

Manitoba

Dr. Thompson, of Brandon, leaves shortly for Yukon.

Toombs & Kirkpatrick, general merchants, Carman, have dissolved.

Dunwoody, Steen & Co., dry goods, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

O. E. Woods, upholsterer and carriage dealer, Winnipeg, is burned out.

Shaw and Benner, butchers from Fort William, Ontario, intend to start business at Hartney.

Dr. Jas. Cowan will erect a large block in Portage la Prairie, to be occupied by J. & E. Brown.

Chas. Vogel has sold his bakery and confectionery business at Ninga to Wm. Spier, of Bolseval.

Mr. Lynfoot, of Brandon, has purchased the tailoring business of S. Clemens, of Wawanesa.

Redditt & Lamb have re-sold the livery and feed stable at Morden, to S. J. Pickel, the former owner.

J. J. McLean, resident partner of the firm of J. L. Melkie & Co., has returned from a trip to territorial points.

Drummond & Spratt, general merchants, Minnedosa, are in trouble with the sheriff, an attachment, having been made against their stock.

Brown & Mitchell, hardware merchants, Brandon, are moving into new premises lately vacated by Johnson & Co.

Wright & Co., Minnedosa, have effected a compromise settlement with their creditors, and will continue business.

John McKinnon is selling out his stock at Bellafoyle, Dauphin district, and will open a general store at East Bay in the spring.

The general store and dwelling of John Parr, at Bradwardine, was destroyed by fire on Feb. 8. Very little was saved. Insurance small.

A. Hollday is closing his branch store at Ninga. The store occupied by him has been re-let to another party, who intends starting a general store.

W. H. Bingham, hardware merchant, Dauphin, has sold out to Sutherland & Stelck, two local men. Mr. Bingham will move to Vancouver, B. C.

Jones & Boardman, bakers, Rolan, have dissolved. The business will be continued by C. R. Boardman. D. Jones has purchased the livery stable business of Jos. Craddock, at the same place.

There has been quite a scramble among the commercial travellers to secure sample rooms since the burning of the McIntyre block in Winnipeg, as this block was the headquarters for travellers representing eastern houses.

The Rapid City Spectator-Reporter has issued an illustrated edition descriptive of Rapid City and district. The number is a most creditable one for a provincial publication from a small town.

The wholesale liquor license held by Ripstien, of Winnipeg, has been transferred to David Cleland. An application to transfer the license of the Clarendon hotel, Cypress River, from J. A. Herron to F. Wagstaff, was not entertained by the commissioners.

The Winnipeg city council and the board of trade will send a joint deputation to Ottawa to impress upon the government the necessity of opening an all Canadian, interior route to the northern gold regions, via the North Saskatchewan. The question of the improvement of Red river navigation will also be brought up.

M. W. Rublee, of the Rublee Fruit company, returned on Thursday from a trip south.

Wm. Hargreaves, of G. F. Stephens & Co., wholesale paints, Winnipeg, came into the city from the west to hold attend to customers during the bonspiel rush. He has been for some time in British Columbia and reports business good in that region.

British Columbia Business Review.

Vancouver, Feb. 7.

The business community is feeling the effects of the Klondike trade in every branch and in some cases prices are advancing. In the produce market creamery butter has commenced to arrive from Ontario and a particularly fine lot reached here by the last Australian boat. Eggs are becoming cheaper, a splendid quality of Portland, Oregon, eggs selling for 26 cents. Cured meats have not yet advanced as a result of the Klondike demand, but it is expected they will do so. In the fish market, frozen white fish is the feature; the Manitoba article is bringing 10 cents a pound. Potatoes are becoming higher in price, while hay and oats are directly feeling the effects of the Klondike rush. Pem can from Manitoba is finding a ready sale to the Klondike trade at 40 cents a pound.

British Columbia Lumber Trade.

Mr. Sissons, manager at Winnipeg for the British Columbia mills, Timber and Trading Co., returned this week from a visit to the coast. He reports business active in lumber for the local trade at the coast, though the export trade is not brisk, owing to high grain freights, which makes the grain carrying trade more profitable for shipping. There will be more building, he says, in Vancouver this year, than has been done for several years past. The Canadian Pacific railway recently placed an order at one time for over 1,000,000 feet of timber for their wharf extensions at Vancouver, and they will also build a fine depot building. Evans, Coleman & Evans are also extending their wharves. Molson's bank is building a big block, and several English syndicates are reported to be contemplating the erection of blocks at Vancouver. Many other residences and business premises are in course of erection or in contemplation.

The British Columbia Mills, Timber and Trading Company, he reports, will spend a lot of money this year extending the various mills owned by the company. At the Westminster mills, \$20,000 will be expended in putting in new boilers, a new machine shop to replace the one burned some time ago, and adding plant to the sash and door factory. At Vancouver a new dry kiln will be built at the False Creek mill, four new boilers will be put in and a new engine and a big six ton plater will be added to the plant, besides other machinery for the sash and door factory. The factory building will also be enlarged, all involving an expenditure of \$25,000. The Hastings mill at Vancouver will also not be overlooked. A big shed to hold 1,500,000 feet of dry lumber will be erected; also a new dry kiln will be built and the wharves will be extended very largely. New planers and other machinery will be put in in-

volving an outlay of \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Mr. Sissons says logs are scarce and costing somewhat higher, as owing to the low price of logs lately, a good many have gone out of the business, and some of the loggers have gone to the Klondike. His company have sent several loads of lumber to the northern ports recently. Lumber prices are very firm. Rough lumber is now selling at the coast mills to the local trade at \$9 per thousand, whereas last spring the price was as low as \$6. Shingles are now held at \$1.50 at the mills, equal to \$2.25 in car lots here. The feeling is firm in all classes of lumber at the coast.

British Columbia Items.

T. Rabbitt, Granite Creek, has assigned.

Chapple & Edwards, plumbers, Trail, have dissolved.

T. Hardy, general store, has sold out to Hutchinson Bros.

Russell & Haley, butchers, Rossland, have dissolved.

S. Clark is opening in opening in drugs at Ashcroft.

The Colonial Canning Co. is advertised for sale by tender.

R. Strathern, jeweller, Kaslo, is succeeded by O. Strathern.

C. W. White, tailor, Kamloops, has sold out to D. C. McKenzie.

J. Edwards, of Golden, has taken over the Victoria hotel at Revelstoke.

Ingram & Whigham, feed and produce, Trail, have dissolved, J. Whigham continues.

M. J. O'Hearn & Co., tailors and furnisiers, Rossland, have suffered loss by fire. Insured.

J. Ferguson, baker and confectionery, has sold out and leaving for Klondike.

G. W. Averill & Co., general store, Grand Forks, have sold out to W. B. Davoy.

L. McCarthy, hay and grain, Rossland, is out of business and away to Klondike.

Hutchinson Bros., general store, Vernon, are succeeded by Thos. Hardy at their Armstrong branch.

The following items are reported from Victoria: J. L. McKenzie & Co., electric supplies, have dissolved. Thos. Watson continues; J. T. Pearce, saloon, has sold out; R. Jamieson, stationery, has sold out to Thos. Earle.

The following items are reported from Vancouver: D. Panabianco, grocer, sheriff in possession; J. Kelman, grocer, has sold out; J. J. Woods & Co., bicycles, have assigned; The B. C. Oil Co., Ltd., has been incorporated; A. Fraser, contractor, has left for Klondike; T. McWhinney, Columbia hotel, has left for Klondike.

M. Gaglietto, general merchant, Kamloops, whose creditors seized upon his effects during his temporary absence, has written a long letter in which he claims that he has been very badly used. He blames his troubles upon the Bank of British Columbia, which, he says, during his absence issued a garnishee summons for an overdraft of three days standing, for the amount of \$286. This and other actions compelled him to assign, he says, though he claims to be solvent.

About 1,500 men are being brought from Newfoundland to work on the Crow's Nest railway construction.