

British Columbia Items.

Switzer, & McClunkey, hotel, Sandton, have sold out.

A. P. Bremner, hotel, Moyola, is applying for a license.

C. J. Campbell is about to start a hotel at Sirdar.

John Cates has opened a pork and butcher shop at Nelson.

Lamont & McKague, plumbers, Greenwood, have dissolved.

Robert Frye, hotel, Mountain Station, is applying for a license.

John McKenzie, harness, etc., Victoria, has sold out to Frederick Norris.

McCreath, Howe & Co. contemplate opening in hardware at Greenwood.

The business of John Partridge, deceased, dry goods, Victoria, is to be discontinued.

G. F. Motion has bought the business of Mallett & Co., hay and grain merchant, at Nelson.

Jenkins & Croft, saloon and restaurant, Vancouver, have been succeeded by A. Smith & Co.

Ullman & Cosgrief, cigars, etc., have dissolved partnership; Daniel Cosgrief continuing.

The Cariboo Consolidated Milling and Mining company expects to pay a dividend of one per cent monthly during 1899.

The estate of Wm. Julius, blacksmith, etc., deceased, at 150-Mile House, is advertised to be sold by tender which will be received till Jan. 18th, 1899.

A summary of the British Columbia salmon pack for 1898, which, by the way, was an off year, gives the total pack as 496,447 cases, 268,120 cases of which were put up on the Fraser river.

The British Columbia legislature opened on January 5. Among other announcements it is proposed to exclude aliens from owning mines in the province.

It is stated that the Nelson Hardware company are about to open a branch store in Greenwood City, under the management of N. H. Lamont of that place.

Eagle & Paxton, general store, stock raisers, etc., at 150-Mile House, advertise their partnership dissolved 1st of April, 1899, C. W. Eagle retiring; Thomas Paxton and John W. Eagle continuing.

The name of Grand Forks, the rising town of the Boundary Creek district will soon be changed to Columbia, as some confusion has arisen with the town of the same name in North Dakota.

The fruit growing industry is expanding in British Columbia. In 1897 the Canadian Pacific railway carried 5,700 packages, or seventy-five tons. Last year 55,000 packages were carried or 388 tons. In the near future the development of this industry will no doubt assume more marked features.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company have arranged that sub-contracts will be let at once by Mann, Foley Bros. and Larson, the main contractors for the Boundary Creek railway, to build lines from Echo's summit, this side of Greenwood, through to Midway, a distance of nineteen miles. In addition it has been decided to build the road fifteen miles beyond Midway, up as far as Rock creek, where some exceedingly rich mines will be tapped. The contract for this additional piece of work goes also to

the builder of the 105 miles from Robson to Midway.

Minneapolis Markets.

Compared with a week ago the prices given below vary as follows: Flour, second patents, has advanced 10c on the top quotation; corn, No. 3, yellow has declined 1-2c, and No. 3 has declined 1-2 to 3-4c; oats, No. 3 white have declined 5-8 to 3-4c, and No. 3, 1-2 to 3-4c; malting barley has declined 1c on the inside price and feed barley has also declined 1 to 2c; flaxseed has advanced 1c, eggs, strictly fresh, have advanced 4c, held fresh, 4 to 6c, and seconds, 4c; dairy butter, seconds, has declined 1 to 1 1/2-2c; veal has advanced 1-2c on the top price; spring chickens have advanced 1 to 2c, hens 1c and turkeys 1c; sheepskins have advanced 10c from the top price. Quotations are:

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents, \$3.80 to \$3.90; second patents, \$3.60 to \$3.70.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$8.75 to \$9; bran in bulk, \$9 to \$9.25; corn feed, \$13.00 to \$14.50 per ton as to quality.

Corn—Quoted at 32 for No. 3 yellow, and 31 1/2 to 31 3/4 for No. 3.

Oats—Oats held at 27 1/4 to 27 3/8c for No. 3 white and 27 1/4c for No. 3.

Barley—Malting, 37 to 42c; feed quoted at 34 to 35c.

Flax seed—\$1.11 1/2 per bushel.

Eggs—25c for strictly fresh, including cases; held fresh, 19 to 22c; seconds, 14c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 10 to 12c; fair to good, 8 1/2 to 9c.

Butter—Creamery, 16 1/2 to 18 1/2-2c for choice to extras; seconds, 14 to 15c; dairy, 13 to 16c for choice to fancy; seconds, 11 to 12c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 5 to 6 1/2-2c; lamb, 8 to 10c; veal, 5 to 8c.

Poultry—Chickens, spring, 6 to 9c; hens, 4 to 6c; roosters, 4c; turkeys, 8 to 11c; ducks, 5 to 8c; geese, 5 to 7 1/2-2c.

Hides—Green salted hides, 9 1/2-2c for No. 1; 8 1/2-2c for No. 2; bulis, oxen and brands, 6 3/4 to 8c; sheepskins, 10 to 80c each; veal, calf, 9 1/2 to 11c; tallow, 2 1/4 to 3 1/2-2c; seneca root, 22 to 24c.

Wool—Unwashed, fine, 11 to 12c; medium, 13 to 14c; coarse, 14 1/2 to 15 1/2-2c.

Hay—\$6.00 to \$6.50 per ton timothy; mixed clover, \$4.50 to \$5.50.

Western Business Items.

J. A. Rice, livery and lumber, Foxwarren, Man., has sold out.

Dr. J. B. Lambert contemplates opening in drugs at Elgin, Man.

T. H. Fennell, blacksmith, Pierson, has admitted one Elgar into partnership.

J. B. Leveque, dry goods, St. Boniface, has assigned to S. A. D. Bertrand.

Duncan Thompson has opened business at Elva, Man., in livery and implements.

The Manitoba Farmers' Loan and Investment Co., of Wawanesa, Man., is applying for incorporation.

Harder & Peters, general store, Plum Coulee, have dissolved partnership; each continues alone.

J. P. Graves & Son, grocers, Boissevain, have opened a branch at Elgin, with A. Adams, Jr., in charge.

Taylor, Breen & Fraser have bought the business of Geo. W. Marsh, gen-

eral merchant, Boulah, and will continue the same.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company has set aside elevator B., at Fort William, for the storage of damp wheat after it has been dried.

Arkell & Co. have purchased the drug business of Dr. H. Worth, of MacGregor, Man., and will place the business in charge of George Beans, late of the Carberry store.

The latest addition to the roll of country weeklies in Manitoba is the Rock Lake Review, published at Cartwright. R. J. C. Stead is the managing editor.

W. H. Speer has bought out the drug store of Dr. Brothers at Shoal Lake.

Dodds & Gage, butchers, Morden, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Gage will continue the business.

Gordon & Ironside, Winnipeg, intend making some winter shipments of cattle to the old country via St. John. N. B. Yesterday a train of fat steers was shipped by this firm for Liverpool.

Application is being made at Ottawa by Thomas Bready, John Love and Chas. Tryon, of Winnipeg, and James Carruthers and Jas. Baird, of Toronto, for incorporation as the Winnipeg Elevator company, with a capital of \$300,000.

Alberta.

W. J. Thompson, grocer, Calgary, has assigned.

T. H. Plohard has opened a restaurant at Edmonton.

Assiniboia.

James Donaldson has opened a butcher shop at Medicine Hat.

James Mundell has commenced business as a confectioner, at Wolseley.

M. Narvalonsky, general store, Moosomin, has assigned to A. F. Andrews.

Mr. Carey has gone east to purchase stock for a new store to be opened by Mrs. Carey and himself at Moose Jaw.

Hyde & Gibbs are opening as butchers at Balgonie.

Northwest Ontario.

The partnership between C. H. Shera and W. J. Clarke, trading under the firm name of Shera & Co., at the town of Port Arthur, has been terminated. W. J. Clarke assumes the responsibility for all claims against the said firm and will collect all monies owing to it.

Tenders for pressing 400 tons of hay are wanted by J. H. Metcalfe, Westbourne, Man.

Tenders for alteration and improving the Confederation Life Association building in Winnipeg will be received up to Jan. 12.

Thomas Frankland, clerk of the municipality of Rockwood, is advertising for tenders for 30,000 feet of three-inch plank, 16 feet long to be delivered, not later than the 15th of March. Offers to be in the hands of the clerk on the 15th of March.

The Brandon waterworks committee is advertising for 750 cords of wood, four feet long, and 750 tons of lignite coal. Bids will be received up till the 13th inst.