

## Manitoba.

H. Holloway will open a butcher shop in Stonewall, Man.

Sanders & McCann, implement dealers, Killarney, have assigned.

Finleigh & Abercrombie have opened a drug store at Erwood, Man.

Geo. H. Healey, furniture dealer, Virden, has sold out to W. H. Ireland. Nash & Handley, boot and shoe dealers, Brandon, have dissolved partnership.

Leroy Bros. have leased the Grand View hotel at Brandon and will conduct it in future.

A. C. Lawson has bought the stock of P. Winram & Co., general merchants, Pilot Mound.

J. M. McCrindle has bought out the general store business of McCrindle & Co., at Foxwarren.

Cameron & Duncan, implement dealers, Melita, are opening a branch warehouse in Deloraine.

R. Horsley, butcher, Winnipeg, has sold out his business to P. Gallagher & Sons, of the city market.

The Brandon Brick Works lost 600 cords of wood by fire on Sunday last. The loss is placed at \$2,000.

The butcher business of W. C. Hartley, Carman, Man., will in future be carried on by Hartley & Detaube.

John Brown & Co., who purchased the bankrupt stock of the Neepawa Trading Co., opened that store last week.

Pepper & Toole, implement dealers, Stonewall, Man., have dissolved partnership. E. Pepper will continue the business.

A car containing Manitoba's exhibit of grasses and grains for the Pan-American exposition, Buffalo, was shipped last week.

Samuel Crutcher, manager of the Bank of Hamilton branch, at Manitou, Man., was married on Wednesday last, in London, Ontario.

Joseph Turner and George B. Baxter, of Winnipeg, doing business under the firm name of The Manitoba Plumbing company, have assigned.

The gas well lately discovered near Melita is growing in strength. Tests have not as yet been made by experts but the smell of the gas is thought to indicate oil.

The Western Packing Company of Winnipeg is applying for incorporation. Its capital stock is to be \$75,000. The objects are to deal in live stocks, dressed and preserved meats, etc.

J. Y. Griffin & Co. have sold out their butcher business in the north end of Winnipeg to A. Gibson, grocer, of Alexander street, who intends shortly to make the newly purchased business his headquarters.

N. R. Preston has opened in Winnipeg in the real estate, loan and fire insurance business under the name of Preston & Co., and has located his office in the Livingstone block, corner Main and Portage avenue.

The following are the city pay lists passed at the last Winnipeg council meeting: Ordinary employees, \$4,691.57; fire, \$2,588.09; police, \$2,298.26; scavenging, \$724.35; water, \$595.46; light, \$380; and parks, \$499.80.

E. C. Conklin, who has been a prominent figure in Winnipeg political and business circles since the early days of the city, died suddenly last Saturday afternoon. He was one of the old timers here, and had at one time large interests in the real estate business. He was buried on Wednesday afternoon.

## Alberta.

Fred Blade has opened a general store in Millet.

R. W. McKinnell, Ponoka, Alberta, has opened a drug store.

J. S. Robertson, of the Queen's hotel, Wetaskinwin, has sold out to Widen.

Cinnamon Bros., butchers, Edmonton, have sold out to Ball & Howard.

Chas. H. Bilton is opening a general store in the Hill End district, near Lacombe.

Oliver's blacksmith and wood workers' shop, at Lethbridge, was destroyed by fire this week; loss \$2,500. No insurance.

Renault & Boudreau, of the Astoria hotel, St. Albert, have dissolved partnership. J. D. Renault continuing the business.

A company to be called the Saskatchewan Exploration company is seeking incorporation, with the object of exploring, mining, and developing the country bordering on the Saskatchewan river, with head office at Edmonton, says the Battleford Herald.

The Edmonton Exhibition Association is arranging for a fair this year on a much larger scale than usual. The sum of \$5,000 will be spent on new buildings. The association is issuing 5,000 prize lists, and 1,000 lithographed posters, and they expect an attendance of 5,000 at the fair.

The officers elected to represent the Strathcona board of trade for the coming year are: Wm. McLaren, president; J. M. Douglas, vice-president; J. Hamilton McDonald, secretary; members of council, Frank Cowles, A. Davies, J. J. Dugan, T. F. English, R. A. Hulbert, A. McLean, A. C. Rutherford, John Walter. This board has just been organized, but starts out with a membership of thirty-seven.

## Assiniboia.

A. T. Davis & Co., general merchants, Manor, have assigned.

Dr. R. B. Dean has opened a drug store at Maple Creek, Assa.

## Saskatchewan.

W. Gurgelsberg, Rosthern, is calling for tenders, to be in by 14th May, for the erection of a four roomed schoolhouse at Rosthern.

Gladstone has retired from the management of the Queen's hotel at Prince Albert, and will be succeeded by Stalker & Oram.

Hague, one of the new towns on the Prince Albert branch, is fast becoming an important business point, as it is the market place for a large number of well-to-do Mennonites, who came from Manitoba and the United States. The business men now at Hague are: John Kochler, general merchant; Jacob Hilbert, hardware and groceries; Geo. Bergen, groceries and stationery; Jacob D. Friesen, livery stable; John Wiebe, lumber; P. W. Harder, butcher; also some implement warehouses, hotel, 75-barrel flour mill, owned by the Consolidated Milling Co., etc.

## Northwestern Ontario.

Shellingburg will open a harness shop in Dryden, Ont.

The stock of J. Michael, boot and shoe dealer, Keewatin, was bought by Rosenthal at 43c on the dollar.

The steamer Maple Leaf, of the Rainy River Navigation Co., Limited, is now running from Baudette, the terminus of the Canadian Northern railroad on Rainy river, to Fort Frances and all points on Rainy river.

It is stated that work on the construction of the section of the Canadian Northern, between Baudette and the end of the steel west of Port Arthur will be rushed, so that the gap may be closed up and the road finished and put in shape to handle this season's crop. Arrangements have been made to put a thousand men on the work at once.

## A Manitoba Fire.

On March 16 a fire occurred in a store occupied by Morrow Bros. at Portage la Prairie and it was decided to hold an inquiry before Mr. W. E. Macara as fire commissioner. Mr. Phippen attended on behalf of the board of underwriters.

On the night in question, as was shown by the evidence taken, a volume of smoke was seen to issue from the McLennan block, in which Morrow Bros. store was situated; the upper stories were occupied as apartments by private persons and considerable excitement existed among them while trying to remove their property.

Chief Roxborough's evidence showed that on his arriving at the McLennan block he discovered fire in the cellar of Morrow's store and also in the back part of the store; both fires were put out and the damage was confined to the store. The following day the chief examined the premises and found that the fire in the store was not over the place of that in the cellar. There was nothing connecting one with the other, and there evidently had been two fires, independent of each other.

The caretaker of the block gave evi-

dence that the block was heated by steam, that the furnace was not in Morrow's cellar, and there was a stone wall between their cellar and the furnace room.

Mr. J. A. Carley was sent to Portage la Prairie to appraise the loss. He stated the fixtures and the stock in hand on the day of the fire were worth about \$1,945. According to Morrow Bros. books they should have had stock to the value of \$3,526.80, there being thus a difference of \$1,722 between the stock in the store and the amount which should have been there as shown by the books. These figures were approved by the appraisers acting for Morrow Bros. and they also signed the statement verifying the correctness of them. The insurance carried by Morrow Bros. amounted to \$3,400.

Both the Morrow Bros. were examined, but both stated they could not account for the cause of the fire unless it had been started by an incendiary. They also stated that they left the store shortly after 10 o'clock, everything had then been locked up and appeared to be secure. There was no stove used on the premises. They knew that the insurance was in excess of stock on hand, and should only have been for two-thirds of the value of what was there, but as they intended to get in some more goods they did not think it worth while to reduce the amount of the insurance.

The inquiry was adjourned as Mr. Morrow, senior, had left town before a subpoena could be served upon him. Morrow Bros. have not put in any claim for the loss incurred by the fire and Mr. Phippen advised them not to do so.

## Farm Machine Trusts.

New York, April 25.—The Journal of Commerce says of the proposed combination of plow manufacturers reported from Chicago.

"It is learned in this city that the present plans, instead of being merely for a consolidation of the plow industry, contemplate a consolidation which shall include every branch of the farm machinery trade with the exception of mowers and reapers. The reported capital of \$50,000,000 is said to be a minimum figure." Concerns in Utica, Syracuse and Buffalo, N. Y., and York, Pa., are said to be among those which favor the present plans. It is intended to secure all concerns rated at \$100,000 or more.

"The financial details have not yet been arranged, but it is understood that the capital of the new company, if formed, will be divided equally between preferred and common stocks. The good will is to go in at about one-third the total capitalization. It is stated that the tangible value of the plants it is intended to consolidate is upwards of \$35,000,000.

Syracuse, N. Y., April 25.—Col. Jas. Manning, of the Syracuse Chilled Plow company, returned on Tuesday from attending the conference at Chicago. According to the information secured from Col. Manning, the Syracuse company is the only one in the east interested in the new combination, some of the others being the Deere Plow company, of Moline, Illinois, and the McCormick Harvester company, and companies located in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

## Freight Rates.

R. P. Rithet & Co. report a decline in ocean grain freights at the Pacific coast. Lumber rates are also lower.

Chicago Trade Bulletin—Rate cutting by eastbound lines continues, as they have more cars and are anxious to have them employed. Export rates on grain are cut 4c. The tariff rate on flour is 17½c per 100 lbs., and provisions 30c from Chicago to New York.

The tariff on grain is as follows:—

To	From	Miss River
Chicago	Dom. Exp.	Dom. Exp.
Boston	10 1/2	22 1/2
New York	11 1/2	24 1/2
Philadelphia	12 1/2	25 1/2
Baltimore	13 1/2	26 1/2
Newport News	14 1/2	27 1/2
Buffalo	15 1/2	28 1/2

Ocean room was in fair demand and rates steady at 1½d per bushel on grain from New York and 1d from Boston to Liverpool. The through rate on wheat from Chicago to Liverpool is 11.68c per bushel, all rail, via New York, and 11.18c via Boston, and

on corn from New York 11.07c, and Boston, 11c. Flour is 21½c per 100 lbs., and provisions, 32.03¢/34½c. The straits are open, but the St. Clair river is blocked with ice and boats are in no hurry to leave. The engineers' strike is also a menace to the opening of navigation and a few of the boats loaded with corn are unloading. There is a good demand for boats to load wheat for Buffalo at 2½c, but there is no call for loading corn, the rate being 2½c.

## Montreal Hardware Market.

Montreal, April 27, 1901.

Pig Iron—Canadian pig iron is worth \$18.00@18.50, and Sumnerite \$20.00@21.00.

Bar Iron—Rolling price, \$17.50@22.00. Black Sheets—\$2.65 for 8 to 16 gauge. Galvanized Iron—No. 25 Queen's Head, \$4.65; Apollo, 16½ ounce, \$4.60; Comet, \$4.60@4.45, with 15c allowance in case lots.

Ingot Tin—Lamb and Flag, 31c per lb. Terne Plates—\$7.75@8.88.

Lead—\$3.40@3.50 per 100 lbs. Lead Pipe—7c for ordinary and 7½c for composition waste, with 25 per cent off.

Iron Pipe—Black pipe, ¾, \$3 per 100 ft.; 1, \$3.10; 1½, \$3.20; 2, \$3.30; 2½, \$3.40; 3, \$3.50; 4, \$3.60; 5, \$3.70; 6, \$3.80; 8, \$4.00; 10, \$4.20; 12, \$4.40; 14, \$4.60; 16, \$4.80; 18, \$5.00; 20, \$5.20; 24, \$5.60; 30, \$6.00; 36, \$6.40; 42, \$6.80; 48, \$7.20; 60, \$7.60; 72, \$8.00; 84, \$8.40; 96, \$8.80; 108, \$9.20; 120, \$9.60; 144, \$10.00; 168, \$10.40; 192, \$10.80; 216, \$11.20; 240, \$11.60; 264, \$12.00; 288, \$12.40; 312, \$12.80; 336, \$13.20; 360, \$13.60; 384, \$14.00; 408, \$14.40; 432, \$14.80; 456, \$15.20; 480, \$15.60; 504, \$16.00; 528, \$16.40; 552, \$16.80; 576, \$17.20; 600, \$17.60; 624, \$18.00; 648, \$18.40; 672, \$18.80; 696, \$19.20; 720, \$19.60; 744, \$20.00; 768, \$20.40; 792, \$20.80; 816, \$21.20; 840, \$21.60; 864, \$22.00; 888, \$22.40; 912, \$22.80; 936, \$23.20; 960, \$23.60; 984, \$24.00; 1008, \$24.40; 1032, \$24.80; 1056, \$25.20; 1080, \$25.60; 1104, \$26.00; 1128, \$26.40; 1152, \$26.80; 1176, \$27.20; 1200, \$27.60; 1224, \$28.00; 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