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## Manitoba.

Hall, blacksmith, Lake Dauphin, is burned out.

The Gladstone Times has ceased publication for lack of support.

L. K. Horn, a practical harnessmaker, has opened at Dominion City.

F. A. Meyers, manufacturer of aerated waters, Portage la Prairie, is dead.

W. J. Smale, boots, shoes and furnishings, Carberry, has assigned in trust.

F. Nation & Co., dry goods, Brandon, reported selling out to A. D. Rankin.

Neil McIvor, general dealer, trading as Mills & Co., at Holland, has assigned.

W. Elliott and family, of Virden, have left for Carnduff, where he takes a hotel.

Forbes, watchmaker, of Winnipeg, has opened a watch and jewelry shop at Cartwright.

Blair & Rodgers, dry goods, Carberry, stock sold at 55 cents on the dollar to J. E. Henderson.

James Flanagan, wholesale provisions, Winnipeg, stock sold to Tees & Porsce at 75 cents on the dollar.

At the sale of school lands held at Brandon, recently, 15,675 acres were disposed of for \$127,105, and average of \$8.10 an acre.

Recently we announced that A. F. Eden had been appointed manager of the Manitoba Mortgage and Investment Co. This company is again actively engaged in the loaning business.

The Lake of the Woods Milling company have moved their Winnipeg offices to new premises on the corner of Main and James streets, which have been fitted up in very comfortable and attractive style.

J. J. Philp, Winnipeg, left on Saturday for

Ottawa, where he goes as a delegate to the grand lodge of United Workmen. He will visit Montreal, Toronto and other points, while east, on business.

The stock of crockery, groceries, boots, shoes, live stock and grain of John Rougeau, of Otterburn, will be sold at a rate on the dollar, by public auction at 10.30 a.m. on Friday, 19th February, at Winnipeg.

MacKenzie & Mills, wholesale grocers, Winnipeg, have dissolved, Mr. Mills retiring from the firm. The business will be continued as heretofore, in all its departments, by A. A. MacKenzie, but the old firm name will be retained. The business has been carried on successfully for the past eight years, which includes the close period experienced in Manitoba, and there is every reason to look for satisfactory results for the future. Though the dissolution has gone into effect, Mr. Mills remains with the house until the first of April.

The negotiations which have been in progress for several weeks for the establishment of another biscuit factory in Winnipeg have been completed. The promoter and head of this enterprise is W. V. Bateman, who, until a couple of years ago, had the largest bakery business in the city, which he disposed of for the purpose of engaging in other business. He has secured the control of the large factory on Fonseca street, which was formerly operated by Woods, Oven & Co., and which he will remodel and fit up with all the best appliances of the day, and when completed he hopes to turn out goods equal to anything made in Canada in the line of biscuits, candies, etc.

The Manitoba Assurance Co., held its annual meeting at the company's office in Winnipeg on the 4th inst. President F. H. Brydges being absent, the chair was taken by vice-president J. N. Kirchhoffer. The annual report was read and unanimously adopted. It showed that the company's operations for the year have been satisfactory. After paying a stock dividend and making ample provision for re-insurance about an amount nearly equal to eighteen per cent. of the paid up capital was placed to the credit of the reserve fund. The old officers and board were re-elected as follows: F. H. Brydges, president; J. N. Kirchhoffer, vice-president; Frank Burnett, H. H. Beck, Jno. Russell, C. P. Wilson, H. N. Williams, directors. At the close of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the secretary (N. W. Williams), board and officers.

## Assiniboia.

H. C. Disney, general store, Dalesboro, has moved to Oxbow.

Oscar Hall, drugs, Fort Qu'Appelle, closed out under chattel mortgage.

J. N. McDonald has disposed of his interest in the Moose Jaw Times, Hamilton Lang is the new editor and proprietor.

The Windsor hotel, Regina, has been burnt, by a fire which started from a stove in one of the commercial sample rooms. The hotel building was owned by C. Howson, and was insured for \$5,600. It was valued at over \$10,000. Mrs. Doig, landlady of the hotel, was the owner of the furniture and some building additions to the hotel, her insurance being \$3,900 on furniture and \$1,000 on buildings. The furniture was mostly taken out of the burning building.

The new town of Oxbow on the C.P.R. Souris branch, is going ahead fast. A correspondent write:—A person who has not seen it for a month would not know the place. The first house was built in the second week in December and now there are over fifty buildings and more on the way. There are 4 grain buyers on the market, shipping from ten to twelve cars of wheat per week, principally No. 1 hard, there being very little inferior wheat in this locality. There are at present 5 general stores, 3 hardware, 1 drug store; two blacksmith shops and 3 livery stables, 3 boarding houses, 2 grain ware-

houses, 1 butcher shop and 3 lumber yards. A school will be started on the first of April. There will be two or three grain elevators built this summer. The C.P.R. have opened the station here with Geo. W. Hilde as agent. We have no regular train as yet, but we expect to have one in a short time. The telegraph line will reach here in a day or to.

## Northwest Ontario.

A Port Arthur syndicate has purchased a large and fast passenger steamer to ply between here and Duluth tri-weekly connecting here with the Canadian Pacific railway and steamship line and Port Arthur, Duluth & Western railway. At Duluth connections are to be made with the United States railway systems. It is expected that with improved communication with Duluth that there will be a large influx of tourists next season.

## Alberta.

Howey & Campbell, butchers, Edmonton, have dissolved partnership. W. H. Howey will continue the business.

## Grain and Milling.

The Molita Milling Company are having plans prepared for a mill proposed to be erected at Molita, Manitoba.

Hugh McKay, of Edmonton, received a letter recently from Wm. Brown, of Lockerby Mills, Paisley, Ontario, asking if there was an opening for an 80 barrel roller mill, as he is dissatisfied with his present location.

The town council, of Calgary, in view of the increased acreage of wheat to be sown this year in the district, and along the line of the Calgary and Edmonton railway north and south, have decided that unless private parties accept the bonus offered for building the mill by the first of March, the corporation will proceed with the construction of a 150 barrel mill as a town investment. The offer is of \$3,000 bonus and exemption for ten years.

A Toronto telegram says: A number of cases of grain mixing having lately come to the notice of dealers it has been decided to put a stop to it. After the noon call to-day the grain section of the board of trade passed resolutions condemning this practice, and, if necessary, further steps are to be taken to punish the guilty parties. It appears that instances have occurred where some dealers have mixed Manitoba and Ontario wheat, and others marrowfats with common peas. If carried on this practice would soon bring the trade into disrepute, and hence the action of the board.

The cable to Daily Trade Bulletin, Chicago, dated Liverpool, Feb. 4, says: Shipments of flour and wheat to Europe during the past week were as follows: To United Kingdom, equal, 3,650,000 bushels; to Continent, 2,480,000 bushels; total, 6,160,000 bushels. Requirements, 7,680,000 bushels. Calcutta correspondent cables India prospects for wheat, fair, and flax seed, poor. The clearances of wheat to Europe since August 1—twenty seven weeks—as cabled to the Daily Trade Bulletin, have been as follows: To United Kingdom, 110,110,000 bushels; to Continent, 115,350,000 bushels; total, 225,560,000 bushels. Requirements, 207,300,000.

The Whitlaw Bros., who came from Aultsville, Ont., in 1888, to Deloraine, Manitoba, and farm in township 2, range 23 west, raised last year 4,000 bushels of wheat off 150 acres; 800 bushels of oats off 15 acres; 266 bushels of barley off 6 acres; besides handling this crop they put up 90 loads of hay, and broke and backset 70 acres of new land, which they will sow in the spring. They also raised 250 bushels of fine potatoes.