

### Manitoba.

Winram Bros., of Manitou, has closed their branch store at La Riviere.

J. W. Weaver contemplates opening a boot and shoe store in Killarney.

Alfred Owens, Rapid City, has sold out his tin shop and hardware store.

A fancy goods and book store has been opened at Minnedosa by R. McLean.

Mr. Greaves, has bought out Mr. Wilson, of Elgin, and is putting in a stock of groceries and flour and feed.

The livery business conducted by W. B. Waddell, of Minnedosa, has been purchased by W. A. Wright and H. Hile.

Over 71-2 miles of pavement have been constructed in Winnipeg during the past year, and preparations have been made to continue the work this year. The total length of paved streets is now 26.194 miles.

G. H. Smith, John Inglis and J. W. Nelson have entered into partnership and have purchased the implement business of Wm. Johnston, and also that of Henderson & Co., both of Brandon.

Heppner & Klentze, Plum Coulee, have disposed of the remainder of their general store stock to D. B. Peters lately of the firm of Hardy & Peter, who has opened out in their old stand.

The Pilot Mound Sentinel gives a list of building improvements for the year at that place and vicinity, which shows that a great deal of building has been done in the district, including many farm buildings.

It is said that about five hundred cars of fine building stone were brought into Manitoba from the United States last year. This stone could be all procured within the province. The finest building stone can be found on Lake Manitoba and this stone will be quarried this year by Mr. Major, of Carberry, who will put a steamer on the lake.

E. N. Heney & Co., wholesale manufacturers of carriages, harness and saddlery, have opened a permanent sample room over Maw's warehouse, corner William and King street, Winnipeg, where a full line of their goods will be shown and a stock of harness will be carried. W. W. Veitch, their western representative, will have charge of the business here.

The Canadian Importing and Jobbing Co. is the name of a new institution which is opening business in Winnipeg this week in fancy goods and smallwares. The principals are C. Rosenberg, of Montreal, and R. Gardiner, late of Brandon. The latter gentleman will be the resident partner and manager. Mr. Gardiner formerly carried on a cigar factory at Brandon, which he sold out some time ago to Ramsay & Co. The new business will be located at 547 Main street.

### Assiniboia.

The business of A. P. Manson, Moosemin, will be continued by Manson Bros.

The Medicine Hat Times places the building improvements at that place during the past year at \$130,000. The principal buildings have been the Assiniboia hotel, \$30,000; the addition to the public school, costing \$6,000; and the fine residences of Thos. Tweed, J. H. Spencer and L. B. Cochran, each of which represents outlays of four thousand dollars and over; also the new homes of A. M. Parker, T. C.

Terry, J. A. Grant. This has been a good year for the Hat. Seven acetylene gas plants were put in during the year.

### Northwest Ontario.

G. A. Drynan has bought out Kirk & Davies restaurant, Rat Portage.

A. Wink, a barrister, and well-known resident of Port Arthur for the last fifteen years, is dead.

A survey party is being organized in Winnipeg to assist in the work of locating the Ontario and Rainy River railway. Four other parties are in the field.

E. S. Jennison has completed the surveys for the proposed power canal from Kankabeka Falls to Port Arthur. The project is found to be perfectly feasible and simple. One hundred thousand horse power can easily be developed.

### Grain and Milling News.

W. W. Ogilvie arrived in Winnipeg this week on one of his private visits in connection with his extensive business interests here.

Oatmeal showed a tendency to advance at Montreal the first of the week. Some holders asked 5c higher.

Some of the country elevators have been closed since Christmas owing to the small quantity of wheat offering.

Joyner & Hinkington's flour mill at Fort Qu'Appelle was totally destroyed by fire on Jan. 9. The loss is over \$25,000, and about \$10,000 insurance.

W. W. Ogilvie, F. W. Thompson, manager of the Ogilvie Milling Co., Winnipeg, and George Kent, head miller of the Winnipeg mill, were in Duluth and Minneapolis recently. Mr. Ogilvie stated that the visit had no business significance.

The elevators at Duluth announce that after June 1 next elevator rates would be reduced half a cent per bushel in receiving, elevating and delivering, including 15 days storage. Half a cent will be charged for each additional 30 days for storage. This is a reduction of a quarter cent for wheat and three-quarters cents for flax.

The report of the grain inspector for the Winnipeg district shows the amount of wheat inspected last week as follows: One hard 67 cars, two hard 22, one northern 54, two northern 5, three hard 2, one spring 8, two spring 1, rejected 7, no grade 59; total 225 cars.

At a meeting of the farmers of Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, interested in the proposed new flour mill it was decided to make the capital stock of the company \$30,000, in shares of \$60 each. The townsites proprietors of Fort Saskatchewan have agreed to give a free site for the mill. A number of business men as well as farmers in the districts are taking shares.

### Grocery Trade Notes.

Cable advices from primary markets report a higher market for pepper.

A considerable decline is said to have occurred in British rottery goods, which is noticeable in prices of creekery being offered by Canadian jobbers for the spring trade.

Advices from Greece report a strong market for currants, caused by the

hope that the new Russian treaty will go into force on the 15th of January. Should this long expected treaty be finally concluded a considerable advance from present prices is expected. The market in England is now a shade stronger, in sympathy with the Greek market.

A Toronto report says canned tomatoes are stronger. One Toronto wholesale dealer was bid 85c for a round lot of several hundred cases, but he refused to accept. Other houses, it is alleged, have recorded similar bids. One broker claims to have obtained 90c f. o. b. factory for tomatoes, and \$1 for corn f. o. b. factory for shipment to British Columbia. Wholesalers are now as a rule quoting tomatoes at 85c to 90c per dozen.

E. B. Eddy Co. matches have been reduced 25c per case. "Telegraph" matches are now quoted at \$3.20 for 1 to 4 case lots, and at \$3 in 5 or more case lots. "Telephone," 1 to 4 cases, \$3; 5 cases or more, \$2.80. "Telephone," in 1-8 gross boxes, 1 to 4 cases, \$3.20; 5 or more cases, \$3. "Tiger," 1 to 4 cases, \$2.65; 5 or more cases, \$2.65. "Victoria" parlor matches have been increased 25c per case, now being quoted at \$2.50. Terms are without change, 5-case lots still being delivered. Several new brands of matches have been put on the market by this company. These are: The "Empire," a sulphur match, put up in slide boxes, two dozen boxes in a package and five gross in a case. They are quoted: One case and under, \$2.35 per case; five cases and upwards, \$2.25. "Little Comet" is put up in small sliding boxes. There are 40 matches in a box. This match sells at \$2 per case. The "Eagle" parlor match is in slide boxes, 100 to the box, to sell at \$1.50 per case. The 200 "Eagle" will be continued, as heretofore.

### Hardware and Paint Trade.

The big boom in copper is one of the principal features of interest of late. This appears to be largely of a speculative nature, and it is alleged that the Rockefellers are endeavoring to organize a copper combine in the producing interest.

A Montreal report says: The wholesale hardware merchants have decided to boycott manufacturers who have violated the understanding to the effect that the latter should not sell direct to retail merchants or consumers.

### Tenders.

The municipality of Lansdowne, Man., asks tenders up to Jan. 24, for a quantity of timber.

Winnipeg city council will call for tenders for one to two thousand cords of cedar paving wood.

Tenders will be received up to Jan. 23 for the printing and stationery required by the municipality of Pembina, Man.

Tenders for the erection of a truss bridge over the White Mud river are asked for by the municipality of Lansdowne.

Tenders will be received up to Jan. 21 for the erection of a brick residence on Edmonton street, Winnipeg, for Chas. Williams, Esq.

Money orders from and to the United States have been reduced to correspond with domestic rates in each country.