, 8½c; mutton, 11½c; pork, 8c; veal, 10c.

CURED MEATS—Hams, 15½c; breakfast bacon, 16½c; backs, 15c; long clear, 13c; ribs, 14c; smoked sides, 13c.

LARD—Tins, 13½c per lb; pails, 12½c; tubs, 12½c.

BUTTER—Local creamery, 20½c; Man. local creamery, 20½c; dairy, local, 19c; Manitoba dairy, 18c.

EGGS—Fresh local, 25c; Northwest eggs, 16c; eastern, 19c per dozen.

CHEESE—Manitoba, 11½c.

VEGETABLES—Fraser River valley potatoes, \$3.00 per ton; cauliflower, \$1.25 per dozen; new potatoes, 2½c per pound; cucumbers, local, \$1.25 per box; beans, 8c; peas, 6c; California onions, 1½c per pound; sweet potatoes, 3½c; tomatoes, \$2 box; cabbage, 2½c; asparagus, \$1.50 per 100.

FRUIT—Flourishes, 5c; apples, 5c; sea bass, 4c; wildling, 5c; sole, 5c; halibut, 6c; salmon, 10c; cod, 6c per lb; crabs, 60c per dozen; smoked salmon, 10c; smoked halibut, 10c; smoked herring, 9c; shrimps, 20c.

GREEN FRUITS—California navel oranges, \$2.50 per 100; lemons, \$2.50; bananas, \$2.75 per 100; Tasmanian apples, \$3.75; cherries, \$1.25 box; apricots, \$1.25; plums, 10c; peaches, \$1.25; strawberries, in large crates, \$1.75 per 100.

NUTS—Almonds, 15½c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 14c; Brazil, 15c; walnuts, 11c per lb; coconuts, 80c per 100.

ST-GALLS—Powdered, 10c; sugar and bar, 6c; Pacific lump, 6c; granulated, 5c; extra C, 4½c; fancy yellow, 4½c; yellow, 4½c per lb.

SYRUPS—30 gal. barrels, 2½c; 10 gal. kegs, 2½c; 5 gal. tins, \$1.75 each; 1 gal. tin, \$1.50 case of 10; ½ gal. tin, \$1.25 case of 20.

CANNED GOODS—Corn, \$1.00; peas, \$1.00; tomatoes, \$1.20; beans, \$1.25.

HARDWARE—Bar iron, \$2.75; Horse shoe nails, discount 50 and 10 per cent; horse shoes, 10c; nails, 10c; wire, \$2.25; wire, \$2.25; rope, Manila, 14c; hauled oil, 90c; white lead, \$3.00; putty, \$3.50; barbed wire, \$4.50 per 100lb; glass, first break, \$4.75.

## PRICES IN THE KOOTENAY.

Special to The Commercial.

Nelson, June 22. Creamery butter is arriving in large quantities and selling at 11c to 20c.

Cheese is 1c lower at 11c, and dairy butter is selling at 16 to 18c.

Butter—Fresh Manitoba creamery, 19 to 20c; dairy, 16 to 18c.

Eggs—17c. Several cars have arrived from Ontario.

Cheese—11c.

Oats—Per ton, \$30.

Milled—Bran, \$20; shorts, \$22 per ton.

Flour—Manitoba Patent, \$1.20.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Little Bros., boot and shoe dealers of Nelson, have assigned.

The following extra-provincial companies have been registered under provincial laws: Columbia Hydraulic Mining Co., of Seattle, capital, \$1,000,000; German Mining & Milling Co., of Tacoma, capital \$100,000.

On Saturday last an explosion took place in Daniels & Chamber's paint shop, Rossland, and was followed by a fire that threatened to burn several blocks. The fire department had a hard fight. The damage to the stock of wall papers will be heavy and the building also suffered seriously. Linton's bookstore, next door, was damaged by water to the extent of \$500.

The following new companies have been incorporated in British Columbia: Cedar Canyon Gold Mines, Ltd., capital, \$100,000; Cherry Creek Copper King Mines, Ltd., capital, \$50,000; London & Hellewell Mining & Smelting Co., capital, \$1,000,000; Nicola Coal Company, Ltd., capital, \$100,000; Northern Development Company, Ltd., capital, \$25,000; Western Steamboat Company, Ltd., capital, \$120,000; Yukon Trading Company, Ltd., capital, \$50,000.

The Columbia river salmon pack is reported to be not more than one-quarter of what it was last year. It is expected that many of the canneries which prepared for a big catch this year will be financially embarrassed. The price of canned salmon is expected to be advanced.

A meeting of the association is to be held in Portland the latter part of this week, when the matter will be taken up. Those interested in fanning urge that if the salmon industry is to be prepared in the state of Oregon, steps will have to be taken by the legislature. They urge that at the next session of the state legislature there will have to be an appropriation made adequate for the needs of propagation, as the pack from year to year is becoming less.—Victoria Times.

The Nelson Retail Grocers' Association was formally organized last week. The election of officers resulted as follows: H. McPherson, president; Geo. Bell, vice-president; Chris Morrison, secretary; S. L. Lester, treasurer, and J. A. Irving, T. J. Scanlan and S. L. Lester, directors. All the grocery firms in the city will be included in the association, with the exception of the Hudson's Bay company, but an understanding exists between this company and the association so that it will work in harmony with the association in all things.

Last Thursday the contract was let for the immediate construction of a railroad from Grand Forks to Republic, says the Midway Advance. The Republic & Grand Forks Railroad company let the contract to George S. Deeks & Co. for the construction of the 46 miles of track and roadway to connect the two towns. The work is to be turned over, ready for equipment, November 1, 1901. The contract was signed in Spokane. The work of clearing the right of way was commenced on Wednesday morning, the first start being made at Nelson, Wash. Within a few days the contractors expect to have their grading outfits scattered over the line. By July 1 it is hoped 1,000 men will be at work. This number will probably be increased to 2,000 by August 1.

## MINING MATTERS.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Granby Smelter company, which owns the smelter at Grand Forks, B. C., and is largely interested in mining property in the Boundary Creek, has decided to build a smelter at Vancouver to treat coal ores. The company will also shortly erect a refinery there.

The ore shipments from Rossland last week aggregated 8,915 tons, made up as follows:—Le Roi, 4,725; Le Roi No. 2, 1,365; Centre Star, 1,560; Monte Cristo, 20; Iron Mask, 20; I. N. L., 27; Rossland Great Western, 420. The total for the year is now 194,902 tons.

The repairs at the Le Roi mine, Rossland Camp, are now completed, and the property contributed its quota to the aggregate shipments last week. The Monte Cristo mine joined the shipping list last week and this week the Homestake will also be included.

Contracts have been signed in Spokane for work on the Republic and Grand Forks railway. Work is to begin at once, and 1,000 men are to be at work in a month. A smelter is also to be erected, but until it is in working order the Granby smelter will handle Republic ores. The railroad is to be completed this summer. It will be standard gauge and 46 miles long.

Another big Rossland property will join the working class within a short time, the management of the California having decided to recommence operations at an early date. This statement is made on the authority of Jay P. Graves, of the Miner-Graves syndicate, who is a prominent member of the eastern syndicate that controls the California. The company's attention has been engrossed by their operations elsewhere, and according to Mr. Graves they "have not got round to the California yet." He stated, however, that work would be resumed at an early date and the presumption is that a comprehensive programme of development will be carried out. The announcement is of very considerable interest in the Rossland camp. The California adjoins the Le Roi and it is the opinion in many quarters that the Le Roi ore bodies extend into California ground. To demonstrate the accuracy of this theory will necessitate considerable work, and it is taken for granted that if the company once gets work under way it will be continued until the property is thoroughly explored.—Rossland Miner.