

Manitoba.

Wheat was bringing from 70 to 72c at Neopawa, last week.

A daily train will be run on the Manitoba Northwestern, commencing March 1st.

Wheat had reached the price of 82c at Oak Lake last week, and a lively business was doing.

The post-office at Brookdale, will be reopened on the 1st March next, on sec. 22, tp. 12, r. 16, west.

The Qu'Appelle roller flour mill, owned by D. H. McMillan & Bro., Winnipeg, was put in operation last week.

The new town site of Pilot Mound has been surveyed by the C.P.R. engineers, and buildings will be moved to the station at once.

The wheat market was said to be booming at Pilot Mound last week. As high as 82c was paid for wheat. Oats were selling at 20c.

A lot on the corner of Main St. and Portage avenue, Winnipeg, known as Donaldson's Corner, was sold last week for \$13,009, cash.

Agents for Minnesota nurseries have been canvassing the province and have had considerable success in selling fruit and ornamental trees.

The Stouewall News is responsible for the following:—Many farmers are girdling their wheat and barley into fodder, as they say there will be a big price for oats next spring. Very small quantities of oats are shipped out of the country and as there is abundance for home consumption we cannot see how the price can really go up to anything extraordinary.

The Territories.

Grasshoppers are out in the vicinity of Macleod.

Prairie fires have been burning lately in the neighborhood of Maple Creek.

The land granted to volunteers who served in the Northwest rebellion totals about 340,000 acres.

The Government is considering a scheme for placing the Mounted Police force under the control of the military department.

John Somers, of Regina, has been awarded contract of school house to be erected on Pimlotts Reserve, cost of building \$1082.00

A fox hunt took place at Macleod lately, a coyote being turned loose as the "fox." It was a gallant run, lasting about fifty seconds by which time the coyote got out of sight.

The "mills of the gods grind slowly." The Dominion Government has announced that it is now prepared to pay certified claims for food and billeting of troops, contracted during the late rebellion.

King, of G. C. King & Co., who has just returned from a visit to High River, states that the cattle in that district are in magnificent condition. The winter has been unsurpassed for cattle, the herds being even now rolling fat.

The Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan railroad and steamboat company have applied for authority to build a line from the company's line to Prince Albert, to extend in

Regina to Wood Mountain and the Souris coal fields, to limit the bonding power to \$10,000 a mile, to change the company's name, and for other purposes.

A dispute having arisen as to the ownership of the Court house and jail at Brandon, a deputation from that town and one from the western judicial board interviewed the Manitoba Government on the matter. After hearing the arguments of both sides the Government decided in favor of Brandon, and also decided that the county should bear any expense over and above \$70,000—the amount raised by debentures.

The building operations at present going on in Calgary are of a class ahead of anything which has been done in that line since the town was located. Dr. Lafferty has hauled stone for his intended residence near Mr. Leeson's house. Stone is also being hauled for the block presently to be put up opposite the Royal Hotel by Messrs Bowen, Durme, Rankin & Allen. The new post office has been commenced under the contract given to J. G. McCallum, and the new bank will be commenced shortly. These building operations alone will aggregate some \$30,000.

British Columbia.

Coal is selling in New Westminster at \$5.75 per ton.

Victoria merchants want a market building erected by the council.

The last account from Granite Creek the snow was four feet deep on the summit of Hope Mountain. Flour is \$10 per 100 lbs., beans 15 cents per lb., bacon 30 cents, butter 60 cents, tea 75, coffee 50, beef 10, and potatoes \$8 per 100 lbs.

The largest public meeting ever held in Saanich District took place last week, for the purpose of discussing the proposed scheme for the construction of a railway from Victoria to Shoal Bay. Speeches were delivered by some of the prominent residents of the district and others, all of them being strongly in favor of the road. A resolution in favor of the railway was passed unanimously.

The Victoria Standard says:—A great many miners have an abiding faith in Leech river as a placer mining district. During last year one or two well-known searchers for the cave of Aladdin found good pay out there and will return to their claims as soon as the weather will permit. Already a company has been formed to thoroughly test some of the other claims during the approaching season and it is gratifying to state with good prospects of success.

H. C. Beeton, agent general for British Columbia, in England, has just received two samples of fine white spring wheat from Okanagan Spallumacheen, district of British Columbia. This illustration of the wheat-growing capacities of the province can scarcely fail to attract attention now that all its resources are claiming increasing notice. It is said that in the district in question there are nearly a quarter of a million acres of land capable of producing wheat. The present sample comes from the farm of Mr. Lumby, on which a yield of some forty or fifty

bushels to the acre was obtained. It is hoped that before long the district will be in direct connection with the Canadian Pacific railway system by means of a branch railway and lake navigation.

General Notes.

There are over 250 Chinese employed in New York as cigar makers.

The Brantford Starch Company has reduced the price of starch 1c per lb.

The price of Myrtle Navy tobacco has declined 2c per lb to 30c in bond.

Between \$18,000 and \$20,000 has been subscribed to the proposed cooperative nail factory at Milwaukee.

The Minneapolis & St. Louis road will put its engineer corps in the field very shortly for the Duluth extension.

The new Canadian Pacific Railway elevator at Montreal, with a storing capacity of 600,000 bushels has been opened.

The price of Anthracite coal at the mines has declined to figures which are actually below cost through unhealthy competition.

The Grand Trunk traffic receipts for the week ending 13th show an increase of over \$77,000 compared with the corresponding week of last year.

The Watson Manufacturing Co. of Ayr, Ont., purpose to send to the Colonial Exhibition one each of its grain reapers, hay mowers, and hay rakes.

Notice of application for a charter for the North American Telegraph Co., to carry on a general telegraph and telephone business appears in the Canada Gazette.

The liquor men are mad at the Ontario Government for again increasing the license fees, and say it will ruin the small hotels, and that they will charge ten cents per glass for whiskey in the future.

A very active business is in progress at most of the boot and shoe factories of Montreal, and it is now estimated that the volume of the spring trade will be at least 25 per cent larger than that of 1885.

At a meeting of the creditors of the Joseph Hall Manufacturing Works, Oshawa, Ont., a statement was submitted showing a large surplus over liabilities. It was decided that an assignment be made.

The Government Savings Bank returns for the Dominion for January show an increase in the amount to the credit of depositors since January last year of \$2,188,496 Manitoba contributed to that increase \$165,974.

Congressman Parker of New York, has introduced a bill requiring that each package of artificial butter shall pay a tax of one cent per pound or fraction thereof, stamps to the proper amount being fixed and cancelled before removal from the factory. Dr. Swineburne says there is no disposition to discriminate against artificial butter, but the Committee will try to frame a bill which will prevent any deception in its sale, so that it may be offered to the public for what it is and on its own merits.