

SEEDING is said to be over in Ontario. Fall wheat promises well.

BEAUPRE is closing his store at the Red Deer Crossing, north of Calgary.

THE public school authorities of Regina offer \$12,000 debentures for sale.

JAMES MATHER, merchant tailor, Portage la Prairie, contemplates moving to Pilot Mound.

MR. THOMPSON, manager for the Ogilvie Milling company, Winnipeg, started for Montreal on Friday.

PRICE BROS., painters, late of Calgary and Brandon, have gone into business at Portage la Prairie, Man.

J. K. McINNIS is erecting a shop at Moosomin, Assa., and intends starting his son in the fruit business.

WILLIAMS, of Ellice, Man., has removed to Binscarth, where he has opened a tinshop and hardware store.

Mrs. WOOLHOUSE, late of Portage la Prairie, has opened a stationery and fancy goods store at Virden, Man.

J. R. SMITH, representing John Calder, clothing, Hamilton, was in town last week, and left for the west.

WORK on Christy's new saw mill at Brandon is about completed, and it is expected the mill will be in operation this week.

S. M. BARRÉ has bought the plant of the creamery at Stony Mountain, near Winnipeg, which has been closed for a couple of years. He will use it in a creamery which he will establish near Otterburn, Man.

A BRANCH of the Imperial Bank of Canada has been opened at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., under the management of G. C. Eaton.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE *Liberal*: A. E. Hill leaves about May 1st, to enter the business of Henderson & Burton, merchants, Carberry, Man.

CHAS. DAVIDSON, wholesale harness goods, Toronto, left Winnipeg for home last week, after a successful trip west as far as the Pacific coast.

OGILVIE'S flour mill, Winnipeg, is now lighted by electricity. Eighty-five incandescent lights are now used in the mill, and the electricity is generated on the premises.

MR. COOK, Brandon, agent for D. Maxwell, has resigned his position with that firm and engaged with the Massey Manufacturing Co., as general travelling expert and agent.

A DEPUTATION from the Winnipeg Grocers' association recently waited upon the market, license and health committee, and urged that the license fee to peddlers be increased from \$10 to \$50 for those who walk, and from \$20 to \$125 for those who drive.

It is rumored from Montreal that important changes will be made in the management of the C. P. R. Co., involving the retirement of Mr. Van Horne from the general managership of the company, retaining the office of president. Superintendent White and Mr. Shaughnessy are mentioned as probable candidates for the office of general manager. It is also said that Mr. Nicoll, passenger agent, will succeed Mr. Tattle, who goes to New York.

The Fisheries Report.

The annual report of the department of

fisheries was laid before Parliament recently. The total value of the fisheries for the year amounted to \$17,418,570. Of this, Manitoba contributed \$180,677. Compared with 1887, this shows a decrease of \$967,592. During the past year Manitoba showed an increase of \$51,103, exclusive of consumption by Indians in Manitoba and Territories of \$80,379. A decline of nearly half a million is noticed in mackerel, and the largest increase is shown in eels, whitefish and lake. The decrease in lobsters was general. In regard to Manitoba and the Territories the report sets forth that the more the country develops the greater extension the fisheries of the province attain. The catch of whitefish was, on the whole, very satisfactory, yielding nearly double the catch of last year. In other kinds of fish, such as pickerel, jackfish, sturgeon, tullibies, etc., there is also a noticeable increase over the yield of 1887. The various close seasons were efficiently enforced and generally observed by the white fishermen, but complaints are made regarding slaughter of Indians, who, under pretence of fishing for their own use, during breeding periods deliberately violate the law by catching large quantities of fish at a time when others are precluded from doing so, concealing them and subsequently selling them to traders, thus defeating to a great extent the good accomplished by the stringent enforcement of the regulations. Until the Indian agents are sufficiently convinced of the great injury such wanton abuses eventually entail upon the Indians themselves so as to advise the latter to to comply with the spirit as with the letter of the law, it is apprehended that very little good can be accomplished in the direction of protecting the fisheries of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. The total expenditure for the fisheries services during the year was \$377,487. Of this expenditure \$2,816 went to Manitoba. The fishery licenses in Manitoba amounted to \$819.

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